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Schulte Finishes Auto Probe

Justice John J. Schulte announced his decision this week in the auto grant jury probe of county finance committees which was started last summer. Schulte did not recommend any arrests.

It was said over 100 letters brought against former automobile owners to compel them to pay the judgments on automobiles. The contracts have been distributed in justice courts as the result of the grand jury investigation.

In his report Justice Schulte stated that no finance company, not now in existence, took judgments which were excessive, but in these instances the defendants did not appear to contest. It was also found that a company operated a used car lot in Pontiac which operated as a dummy company.

To this place where the automobiles seized for failure to keep up contract payments. The automobiles were sold by the company to itself for less than the amount due on the contract and then the original holder of the contract was sued for a deficiency judgment. In the end the company realized more for the car than the price for which it sold originally.

While it would have been possible to find some of the officers of this company guilty of a misdemeanor and give them a fine or a small jail sentence, Justice Schulte believes the cost of prosecution would be in excess of the amount to be gained and for that reason no complaints are recommended.

Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson says he will file a test case suit to determine whether finance companies are operating legal. On the outcome of this action will depend whether some 500 cases now pending in justice courts of the county, and said to involve upwards of \$200,000, will be passing to completion or dropped.

EXCHANGE CLUB TO SPONSOR MODEL AIRPLANE CONTEST

The Exchange club will sponsor a model airplane contest for Farmington boys and girls. It was announced at the meeting Wednesday noon. All boys and girls from the Farmington area are eligible to build their planes and enter the contest. Those who wish to enter the contest may register with Lee Moore at Farmington Hardware.

The contest will be divided into four classes, the Senior and Junior Flying model division, and the Senior and Junior Solid model division. There will be prizes for each division. Boys and girls from 11 to 14 years of age will enter the Junior division and those over 14 the Senior.

The contest will be held April 17, giving entrants two months in which to work on their planes. Each entrant may enter as many planes as he wishes and may enter other divisions, but will be eligible to win one prize only. More details as to the final contest, prizes, etc. will be released later.

A representative of the State Highway Department will be the guest at the meeting Wednesday noon of the Exchange club. There will be pictures shown dealing with the work of the highway department.

Elmer Born and Robert Hinger, high school seniors were guests of the club at their meeting Wednesday. In keeping with their position as seniors, the club boys will entertain each week, the club will entertain Tom Bacon and Hans Schulz at the next meeting.

GARDEN CLUB GUESTS OF MRS. K. E. GRIFFITH

Mrs. K. E. Griffith was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the Farmington branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, at her new home, 32200 Shawwassee avenue, Mr. H. Amble, of the Detroit Parks and Boulevard, gave a lecture on beautifying and landscaping suburban homes and gardens. Questions and discussion followed this talk.

Members wishing to secure tickets for the Detroit Flower Show, may contact Mrs. H. E. McCarty, 3331 Macomb avenue. Due to the limited supply, members are urged to get their tickets early.

Farmington Scouts Join in Observing 30th Anniversary

Farmington Boy Scouts will join thousands of other Scouts throughout the nation this coming week in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts in America. The Farmington troop has planned several events during the week.

The anniversary week opens Tuesday, February 6 and closes Wednesday, February 14. On Thursday evening, Troop 45, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Lee Hoales, will participate in the party and program of the new Farmington Scout Ship at the high school gymnasium.

On Sunday the Scouts will attend in a body, the services at the Baptist church. On Monday even-

Cage Team To Meet Holly Here

Farmington High school will play the first of a series of three home basketball games Friday evening when the Holly cage squad will visit for a deficiency judgment. Tuesday evening Redford Union will arrive for a return game, and on Friday evening, February 16, the Southwest Oakland County League champions, Keego Harbor will face the Farmington team.

Cosch Holt's charges re-quired a grip on second place in the league standings Friday night when they bowed to Milford by a score of 27 to 17. Farmington had been tied with Milford for the runner-up position.

A whirlwind finish by the Milford team spelled disaster for the Blues and White. With about five minutes left to play Farmington trailed by a single point, 17 to 18. Then Milford touched off the fuse, sinking baskets from all angles. Four of these and a charity free throw were chalked up before the final gun.

The Farmington Juniors extended the line of defeat by defeating Milford 15 to 13. The Farmington girls' team lost to the Milford lasses, 22 to 7.

No Parking Signs To Be Placed on Thomas St.

"No Parking" signs will be erected on the south side of Thomas street from School to Warner, following authorization by the City Commission. Several complaints have been received from residents on Thomas street that parked cars blocked their driveways, especially on nights when basketball games were being played at the new gymnasium.

Car owners are asked to refrain from parking on the south side of the street, and to use the parking lot situated at the corner of School and Thomas streets.

Let Farmington Stores Supply Your Winter Needs

Cold weather hints on how to stay healthy and comfortable are on tap in nearly all Farmington stores in this season of the year. The Farmington merchants are losing no chance to provide their customers with winter needs at convenient low prices.

One of the prime necessities this time of year is coal, and Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. has the highest quality fuel in town. Coal 26 and order by phone.

The standard of gasoline and oil service is high at George Middlewood's Standard service station, which is connected with the Home Oil service station, is independent owner of his own station, Grand River near Cass, and invites your patronage.

If you don't like the big new gas tanks sold by Chalmers Power Co. after giving it a free trial in your home, you can return it with no obligation. But we think you'll like it.

Save Canned

The Fred L. Cook Co. is continuing, by popular demand, their sale of spring mercades at low winter prices. You women who make your own clothes had better come in and look over Cook's selection of materials and order by phone.

Refrigerators, electric ranges, hot water heaters—they are all on

Township Campaigns Under Way

Campaigns for nominations in the Farmington Township primary election are under way this week, with every office except Commissioner of Highways and member of the Board of Review to be contested. It is expected that several local offices will develop.

In the Republican ranks a battle is expected in the clerk race. Harry McCracken, incumbent, opposes Walter Headerle for nomination while Fred Wilkinson is the Democratic aspirant.

Orvil Godin, Ernest Blanchard and Harry Christman, Republicans, and Gerald Bagghart, Democrat, are seeking the office of Justice of Peace. Ernest Blanchard is the incumbent.

The primary is to be held Monday, February 19. Polls will open at 7 a. m. and remain open until 8 p. m. in Livonia Township.

Nominating petitions for Livonia Township offices have been received by Township Clerk Harry S. Wolfe. The only offices to be contested are highway commissioner, justice of peace and four constable jobs.

Charles H. Rowley, Robert Gravelle, are seeking the office of highway commissioner. Wolfstrom is the incumbent. Those seeking constabulary posts are Charles G. Whitehead, Ray Owens, Milton H. Hensley, Gravelle, and Norman Weidner.

Josef Ziegler, incumbent Supervisor, is running again for the same position and will be unopposed. Also without opposition are Harry S. Wolfe, for Clerk; Arthur Trapp, for Treasurer; Leo Nye, for Justice of Peace; and Albert Nacker, for Board of Review. All these are incumbents with the exception of Nacker. Samuel McInnes held the Board of Review office last year.

Station WCAR to Carry "Americanism" Programs

The first of a series of weekly radio broadcasts on "Americanism" will be heard Sunday afternoon from 5:30 to 6 p. m. over station WCAR, Pontiac. The broadcasts are sponsored by the Elks Club, and are designed to promote Americanism throughout Oakland County. They will be heard each Sunday afternoon at the above time.

BAKE SALE SATURDAY

The Bible Class of the M. E. church will hold a bake sale at Pauline's Market, Saturday, February 10. All sorts of good things will be offered for sale.

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attractive display at Detroit Edison Co. Note: the prices are attractive, too.

One of the best ways to keep the family healthy is to give them plenty of milk. For prompt and efficient delivery to your doorstep every morning simply call Farmington Dairy. You'll also find the Dairy offers other products for your dinner table.

For quick, stalling on frost mornings there's nothing like Sinclair gasoline. Burnett Bros. service station invites you to fill up and note the difference.

Keep Winter in His Place

Old Man Winter is all right—he's home, but keep him out of your home. Try a Quaker Oil circulator or a Duo-Therm oil heater. For further details see Dickerson Hardware.

To make your winter meal-planning easy shop at Hamill's Food Market. The selection is large, but the prices aren't, and your satisfaction is guaranteed.

Old Man Winter is on his way to the Redford Theater. He'll be there from Friday through Monday in his new picture, "Another Thin Man" co-starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. The companion feature will be "Dancing Coed" and Arlene Shaw, his orchestra, and Lita Turner.

Senior Prom Date Set at March 29

The Farmington High School Senior Prom will be held March 29. It was announced this week. The dance, which is one of the most important events of the school year, will be held in the Y. De Bevoise Catholic church and burial is to be in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Chelsea.

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Upon discovering the extra car, Fenft, with visions of being arrested for stealing the automobile, called Deputy Tom DeVriest.

The deputy and Fenft brought the "lost" car back to Farmington and DeVriest began what appeared like a discouraging search for the owner. After visiting several business houses on Grand River, Joe spied Alvin Denner, high school music director, approaching, wearing a worried expression. It developed the "stolen" car belonged to Denner's father.

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The body will rest at the Heene Funeral Home until it is taken to Chelsea. Services are to be held at the Chelsea Catholic church and burial is to be in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Chelsea.

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Two Injured As Flames Destroy Home

Mrs. Theodore Hipp is reported improving satisfactorily at Pontiac General Hospital from second degree burns received Friday when the Hipp home at 1455 Jefferson street, was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Hipp was burned about the face, hands, and legs.

The fire occurred at about 8 a. m. when Mrs. Hipp dropped a jug of kerosene near the kitchen stove. The flames spread rapidly and were out of control before the Farmington fire department could arrive. Although the fire department lost 10 hours in extinguishing the flames, the fire had gained too much headway before they arrived, and the home was almost a complete loss.

Theodore, Jr., two years of age, also received burns about the hands and legs, but has not taken to a hospital. He was in bed at the time of the fire. After leading her other three children, Bertha, Katharine and John out the front door, Mrs. Hipp returned to Theodore's bed, but was unable to get back to the door. She opened a window near the bed and dropped the child about four feet to the ground, and then escaped the smoky way herself.

Mrs. Hipp's burns were treated by the child care treated by Dr. H. A. Schumaker who supervised Mrs. Hipp's removal to the hospital. Dr. Schumaker described Mrs. Hipp's condition Tuesday as satisfactorily improved.

Mr. Hipp, an employe of the Dodge Motor Company, was on his way home from work when he saw the house in flames.

TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATIONS BRING FINES

William McDonald, 20, 33315 Oakleaf, Farmington received a fine of \$5.00 and \$5.00 costs in the court of Justice John J. Schulte this week for failure to stop for a red light on Grand River. He was stopped by officers at Tuck Road and Grand River. The sentence was suspended and McDonald placed on six months probation.

Ralph Hopkins, Route 1, Livonia, was given a suspended sentence for parking on the pavement January 29, on Eight Mile Road near Grand River.

Improper overtaking and passing on two hills was the charge against John D. Lawrence, who appeared in Justice Schulte's court this week. Lawrence, who lives at 311 Palmer Park boulevard, Highland Park, was stopped on Grand River avenue in Novi Township.

Anthony Strocchi, 44, of Grand Rapids, was also charged with improper overtaking and passing on a hill, on Grand River near the cut-off. He was assessed a fine of \$7.50.

Maccabees Plan Card Party

Liberty Tent Hive of Farmington, Maccabees, are sponsoring a card party at the home of Ada Oakland, 2825 Delaware avenue, just off half block, on Grand Mile Road, on Saturday evening, February 10. The party will start at eight thirty, and various card games will be enjoyed, with prizes awarded winners. In addition there will be a door prize, and refreshments will be served. All friends of the local Hive are cordially invited.

Walter Durham will act as sheriff hereafter. He was presented with the "fine bank" and may possibly be given a gun since the job of collecting fines from erring members is a tough one.

WOMEN'S GYM CLASS MEETS EVERY MONDAY

All women and girls are welcome at the Livonia Township Women's Gym classes, held every Monday evening at 7:30, in the Pierson P. T. Hall. There are exercises, games and prizes, and lots of fun for everyone. Mrs. Grace Middlewood is the director. The organization is anxious to get new members, and assures everyone that a most enjoyable evening is in store for all women interested.

ORGANIZATIONS BACK CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

Oakland County's big citizenship day program gathered momentum the past few days when 25 organizations throughout the county signed resolutions signifying their willingness to aid in the campaign.

On Sunday, May 19, the date set aside, an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 21-year old voters of the county will be welcomed into the duties of citizenship at a huge celebration consisting of an outdoor mass meeting; speakers of county, State and national importance; and refreshments will be served. All friends of the local Hive are cordially invited.

Send in news items EARLY.

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