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Four Accused In Schulte's Novi Probe

Judge John J. Schulte's recently completed one man grand jury investigation into the affairs of Grand Oakland Memorial Park, Novi, resulted in charges of fraud against four Detroit financiers, and an additional charge of embezzlement against two of them.

In his report, Judge Schulte said: "The Memorial Park was a grand scheme of the promoters to fleece the public."

Accused of fraud are Cyrus A. Cook, Detroit; Forrest M. Keeton, Detroit; A. L. Schneider, Grand Rapids; and Zack C. Barber, address unknown. Keeton and Schneider are also charged with embezzlement of \$87,000 of the corporation's funds.

Schulte Signs Warrants
Charges were made against the promoters by Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson, and the warrants signed by Judge Schulte, who has been conducting the quiz in the last several months.

Witnesses faced the court in the investigation and records of the Detroit Better Business Bureau were also used.

The grand jury was petitioned last April after the Detroit Better Business Bureau had received many complaints regarding the contract on the cemetery, located near Novi.

The Cook company estimated that its aggregate sales on the cemetery project would reach \$5,000,000, and a comparison of total sales, to the amount proposed, but not guaranteed, for improvements, plus the amount which was to be set aside for reserve and permanent care, revealed that 53 per cent, or \$3,500,000 of the gross sales price would go to the promoters.

"A lamentable Situation"
Said Judge Schulte in the report of his findings:

"The history of the methods by which the C. A. Cook organization and the Grand Oakland Memorial Park, Inc., shows that these organizations, by high pressure methods, misleading advertising, a disregard of the law and with a complete lack of ethics, forced their way by securities on an unsuspecting public, portrays a lamentable situation, unapproved by the Michigan Securities, under constant pressure from the Better Business Bureau, and these organizations, working hand in hand, could defraud the public of thousands of dollars, and escape prosecution for years, as a result of the ineffectiveness of public agencies which should have this type of organization under their jurisdiction. These companies were under investigation for some time for their methods for many months. Grand Oakland is a memorial park promotion or cemetery calling for monuments flush with the ground instead of the usual upright stone marker. It is located about 25 miles from Detroit.

Promises Not Kept
"In spite of many promises made by Grand Oakland Memorial in an inducement to sell the land, not a thing was done to carry out these promises. The first move of the original promoters, Zack C. Barber and F. M. Keeton was to send out a circular letter, dated January 17, 1927, offering an 'invitation' to join a mysterious and not named 'pre-organization syndicate.' This is a very exceptional opportunity for profit, and it is estimated to pay out in excess of \$25 to one read the letter.

"How many people have been deceived in this enterprise," Wilson said, "or how much money is involved in the alleged fraud has not been definitely determined. From the company's own records, as reported to the Detroit Better Business Bureau, we know they reported to have sold approximately 5,000 lots for more than \$2,000,000."

The 160-acre tract reverted last March to Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, of Pontiac, the original owners, under foreclosure proceedings.

Charge of Passing Bad Check Draws Fine
Charged with passing a bad check, Paul Baldwin received a fine of \$20.00 and \$5.00 costs in Judge John J. Schulte's court Friday. Baldwin was charged with cashing the bogus check at the Depositor's State Bank at Northville, on August 1.

The greatness of a country is determined not by the resources hidden in the soil, but by the love and devotion of its people to fundamental principles of liberty and justice.

Detroit Edison Co. Has a Busy Time

A new high in telephone calls was reached Tuesday afternoon at the Detroit Edison office in Farmington when 95 persons who suddenly discovered that they were without electric power reached for their telephones almost simultaneously.

All 98 of the calls, reports Earl Grosvener, Detroit Edison manager, came within a 45 minute period. The reason: a transformer line at the booster station located at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads was struck by lightning and broken. This cut off the current in all homes located between 10 and 14 Mile roads and from Hagerly Highway east to Inkster Road.

The bolt struck at 4:45 p. m. and the Detroit Edison service crew had the damage repaired and current restored within an hour. Within that time, however, the telephone company, Mr. Grosvener and his assistant, Mrs. Hertha Pauline, were busier than the proverbial one-armed paper hanger, answering calls which poured in at the rate of two a minute.

On Wednesday morning Jesse Ziegler, president of Livonia Township school board, received a request from the Wayne County Board of Health that the opening date be postponed until September 18. This will be done as a precautionary method to safeguard against the possible spreading of the disease.

New Principal Hired
The Livonia school board announces the hiring of a new principal, Kenneth Blisbee, for the coming term. Mr. Blisbee will replace Ray Schofield, who resigned to enter another business field. Mr. Blisbee at one time was sixth grade teacher at Farmington school.

Orpha Shoemaker, a part-time teacher at Pierson school last year, will teach on a full-time basis during the coming term. She teaches kindergarten subjects.

When Old Theodore was president he told us to tread softly and carry a big stick; brought down to 1939 war conditions, that would mean "Fly high, but keep your parachute ready."

When you see a sign that says "Farmington Stores Filled With Labor Day Bargains" you'll find just the clothes you're looking for at Fred L. Cook and Co. store. They also have school supplies.

If you notice a nippy tang in the air perhaps it will remind you of the weather in our part of the country. It's time to give some attention to your heating system. Dickerson Hardware suggests you stop in and see their Link-Belt Stokers. All the latest ideas in hot water heating are embodied in these stokers.

For vacation trips as well as driving the year 'round, you'll get better value in a Ford. For a demonstration ride see Olin Russell, 516 C. Genous trade-in allowances can be arranged.

Home of Good Foods
Highest quality in groceries, fruits, vegetables, canned goods and meats is the slogan of Hamlin's Food Market. Give them a try and convince yourself.

For the price of two packages of gum you can have 60 gallons of electric hot water if you use DeLott's Electric Hot Water Heater. No fuss, no bother with heaters, and you are assured of a steady supply.

At the Redford Theater beginning Friday and running through Monday is "The Gracie Allen Murder Case," starring Grace Allen and "Maltese," with Ann Sothern and Robert Young.

Kiwanis President



Joseph Himmelspach will head the newly organized Kiwanis club in Farmington. Himmelspach and other officers were elected at the club's organization meeting, held last week.

Three amateur shows will be presented at the American Legion "Gala Day" celebration instead of the single show as was originally planned. Legion officials decided to increase the number of performances because of the large number of amateurs who applied for a chance to show their talent.

"Gala Day" program will open at 7 p. m. Saturday, September 2 and will run through Sunday and Monday.

The setting up of equipment on the grounds at Grand River and Maple Avenues has been nearly completed. There will be rides, including a merry-go-round, whiff-tilt-whirl and ferris wheel.

On Monday evening there will be a drawing for prizes in which everybody will be eligible. Many valuable prizes, merchandise, etc., will be donated by Farmington merchants.

A special feature of the carnival will be an hour-long program presented by Tim Doollittle and his gang of radio entertainers. Doollittle's group broadcasts each morning on the "Hi Neighbor" program over station WJR.

The amateur shows will be held at 8 o'clock each evening. The Sunday show will be presented by child performers.

Instead of housing all the booths, concessions, etc., under one large midway, as was done last year, there will be separate tents for each unit.

Races, games, and contests of all kinds will be featured at the celebration. There will also be a concert each evening at 6:30 by the high school band, and a baseball tournament between six teams running throughout the three days.

New Kiwanis Club Starts Activities

Farmington's newly organized Kiwanis club will hold its first meeting Wednesday evening, September 6, at 6:30 p. m. at the Salem Evangelical Church.

The club was organized with 28 members. Thursday evening program held at the Oxford Baptist church, under the auspices of the Strathmore Kiwanis club. A complimentary dinner was tendered to the new Farmington members by the Strathmore unit, after which a business meeting was held, and officers elected.

Himmelspach President
Joseph Himmelspach was elected first president of the Farmington club. Vic Blakeslee was named vice-president. Rev. Carl Schultz, secretary, and Norman Lee, treasurer. A host of directors were also chosen, including A. L. Ross, Spencer J. Heeny, Glenn H. LeLand, Leo F. Gildemester, George Newlin, Bayard Tupper, and Howard C. Knickerbocker.

On Wednesday evening there will be a meeting at 6:30 p. m. each Wednesday at the Salem Evangelical church.

Prominent Kiwanis officials in meeting Thursday evening, including Robert LaFollette, special representative of Kiwanis International, and Nels Knudson, governor of Michigan Kiwanis clubs.

President Himmelspach has announced that he will attend the State Kiwanis convention which is to be held at Charlevoix, Michigan, Thursday, August 31, Friday, September 1, and Saturday, September 2.

Plan Program
Tentative plans are underway for an important program to be given about the middle of October at Glen Oaks country club by the Farmington group. Invitations will be issued to about 250 Kiwanians representing units throughout the metropolitan area. At this meeting, the Farmington club will receive its charter. A dinner, program and a dance is being planned for the evening.

Farmington Dairy To Sell New Type of Milk
Milk prepared under a new method will go on sale at the Farmington Dairy. The new method is the announcement of Joseph Himmelspach, owner.

The new product, known as "Homogenized Milk," is given additional taste and digestibility by being forced through minute openings under high pressure. This reduces the fat globules to microscopic particles and disperses them throughout the milk, giving the milk the taste and look of cream all the way through.

This method of preparing the milk makes it an excellent food for babies, invalids, or convalescents.

Work Begun On Judge Schulte's New Home
The new home of Judge John J. Schulte is expected to be finished by the latter part of October. The home is located on Valley View Ave., just east of Prospect Ave. It will be a one story brick house. Work was begun last Friday.

Clarenceville Club To Sponsor Weekly Dances
The Clarenceville Men's Club announces that it will sponsor a series of weekly old-time dances to be held every Friday night at the Elm Road and Grand River Avenue. The first dance will be held Friday, September 5. All those who like this type of entertainment are cordially invited to attend. Soft refreshments only will be served.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey announce the reopening of their dancing school, following a two months' summer vacation. The Baileys are teachers of fancy, ball room and tap dancing, and are well known in this community, both through their exhibition work and years of teaching.

Their studio is located at 132 Randolph street, in Northville.

TRINITY SHRINE TO MEET
The first regular meeting of the season, of Trinity Shrine, will be in Farmington Masonic Temple, Thursday, September 7, at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Pearl Courtman, worthy high priestess, urges that all members attend.

Walled Lake Schools To Open September 6

After a strenuous summer's work, in which the Walled Lake school building has been for a great part remodelled into a very modern and convenient school building, activities are about completed to start the new school year. Improvements have also been made in the other two buildings of the district at Union Lake and Commerce and environs there are expected to be about the same as last year. The district has had the services of a state WPA crew of 5 men and 3 women in renovating all three buildings.

The school will begin operations for the thousand or more children of the district on Wednesday, September 6, after the teachers have had two days' rest.

Registration for the coming term was held during the past week and has been almost completed.

Registration figures indicate that the enrollment will be higher this year than in 1932, said Rev. John J. Larkin. Approximately 190 students have registered.

Plans are being made for the construction of a "campus" on the school grounds. This will be located on the field just east of the school and will be developed later into a playground for the children.

It has also been planned to designate the middle grounds on the school grounds so that it may be used by pluckers throughout the summer season.

During the summer the school buildings were re-conditioned and repaired. The school term this year will be 19 months, said Rev. Larkin.

REV. GEORGE GULEN TO DELIVER SERMON
Sunday services at Salem Evangelical church will start at 11 a. m. this Sunday, one hour later than usual. The services will be attended in body by members of the Gullen family who will be in Farmington for their annual reunion.

A special sermon will be delivered by Rev. George Gulen, of Detroit. Rev. Gulen was formerly minister at West Point Park Community church.

About 50 members of the Gullen family are expected to attend the services. There will be special music presented by various members. The remainder of the services will be in charge of Rev. Carl Schultz, Salem Evangelical pastor.

TO BEGIN APPLE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN SOON
Of interest to apple-growers of the Farmington district is the new apple selling program which will be organized in time for the fall and winter apple season.

The slogan this first fall, according to C. C. Taylor, chairman of a State tax and apple commission, will be "Nature Smiles on Michigan Apples." Pictures of the 10 most famous varieties of Michigan apples will be displayed.

Why apples have been widely promoted is because of the new commission has planned a newspaper advertising campaign reaching throughout the State, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and eastern Ohio.

Protests had been received, Taylor said, from growers of early Michigan apples, against purchase of a State tax stamp.

Wilson claimed that the commission didn't have much chance to do any advertising to help the early apples, although some dealer display signs had been widely posted. The commission started July 1.

These growers, said Taylor, protested because they paid the tax stamp. The words of which were added that there really hadn't been a lot of time in which to do much.

One hundred and seventy-six different kinds of fishes are recognized as inhabiting Michigan waters.

Opening Day Of School Postponed

Farmington high school and grade school will not open until Monday, September 18, due to the wave of infantile paralysis. This decision was announced by the Farmington school board following a meeting, Thursday evening.

Opening day had originally been set at Monday, September 11. While no cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in the city or township, the postponement of the opening of school was deemed advisable as a precautionary measure. Two cases of the disease have been reported in Livonia Township.

Registration at the school will take place throughout the week commencing September 18. Superintendent Orville E. Duncel has announced that both Principal Max Thompson and himself will be at the school on an after Monday, September 18, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. to assist students.

Coach Paul Shoemaker has issued his first call for football players. A meeting has been scheduled for 9 a. m. Friday, September 1. On that evening, Shoemaker will accompany members of his team to the football game at the Detroit stadium between two teams of the Detroit Lions professional gridiron organization.

Unless they are sure what courses they will take, pupils should not purchase their books until they have consulted with their teachers. They may do beginning next Monday morning. Children in grades below the ninth do not need to wait for enrollment to purchase their books. There are no elective subjects in their grades.

There have been very few changes in the textbooks to be used for the coming year in the district and high schools. Texts are not changed under five years and a few that have been used longer are being changed because of the advantage of having uniform texts in all schools that are updated.

The Walled Lake schools maintain a very efficient transportation system for all of the residents of its district. Because of the state regulations in regard to consolidated districts, and because of sensible business judgment, they are not able to offer transportation to any pupil whether in grade or high school living outside of the consolidated district.

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LOIS BAKER WED TO DOUGLAS PARKER ON MONDAY
The Farmington Methodist church was the scene of a lovely wedding Monday afternoon, at four o'clock, when Miss Lois Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Hagerly Highway, became the bride of Douglas Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Parker, of Parker avenue. The ceremony was performed before a side altar with palms, all standards of gladioluses and white carnations, with the Rev. Dean W. Parker, a brother of the groom, of Owosso, officiating. Rev. Delmore C. Stue was assistant.

The bride was lovely in a gown of white organza over taffeta. Her veil was a floor length arrangement of white tulle, which fell from a troy ruffled cap, and she carried a shower bouquet of white gladioluses and baby chrysanthemums.

Miss Muriel Hardy attended the bride as best man. She wore a gown of coral taffeta, and carried pale yellow gladioluses and blue larkspur. Mrs. Marie Wik, as bridesmaid, wore pale blue organza, pink taffeta, and Miss Edith Parker, sister of the groom, and junior bridesmaid, was groomed in white embossed taffeta, with a brilliant coral sash and miniature bouquet. Bridesmaids carried bouquets of coral gladioluses and baby chrysanthemums.

William Parker assisted his brother as best man. Fathers were Edith Barnes, David Edwards, Donald Collaun of Detroit, and Monroe Riley, of Walled Lake.

Mrs. David Edwards sang a beautiful selection, "A Bridal Prayer," the words of which were written especially for the occasion by Mrs. Edwards. Miss Ernestine Pierce played the wedding march, and Ernest Ham played several violin selections as a prelude, but following the ceremony, a reception for the immediate families and relatives was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The young couple will make their home in Farmington, upon their return from a short honeymoon trip.

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