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**TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM STILL UNSOLVED**

The problem of transportation for Farmington and that territory along Grand River road west of Redford is still an unsolved one. Several changes in the means of passenger travel in and out of this city have been made during the past two years, each promising some relief, but all failing to meet requirements.

The present bus service given by the D. S. R., while showing a little improvement after a few months of operation, is far from satisfactory. From Farmington to Detroit accommodation is fairly good with the half hourly schedule. Passengers for Detroit can always secure a seat and the buses are usually on schedule time. The service from Detroit to Farmington and points between here and Redford could hardly be worse. The southeast corner of Washington boulevard and Grand River avenue is designated as the Detroit terminal, where passengers for points west of Meyers road are supposed to take the buses. When the bus arrives at that corner, especially at rush hours—which seems to be nearly all hours—the buses are usually top crowded with city passengers to take on any more. But little better accommodation is found at the corner of Shelby and State streets where the buses start from, as there is at all times a crowd of city passengers waiting for them. Out-of-town passengers are compelled to fight their way to a bus and if by chance a seat is secured it is at the expense of a ruffled temper and disarranged apparel.

Buses running as far as the Meyers road leave these points every few minutes while those for Farmington leave half hourly. Does not seem fair to out-of-town patrons of the line to permit city passengers to crowd into these buses to their exclusion. Some plan should be devised for the better accommodation of out-of-town passengers. The fixing of a minimum fare of 15 cents for a ride on all long distance buses might possibly serve to reduce the number of city patrons who rush them the moment they stop to take on passengers.

If the telephone wire in use in the Bell System could be stretched out in one single cord it would run from the earth to the moon and back 100 times, or a distance of 48,000,000 miles.

**WEST POINT PARK**

Next Sunday, October 31 is Rally Day in our Sunday School at West Point Park. Seven Mile and Farmington roads. Come and bring your friends. Open school last Friday evening at Pierson School was well attended by the parents. The ladies of the community met at the home of Mrs. Mercer Wednesday afternoon to organize a regular church society. Mrs. Marvin Addis, Mrs. Emerson Ault and Mrs. Ed. Stromowsky were Detroit visitors Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gullen retained the Adult Bible Class at their home at Farmington Junction Thursday evening, with a masquerade party. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had by all present. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith and Mrs. Eleanor Smith of Canby, and Mrs. Eleanor Smith of Canby, were the guests of Mrs. Margaret Davis, Sunday. Mrs. Eleanor Smith is Mrs. Davis' sister.

Do not forget November 5, Friday, 8 p. m. U. P. T. A. meeting. A great time is planned. Mr. McGinnis, principal of North-western High School is to be the speaker. He is going to make a laugh with him as he tells his droll experiences with 2,000 boys. Miss Esther Middlewood was home for the week end from Ann Arbor.

Mrs. W. D. McLean entertained the Farmington Bridge Club Wednesday. Earl Wolfe and Mrs. Harry Wolfe spent Tuesday in Detroit.

There will be no school Friday at Pierson School on account of Teachers' Institute.

**NOBLE SCHOOL NOTES**

We have recently organized the Nobleville Community Club for the improvement of general conditions in our room. Krank Kerr is president, Lucille Jacobs, vice president, and Vail Huft, secretary.

The following received highest marks in their grades in September: Fifth grade, Arline Oldham; sixth grade, Dorothy Smith; eighth grade, Fred Crook; eighth grade, Charles Shulkins.

We are planning on having a hot lunch club this winter and the school board has kindly offered to buy the necessary equipment. We wish to take this opportunity to thank them.

Our football team played a Farmington grade team recently and lost in a fast and interesting game. We hope to do better in the next contest.

Fred Crook has been taking lessons in public speaking and during the past month he has favored us with several four-minute speeches on historical subjects.

Visitors during the past month included Richard Fox, Harold Graham and Clarence Wendlandt. We are always glad to see our old classmates.

During morning exercises lately, Anna Vanderburgh has entertained us with several interesting stories. She will probably become a lawyer some day as it is quite difficult to stop her when she starts talking.

The helping teacher, Miss Rawell, visited us on October 20, and conducted an arithmetic test.

Dolores Reavette, Clara Cook, Lucille Jacobs, Mary and Louise Lockridge are on the booking committee for November. Charles Alled is herewith notified that his set of false teeth are ready at the dentist's office.

The first grade are enjoying reading the story of "The Boy and the Goat".

The fourth grade won in their spelling contest between the third and fourth grades.

The third and fourth grades have enjoyed their automobile race in arithmetic the past month.

We have been making black hats, witches and Jack O' Lanterns to decorate our room.

We are having a Halloween party Friday afternoon.

The teachers will attend Institute Monday and Tuesday.

Among the long-sad-roll-of-the-missing is the old-fashioned singer who used to be afraid of the end of the world.

The greatest drawback young married couples seem to find in this day and age is a garage in which to park the family automobile.

**NOTICE**

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Notice is hereby given to the Qualified Electors that at the time and place of holding the next General Election in each of the several voting precincts of said County, on Tuesday, November 2 A. D. 1926, there will be submitted at said election five proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Michigan as follows:

Compensation of members of the Legislature of Michigan. Amendment to Section 9 of Article 5 of the Constitution relative to the compensation of members of the legislature.

Sec. 9. The compensation of the members of the Legislature shall be twelve hundred dollars for the regular session. When convened in extra session their compensation shall be ten dollars per day for the first twenty days and nothing thereafter. Members shall be entitled to ten cents per mile and no more for one round trip to each regular and special session of the Legislature by the usually traveled route. Each member shall be entitled to one copy of the laws, journals and documents of the Legislature of which he is a member, but shall not receive, at the expense of the State, books or newspapers not expressly authorized by this Constitution.

Term of Office of County Sheriffs. Amendment to Section 8 of Article 5 of the Constitution relative to the term of office of county sheriffs. Sec. 5. The sheriff shall hold no other office. He shall be elected at the general election for the term of two years. He may be required by law to renew his security from time to time and in default of such renewal his office shall be deemed vacant. The county shall never be responsible for his acts.

Creation of Metropolitan Districts. Amendment to Article 8 of the

Constitution relative to the creation of metropolitan districts by cities, villages or townships.

Sec. 11. The Legislature shall by general law provide for the incorporation by any two or more cities, villages or townships, or any combination of districts comprising territory within their limits for the purpose of acquiring, owning and operating either within or without their limits as may be prescribed by law, parks or public utilities for supplying sewage disposal, drainage, water, light, power or transportation or any combination thereof and any such district may sell or purchase, either within or without its limits as may be prescribed by law, sewage disposal or drainage rights, water, light, power or transportation facilities. Any such districts shall have power to acquire and succeed to any or all of the rights, obligations and debts of such cities, village and townships respecting or connected with such functions or public utilities: Provided, That no city, village or township shall surrender any such rights, obligations or property without the approval thereof by a majority vote of the electors thereof voting on such question. Such general law shall limit the rate of taxation of such districts for their municipal purpose and restrict their powers of borrowing money and contracting debts. Under such general law the electors of each district shall have power and authority to frame, adopt and amend its charter upon the approval thereof by a majority vote of the electors of such city, village or township voting on such question, and, through its regularly constituted authority, to pass all laws and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, subject to the constitution and general laws of this State.

Condemnation of excess land and property for boulevards, streets, etc.

Amendment to Article 13 of the Constitution relative to condemnation of excess land and property for boulevards, streets, etc.

Sec. 5. Subject to this Constitution the Legislature may authorize municipalities, subject to reasonable limitations, to condemn and take the fee to more land and property than is needed in the opening, widening and allaying, or for any public use, and after so much of the land and property has been appropriated for any such needed public purpose, the remainder may be sold or leased with or without such restrictions as may be appropriate to the improvement made. Bonds may be issued to supply the funds to pay in whole or in part for the excess property so appropriated, but such bonds shall be a lien, only on the property so acquired and they shall not be included in any limitation of the bonded indebtedness of such municipality.

Revision of the Constitution. Shall the constitution of this state be revised and a convention called therefor? Notice is hereby given; that the places of holding said Election in the Township of Farmington will be Glen Oaks Golf Club, Precinct 1; Clarenceville, Precinct 2. The polls of said election will be opened at 7 a. m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p. m. of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall in their discretion adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock noon for one hour.

WILLARD CAMPBELL, Clerk of said Township. Dated: October 15, 1926.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

To the qualified electors of the City of Farmington: In compliance with Act 351, Part 4, Chapter 3, Section 1 on Page 675 of Public Acts of 1925, you are hereby notified that General Election will be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 1926, in every precinct in this County and State of Michigan for all political parties participating therein for the purpose of voting for the election of the following offices:

- State and District Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- State Treasurer
- Auditor General
- Justice of the Supreme Court (to fill vacancy)
- Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- Representative in State Legislature

- County Presenting Attorney
- Sheriff

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Coroners  
County Surveyor  
One Road Commissioner  
NOTICE—In obedience to Act 351, Part 4, Chapter 3 Public Acts of 1925 the Polls of this election will be opened at 7:00 a. m. at Farmington Town Hall, Eastern Standard Time, or as soon hereafter as may be and continued open until 8:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

N. H. Power, City Clerk, Farmington, Mich.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION and REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR SUCH ELECTION**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON:

NOTICE is hereby given that a special City Election will be held at Farmington Town Hall, in said City, upon the 16th day of November, 1926, at which there will be submitted to the vote of the electors of the City, the question of ratifying a certain public utility franchise contained in an ordinance approved by the City Commission at its meeting held upon the 4th day of October, 1926, which said ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places, and to do a local business in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

On the date of said election, the polls will be open at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will be kept open until 8 o'clock P. M., when they will be finally closed.

The City Clerk will be in his office upon the 23rd day of October, 1926, and the 30th day of October, and the 3rd day of November, respectively, preceding the date of such election, for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors as shall appear and apply therefor, which registration may be made upon said dates between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

N. H. Power, City Clerk. By Order of City Commission.

**AN ORDINANCE Title**

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Section 1. That wherever the word "Grantee" occurs in this ordinance, it is hereby intended to designate, and shall be held to refer to the Consumers Power Company, a corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. The right, power and authority is hereby granted and vested in said Grantee to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, avenues, alleys, and other public places, and to do a local business in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

Section 3. No street, avenue, alley or public place used by said Grantee, shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same good order and condition as when such work was commenced. No part of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places of said City shall be permitted to remain in a dangerous or unsafe condition by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by said Grantee, and it shall be liable for such damage as may be suffered by any person or corporation by reason of its negligence in the use of such streets, avenues, alleys or other public places, and shall save harmless said City from all damage and liability on

account thereof.

**Rates**

Section 4. The Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas, the rates as shown by the schedule now on file in the office of the City Clerk, unless and until the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, to which Commission the authority and jurisdiction to fix and alter gas rates in said City is hereby granted and conferred, shall fix and establish different rates in which case the rates so fixed and established, if just and reasonable, shall prevail. Such rates shall be subject to review and change at the end of every ten years, period during the life of this franchise, and at any other time, upon petition therefor being made by either the City of Farmington, acting by its duly authorized representatives, or by said Grantee.

Bills Payable Monthly—Meters All bills for gas furnished by the Grantee shall be payable monthly at its office in said City. The Grantee may charge the minimum rates as specified in said schedule. The Grantee shall also furnish and maintain commercially accurate meters to measure the gas so furnished, and it shall, by its representatives, have at all reasonable times, access to the premises of its consumers for the purpose of reading, inspecting, removing and replacing such meters.

Extension of Mains Section 5. Said Grantee shall extend its mains to said City during the year 1927, and shall commence such work as early as practically during each year. Grantee agrees to install mains, so as to make gas service available to at least one hundred houses in the City of Farmington during the year 1927. Grantee's agreement to perform such work at the time aforesaid, shall be deemed to constitute the consideration and a fair compensation for the franchise hereby granted. It shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City, and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein, whenever the amount of gas to be furnished thereby shall provide an adequate and reasonable return upon the cost of making such extensions and providing such service.

Franchise Not Transferable Section 6. This franchise shall not be leased, assigned, or otherwise alienated by said Grantee except with the consent of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, and in the manner and subject to such conditions as said Public Utilities Commission or its successors may impose.

Not Exclusive Section 7. The right and authority herein granted are not exclusive. Subject to Rules of M. P. U. C. Section 8. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

Obligations of Grantee Section 9. In consideration of the rights, authority and privileges herein granted, all of which shall vest in the Grantee for the period of thirty years, as aforesaid, Grantee shall continue to provide gas service in said City during the term of this franchise, and shall faithfully perform all things required by it hereinafter, and such performance by the Grantee shall be in lieu of all license fees and charges of every kind and nature, except lawful taxation upon its property, which the City might otherwise levy or impose.

Franchise Grant Subject to Approval by Electors Section 10. The franchise granted by this ordinance, is not subject to revocation, and shall be and become valid and binding only upon its approval by the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths of the electors of the City voting thereon at a general or special municipal election to be held in the manner provided by law. Such franchise shall not be submitted to the electors unless the Grantee has, within 30 days after the adoption of this ordinance, filed with the City Clerk its written acceptance thereof subject only to such approval; and such franchise, when accepted by the Grantee and approved by the electors as herein provided, shall constitute a contract between the City and the Grantee, and shall be in force and effect for the term of thirty years from and after the date of the approval thereof by the electors as aforesaid.

We hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, duly enacted by

the City Commission of the City of Farmington, Michigan, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1926.  
WELLS D. BUTTERFIELD, Mayor.

Attest:

N. H. Power, City Clerk.

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