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Township Considers Zoning

Many Residents Ask Ordinance

Supervisor Ernest V. Blanchard, Clerk Harry N. McCracken, Treas. Harry Goers and Justice Harry Shaffer and Ward Eggen, comprising full membership of the Farmington Township Board, were present at Tuesday evening's meeting of that group.

Mr. Brown of the Woolly Creek Subdivision in the Township asked the Board what progress had been made in securing a dumping ground. He was assured that arrangements would be made to have a township-wide clean-up on or before the first of March.

A zoning discussion was held on the possibility of setting up a zoning ordinance for Farmington Township. Surrounding Townships including Southfield, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Novi are already operating under a zoning plan.

Mr. Brown, a member of the Southfield Zoning Commission, was present and explained the method used in Southfield, to set up this ordinance under Act 183, Public Acts of 1945.

Setting of zoning, if properly set up and enforced, will contribute to the safety, health, welfare and morals of the residents within the area governed, according to Mr. Brown. The Southfield ordinance is now ready for adoption by the Township Board and will be voted upon at the next regular meeting.

Since a great deal of study and thought would be necessary to draw up a Zoning Ordinance for the Township another possibility was suggested to give immediate protection to residents, and that was adoption of an Interim Zoning Ordinance, effective for one year.

The Board informed the several interested citizens who were present at the meeting, that they would carefully consider zoning for the Township and would undoubtedly call a special meeting at which zoning would be completely discussed.

BAPTIST CHURCH IS HOST TO MEN'S GROUP

The January dinner and inspirational meeting sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee of Suburban Detroit took place at Farmington's First Baptist Church Monday evening with an attendance of about fifty men.

Monthly dinners are open to all interested men in the suburban area. The next meeting is scheduled for the twelfth of February.

Daughters of Isabella Plan Chicken Dinner

The Daughters of Isabella extend an invitation to all Farmington people and their friends to enjoy a chicken dinner, January 29, in the Farmington Town Hall.

Farmington Bank Increases Staff



GEORGE C. GILDEMEISTER

JAMES W. MARSHALL

Two men, both well acquainted with the banking business, have been added recently to the staff of the Farmington State Bank. George Gildemeister, new head teller at the bank, is not new to Farmingtonites, actually, for he has always lived here and formerly was assistant teller at the Peoples State Bank in Farmington. He comes to the Farmington State Bank from the Wabash State Bank, Detroit, where he was also head teller.

James W. Marshall, 13407 Abundant, Plymouth, formerly has been with the Bank of Montreal, Canada, where he was teller, an accountant, later working at the First National Bank, Detroit, and for the Receivership, as teller and chief branch teller. Mr. Marshall took charge of the bank's department at Farmington State Bank on January 1. All automobile loans and loans coming under the G. I. Bill of Rights clear

through this department. G. I. loans are in greater demand all the time and Mr. Marshall will be glad to talk to any veterans who may wish assistance in obtaining a loan.

The annual meeting of Farmington State Bank was held January 8, with all officers and directors re-elected to serve during the coming year.

The statement made by officials revealed that deposits at the bank have increased \$1,500,000 during the year 1945. Howard C. Knickerbocker, bank president, stated that the bank will continue to issue United States Savings Bonds. You may purchase these government bonds at the bank at any time, just as you purchased Defense Bonds throughout the duration of the war. These Bonds are one of the best investments offered today and it is expected that the demand will remain at a high level.

Ormond Auten Listed As Dead

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Auten of Shawwassee Avenue recently received official word from the War Department that their son, T/S Ormond J. Auten of the Coast Artillery Corps, presumably met death on December 25, 1944. "Bud" as he was known by his many Farmington friends, had been listed as missing since that time.

Ormond had attended the Target Recognition School conducted by the 14th Antiaircraft Command at Ft. Schaff, New Guinea, during December, and had been directed to return by air to his station in Dutch New Guinea. The Air Transportation Corps at Ft. Schaff reports that their records were destroyed and no reports for December were available.

However, on December 21, a C-47 Skytrain aircraft left the base at Ft. Schaff and Ormond is supposed to have been aboard. The plane was never contacted and its fate and that of those aboard remains unknown.

Ormond entered the Army on November, 1942, and left for the Pacific area on March 13, 1944. He spent his entire military service with the 22d A.A.A. Searchlight Battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. Auten have two other sons in service, Flight Officer Ralph J. Auten of the Army Air Corps, and Oscar W. Auten, S. 1/c of the U.S. Navy. They also have three daughters, Mrs. Elaine Westfall of Farmington, Mrs. Marvella Brown of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. Beatrice Mueller of Detroit.

EMERGENCY FARM LABOR MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The meeting of farmers and fruit growers will be sponsored by the Southern Michigan Cooperative Growers Assn. at the German Lutheran Church, Farmington, Michigan Tuesday, January 22, 1946 at 7 p.m.

A. B. Love, State Supervisor in Emergency Farm Labor, East Lansing will be the speaker. Mr. Love will discuss farm labor situation for 1946. Other features of the program include a report on the 1945 labor program in Oakland County by Harley Abbott, Emergency Farm Labor Assistant (field) and musical entertainment.

Officers and directors sponsoring the meeting and banquet are: President John Miller, Birmingham; Vice-President O. F. Foster, Clarkston; Secretary Alvin Green, Walled Lake; Treasurer Lynn Matthews, Walled Lake; Directors William Hunt, Walled Lake; George Simmons, Northville; J. Leo DeConick, Walled Lake.

Civic Will Feature Cartoon Party

The Farmington Civic Theatre has announced a cartoon party for the children on Saturday afternoon, January 19, at the afternoon matinee only. In addition to the regular features there will be a full hour of cartoons, featuring all the most popular characters.

The kids will not want to miss this opportunity to see the cartoon program, so plan to let them River, but west of where Forrest Dickerson lives. Fred got a job two nights a week making the old army pants and has the first paper printed on it.

Byron Oliver Directs Drive

Once again Farmington residents will have an opportunity to give direct, personal assistance to needy and destitute people in the countries which have been devastated by war.

In the April, 1945, United National Clothing Collection the American people contributed enough garments to clothe 25,000,000 letters. You may leave your clothing contributions in these boxes, or you may send your donations to the high school on January 23, which has been set aside for the school clothing collection day.

Byron O. Oliver, of the high school, is chairman of the drive this year. Clothing collection boxes will be placed in several of the Farmington stores during the next few days. The boxes are for clothing contributions in these boxes, or you may send your donations to the high school on January 23, which has been set aside for the school clothing collection day.

Most needed articles, according to Mr. Oliver, are coats, suits, trousers, skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, underswear, pajamas, shoes and bedding.

Farmington's quota is 1500 pounds this year. We are asked to give at least one piece of serviceable clothing for each member of the family.

During the collection last year it was found that many declined to give for their contributions. These letters were warmly received and inspired many friendly replies. Our government favors the continuing of this practice.

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Even though you do not care to include a note, please make a contribution to the Victory Clothing Drive which continues from January 19 through January 31.

"TORRID FIVE" WILL PLAY FOR DANCING

Farmington's own dance orchestra will play Saturday, January 19, for folks who enjoy dancing to smooth music.

The Torrid Five have played many engagements throughout Michigan and enjoy an enviable reputation for their dance music. All those who enjoy dancing are cordially invited to the dance at the High School Gymnasium, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

The dance is the fifteenth sponsored by the Salem Youth Fellowship in their effort to provide social evenings for the general public and their families, the proceeds of the dance being used for charitable purposes and for sending young people to summer camps.

V.F.W. Auxiliary Plan Card Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a card party at the American Legion Home on Grand River, Wednesday, January 23, at 8:00 p.m. The admission is 50c including lunch. There will be table prizes for each table.

W.C.T.U. To Meet At Lancaster Home

The Farmington Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet on Tuesday, January 22, with Mrs. William F. Lancaster, at her home, 33104 Grand River Avenue. Mrs. W. H. Irwin, president of the 17th District W.C.T.U. will speak at this meeting.

Farmington School Board To Hold Special Meeting

New Grade Separations Planned For Township

Plans have been started for new grade separations on Northwestern Highway, at the crossings of 14 Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road, both north of Farmington. The plans are among those most recently completed in the State Highway Department's postwar program, as reported by Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler. The project is a small part of the overall construction program being planned by the State Highway Department.

Falcons Beat Keego Harbor

By Bill Conroy

The Falcons retained the S.W.O.C. League lead Friday by trouncing Keego Harbor 38-23 for their sixth conference victory in the current basketball season.

Farmington, who defeated Milford in the final minutes of last week's tilt, took the lead at the very beginning of the game and hung onto it all the way. The only threat came in the first period when Keego tied the score at six-all. This threat was soon broken up, and by half time F.H.S. held a 12-point margin.

Farmington coasted easily for the final two periods and, by doing so, added 13 marks to their interpretation score for a total of 38 points, while they held the Presidents to 23.

Six-foot-three Al Garchow sparked the Falcons with four field goals and a free throw.

This was Keego Harbor's second conference defeat. The Young Falcons also kept their state clean as they wallowed Keego's Junior Varsity 31 to 18. So far this season the Junior Varsity has defeated each of their opponents by a margin of at least 12 points.

Jack Hinbern was top-scorer for the Young Falcons with 11 marks. Farmington retained the championship of their season next Friday when they go to Walled Lake to play a one-day double with the Walled Lake squad who are slated to be one of the top teams in the League, losing only to Milford.

League Standings, with teams in order of their standing are as follows:

Farmington, won 6, lost none.
Walled Lake, won 5, lost 1.
Holly, won 3, lost 3.
Keego Harbor, won 3, lost 3.
Milford, won 5, lost 3.
Farmington, won 1, lost 5.
Clarkston, won 1, lost 5.
Clarksville, won none, lost 6.

SALEM CHURCH TO START GERMAN RELIEF DRIVE

The Salem Evangelical and Reform Church is completing plans for their German Relief Drive to be launched in Farmington next week.

Barrels are to be distributed throughout the community for the purpose of gathering canned food supplies. Clean clothing will also be picked up in connection with the drive. All food and clothing will be carried directly to Germany by a member of this community.

If there is no collection barrel in your area, canned goods and clean clothing can be brought to the Salem Evangelical Church where it will be prepared for shipment. The women's committee of the church will mend and pack the clothing. The youth group will help in the collection of the barrels.

DEBATE PLANNED FOR PIERSON P.T.A. MEETING

The monthly Pierson P.T.A. meeting will be held at the school on January 24, at 8:00 p.m. Following the meeting there will be a debate given by the high school debate team. The subject will be on Compulsory Military Training. This should prove to be a very lively and interesting subject. Come and hear the debate. Refreshments will be served.

New School Building Program To Be Discussed

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District will be held Monday, January 21, at the Farmington High School for the purpose of discussing the new school building program.

At the present time 1,519 students in Farmington township are enrolled in eight schools with a building capacity of 1,180. Every school building in the District is overcrowded. It has been suggested that the high school be put on a half-day schedule in order to ease the situation.

In a recent letter to Representative John P. Esple, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Jess A. Early, secretary of the Board of Education, outlined the difficult problem which now exists in the District.

"We have been greatly concerned for some time with the problem of adequately housing all of the school children in our School District," Early stated. "The Farmington School District is organized as a Township School District in November, 1944, in order that the former eight districts might pool resources to better meet the needs of the boys and girls in our area. At the present time using the space including some very undesirable basement rooms, we are badly overcrowded and are considering placing our high school on half-day sessions to relieve the elementary load. Our building needs are increasing in severity as the school year is increasing monthly. We need additional rooms now to house our pupils even though we still use all facilities. On a very conservative estimate based on normal growth, we must complete at least twenty-one classrooms within the next five year period."

Three members of the Board were present at the regular meeting held January 14, Paul Schreiber, Jess Early, and Isaac Bond. Mrs. Warren, secretary of the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association, suggested to the Board that some of the churches and other buildings in the city might be used to ease the overcrowded conditions in the schools.

The Board approved the suggestion of Superintendent E. V. Ayres to paint all school buses with proper stop signs and to install exterior signal controls. This is in conformity with the new state law that requires motorists to stop in rear of school buses, whether they are taking on or letting off passengers.

D. Gerald Downs, chairman of the Program Committee of the P.T.A. appeared before the Board to suggest that a layman's committee be set up to assist and follow through the new school building program. Its purpose would be to keep the public informed of the program and assist in any lay assignments made by the Board.

CLARENCEVILLE P.T.A. GROUP WILL ORGANIZE

An important organizational meeting of the Clarenceville P.T.A. will be held at the high school, Middlebelt Road, on Tuesday evening, January 22, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Glenn Parker, district organizer, will be the principal speaker. Officers will be elected at this meeting. Attend to make sure that you have proper representation. Entertainment and refreshments will follow the business session.

Maccabees Announce Regular Meeting

Maccabees, Liberty Tent Hive 1027 of Farmington will hold a regular meeting on Thursday evening, January 24, at the High School Cafeteria. The Juniors will hold a meeting the same night, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

THE SPRING ... is over, and we're swung back into the winter season, with coats collars turned up and everyone scurrying along to make their destination in as short a time as possible. These bright, crisp days surely do seem good, don't they?

THE VETERANS ... are still looking for a place to call home, so if you have any available room, please let Norman Lee know, at the post office for he has boys coming to him all the time practically pleading for a place to live. As one radio commentator said, not so long ago, "It is ever so humble, there's no place like home" has now become, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place."

YOUR DIMES ... and your dollars will bring happiness and health to the thousands of sufferers of infantile paralysis, and certainly you can expect no more return from your money than that, can you? Drop your contributions in the collection boxes for the drive to raise money for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis to continue the fight against polio. "The March of Dimes" can be a march to health if we'll do our share.

THAT WORRIED LOOK ... has disappeared from the faces of many of our leading business men—must be that they got their income tax returns filed in plenty of time before the deadline. Though it may have been a completely justified expression it is a lot more pleasant to see a smiling countenance.

THE MALE CHORUS ... is easily engaged in practicing these days, and will bring an excellent program of music to their concert on Wednesday, February 6. Tickets will be on sale soon, so get yours early—you'll not want to miss this entertainment.

EDITH PARKER ENTERTAINS AT CLUB MEETING

The Farmington Women's Club meeting was held at the home of Mrs. William McCullough at 30711 Elm Street, Miles, Oldenburg, on Tuesday. The program had a number of musical selections played by Miss Edith Parker. Miss Parker is a graduate of The Detroit Institute of Musical Arts and a pupil of Dr. Cyril Barker. She played "Whims" by Robert Schumann, also "Arabesque," "Fireworks," and "Clare DeLune" by Debussy.

Mrs. A. M. Leach gave several book reviews that included "Nation of Nations" by Louis Brandeis, "Farmer Takes A Wife" by John Gaudin and "The Black Rose." These are some of the many new books of interest in the Farmington Library.

BOND CLUB WILL HEAR BOOK REVIEW

The Bond School Club will hold the January meeting on Monday night, January 21, at the Bond School, 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads at 8:00 p.m.

The program of the evening will consist of a book review given by Mr. Joseph K. Boltz of 27655 Old Conroy Road. She will review "Santa Fe, the Railroad that Built an Empire" by James Marshall. It is expected that this program will be one of the best of the season, and all parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Obituary

Edward Grimmer
Edward Grimmer, 29875 Halsted Road, died Tuesday, January 10, having been in failing health for the past two months.

Mr. Grimmer was the son of Fred and Caroline Grimmer and was born October 19, 1879, spending his entire life in this community.

He leaves his wife, Maud Young Grimmer, a daughter, Herman and three sons, Mrs. Henry Grout, Al, Marie, Walters, Mrs. Roy Marsh and Mrs. William Hunt and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer Funeral Home, Farmington, with burial at West Farmington Cemetery on Sunday.

Business Men's Careers Read Like A History of Our City

Fred J. Cook and Adolph Nacker, up became the responsibility of his grandparents, Daniel and Bridget Lapham, as his father went to North Dakota to live when Fred was a few years old. They lived on a farm on Nine Mile Road just west of Gilt Road.

Fred's grandfather died shortly after leaving Fred and his grandmother on the farm to face the future. At six years of age Fred started trudging along Nine Mile Road to Thayer School to begin his education—this was a daily trip of two and a half miles, and it was where he started his training for the walking championship, as he had a fast gait all his life and walked more miles back and forth to his business than anyone

in this city. Fred's grandmother moved to Farmington Village in the spring of 1885, resting the east half of the Old Cowley house on Shawwassee Street nearly across from the Baptist Church, paying \$38.00 per year.

"Fred started to High School on April 6, the day of the big snow storm. About this time he began working in Fred M. Warner's Store on Saturdays at \$2.50 per month. In the fall of 1888 E. R. Bloomer started The Farmington Enterprise, located on Grand River, just west of where Forrest Dickerson lives. Fred got a job two nights a week making the old army pants and has the first paper printed on it.

In June, 1891, he finished school and on March 1, 1892, began working steadily in Mr. Warner's store. At this time C. W. Wilber, another one of our old timers, was working for Mr. Warner in the hardware department under C. M. Doherty, known to everyone at that time as Mike.

"In August, 1894, Mr. Warner desiring to give more time to the cheese factories and his campaign for State Senator, formed a partnership with himself, Fred M. Wilber and Fred L. Cook, under the firm name of Wilber, Cook & Company doing a cash business, like the chain stores of

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