

The Farmington Enterprise

Vol. XLI No. 9

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1927

5 Cents Single Copy \$1.50 A YEAR

EXCESS LAND LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Act No. 351 of the Public Acts of 1925, governing the method of acquiring land for widening and extending state highways, secured by the Groesbeck administration and considered one of its principal achievements, has been declared unconstitutional by the Michigan Supreme Court.

The law was under consideration by the state officials to force the opening of what was designated as the Farmington cut off. Much of the land necessary was donated by the property owners, but there were several owners, principally C. F. Smith who opposed the taking of their lands.

The state department proposed taking under the provisions of this act several strips of land along Grand River between Farmington and Redford which the owners refused to relinquish on terms offered. The decision will probably hold up the work of widening Grand River road until the land can be secured under the old law.

The court upheld the contentions of Charles A. Hendershott, a Jackson county farmer, that the process used under the law was in violation of his constitutional rights of a trial by jury for condemnation of his land.

There are several other similar cases pending in the courts which will be terminated by the decision.

State Highway Commissioner Rogers is reported to have expressed the opinion that the decision of the court would delay the work on the Wider Woodward avenue project, as condemnation will have to proceed under the basic law which gives the landholder the right of a trial by jury.

It may also, it was said, interfere seriously with the transaction whereby the state agreed to give to the Grand Trunk railway a new right-of-way in exchange for its trackage paralleling Woodward avenue from Royal Oak to Pontiac. In this case the state's only method of keeping its agreement would be by condemnation by jury as provided by the constitution of the United States and of the state of Michigan.

The court's action in no way questioned the right of the state to condemn property for such improvements, but ruled that the method was confiscatory and violated the constitutional rights of the land-owner.

MASTER PLAN ADOPTED BY FARMINGTON TWP.

The Farmington township board has adopted a master plan of street layout for the entire township, in order to avoid confusion and conflict in the future subdividing of properties. The plan was prepared by the George H. Rubling company, consulting engineers of Detroit.

Thirty-six sectional maps make up the plan, and on these maps are shown a master street plan to which all future subdivisions or property must conform. The width and location of all section lines and quarter section line roads are shown, together with the location of all future intersecting streets. Generally speaking section line roads will be 120 feet and quarter section line roads 80 feet wide in width. Their locations will not always follow section lines as the topography of the land is hilly in certain sections.

The superhighways shown in the plan, are Farmington avenue, Grand River avenue, Eight-mile road, Northwestern highway and River Rouge boulevard.

Few street layouts for the interior of any quarter sections are shown, it being the aim of the township to encourage the subdivider to use winding drives and work out artistic landscape effects, requiring only that the outlets for such designs fit the master plan.

OIL STATION RAIDED

The raiding by officers of a gas station at the western city limits Monday resulted in the finding of a pint of moonshine whiskey. A warrant was secured on the charge of an officer who says he purchased a drink of intoxicating liquor there.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church

Rev. Edward F. Dunlay, Pastor

10:30—Worship and sermon.

Anthem by the choir.

Solo, selected.

Sermon by the pastor on "Timelessness."

11:50—Sunday School.

6:30—Epworth League.

7:30—Evening service.

Anthem by the choir.

Solo, selected.

Sermon by the pastor "Near the Kingdom."

All cordial welcome is extended at all our services.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10:15—Services, German.

11:45—Sunday School.

Wednesday, January 12—Y. P. meeting.

Monday, January 10—Annual Congregational meeting.

All members are requested to be present.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship, Junior sermon, "Passing over the Door."

Adult sermon, "Casting Our Net on the Right Side."

11:45—Sunday School classes for all ages.

6:30 p. m.—E. Y. P. U. for young people.

7:30—Gospel service. This week's sermon, "The Hidden Treasure." This is another sermon on the parables of Jesus.

Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock we meet for Bible study and prayer.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.

10:30—English service.

9:00—Annual meeting of the congregation at church and of the Ladies' Aid at the parsonage.

Thursday 8:00 p. m.—Bible class.

Clarenceville Community Church

Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor

10:30—Worship.

12:00—Sunday School.

7:30—Popular service.

Thursday 7:30—Mid-week service.

The Brethren

3:00—Sunday School.

7:30—Gospel meeting.

Every Sunday at White's hall, Base Line road and Grand River Clarenceville.

All are welcome.

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath hid from him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah 53-6.

STOWELL—BREDWELL

Married New Years Eve at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. E. W. Palmer.

Miss Alta Stowell and Harold Bredwell both of Lansing.

Attendants were Miss Viola Smithson, of Lansing and H. E. Bredley, of Detroit.

BIG STILL SEIZED

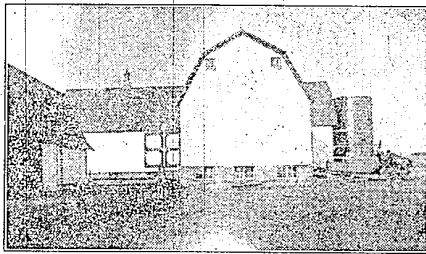
Deputy Sheriff Wilson located a moonshine still at Fourth Gate Wednesday, but its ownership being a matter of doubt, no complaint could be made. It had been hastily dumped from one property to another. The owner of the property where it was found denied all knowledge of it and the party who had been under suspicion denied ownership. Mr. Wilson says the outfit is one of the largest ever seized in this locality.

CHANGE IN LOCATION

M. B. Pierce and David Bissett have taken a lease of the store in the Farmington State Bank building on Grand River avenue.

As in shape it will be decorated and put them as a barber shop and clothing cleaning shop. Their present quarters on Farmington road side of the building will be used by the bank for its bookkeeping department.

Advertise in The Enterprise.



THE SULKOWSKI BARN

The above is a picture of the large barn which stood on the Briggs Investment farm north of this city and which was destroyed by fire December 18.

This barn was erected in 1919 by Albert Sulkowski who, at that time was the owner of the farm. It was one of the largest in the county. Two years was required in its construction. It cost \$15,000.

MRS. M. H. LOOMIS

Mrs. Marion H. Loomis, aged 30 years, passed away Friday at Florence Crittenden Home after an illness of a few weeks from blood poisoning.

Mrs. Loomis lived in Grand River Heights subdivision and came here from Wisconsin four years ago. She leaves a husband, J. R. Loomis, three children, Myron James, Marguerite Alice, a daughter two weeks old, besides three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Rev. E. F. Dunlay officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery.

Relatives from away called here because of the death were the deceased mother, Mrs. Alice Carrier, sister Mrs. Elmer Radke, brother C. A. Carrier and uncle, Spencer A. Carrier of Oakfield, Wis.

TO ANSWER TO HOMICIDE CHARGE

Lloyd Schlessinger of Detroit will be tried at Pontiac at the present term of the Circuit Court on a charge of negligent homicide. He is alleged to have driven an automobile which on the night of June 17 collided with another car on the Grand River road west of Farmington causing an accident which resulted in the death of Miss Mabel Terrill of Detroit.

When arraigned in Judge Glenn C. Gillespie's court Monday afternoon Schlessinger pleaded not guilty, and was released on bail to appear when his case is reached.

FREE PONY SHOW HERE SATURDAY

Van's Dog and Pony show will give a free street exhibition Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, as an amusement feature sponsored by the local business men. This organization has been playing on the big time vaudeville circuit, but owing to an open date has been persuaded to come to Farmington Saturday afternoon.

This show comes here highly recommended and should entertain an immense crowd here. There will be no admittance charge and everyone is cordially invited to witness the performance, which will be held from a large stage erected for the purpose.

LOCAL NEWS

Mahlon Bradley, a student at Ferris Institute, returned Sunday to Big Rapids after spending the Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bradley.

Mrs. Otis Jensen entertained the Bluebird Club at dinner Tuesday. Pedro was played during the afternoon. High honors were won by Mrs. Charles Rogers and Mrs. Hanglin; consolation, Mrs. Millie Perrine.

Mrs. Margaret Truscott and mother, Mrs. A. McGee, came home from Pontiac Wednesday. Mrs. Truscott's many friends will be glad she is improving. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee who have been living at the McGee home have returned to their own home on Grand River avenue.

SKATING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 8 at 3 p. m. on Walled Lake the second annual Walled Lake village winter sports carnival will take place, sponsored by the Walled Lake Exchange Club and directed by the Michigan Skating Association.

Over 100 contestants will take part with three state championships. F. S. Nook, chairman of the skating committee of the Exchange Club states that there are double the number of entries of the previous year and that some of the best skaters in America will be in competition.

Prizes are on hand for all events. Cups have been provided for all first prizes and merchandise prizes for the other places. In addition to the events listed below there will be several other contests open only to local contestants. An exhibition of fancy skating and barrel jumping has also been arranged for.

Men's 1 1/2 mile Michigan State ice speed skating championship. Intermediate for boys 16 to 18 years. Michigan state ice speed skating championship.

Men's 75 yard open event.

Women's 1 mile Michigan state ice speed skating championship.

Women's 75 yard open event.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

Another attendance contest was informally discussed at Tuesday's noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club. The recent contest between the Tigers and Weasels resulting in a woeful defeat for the latter lacked in enthusiasm owing to a bad start by the Weasels.

Basketball and bowling teams will be organized by Frank Wewer and Arthur Lamb from the club membership to contest with Redford teams.

While definite action was not taken it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that Wednesday would be a more convenient day for the noonday luncheon. The change to that day will probably be made at next Tuesday's gathering.

NOT OUR FRED STURDEVANT

Fred Sturdevant of Farmington informs The Enterprise that he is not the Fred Sturdevant recently referred to in the Pontiac Press as having been arrested on a disorderly charge. He further states that the Sturdevant who was arrested is a resident of Pontiac and that on a previous occasion when arrested on a similar charge gave his address as Farmington.

He states that these reports have caused him considerable annoyance and embarrassment and is anxious that friends and acquaintances be disabused of a false impression.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Watch Night service at the Evangelical Church was very well attended. The earlier part of the evening's program included stereoscopic views of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Muscle Shoals by Henry Sallow, and then views of the extreme Western States and Northwestern Canada by Albert Sulkowski. It was very interesting to see and hear in such a splendid way of the vacation trip these two families made last year.

Then games and refreshments were enjoyed by all after which the entire company assembled in the church proper for the regular watch night service. Each year we are glad to welcome more friends.

BAPTIST WATCH NIGHT

Watch night service at the Baptist Church was well attended. The group was ready to enter into the games for a good time and share in the refreshments. About 11 o'clock the meeting was turned over to the Pastor, who spoke on the offering lives for service for the New Year. All went home wishing each other a Happy New Year.

WEEKLY DANCES AT O-ACE-SEZ INN

It was a very pleasant dancing party that gathered at the O-Ace-Sez Inn on New Year. The music was excellent and the eats all that could be desired.

The management has decided to give dancing parties at the Inn every Thursday night during the winter, the first of the series to be held tonight.

F. H. S. DEBATES ROCHESTER HERE JANUARY 13

One January 13 at 8 o'clock Walled Lake village winter sports carnival will take place, sponsored by the Walled Lake Exchange Club and directed by the Michigan Skating Association.

Over 100 contestants will take part with three state championships. F. S. Nook, chairman of the skating committee of the Exchange Club states that there are double the number of entries of the previous year and that some of the best skaters in America will be in competition.

Prizes are on hand for all events. Cups have been provided for all first prizes and merchandise prizes for the other places. In addition to the events listed below there will be several other contests open only to local contestants. An exhibition of fancy skating and barrel jumping has also been arranged for.

Men's 1 1/2 mile Michigan State ice speed skating championship. Intermediate for boys 16 to 18 years. Michigan state ice speed skating championship.

Men's 75 yard open event.

Women's 1 mile Michigan state ice speed skating championship.

Women's 75 yard open event.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

Another attendance contest was informally discussed at Tuesday's noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club. The recent contest between the Tigers and Weasels resulting in a woeful defeat for the latter lacked in enthusiasm owing to a bad start by the Weasels.

Basketball and bowling teams will be organized by Frank Wewer and Arthur Lamb from the club membership to contest with Redford teams.

While definite action was not taken it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that Wednesday would be a more convenient day for the noonday luncheon. The change to that day will probably be made at next Tuesday's gathering.

NOT OUR FRED STURDEVANT

Fred Sturdevant of Farmington informs The Enterprise that he is not the Fred Sturdevant recently referred to in the Pontiac Press as having been arrested on a disorderly charge. He further states that the Sturdevant who was arrested is a resident of Pontiac and that on a previous occasion when arrested on a similar charge gave his address as Farmington.

He states that these reports have caused him considerable annoyance and embarrassment and is anxious that friends and acquaintances be disabused of a false impression.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Watch Night service at the Evangelical Church was very well attended. The earlier part of the evening's program included stereoscopic views of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Muscle Shoals by Henry Sallow, and then views of the extreme Western States and Northwestern Canada by Albert Sulkowski. It was very interesting to see and hear in such a splendid way of the vacation trip these two families made last year.

Then games and refreshments were enjoyed by all after which the entire company assembled in the church proper for the regular watch night service. Each year we are glad to welcome more friends.

BAPTIST WATCH NIGHT

Watch night service at the Baptist Church was well attended. The group was ready to enter into the games for a good time and share in the refreshments. About 11 o'clock the meeting was turned over to the Pastor, who spoke on the offering lives for service for the New Year. All went home wishing each other a Happy New Year.

WEEKLY DANCES AT O-ACE-SEZ INN

It was a very pleasant dancing party that gathered at the O-Ace-Sez Inn on New Year. The music was excellent and the eats all that could be desired.

The management has decided to give dancing parties at the Inn every Thursday night during the winter, the first of the series to be held tonight.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Button were host and hostess to the Button family reunion on Sunday. Those present were, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Button and son of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Button and family and Mrs. Ada Button of Farmington. The occasion was at their farm home which has been in the Button family nearly fifty years.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOWS POSITION OF AGRICULTURE SLIGHTLY IMPROVED OVER LAST YEAR.

The average American makes 191 1/2 cents calls each year as compared with an average of but 23 a year made by the British.