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## LONG CUT-OFF WITH GD. RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

Developments of the past week have tended to strengthen a growing conviction that a cut-off of Grand River road at this point will be made. There also seems to be reason to believe that its establishment will not entirely cut Farmington off from the benefits of a trunk line as was at first feared, but such improvements will be made on the present Grand River road running directly through the center of the city as will always make it the more popular of the two roads.

A meeting called to be held at the Town Hall last Monday night was attended by about twenty-five citizens and more no doubt, would have been present had the meeting been held in the assembly room instead of the library room. A change to the latter place was made necessary as the hall was being used for other purposes. The meeting was called to order by Dr. E. F. Holcomb, who called upon each person for an expression of opinion. All were strongly in favor of making a fight for the present Grand River avenue without compromise. A resolution was adopted in conformity therewith and the committee authorized to lay the matter before Governor Groesbeck and the state administrative board was advised of the sentiment of the citizens.

On Tuesday morning the committee consisting of Isaac Bond, E. O. Hutton, Harry McCracken, Howard M. Warner, Olin Russell and W. N. Miller went to Lansing where they were met by Mr. Shoecraft of the engineering firm of Hoad, Decker, Shoecraft & Drury, of Ann Arbor and W. E. Lore of Detroit, representing the C. F. Smith interests.

By appointment the committee was given a hearing before Governor Groesbeck at which meeting State Highway Commissioner Rogers and Engineers Reynolds and Comb of that department were present.

The wishes of the citizens of Farmington were presented to the governor by E. O. Hutton and details of the plans of improvement here, with estimates of costs as worked out by the engineers, were explained by Mr. Shoecraft. The governor gave close attention to all that was said, but made it emphatic at the outset that the long cut-off would be constructed, it being considered a public necessity by the board and the best solution of the problem. The governor stated that in making highway and street improvements for the relief of traffic congestions, it was the policy of the department to so plan as to meet future requirements. He believed that within a very few years the population of Farmington would be increased several fold and that it would be but a short time before its citizens would thank the state highway department for providing another street through the city paralleling Grand River avenue.

Governor Groesbeck assured the committee that the state did not contemplate abandoning the present Grand River avenue through Farmington as a part of M-16, but that it would be improved and maintained by the state as it was expected that it would be traveled to a far greater extent a few years hence than at present. He said that it was expected to commence grading on the cut-off this fall and no serious trouble was anticipated in securing right of way for its entire length, though a small section might have to be obtained through condemnation proceedings.

He gave the committee to understand that the plan of improving Grand River avenue at this point would include a 200-foot right-of-way from the Wayne county line to Farmington village limits at Farmington Junction. This piece of road construction to conform to the proposed plan of road improvement from Redford to the Oakland county line. From the Junction to Maple street in Farmington a 120-foot roadway would be recommended, he said. The paving through Farmington to be as wide as can be made conveniently without increasing the street lines.

This plan of improvement, he said, had been decided upon by

## THE STORY OF A STOVE

In last week's issue of The Enterprise there appeared an advertisement of the Farmington Hardware Co. offering a Radiant Heater for \$75.00. On the same day this identical stove, illustrated with the same cut as used by the Farmington Hardware Co., was advertised by a Detroit concern in the Detroit News at \$89.50. On the following day a Pontiac concern advertised the same stove, in the Press at \$92.50 and then emphasized the wonderful bargain by asking "Why Pay More?"

The truth of this story can be confirmed by anyone who will take pains to look into it. Nor is this a single instance of the kind. The party who called our attention to the stove ads told us that not long ago she was attracted to a big Detroit furniture house by headlines announcing a wonderful sale of furniture "at prices herebefore unheard of." She purchased a six-piece dining room set at \$100 cash. Shortly afterwards while selecting some minor articles of furniture at a store here she saw the same six-piece set and upon inquiry found that the price was \$140, with reasonable time for payment, if desired.

Yes, why pay more! This same stove is advertised in this week's issue of The Enterprise, page 5.

## MICHIGAN COWS RANK HIGH IN PRODUCTION

Ranking second only to Wisconsin among dairy states of the country in the number of herds, which have qualified for the National Dairy Exposition "300-pounder-average" honor roll Michigan dairy farmers have made an enviable name for themselves as efficient producers.

A total of 813 Michigan herds are listed in the national roll having averaged more than 300 pounds of butterfat per cow from the period from July 1, 1924, to June 30, 1925. Wisconsin, with 934 herds in the select circle, tops the entire country; while Minnesota takes third place with 337 herds listed. Other leading states are Pennsylvania, 659; Iowa, 193; Ohio, 150; Indiana, 145; and Illinois, 115.

The Michigan herds are all members of eighty-six of the state cow testing associations. There are 106 active cow testing associations in Michigan now, according to A. C. Baltzer, extension specialist at the Michigan State College who has charge of the association work. Wisconsin has more than 160 active associations, and Mr. Baltzer points out that Michigan's percentage of cow testing herds is greater in proportion to the number of test associations than is Wisconsin's.

Special certificates will be awarded the 813 Michigan "300-pounder" herd owners during the National Dairy Exposition, in Indianapolis from October 10 to 17. A number of prominent dairymen of the state are also entering animals in the competitive judging classes at the big show.

## PRE-NUPTIAL AFFAIR

A delightful pre-nuptial affair was given Tuesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Pierson, in honor of Miss Mildred Hartz, an October bride, when the Misses Christine Koterba, Donna Percy and Gladys Phillip entertained at a miscellaneous shower.

About twenty-five guests were present, including all the teachers of Farmington schools, Mrs. A. G. Leonard, Mrs. L. C. Thayer, Mrs. G. Devere Fleming, Mrs. Howard Osmus and Mrs. Ray Baker of Northville.

Dainty refreshments were served. The bride-to-be received many lovely gifts.

Norman Daines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daines, entertained a few of his little friends in honor of his third birthday anniversary Monday, October 5. Games—an exciting balloon race and bubble blow, furnished fun and a good time for the afternoon. Refreshments, including a lovely birthday cake was served to the guests.

The administrative board, and a resolution to that effect, would later be adopted by that body.

## High School Spotlight

The editorial staff for this month is as follows:

Editor in Chief—Anna Palacky  
Business Manager—Inez Weston  
The following are reporters for this week:  
Society Reporter—Louise Sheill  
High School News—Ruth Whitney  
Grade News—Raymond Cox  
Athletics—Wellington Hullin  
Anna Palacky  
Society News

A girl's League party was to have been held in the High School gymnasium, Friday evening, October 2, but was postponed on account of the rain.

Louise R. Sheill.  
Athletics

Last Friday's game was postponed until November 3, because of rain.

The season tickets will be on sale until Friday.

The girls are practicing basketball with Miss Boorman as instructor.

Wellington Hullin.

## Kindergarten

There are now thirty-two children in the Kindergarten. Jean Pordee is the new little girl.

House books are being made using pictures cut out of magazines. The children have constructed a kitchen and dining room.

A study of leaves and common weeds is being made. Several songs and rhymes have been memorized.

## First Grade

They have been studying John O'Healthy and Peg O'Joy for hygiene. They have enjoyed the story of Peter Rabbit and are learning to write their own names. They also have a new picture of Bobby Stuart.

## Second Grade

We have been studying the coming of the leaves and the six primary colors. We have also made a border of the colors.

## Third Grade

Our mayor for the month of October is Norman Barrons. He has eight helpers who are responsible for the order and appearance of our room.

The following boys and girls were neither absent nor tardy during the month of September:

Magdalena Himmelspach.  
Marjorie Hunt.  
Teddy Leonard.  
Emily Maas.  
Louis Kaare.  
Lucy McGregory.  
Billy Nelson.  
Margaret Webster.  
Harley Spaller.  
Howard Spaller.

## Fourth Grade

We have organized a village in our room. The boys and girls are the citizens of this village. Floyd Taggart was chosen for the first mayor, holding office for two weeks with a chance for re-election.

Catherine Storms and Forest Durham were chosen for marshals, and Arlene Fink and Gwen Lancaster for street cleaners. In order to hold an office in our village person must have an average of "C" for any act of misconduct an officer may lose his or her position. We are having a number of games in arithmetic to improve

## HOW TAXES HAVE GONE UP

A bundle of village tax receipts representing the tax assessments on a residence property in Farmington was brought to The Enterprise office recently for the purpose of showing how taxes have bounded upward in the past twenty years. The first receipt was for taxes in 1905, the amount paid being \$3.80. The village tax on the same property in 1925 was \$72. The assessed valuation in 1905 was \$1200 and in 1925 was \$4000.

The old-fashioned woman who was accused of putting everything on her back, now has a daughter who cannot be said to be doing the same thing.

our speed. We are keeping a time score and in this way can watch our improvement.

In English we are studying about "The Paragraph." Monday we chose the topic "My Week End Vacation" and wrote two paragraphs about it.

We are very proud of our new picture "Autumn."

Miss McClellan.

## Fifth Grade

We are rejoicing over the fact that we have a fine new picture of the "Angelus" and some new records for our Victory. We believe that "A man should have a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life."

We are anxious to go to the post office as we wrote letters to Miss Tapio and she is going to answer every perfect letter.

We are glad to welcome Mary Dunlavy to our fifth grade.

Miss Tepio.

## Sixth Grade

This week we are taking a trip through Healthland, the oldest and most beautiful country in the world.

The following are some of the points of interest en route:

"Milky Way," the capitol of Healthland, is historically noted as the battle ground on which the Coffee King was defeated.

"Baked Potato Hills," celebrated chiefly for their starch mills and Irish and potassium mines.

The best place of interest visited will be "Long Sleep Mine," the highest peak in Healthland. It towers nine or ten hours above sea level and looks out over Dreamland.

We expect it to be a very educational trip and will come back with many tales to tell.

Miss Hudson.

## Seventh Grade

We had a weenie roast in Donny's pasture, last Tuesday evening.

In our vocational civics class we are organizing our room on the student government plan.

Miss Wallace.

## Freshmen

The Freshmen held a class meeting the other day and the officers are as follows:

Kathryn Banfield, president.  
Lloyd Halstead, vice president.  
Robert Forest, secretary.  
Virginia Adams, treasurer.

They have just taken their first monthly test and it is impossible to write them in the regular period. They may decide to practice rapid penmanship in the eighth hour.

## Sophomore

The Sophomores have started to read Silas Marner and find it interesting so far.

They have had their first test in geometry and find a great drop in the marks from what they were in algebra, although the brightest ones still lead the class.

## Juniors

A collection was taken and a bouquet was sent to Netha Sheets who is ill with diphtheria.

## Seniors

The Seniors are preparing for rummage sale.

Miss Wallace asked them if they were seniors or seventh graders as their spelling was so poor. They will soon learn to spell as they have to write every word they miss 200 times each.

## GROVES-WALKER POST

At a meeting held last week of Groves-Walker Post, the following officers were elected:

Commander, Carl G. Hogle.  
Vice-Commander, Ralph P. Marble.  
Adjutant, Charles B. Elkin.  
Historian, Hugh Dickie.  
Chaplain, Howard Eisenlord.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred H. Schaeffter.

First Committeeman, Stanley F. Smith.  
Second Committeeman, Harold Bloomquist.

The Ladies Union of the Universalist Church will meet with Mrs. Frank Steele, Thursday afternoon, October 15.

## PROSECUTORS DEMAND PAROLE ABUSES CEASE

Preponderance of opinion among county prosecutors in Michigan demands that wholesale paroling of state prisoners by Governor Alex J. Groesbeck stop, and that local authorities be given a voice in proceedings preliminary to releases which are now wholly within the political power of the governor.

Speedy paroles are held to be the ordinary expectation of the prisoners, and are characterized as establishing a contempt for the law.

In the first eight months of this year, 1,013 paroles were granted. More prisoners were freed by signature of the governor in August than were committed to the state prisons that month. The average number of releases in each of the last four years has been approximately 90 per cent of the prison population.

"Most of the major crimes committed in Grand Rapids since January 1 have been perpetrated by convicts at liberty on paroles," according to Prosecutor Munshaw of Kent. He urged drastic changes in the administration of the parole system.

He strongly recommended a fixed sentence instead of the indeterminate sentence that is now usually prescribed by the judges.

"Then local officials would know when to expect the convict's release," he said.

"Local authorities should be notified whenever paroles are pending," he continued. They usually have greater knowledge of the individual, whether he is a potential trouble-maker, and whether his case merits any special consideration, I have not recommended a single parole since I have been prosecutor and I believe none should be considered except in unusual cases."

## BOOSTING FOR STATE WIDE S. S. GATHERING

Dr. Daniel Webster Kurtz, president of McPherson College, McPherson, Kans., is to be one of the chief lecturers at the Great State-wide Sunday School gathering to be held in Detroit, November 3 to 5, under the auspices of the Michigan Sunday School Council of Religious Education. Four thousand Sunday schools from all parts of Michigan will be interested in this event, and in this important announcement.

Dr. Kurtz won 2,500 friends in Michigan at the time of the Kalamazoo State Sunday School Convention in 1921, at which time he gave a series of lectures on Christian Doctrine, concluding with his most popular message "The Symphony of Life."

He is one of the remarkable individuals growing up through poverty stricken surroundings and forcing his way through universities and schools of theology. He plows his way through all controversial issues and brings his audience to a happy, and unanimous conclusion, sacrificing nothing, but satisfying all.

Included in his Detroit lectures will be "The Problem of Peace" and "The Symphony of Life."

Dr. Kurtz will not be alone. He is paralleled in the realm of spiritual messages by Dr. Charles R. Erdman, national head of the Presbytery of Michigan in the U. S. A.—a man of unusual spirit and a spokesman of the great church he represents.

Plans are now well laid by the Detroit committee for a creditable entertainment of the big meeting. It is expected that at least 1,000 will attend from outside of Detroit. Seventeen Protestant Evangelical denominations are co-operating in the Council and its activities.

Each county has a convention booster and a quota of delegates to secure Oakland county's boost or is Mrs. G. H. Kimball, Jr., of Pontiac; Box 192. All registrations, requests for lodging and reduced railroad rates must pass through this person's hands. Mrs. Kimball says that this convention will provide an abundance of help for all Sunday School leaders in the county, and that it is her purpose to create a full quota present so that the benefits may be obtained for local use.

## REV. DUNLAVY'S WORK APPRECIATED AT ST. CLAIR

The following article regarding Rev. Dunlavy, who comes to Farmington as pastor of the Methodist Church, appeared in the St. Clair Republican, September 25:

"It is with a feeling of sincere regret that St. Clair people learned Tuesday morning of the decision of the Methodist Conference at Flint to include in its list of changes of pastors, the name of Rev. E. F. Dunlavy, whose new assignment is Farmington, Oakland county.

Rev. Dunlavy had absolutely no intimation that his pastorate here was to be changed, previous to the calling of the conference. His congregation desired very much his return to the local church, but in deference to the wishes of the conference heads, reluctantly accepted the decree with as good grace as possible.

"Rev. Dunlavy came here three years ago, succeeding Rev. Johnston. Notwithstanding his predecessor had achieved success and set a high mark at, so to speak, Rev. Dunlavy was certainly equal to the occasion.

"As one of his congregation stated to the writer, he never was more surprised when he learned that Rev. Dunlavy had been transferred. The local church has certainly prospered under his three years' leadership; the membership has increased and the finances are in splendid shape.

"The organization of the Brotherhood three years ago, an organization that has flourished here for three consecutive winters is another testimonial of his ability for organization work.

"Members of the Rotary Club of which Rev. Dunlavy is a member, extended a feeling of deep regret Tuesday on learning of his change. He is a charter member of the local club and is held in high esteem by all club members.

"Rev. Dunlavy and family who are leaving for their new home about the middle of next week, will take with them the best wishes of the entire community."

## THE COURTNEY SISTERS AT DETROIT TEMPLE

The Courtney Sisters, Fay and Florence, big favorites in vaudeville and musical comedy all over America, headline the bill at B. F. Keith's Temple Theatre starting Sunday. The Courtney Sisters have won great success by their method of singing songs. They have been separated for a couple of seasons and this engagement marks their reunion and return to vaudeville. They offer a song recital assisted by David Nussbaum, pianist and Cecil Mockridge, pianist. Others billed: Ed Healy and Allan Cross, offering the smartest styles in songs; Kathleen O'Hanlon and Theodore Zamboni, character dancers direct from their European successes in an original creation, "A Cabaret in Cuba," with their Argentine orchestra and Gracielita; Billy Hallen in his funny routine "It's All Applause"; Moss and Frve, originators of "How High is True"; and other sayings; The Romas troupe in an acrobatic review of 1925; Sun Fong-Lin and Company, Chinese vander worms; Zoe Delphine Co., presenter "In a Park Case"; A Hal Bitcher-prored comedy starring Glenn Davis in "Cuckoo Love" and the usual screen program.

## DETROIT EXPANDS ABSORBING REDFORD

The vote Tuesday in Detroit and the several outside localities resulted in materially increasing the area of the big city. Redford has been gathered into the fold, bringing the westerly limits of the city within four miles of Farmington. The section of Five Points on the south side of the Oakland and Wayne county line is within the city limits.

Detroit welcomed the villages and townships by a big affirmative vote. The proposition lost in but one locality—a small section near Grosse Pointe on the east.

Redford gave a big majority-favoring annexation.

Advertise it for sale in the columns of The Enterprise.