

## GOOD ROADS MEAN BETTER HOMES

### Hard Roads Also Result in Better Farming, Living and Profits

According to statistics compiled in the building trades, a decided increase in the use of permanent building materials has been noted in country districts and the building of farm houses. The shortage of timber accounts for this only in part, since stone and brick and cement are more expensive building materials than lumber.

Farmers can now build farm houses of non-burnable materials because good roads make it possible for them to haul such materials from a distance without a prohibitive expense. The American farmer is a sensible, hard-headed, practical man. He has not endured the greatest home fire hazards of any nation for years because he knew it better, but because he found it too expensive to overcome the risk by substituting for the easy-to-get timber, the hard-to-import stone, brick, tile, cement.

With the advent of better roads and the coming of the automobile truck, he is finding it increasingly possible to erect his farm house of fireproof material without paying too great a price for haulage of materials. He is also finding it good business to erect a more pretentious house on land which has increased materially in value through the influence of better roads.

Better houses, better fireproofing, better land values, better transportation, better products of farm produce, they are all by-products of the hard road, which, in the long run, is not an expense to the taxpayer, but a source of profit.

## HISTRONIC TALENT AT WALLED LAKE

The members of the W. M. E. class of Walled Lake, Mich., church is showing some histrionic class. On Friday night they staged another play, entitled "Star Bright" at that village, that surpassed former excellent renditions. The play was directed by Miss Jean Spaulding. The characters were cast as follows:

Lemuel Bright, a "vile worm of the dust," Eric Welch; William Walker Smith, a private detective, Dan Bentley; Walter William Smythe, a student from the "U.," Earl Garner; Arthur Pulver, otherwise known as Westcott, Leland Philip; Jake Hoover, who proves slow but sure, Garry Thompson, friend in need in need of time, Lee Welch; Honor Bright, the wife of Lemuel, Florence Roach; Star Bright, (alias Madame Ormand) the elder daughter, Mabel Welch; Sunshine Bright, the younger daughter, Parthena Philip; Bird Denton, college girl, Helen Welch; Melinda Bandy, with a love for romance, Mabel Smith.

## DEATH OF WESLEY SEELY

Wesley Seely, aged 57, died at his home in New Hudson Saturday, after a long illness. He was born in West Bloomfield township and always lived in this locality. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the home of his brother Clyde Seely, at North Farmington, conducted by the Revs. Bollen and Eva of this city. The burial services at the North Farmington cemetery were conducted by the Farmington Masonic Lodge which he was a member. He leaves a wife and three children.

## REV. ARTHUR E. WESLEY AT M. E. CHURCH

The Rev. Arthur F. Wesley, brother of Mr. Clarence M. Wesley of Farmington, will be the special speaker at the morning service of the Methodist church next Sunday. Dr. Wesley has for six years lived in South America where he has filled important positions for the Methodist church. He is a traveler of wide experience and speaks with authority on the various aspects of Latin America. Dr. Wesley is a writer and an editor as well as a preacher. In his address at the Methodist church on Sunday morning he will present many interesting experiences of his life in South America and many important features of South American life.

Rev. Clyde McGee of Chicago, was a guest of his mother Mrs. A. McGee and sister Mrs. Truscott from Monday until Thursday of last week.

## GOOD TALK ON SOUTH AMERICA

The members of the Exchange club put in a pleasant half hour after their noon lunch Tuesday last, by attending to Rev. Arthur F. Wesley, now stationed at Montevideo, South America. His talk was particularly interesting in that it was replete with many sidelights on the social, political and business conditions not always found in the newspaper and magazine articles from American correspondents writing on these subjects.

Rev. Wesley is a brother of Clarence Wesley of this city with whom he is visiting.

## MORE PAVEMENTS CALLED FOR

Petitions are being circulated for the paving of Roger street from Grand River avenue to Division street, and for Division street from Grand River to Shiawassee street.

A petition is already before the council for the paving of Oakland avenue from Grand River to Wilmarth and Wilmarth from Oakland to Grand River.

There is much favorable sentiment back of the several paving projects and the desirability, and the necessity of the improvements are unquestioned.

## MARSHAL NABS FOUR AUTO THIEVES

On Friday evening last Marshal Kreeger noticed four young men acting suspiciously in front of the Park Garage where they had stopped to get gas for their automobile. As he approached they took for a back street and by a roundabout way reached the D. U. R. waiting room where they boarded a Detroit bound car. The marshal followed and arrested them at Record. They were later turned over to Wayne county officers, it being learned that the car which they were driving was stolen in that county. Search of the car revealed a five which had been taken from S. D. Austin's garage west of this city. There the young men helped themselves to a quantity of gasoline.

## SPECIAL MEETING O. E. S.

A special meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 229 O. E. S. for installation of officers for the coming year, will be held Friday evening, May 9th at 7:45. A special program is being prepared for the occasion. The families of members are invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

## THE HOME GUARDS WILL MEET ON MONDAY, MAY 5TH WITH MISS KATHERINE BANFIELD AFTER SCHOOL.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

- Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eva, Pastor  
10:30 Rev. Arthur F. Wesley, South America.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
6:30 Ethical League.  
7:30 "Mad."
- Clarenceville Community M. E. Church  
Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.  
10:30 Morning service. Baptism, reception of members and Sacrament of Lord's Supper.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 Second of a series of ten sermons on "Home and Kindred Topics." Subject, "Home, a Man's Paradise."  
The men of the Adult Bible class will have charge of the opening services to the sermon and special features will be a tableaux, a pantomime and a male quartette.
- First Baptist Church  
C. W. Townsend, Minister.  
10:30 "Union with Christ." A communion meditation.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
Adult Lesson, "Lessons from Israel's Downfall."  
6:30 B. Y. P. U.  
7:30 "The Committee of One."  
Wednesday 7:30 Mid week meeting. Subject, "The Second Missionary Trip."
- Universalist Church  
A. B. Beresford, Minister.  
10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "Conquest and Fear."  
11:45 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.
- Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollen, Pastor.  
10:15 Services in English.  
11:45 Sunday School.  
Wednesday, May 7th Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. Sophie Fend.

## DREAMS OF SUPER HIGHWAY

### A 204 Foot Highway from Gratiot Road to Farmington Talked of

With the agitation for super highways in and about Detroit running at high pitch many grand plans have been drawn which if carried out would form a system of roads surrounding and radiating from that city unequaled anywhere.

With the work of widening Woodward avenue from Detroit to Pontiac now under way, property owners on other large highways, and the several suburban cities served by them, have woken up to the fact that wider highways are necessary. Plans for widening Gratiot from Detroit to Mt. Clemens have been made and an organization formed to push the project.

Similar plans for West Fort and Michigan avenues are in contemplation and now comes a proposition to widen the Seven Mile road to 204 feet with its intersection with the Gratiot highway through Highland Park to Grand River road, three miles east of Farmington. From there the project calls for the widening of Grand River road to 204 feet to this city.

While these dreams are being indulged in the state highway department is pushing forward its work on completing M-16, Grand River road, between Detroit and Lansing; Commissioner Roger says that there is no doubt that this road will be completely paved this year between Lansing and Detroit, and that it will be finished between Grand Rapids and Lansing unless unexpected difficulties prevent paving in Ionia county where there is a dispute as to location.

The attorney general expects to institute condemnation proceedings to secure right of way near Okemos for new location for the Detroit-Lansing trunk line.

## FORM F. H. S. ALUMNI

All graduates of Farmington high school are requested to attend a meeting at the high school Wednesday, May 7, at 8 p. m. to form a temporary organization of Farmington Alumni and prepare for the first annual banquet to be held during the Centennial.

## SATURDAY NIGHT MOTION PICTURES

Motion pictures will be shown at the Methodist community hall on Saturday evening, as well as Tuesday evening, next Saturday. The Saturday programs will begin at 8:15 while the Tuesday program commences at 8 o'clock.

The program on Saturday will consist of a fine feature film called "A Chapter in Her Life" which tells a wonderfully interesting story as well as plenty of comedy.

Next Tuesday's picture will be "The Man of Action," with Douglas MacLean as the star. Comedy films will also be a part of the Tuesday program.

Gruppe No. 1 of W. H. M. S. will meet this Friday afternoon with Mrs. D. L. Dickerson.

## FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The F. W. C. met Wednesday April 23rd at the home of Mrs. M. B. Pierce.

Seventeen members and one guest were present.

Roll call was responded to by the members present. A letter was read and an invitation was received to attend the annual meeting of the City Federation, Friday, April 25, at Federation clubhouse.

The Art Department of the City Federation invited the F. W. C. to be present at the "White Breakfast" at the Statler at 12 o'clock May 1st.

Following the business meeting the program of the afternoon was presented.

Ambassadors, Ministers and Consuls. Treaties and Mandates - Mary Johnson.

Biography of Robert Morris - Mable Allyn.

Mrs. Fred Cook will be hostess at the next meeting Wednesday, May 7th.

Members will please note the change.

Plans and discussions of the Centennial Ball to be held Friday, May 2nd, covered the time given for miscellany.

A six o'clock dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Salow Saturday evening in honor of the members of the basket ball team. Music furnished the entertainment for the evening.

## BRISK BUSINESS AT ALDRICH NURSERY

This is the season of the year when the nurseryman receives re-ward for his year of toil and investment. Mother Earth answers bountifully in necessities and luxuries when appealed to intelligently and earnestly as is attested by the vernal beauty that greets the eye in every direction.

The nursery farm of Clarence Aldrich, located a mile and a half east of Farmington Grand River road, is an attractive spot. It is delivery time and there any Saturday or Sunday may be seen hundreds of autos being loaded with shrubs and flowering plants which will soon be making an equal number of homes in this territory pleasanter and more attractive by their beauty.

Mr. Aldrich states that this has been an exceptionally good year. Stocks are fine and hardy and the demand for them is brisk. He has an exceptionally well located nursery with the best of soil conditions. During the past year extensive improvements have been made about the premises which include a large and light office storage rooms and a rose cellar buried deep in the ground where all times is maintained a cool and even temperature.

Visitors are always welcome at this nursery.

## MOTHER'S DAY

In designating Sunday, May 11 as Mother's Day in his proclamation Governor Grosvenor says: "Custom has decreed that once each year a day shall be set apart from all others especially for observance as Mothers' Day. The plan was brought forth so that every person might give more than ordinary attention to Mother so that we might show to her our deepest appreciation of her sacrifice, devotion, guidance and loving care.

"In the rush and swirl of present day affairs and business one has time to spend for the moment the determination of Mother that she should have the blessings of life that she did not enjoy, and that to bring about the realization of her ambition it deprived her of the very happiness she sought to bestow on her children. There has been this motherhood ideal that has raised the standard of American citizenship to its present exalted place."

## LEADER IN S. S. WORK SPEAKS AT PONTIAC

W. C. Pearce, L. L. D., associate secretary of World's Sunday School association will address a mass meeting at the First Methodist church in Pontiac Tuesday evening, May 6, at 6:30.

Dr. Pearce has recently visited thirty mission fields of the Orient and many of the Latin American fields in the interest of Sunday Schools. But few men possess his intimate knowledge of the mission fields of the world.

## FARMINGTON BAKERY EXPANDING

A. L. Ross, proprietor of the Farmington Bakery has taken a lease of the store room next to his bakery in the Improvement Co. block and will make a connection between them. The new part will be the salesroom and the present quarters used as the bakery.

Among other contemplated new equipment will be a 300-loaf bread oven.

## CENAQUA SHORES TO OPEN

Herman Czenkusch, proprietor of that delightful summer resort CENAQUA Shores on Walled Lake, announces the fourth annual opening for Wednesday, May 7 when a dance will be given in the grand pavilion. All who attend will be presented with a beautiful souvenir of the occasion.

Mr. Czenkusch states that the best of music will be furnished for the event and the refreshments and menu will be served. Looking to the convenience of his patrons arrangements have been made for bus service after the dance for Detroit and other points.

## CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING

The next meeting of the Centennial association will be held at the town hall Tuesday, May 6 at 8 p. m. Important matters will be discussed. Let us have good attendance. N. H. P.

## VILLAGE CLEAN UP NOW IN ORDER

### Best Way to Advertise Farmington is to Make it Highly Attractive

It is now time for the annual village clean up in Farmington, like all other communities, needs it not only as a matter of comfort and satisfaction to its citizens but as an inducement to the many who are looking for a home location near Detroit, to come here and buy, build or rent. There are a number of unsightly places that a little cleaning up would prove an attraction rather than a detriment to the village.

The Clean Up and Paint Up campaign develops community spirit. All classes of people learn to work and play together. Chronic knockers are led into the ranks of the loyal and successful boosters.

Streets and alleys are cleaned up, repaired, and thereafter kept in good condition.

Fire losses are reduced through the removal of waste and rubbish. Fire traps are razed and often replaced by modern buildings.

Vacant grounds are improved, mowed, cleared of rubbish, and converted into playgrounds or thrift gardens, thus preventing their return to disorderliness.

Public buildings are renovated. Landscaping is renewed. Trees are planted.

Homes are cleaned and beautified, inside and out. Grounds, front and back, alleys and out-buildings are cleaned up. Out-buildings and fences are painted and repaired.

Breeding places of disease are rooted up and destroyed. Flies, mosquitoes, rats, roaches and other pests are eliminated. This campaign saves human lives.

Property values are restored or greatly increased. Buildings are cleaned up and painted up to an extent that visibly improves the morale and efficiency of the workers.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

May and Its Message

By now the May fairies are taking up their tasks with fervor. Their chief duty is to make the world so beautiful in spring time that the Mayflowers, green grass budding trees and songs of the birds that people will be cheerful and happy. The work of their hands is everywhere visible now and people are becoming more happy. But, if May fairies can do such things alone, what could they do if we would try to help them? Therefore, lets be willing to be happy, and radiate cheerfulness and contentment and thus help this good work along. Let's gather the beautiful Mayflowers and spread them among the sick and discouraged; let's note the marvelous development of the grass, the buds of the trees; and let's catch the thrilling songs of the birds and be happy.

Editor:

Kindergarten—  
The children have started to make May baskets.  
The pupils have been drawing spring flowers. Several have made butterflies and tulips to decorate the windows with.  
In nature study the pupils talked about rain and the flowers. They also talked about the different signs of spring.  
The children took a walk to the creek to see the birds.  
The children have written stories about spring and are going to have them read for their reading lesson.  
First Grade—  
Free hand drawings (are being made of the stories in reading).  
The children are planning on making health posters to illustrate rhymes.  
The story of "Bobbsey Twins at Home" is being read for opening exercises.

## GOLD DISCOVERED UNDER GARAGE

When Atherton B. Snyder started to excavate for an underground gasoline tank in his garage at Grass Valley, Calif., he struck gold-bearing ore a few feet below the surface.

Mr. Snyder had the ore assayed and found that it contained a considerable quantity of gold. He kept going deeper and getting ore gold and reported to the Chester N. Weaver Company, Studebaker distributors at San Francisco, that between selling Studebaker cars and mining gold, he had his hands full. In a few weeks, as the shaft sunk deeper, his garage was full, too—full of dirt from the excavation.

The miners were bringing up so much ore that the Snyder service department was getting too crowded for comfort. By that time, however, he had taken enough money out of the mine to pay for the garage.

But the congested condition could not continue. It reached the point where Snyder had to give up the mine or give up the garage. Since to many Studebakers were being sold in Grass Valley, Mr. Snyder began to do some figuring.

Studebaker had been doing business for 72 years, he knew, while his gold mine might "peter out" any day. He deliberated on the problem for a short time and decided to close up his gold mine and stick to his Studebakers.

He closed up the shaft leading into the garage and sold the underground rights to a gold mining company which is now working underneath the surface of the garage. But Mr. Snyder stipulated in his contract that the mining operations were not to interfere with his garage business.

When asked if didn't have difficulty making up his mind to abandon the gold mine, Mr. Snyder said:

"Not much. Why bother with a gold mine when you've such a substantial business as the contract for Studebakers? A gold mine is a sickle thing, you can't at best, liable to quit on you at any time. But selling Studebakers is a sure thing. I'll keep my garage." And he has.

## Second Grade—

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy during the month of April: Pearl Archer, Jack Elmer, Catherine Storms, Catherine Lyon, Drayton Holcomb and Elmer Catherine.

The children learned the poem, "Bad Fairies" last week.

The children made butterflies for a border on the blackboard.

## Third Grade—

The geography class studied about rice last week.

The children have started to write with pen and ink.

The following pupils have been neither tardy nor absent during the month of April: Pearl Brown, Wilfred Bellsperche, Wanda Drake, Geoffrey Hendricks, Kenneth Randall, Howard Westfall and Ada Leonard.

## Fourth Grade—

"Bunny" Brown and His Sister Sue Keeping Store" is being read for opening exercises.

The children are on the lookout for coconuts.

The pupils dramatized, "The Legend of Arbutus," for Good English class.

## Fifth Grade—

The children wrote stories on "Honesty is the Best Policy."

The children are planning on taking a bird walk.

Everyone was given a picture of a person to make believe they were the person, and to write an autobiography of his life.

The children have started to study Africa.

In penmanship the pupils have four stations to reach before they can reach the highest point. The following pupils have reached the third station: Genevieve Goers, Francis Drake and Emma Ische.

## Sixth Grade—

The children went hunting oysters Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock and enjoyed it very much.

In arithmetic the pupils are studying percentage and find it interesting.

This grade has twenty-five pupils enrolled in it now. Core Mack is a new pupil.

The seventh grade history class made some "very good" booklets on Benjamin Franklin.

The eighth grade boys are going to give the girls a marshmallow roast as the result of the contest in spelling.

The debate in the eighth grade, Resolved: That Labor Unions are a Benefit to the Country" was

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