

OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

Vacant lots in Ferndale instead of being sown with brush and rubbish may become useful gardens, according to the suggested plan of the welfare department.

Ruby E. Henderson is chairman of the library committee, and states that the Welfare Club feels that the project is one of the most worthy sponsored by the club.

On May 27, more honors will be awarded to the boys and girls of Rochester High School who have achieved distinction in any branch of the school's activities, whether athletic, artistic or scholastic. This annual banquet given to these young men and women Superintendent Parker's effort to stimulate all branches of activity in the schools without too great a stress upon a single activity.

The Rev. William C. S. Pellowe, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, has been elected to head the Royal Oak Ministerial Association until 1932. He is filling the vacancy left by Dr. Robert H. Rolofson, leaving the First Presbyterian Church to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ashtabula, O.

John Lester, of Orion, was announced recently as one of the personnel of the cast of the 1931 Union Opera, "Squirrel Food," annual college production to be staged by the students of Michigan State College. It will open in Lansing on the night of May 15, to play there for two days.

Resolution opposing a bill in the state senate highway committee which would flow townships to spread road repair taxes in villages and use the money on roads outside the village, was adopted by the Clawson village commission. Copies of the resolution are to be forwarded to the committee and to Senator James E. Lawson and Rep. Melvin H. Lee.

Ferndale city budget for 1931-1932 was adopted by the commission after reductions of \$2,050 had been made in the tentative figures submitted by City Manager Jay F. Gibbs.

An attempt by Commissioners Gordon C. McKissen and John W. Irwin to force temporary reductions of 10 per cent in the salaries of all officials receiving more than \$2,000 failed when a deadlocked vote resulted, with Mayor Roy M. Tilden and Commissioner Roy C. Dickson opposed. Commissioner John S. Anders was absent, being

confined to his home with injuries sustained four weeks before.

Oxford's milk deliverers are still wondering what has become of the milk ordinance that was submitted to the village last some time ago. Now concerns are coming into the village while the some milk man is struggling to make a living and serve the public at prices that are much appreciated.

If the firemen who are sticking to their posts should cease, to sick, Hazel Park would be in a bad way. For Royal Oak township voters have refused to approve an appropriation for a township fire department, and nobody else can do so until a new law is passed. Fortunately, the legislature is in session. An effort is being made to pass a bill that would allow the creation of special assessment districts for fire protection.

After hearing objections of 125 property owners to the valuations placed on their properties, the Ferndale board of review began to inspect parcels on which protests were received.

The Royal Oak board of review will start inspection of 300 parcels on which objections have been raised. It is expected that the inspection will require at least a week.

For some time past the south-bound evening Pere Marquette train has stopped at Milford only when there were passengers, either to alight or take the train. Now comes an order that cuts even this service. This was effective April 26, and Milford is no longer an en flag stop for this train.

The mail goes out however by means of a "catcher" for the pouch.

The City of Ferndale is preparing to borrow money as a general obligation for the first time since incorporation as a city four years ago.

The commission authorized City Manager Jay F. Gibbs to advertise for bids for the sale of \$10,000 in delinquent notes secured by \$99,704.10 in unpaid 1929 taxes. The notes are to be paid in three installments, the last due on Nov. 1, 1932.

Plans are now complete for the Play Scout Court of Honor to be held at Oxford on May 14. In this court of Honor the troops of Orion, Oxford and Orionville will participate. It is to start promptly at 8 o'clock and there will be no admission charge.

Pick a slogan for the city of South Lyon, and if your slogan wins you will receive \$5,000. This contest is sponsored by the South Lyon Board of Commerce. It is open now and will close at 8 p. m., May 19. Any person is eligible but only one slogan can be turned in by each person. You may give your slogan to Arnold L. Lukesche, secretary, or mail it to him.

Farmington's City Commission has asked bids on an underground passage way under Grand River road to protect children of Farmington Schools. It is estimated that the project will cost about \$2,500. A little girl recently lost her life in crossing this thoroughfare.

Plans are being made for the starting of Garden Club in Ferndale. An important meeting will be held at Lincoln High School on May 14 at 8 P. M. Mr. Bailey, employed by Oakland County Farm Bureau, will speak.

The Pleasant Ridge Woman's Civic club met recently and elected officers.

Mrs. Raymond Hitecheck is to head the group; Mrs. Harry F. Drabany was elected vice-president; Mrs. Robert O. Crosswhite, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert M. Beasley, recording secretary; Mrs. John E. Cottrell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Otto Hennell, treasurer; and Mrs. Richard R. Leland, director.

Commencement week at Clawson High School will be May 17 to 22, rather than June 14-21 planned earlier, due to the shortening of the school term, to nine months and dismissal May 22. Supt. Wesley H. Boyce said. Baccalaureate services for the 37 graduates will be in the form of a union church service at 7:45 P. M. in the high school Sunday, May 17. The Rev. Leroy L. Lord of Clawson Methodist Episcopal Church will give the sermon. Chess day, to include the valedictory address by Florence Schwartz and the salutatory by Herman C. Clarke Jr., will be Thursday, May 21. Commencement will be made the final day of school, with the Rev. W. H. Aulenbach of Christ Church, Cranbrook, as speaker.

Another laurel is added to the trophies which Rochesterians have been receiving outside of their town in the past weeks. A student, this time, senior at the High School, walked off with the subsidiary besting honors for which, at first, six high schools competed and in which four were finally entered in Cass City. The schools were, Cass City, Marietta, Unionville and Rochester High Schools.

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