

SUPER HIGHWAY PLAN MEETS APPROVAL

Excellent progress in securing right-of-way for a super Grand River highway is reported by those who have been soliciting donations of property owners along the highway.

On Monday a delegation of Farmington, Novi and New Hudson citizens visited Governor Greenbeck at his Detroit office and submitted a proposal to him. It is said the Governor was favorably impressed, referring to the improvement as "vital" and it is probable that work will be commenced on it soon. It was pointed out that grading and filling could be accomplished this winter, a paving started with the opening of the season next spring.

The condition just outside Farmington it was said, is particularly bad. Here the road is quite narrow and is flanked on one side by a deep gully.

The distance from New Hudson to the county line is about twenty miles.

It is believed by the friends of this project of a super highway that a realization of their hopes is assured and that within a very short time the work of grading and road construction will be commenced.

The agitation of the past few months has no doubt been the big factor in the moving of farm acreage in this vicinity which started in the fall and is now gathering headway. Within a few weeks several farms that a few years ago were valued at less than \$100 an acre, have been sold for from \$400 to \$500 an acre, a number of them bringing their owners over \$100,000, a price never dreamed a decade ago.

Much credit is due J. W. Lathrup, Edward and Harley Warner and Isaac Bond for the gratifying progress that has been made in securing donations and creating interest in the super highway project. The rapidity with which the work will finally be accomplished will depend to some extent upon the attitude of farmers and property owners along the highway. This project, it is shown, means more to them than some of them at this time realize. With the completion of the work will come an advance in land values that will bring many fortunes.

It is now the intention of the promoters to make a 200-foot boulevard with a twenty-foot strip between roadways for ornamental shrubbery and trees. When Governor Greenbeck was told of this plan he remarked that Grand River would eventually rival Chicago's Michigan boulevard should such a scheme be carried out.

It is confidently expected this work on the boulevard will be commenced within a very short time, the starting point for preparatory work to be in Farmington in filling in the gully where Grand River avenue crosses the creek a half mile east of the business district.

SEND FARM NEWS BY RADIOPHONE

Regular agricultural programs will be sent out from the Michigan Agricultural College radio station, WKAR, after the first of the year, according to tentative plans being formulated at the college now.

A new and more powerful transmitter, a gift from the Detroit News, is being installed at East Lansing and will be ready for use after January 1. This station will be able to reach all of Michigan as well as other mid-western states, regularly, according to radio engineers.

The agricultural programs, planned directly for farmers, will probably be sent out once a week, the programs being planned by the college extension division.

ALUMNI VS. HIGH
Basketball game Friday night, December 26, at the High School, Alumni vs. High School.

OFF FOR SUNNY SOUTH
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ely and Mrs. Jessie Lee left Tuesday night for Miami, Fla. They will spend the principal part of the winter at Little River.

DRIVER OF BANDIT CAR HELD FOR TRIAL

Samuel Vecchio, an Italian store keeper of Detroit, aged 38 years, arrested for complicity in the robbery of the Farmington State Savings Bank here November 19, was arraigned in the circuit court at Pontiac, Monday, where he stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered by the court. Not being able to furnish a \$20,000 bail bond he was ordered held in jail for trial at the February term of court.

At the preliminary hearing Vecchio was identified by several Farmington people as the man who drove the car in which the robbers made their escape after a gun battle with citizens in which it has been quite conclusively shown that one of the bandits was wounded. A farmer's wife identified Vecchio as the person who came to her home on the morning of the robbery to secure bandages with which to dress the wound of a man whom he said had been accidentally wounded while hunting.

FLOYD AUSTIN

Floyd Austin of Novi, 21 years of age, who was tragically injured while working on the cement road by the mixer falling off him, died in Grace Hospital, Wednesday morning. The untimely death of the young man is mourned by his father, mother, a sister, a brother and many friends. Funeral will be held from the home on the J. W. Lathrup farm, Grand River, at 2:00 o'clock Saturday, interment at North Farmington.

CHARLES TEAGAN

Charles Teagan passed away Saturday, December 20 at Harper Hospital. Deceased was an old and respected resident of Clarencette, but recently moved to Redford. He leaves a widow and five children. Funeral was held Wednesday from his home in Redford at 2:00 o'clock. Burial at Grandlawn Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dickerson entertained at a family dinner Christmas. Their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Garnier Groves of Detroit, were out of town guests.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Clarencette Community M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
10:30—Morning Service.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Service.

Farmington Methodist Church S. D. Eva, Pastor
Sunday—
10:30—"Where Time Ends and Eternity begins."
"A New Year Meditation."
11:45—The Last Sunday School of 1924.
6:30—"The Livingstone Cross."
7:30—"The First Cross-Word Puzzle—2,000 years old." A visit to the garden.
Wednesday—8:30—Watch-Night Service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, English.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Services, German.
Christmas Services
7:30—Wednesday evening, English.
10:15—Thursday morning, German, and English.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Giles will deliver the sermon morning and evening.
10:15—Sunday School.
11:15—Morning service.
6:30—B. Y. P. U.
7:00—Evening service.
A business meeting will be held at the close of the evening services to which all interested are urged to attend.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencette (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.
10:30—Regular services, 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in German; 2nd and 4th in English.
9:30—Sunday School.

Santa Remembered Them



COUNTY CONSTRUCTS 33 MILES OF PAVED ROAD

The report of County Road Engineer Bellsnap, just made, shows that thirty-three miles of paving and four and one-half miles of gravel road were constructed by the county road commission during the past season.

There were maintained 150 miles of paved roads, as were the 355 miles of gravel roads, repairs being kept busy throughout the summer and fall. In the case of the pavements, the maintenance work included surfacing, patching concrete, retarring joints and cracks, maintaining shoulders and cutting weeds, care of the gravel roads included all these items except patching concrete.

The new pavements constructed included the following jobs:
Nine Mile road, 7 miles, from Southfield to the county line in Royal Oak township; Ten Mile road, 2.5 miles, from Southfield road to Woodward; Cass Lake road 2 1/2 miles, from Elizabeth Lake road to Orchard Lake road in West Bloomfield and Waterford townships; Trunk Line 10, 8.6 miles, from Drayton Plains to Patterson Corners; Trunk Line 16, 2.8 miles, from New Hudson west to county line; Woodward avenue, the equivalent of nine miles of 20-foot pavement, which is the width of the other roads constructed, between Pontiac and the Wayne county line.

The new gravel roads; 1 1/2 miles in Rose township; 1 mile in Brandon township and 1 miles in Lima township still under construction.
Plans for construction work during 1925 now are being made and will be taken up during the next few weeks by the commission. Luther D. Allen, commissioner-elect, succeeds John A. Adams January 1, the other members being G. Ross Thompson and Thomas Lytle.

NEW POSTMASTER AT WALLED LAKE

Word has been received from Washington that Marie Benz has been appointed postmaster at Walled Lake to take immediate effect. The appointment will require the confirmation of the senate.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sturgis, a son, Clarence, Sunday, December 21.

WAHJAMEGA COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

On December 17, Wahjamega Council No. 7, Degree of Pochontas, elected the following officers: Prophets, Pauline Stammen; Pochontas, Leah Green; Weneh, Lillian Fritz; Powhattan, Alva Garfield; Keeper of Records, Pauline Pickett; Collector of Wampum, Lucy A. Gourley; Keeper of Wampum, Mary E. Foster; Trustee, Carrie Masters.

MODERN CIDER MILL PLANNED BY MR. HARGER

L. C. Harger is making plans for the erection of a modern cider mill on his farm near this city. In every detail it will be modern in construction and of sufficient capacity to care for his large and increasing business. In putting up the mill Mr. Harger says that the first aim will be to make it sanitary. A dry and cool storage plant for apples will be provided large enough to take care for all fruit brought to the mill. Lack of storage place has heretofore been a great handicap and greatly curtailed production.
It is planned to have the mill in readiness for next season's business.

WILL HELP DEDICATE PLYMOUTH TEMPLE

The Farmington Masonic Lodge has been invited to attend the dedicatory ceremonies of the new Masonic Temple at Plymouth, Monday evening, December 29, when grand officers of the order will be in charge. It is expected that many of the members of the local lodge will attend.

BANK OFFICERS ENTERTAIN

It was a jolly crowd of Farmington business men, numbering about thirty-five, that gathered in the community room of the Farmington State Savings Bank last week Thursday evening upon invitation of the officers and directors of that institution. A good lunch and fine cigars warmed the heat cooles of the guests and under their mellowing influence many a good story, reminiscences and jokes went round the tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wixom had as guests for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. John Delling and Mrs. Adeline Wixom of Pontiac.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL AT THE CLUB

The members of the Farmington Exchange Club indulged in impromptu Christmas exercises at its noonday luncheon, Tuesday. The dining hall, with appropriate decorations, was given a Christmas touch and in the center of the room was a large Christmas tree, well burdened with presents placed on it by the members, which were distributed among the "little children" who eagerly claimed their packages as Santa passed them around. Horns were tooted, toys played with and then each package was again placed on the tree to be sent to the children at the Methodist home here.

For the time lighter music and song was dispersed with and Christmas carols were sung.

With a generous donation from each member a tidy sum was made up for a Christmas gift to Mrs. Woodruff and her assistants who have served such excellent meals during the past year.

It was decided upon by the clerk to host for the super-highway. The president appointed the following committee to work to that end: Isaac Bond, Howard M. Warner, John W. Lathrup, F. D. Fleming and E. O. Hatton.

A committee on publicity in connection with the advertising of Farmington at the Builders' Exposition in Detroit next March was appointed by the president consisting of John Fitzpatrick, E. S. Pierce, Dr. J. A. Miller, J. D. Fleming and W. N. Miller.

HENRY FORD FAVORS SUPER HIGHWAY

Among the several petitions for the conversion of Grand River road into a 200-foot super highway is one that is creating no little interest. At the bottom of the sheet appears the name of "Henry Ford" placed there with a drawing pen by that gentleman himself after carefully reading the petition.

After affixing his signature Mr. Ford stated to Supervisor Bond, who had solicited his signature, that he was heartily in favor of the project and congratulated the committee upon their work in pushing the project. He also said that he expected to spend much of his time in Farmington. He gave his frontage on Grand River avenue here at about 1,000 feet. With other signers he offers to donate land along his property of sufficient depth to make a 200 foot highway.

PLAN BIG EGG SHOW FOR FARMERS WEEK

Aristocrats of the hen fruit world, gathered from meets in Michigan as well as other states, will enter the show ring at M. A. C. during the annual Farmers Week February 2 to 6. The occasion will be the first annual egg show, to be held under the auspices of the poultry department at the college.

Classes for the show will include: commercial class, producers class, Boys and Girls Club class, and student class. Any farmer or poultry raiser will be eligible to enter his product in the show.

Standards by which the eggs will be judged include size, quality, evenness of color, and other more technical points of little interest to the layman.
Similar egg shows are held by a number of other state agricultural colleges. A year ago, entries from the M. A. C. poultry flocks took a number of high awards in eastern shows.

THAT MICHIGAN APPLE

For fine flavor the Michigan Northern Spy beats the world and there are none of better flavor than those grown right here at Farmington. Earl Bank placed a few from his orchard on our desk Tuesday.

OLD FASHIONED WATCH NIGHT

What better way can one spend the dying year and welcome the new year than to meet in the house of the Giver of Time, and in the spirit of true happiness welcome God's New Year—it is God's gift to us.

PLENTY OF WATER SYSTEM WORKING FINE

The new wells and water system are proving better than was anticipated. With iron mains and the best of pumping machinery results are being obtained that are highly gratifying to the village officials who have labored zealously to put the municipal water plant in a condition that means the best of service.

At a test made last week Thursday the centrifugal pump at the station on the flats forced 40,000 gallons of water into the reserve tank on Cemetery hill in forty-five minutes. The centrifugal was then shut off and the well pumps tested. The same amount of water was forced from the wells and into the reserve tank at the station in just thirty minutes, indicating an abundant supply of water and fine pump work. It is estimated that the four wells at the flats station will give a continuous supply of 2,500 gallons per minute. At present there are but two wells in use. About 100,000 gallons of water are now being pumped into the mains daily as compared with 300,000 previous to the replacing the old rotten wooden mains with iron pipe.

Two of the wells at the flats have thirty-foot screens which penetrate a gravel water course of that depth. The other two are provided with twenty-foot screens. The screens prevent small gravel from entering the pump barrels and at the same time permits of a large flow of water.

THE LAING DRAIN TO COST \$100,000

The "Laing Drain" three miles in length and to cost \$100,000 is one of the big improvements that will soon add materially to the value of a large tract of land. The drain will be cut to a depth of ten feet and a considerable part of it will be closed, a three-foot crook being used in such places.

The drain will start at the Methodist Church's Home, running south through the Laing, Burd, Lathrup and Nates Powers properties and having an outlet at the creek on the Treadway farm. Later it is the intention to carry the drain farther down the creek to the River Rouge.

Albert Laing after whom the drain is named, is properly being given much credit in bringing about this improvement. His advocacy of the project and tireless work in securing signers to the necessary petitions have resulted in establishing the drain. All legal actions have been taken and nothing now remains but the work of construction.

NOVI FARMER KILLED; STRUCK BY TRUCK

Charles Cook, living three and a half miles west of Novi, was almost instantly killed Tuesday noon when struck by a truck while he was driving a team of horses on Grand River road near his home. Charles Ross of Detroit, driver of truck tried to pass Mr. Cook and the team. Seeing an automobile coming from the west Ross applied his brakes. When he did so the truck skidded and struck Mr. Cook, breaking several ribs near the heart and inflicting severe scalp wounds. While he was being taken to a doctor's office Mr. Cook died. An inquest will be held January 2, it was announced yesterday by Justice Eugene VerDun of Novi.

Mr. Cook moved on to the farm four years ago from Brighton. He was a native of England and had no relatives in this country. He is survived by a widow and three children varying in age from 5 to 10 years. Mrs. Cook was shopping in Farmington at the time of the accident.

The driver of the truck was questioned and allowed to go. Justice VerDun impounded a jury consisting of Valoo Smith, E. D. West, Frank Eno, Frank Deer, Edward Vehrandt, Ward Douillard, who viewed the body and an adjournment was taken until January 2.

Mrs. John Hess spent Christmas with her brother, Herbert Hustedt in Detroit.