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SOMETHING NEW IN SUBDIVISION PLANNING

Many new subdivisions have been laid out in this vicinity and placed on the market within the past two years. The number which have sprung into existence during the past year is remarkable. In each instance there has been a good sale of lots and many houses have been erected which are the homes of a new citizenry. Those who have come to this locality are almost without exception, a desirable class of citizens who take pride in their homes and wish to live in a community where are found people of good taste and refinement.

With a view to meeting the demands of those discriminating tastes who are looking for something a little different in the way of a location for a home site, the Great Lakes Land Corporation is now putting the finishing touches on a subdivision on the Orchard Lake Road at Thirteen Mile road, known as the Oaklands, that cannot fail to appeal to those who are looking for something more than a lot in a subdivision. The Isaac Band, Nichols and other farms, making a tract of over 600 acres was secured and subdivided under a plan differing radically from those usually found hereabouts. The tract is intersected east and west by Oakland and Bond Boulevards and Fairfield and Ravine avenues. North and south by Westfield, Greenacres, Glendale, Ardmore, Greenway, Meadowbrook, Maplewood, Elmhurst and Forest Drives.

About half of the subdivision is contained in "estates" each of which consists three lots 50x120. These estates are a novel feature of the subdivision and are proving quite popular with those who desire homes surrounded by sufficient land for garden, lawn and recreational purposes.

On one of these estates has been erected a model seven room house with every convenience, surrounded by a spacious lawn, tennis ground and a garden spot in which are neatly laid out beds of growing vegetables. Water is supplied from a 100 foot flowing well of pure cold water.

Other homes are being erected and it is expected that at least fifteen will be built this season. Directly opposite this plat at the corner of Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile roads is another section of lots fronting on Oakland and Eastfield parallel avenues.

The Glenoaks golf course now nearly completed is a part and parcel of this new community center. A nine hole course is now completed and work is progressing rapidly on another nine hole section, which will make it one of the finest links of the many in this section. The land is admirably suited for golf grounds and the many artificial touches have made it ideal.

A farm house on the property has been converted into a comfortable and convenient club house for temporary use.

The course of a spring brook has been changed to some extent. A dam is now being constructed which will make a fine pond at the rear of the club house. A power house is now under construction and when completed water will be forced to all parts of the grounds.

The plan for financing the golf club is unusual. The first 100 memberships secured will pay for the construction of the course, the second 100 will pay for the erection of the club house, and the third 100 will pay for the land itself.

MRS. JESSIE POWER HONORED
Honoring Mrs. Jessie Power, who so ably instructed her division of the sewing club, Mrs. Ross Dickle entertained the members at her home Friday. The ladies spent the afternoon making holders which they presented to Mrs. Power, also a beautiful silver thimble as an appreciation of her efforts. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

FARMINGTON WELL REPRESENTED AT BANQUET

Farmington was well represented Monday evening when Oakland County's campaign for \$200,000 to assist in building St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac was launched at a dinner in the First Presbyterian Church there. During the meeting \$151,800 was raised by James A. Miller and his team of Exchangeites, Emory Hatton, Carl Hogle, Harley Warner, Derere Fleming and Isaac Bond, were present and made their subscriptions at that time. They have been conducting the campaign in Farmington during the last few days. At the meeting it was announced for the first time that Fred W. Warner was the donor of the hospital site.

"NORTH OF 36"
Emerson Hough, who wrote "The Covered Wagon" also appeared on the screen of the Community Hall next Tuesday evening. Jack Holt, Ernest Torrence, Lois Wilson and Noah Beery are featured in the picture. The picture depicts the life of the pioneers when men lived on the plains and fought against great odds to make possible the settlement of the land. The cattle lands and all that means is the heart of this great picture.

FIFTH GRADE

One of the pleasant events of the closing of school, was enjoyed Thursday afternoon by the pupils of the fifth grade and their teacher, Miss Lydia Tapio, when Miss Minnie Toomey opened her home to them for their last day frolic. Two fifth grade students, Bernadine and Jack Franz live with Miss Toomey.

The usual refreshments, games, etc., were in order and all report a wonderful time.

Miss Tapio was presented with a bed lamp.

Thursday, June 25th, Rev. and Mrs. J. Bollens and Prof. Carl Bauer motored to Port Huron to visit Rev. S. Wulffman, the president of the Evangelical ministers of the Michigan district.

Church Notes

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
Sunday morning, 10:30 a. m., at the Clarenceville Community Church, the pastor, H. E. Duttweiler will speak on the subject "The Bible in the Life of Today." This subject is of intense interest at present due to Dr. Feadick's new methods of interpretation, and also to a desire to impress the principles of living as enunciated by the Bible upon the youth.

At the evening service at 8:00 Mr. C. E. Knight of Detroit, one of the most prominent laymen in Methodism will speak. Mr. Jones will lead the singing and render several numbers.

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30—"We are Seven."
11:45—The Sunday School.
6:30—The Willard League.
7:30—"Twice Thirty."

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, German.
Children's Day.
11:45—Sunday School.
Wednesday, July 1—Ladies Aid

First Baptist Church
R. F. Willson, Pastor.
10:30—"The Road to the City."
Communion Service.
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—B. Y. P.
7:30—"Peter and the Keys."

In the absence of the pastor, others have volunteered to lead the mid-week prayer service, so we are looking for a good attendance. Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

F. H. S. ALUMNI BANQUET A MARKED SUCCESS

The annual banquet of the Farmington High School Alumni Association held at the Community Hall Thursday, June 18, was a great success and a most enjoyable affair for all who were there. A delicious meal was served by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church after which, Fred L. Cook, the retiring president of the society introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Clinton McGee of Pontiac.

Toastmasters may come and toastmasters may go, but none can excel, and few equal Mr. McGee in that position. His wit and humor, combined with his never failing repartee made him the ideal man for the place.

Vocal solos by Percy Pauline and singing by the High School Glee Club were thoroughly enjoyed.

Superintendent Leonard's talk on "Chalk Dust" and N. H. Powers' "School Reminiscences" with Miss Becker's account of her trip to Alaska last summer, were well received.

The principal address of the evening by Rev. Clyde McGee of Chicago was of a high order. His masterly review of some of the problems of our civilization, not yet solved, was most timely and appropriate to the occasion.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Reed Webster, president. Emory Hatton, vice-president. Mary Johnson, secretary. Hinnam Nichols, treasurer.

D. U. R. ASKS FOR THREE CENTS A MILE

The Security Trust Company, receivers for the Detroit United Railways and subsidiaries has asked the Michigan Public Utilities Commission for authority to increase all fares to three cents a mile, says the Michigan Investor. The petition maintains the company had suffered serious losses and is unable to operate under its present fares, the highest of which is two and one-half cents a mile. A statement filed with the petition shows that the D. U. R. failed to meet its expenses, depreciation maintenance and 7 per cent return in the year ending December 31, 1924, by \$1,707,320, and by \$342,791 in January and February of this year. A 22 per cent decrease in the number of passengers carried on interurbans is held to be responsible. If the railroads are required to operate on present fare schedules through this year, the petition says, the deficit below operating costs, depreciation and return will be \$2,037,160. It is contended also that the three-cent fare, the highest that can be charged under the state law, will not make the company earn its return, but will even then show a shortage of \$905,125.

Attorney Fitzpatrick explains that the future of the D. U. R. hinges upon establishing a rapid transit intercity system. The day of the local interurban is past, he says, and the new system will provide shorter, quicker and easier routes between the larger cities of the state and Detroit. For the local service, the public is to be left to depend on buses. Already the D. U. R. indirectly has entered the bus business and its Peoples Motor Coach Company controls a number of the major lines operating out of the city of Detroit. The new plan will be to let the buses make short hauls and the frequent stops, and let the modern interurbans take care of the passengers who desire speedy transportation into Detroit. The plan will probably mean cutting down the number of trains each way each day, but the improvement will be made in service. The intercity express and freight system also is to be developed.

NOTICE

There will be a regular meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S., for initiation of candidates Friday evening, June 26, at 7:45 o'clock. Light refreshments will be served.



E. R. HATTON
Circulation manager of the Detroit, Free Press, formerly of Farmington, who was recently elected president of the International Circulation Managers' Association.

JENNOTTE-GREEN

The wedding of Miss Beatrice Jennotte to Mr. Forrest C. Green was solemnized at the rectory of the Catholic church in Northville Monday afternoon, June 22 at 2:00 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. Shuler officiating.

The bride was lovely in white crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

Witnesses of the marriage were the bride's father, Joseph Jennotte and aunt, Mrs. William Pringle.

A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride following the ceremony.

The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. They left that evening for a boat trip to Cleveland.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jennotte of Walled Lake and was graduated from the Walled Lake High School in 1924.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Green of Farmington, was a member of the class of '23 of Farmington High School. He now holds a responsible position with the Detroit Edison Co.

SMITH PHARMACY IS BURGLARIZED

The Smith Pharmacy was entered early last Friday morning by burglars who carried away about a quantity of cigars and other articles.

Entrance was gained through a rear window.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Gilbert Grimme entertained Wednesday afternoon, June 17 in honor of the tenth birthday anniversary of her son, Micke. The guests numbered twelve little friends and his teacher, Miss Hunter.

The afternoon was spent playing games. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy was served.

EXCHANGE CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

At Tuesday's noonday luncheon the following officers were elected to serve from July 1 to January 1: John Fitzpatrick, president; Howard Warner, vice-president; Carl Hogle, secretary; Emory Hatton, treasurer; Stanley Smith, Zae Aschenbrenner, Albert Wallbank, board of control.

REMINISCENCES OF EARLY SCHOOL DAYS

At the annual banquet of the Farmington High School Alumni, held here last Thursday evening, Nathan H. Power read a paper on early school reminiscences that proved very interesting, especially so to the older residents. Many of them requested that it be published in full in The Enterprise.

By Nathan H. Power

School Days! Who is there that can not look back with pleasure to them. Filled with the happy memories of life's morning they are indeed precious to us. It was in May, 1866 that I first began going to school. It was the day of the dirt road and the beaten travelled foot path at its side. Not even wooden sidewalks were in general use. Electric lights and electric power were unknown. Tall candles and kerosene lamps furnished light in houses and the streets were lighted only by the moon and stars after night fall. Horses and wagons with an occasional ox team furnished transportation. The arrival of the stage twice a day caused some little excitement. Sewing machines were just coming into use. A few of the farmers had mowing machines, but the day of the reaper and self binder had not yet arrived.

The school that I attended was taught by Miss Wheelock in a building that stood, a few rods west of the present Baptist Church. It was a private school and called the Oakland Institute. It had an excellent reputation and drew many of its pupils from the adjacent towns.

The school house was an old two story weather beaten building, long and high. There were about 100 pupils and they ranged from a boy like myself, learning his letters from a little green covered primer, to the older pupils about to graduate in higher mathematics, grammar, United States history, etc.

Miss Wheelock was a teacher of high ideals and splendid scholarship. The Bible was read every morning at the opening of the school followed by a fervent prayer and woe to the thoughtless lad who failed to keep his head bowed during its utterance. If he did not he might find himself kneeling on the platform by the teacher's side at the next morning's devotions. She was a Presbyterian and would be called a fundamentalist today. To her the Bible was the word of God whose every word was inspired. She had implicit faith in the great teacher and was his loyal and faithful disciple to the end.

Some incidents I will remember. An organ had been purchased for the use of the school. It would be too plain to chop for a modern school room but to me it was a wonderful instrument capable of producing the sweetest music. Pupils were allowed to use it at recess and the noon hour if the selections were of the approved variety. One of the inflexible rules prohibited dance music. Most of the pupils brought their lunches and ate them in the school room at noon. Miss Wheelock and her two assistants went out for theirs. Some of the girls could play dance music and as soon as lunch was eaten one of the girls would play and others would dance. Pickets were placed where the teachers could be seen as soon as they appeared coming back from lunch. At the sight of them the signal was given and either "Home Sweet Home" or "My Country 'Tis of Thee" greeted the teachers as they entered the room. One sad day, for some reason unknown, the lookout failed to give the warning and as the strains of the Blue Danube waltz were most entrancing and a half dozen couples were tripping the light fantastic the astonished Miss Wheelock walked in. Could a situation be worse or more horrible? The organ was clipped with a bang, the bell rang and a solemn session of the school was held at once. The awful enormity of the offense was dwelt upon at length. Dancing and dance music in the sacred halls of learning! Such a manifestation of depravity could not be ignored. We were warned of

WATER IMPROVEMENT PROFITABLE INVESTMENT

While some of the surrounding cities and villages are laboring under the disadvantage of an inadequate water supply Farmington is enjoying an abundance of cold pure water.

The relaying of the water mains early this year, putting iron pipe in place of the old wooden mains, proved a most profitable investment in dollar and cents as well as comfort and convenience.

The new well equipment has also proved most satisfactory. More water is being used than ever, yet four hours pumping daily meets the demand, whereas with the old system and leaky wooden mains constant pumping was required during the twenty-four hours in order to furnish a limited supply of water.

Farmington's water system is now equal to a demand much greater than that of the present.

Discipline was not lax and the roof was used when occasion demanded. At various times I came under its application. Her school closed about 1871 with her removal to another part of the state. Most of her pupils have followed her to the silent land but as long as they shall live the influence of her life and teaching will go with them.

At the close of Mrs. Wheelock's school I commenced attending the Farmington High School in the building built in 1882. It was the second school building built by the District and replaced the one built in 1835, which stood on the north bank of the creek. Some of these present remember the old two-story frame school house which stood a little east and south of the present high school. It had seen some rough and stirring times in which certain of the larger boys and the principal of the school contended for the mastery. Some times the stove pipe might be knocked down, a seat or two torn up and the stove poker wielded with telling effect before the question was decided. The principal usually won the contest. Here were held the annual school meetings and quite often they were not altogether harmonious affairs. There was no way to light the room except with the lantern that the voters might bring with them, and a dingy lamp or two. At the best the room was very poorly lighted. For a number of years one of the voters had never failed to attend. His theme was economy and a drastic reduction of expenses. When a motion was made to raise the salary of the principal from \$450.00 to \$500.00, he used nearly an hour to bitterly assail the extravagance of the school board. School law was his hobby and an old copy of the statute furnished his text. One night he was there ready to oppose most any proposition that might be made. Soon the opportunity came and he was on his feet with the school law in his hand and commenced to read as best he could by the light of the one single lantern near him. Some of the larger boys were there. Three or four of them sat right behind the speaker. Quietly one of them attached a newspaper to the rear of his long coat. Another produced a match. Suddenly looking around the speaker exclaimed, "Why I am lit up!" General confusion followed, the lantern was tipped over. Someone moved to adjourn. It was declared carried and the yearly school meeting was over.

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