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D. U. R. MOVES TO TEAR UP TRACKS

U. S. Court Grants Permission to Remove Rail Property on Farmington Divisions

At a hearing before Judge De Sear in the U. S. court at Detroit Monday the application of the receivers for the D. U. R. for permission to discontinue that portion of its Orchard Lake line from Orchard Lake to Farmington Junction, that portion of Grand River division from Farmington to Northville, and the line from Northville to Wayne, an order was granted permitting the receivers to tear up the tracks and abandon service, it being shown that the lines had long since ceased to pay.

There were no objections raised by any of the municipalities or individuals, says Isaac Bond, supervisor of Farmington township who was present in the interest of the township. Mr. Bond requested that taxes assessed against the property within the township be paid before the company be permitted to remove the property the taxes due amounting to upwards of \$20,000. The judge held that taxes should come first and made an order accordingly.

This move on the part of Mr. Bond was a timely one and by it the township secures a advantage that will save the town a considerable amount of tax money. No move has been made toward an abandonment of that section of the Grand River line between Redford and Farmington and it is thought none is contemplated. At present there is no passenger service on that section, but the company continues to do considerable freight business which is of importance to Farmington and that section. All coal, lumber, building material and other heavy and bulky freight being brought in over it.

Just what move will be made in relaying the tracks on this section when Grand River repaving is ordered, is not given out, but it is a safe guess that it will be done at public expense as the cost would be such that no company could undertake it with the expectation of making it a profitable line under present conditions.

Its abandonment would prove a blow to the community in the matter of freight transportation. When Detroit constructs a subway out Grand River through the congested district there is no question but that it would be found advantageous to operate a city express service out as far as Farmington and it is thought that some such arrangement is in contemplation by those who are planning for the future and this is held by them as one of the reasons for not abandoning the Redford Farmington section.

Along Orchard Lake road and the Base Line road the D. U. R. owns a strip paralleling the highway as a right of way. In some instances, it is said, this property reverts to the adjacent land owners in case of abandonment. In other instances the title of land, it is said, lies without reservation in the company. This phase of the situation, Mr. Bond states, was not touched upon in the court proceedings Monday.

Heretofore subdividers along the line of the railway have been compelled to pay the company for a right of way across the strip owned by it. Demand for payment for such crossings, it is understood, will not now be made by the company.

It is said that the company proposes tearing up tracks along its privately owned right of way, selling the land where it holds complete title. Along highways where the tracks occupy a space at the side of the roadway on the highway the tracks will also be removed together with poles and wires, but that in cities where the tracks are laid in the center of paved streets, they will be left in place. The same does not interfere with the use of the streets for vehicular traffic, but all rights to same and franchise rights will be surrendered.

MARGARET BUDD

Beloved wife of Luther M. Budd, has passed away after an ailment of two years, January 31 at 10:15 p. m. at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 22 days.

The deceased had been married to Mr. Budd for fourteen years. For the last eight years the couple lived on Grand River avenue, east of town.

Besides the mourning husband, Mrs. Budd leaves a son, four sisters and three brothers to mourn her death.

The funeral was held today, Thursday, conducted by Rev. J. Bollens. Interment took place at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church

Rev. Edgard F. Dunlavy, Pastor

10:30—Worship and sermon. Anthem by the choir. Solo—Selected.

Sermon by the pastor on "The Parity of Life."

11:50—Sunday school. 6:30—Egworth League. 7:30—Evening service. Anthem by the choir. Duet.

Sermon by the pastor on "Some Basic Principles of Life."

A cordial welcome is extended to all our services.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10:15—Services, English. 11:45—Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 9—Y. P. L. meeting. Choir rehearsal every Friday.

First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30—Morning worship. Communion service and reception of new members. Junior sermon, "The Wolf and Our Protector." Adult message, "Defilement and Cleansing."

11:45—Sunday School. Classes for all.

6:30—B. Y. P. U. for young people.

7:30—Evening service. Sermon subject for this week, "Ten Maidens or the Kingdom in Mystery When the King Comes."

All looking for a church home will find a welcome at this church.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School. 10:15—Confessional service. 10:30—German service with Holy Communion.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible Class.

Clarenceville Community Church

Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor

10:30—Worship. 12:00—Sunday School. 7:30—Musical service. Monday evening, 7:00—Boy Scouts.

Next Sunday evening selections will be rendered by a baritone soloist from Redford Church. Be sure and attend this service. You will enjoy it.

Boys over twelve years of age are invited to join the newly organized Boy Scout Troop.

The pastor would like to see Clarenceville people make a point of attending church at least once every Sunday. Do we owe that much to God?

AUTO OIL FOR PIGS

Oil drained from the crank case of an automobile effectively destroys lice on hogs, says the United States Department of Agriculture. It may be poured into the hog wallow when the weather is mild. During cold weather, however, it is best to sprinkle the oil on the hogs with a sprinkling can, making a number of light applications at intervals of about ten days. Don't cover the hogs thoroughly with oil at one time. Apply some of the oil to their ears with a swab, as the lice may lay eggs inside the ears.

of these lines is not a surprise. They have not paid in several years and there was no prospect of their ever again serving a useful purpose.

MARVELOUS FEAT OF OAKLAND SIX

After 100,000 Miles of Running Starts on 15,000 Mile Tour of United States

People who saw the stock Oakland Six Lambo Six during its visit to Farmington Tuesday morning on its 15,000 mile tour of the country marveled at the apparent mechanical perfection of a car that had already registered 100,000 miles of continuous running before undertaking the tour.

When the car had already gone in six months as far as the average family drives ten years people asked, how could it retain the same quick pickup and the same snap and verve of a new car? And how, they questioned further, could it undertake a cross country run, after it had already gone 100,000 miles, with no other replacements than new spark plugs, electric lamps, and one tire which was damaged because of misalignment of the wheels. Who could it be? The answer, they asked, was "an amazing feat possible? The fact is, that automobiles made today are built to withstand ten years of normal service, so highly developed has automobile engineering become.

The answer, Oakland engineers claim lies in whipping vibration which is effectively accomplished by the rubber silencer chassis and the Harmonic Balancer.

The Oakland Six making this record tour has exactly the same mechanical equipment as all Oakland cars. Foremost of the recent engineering accomplishments contributing to its long life are the harmonic balancer and the rubber silencer chassis two improvements of wide significance to the industry, both of which were first developed and first given to the public by Oakland.

The harmonic balancer, introduced nearly two years ago, has since been adopted by several other prominent makes of cars. This device is attached to the crankshaft and counteracts and absorbs all torsional vibration. The rubber-silenced chassis was perfected more than a year ago, and has made an important contribution toward the long life of the Oakland Six chassis. It is so named because rubber has been applied to the chassis to smother vibration and eliminate body rattle.

Other improvements which the Oakland Motor Car company was among the first in America to adopt are such proven features as the oil filter and air cleaner, depressible beam headlights, automatic spark control, and indirectly lighted instrument panel.

These are among the many late engineering developments which have combined to make the Oakland car a truly remarkable unit, as the car engaged in the cross-country run is so obviously demonstrating.

SENTIMENT AND BUSINESS

The O-Ace-Sex-Inn, under the management of Ace Johnson with the great assistance of Mrs. Johnson, is publishing a small folio the pages of which are brim-full of matter written in a philosophically humorous strain, the object being to advertise the Inn. Ace says he believes sentiment plays an important role in business and he is everlastingly right, notwithstanding the old creak that "there's no sentiment in business."

In introduction the editor says:

"But the world would little heed our tale if we talked of ourselves alone, and while we believe that 'it's horn you ain't got it' 'gits rust' we also believe that it is often well to play the other fellow's music. We are mindful of the fact that the success of our venture in Journalism and tavern keeping depends on the good will of the public and the kindly friendship of our neighbors."

AUDIT BOOKS

Mr. Graham Russell, of the Commercial Service Bureau of Detroit, is engaged in making an audit of the books of the City Treasurer and City Clerk.

EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

Another attendance contest was started with Wednesday's meeting.

The Grand River road committee reported that a conference had been held with the state authorities relative to improvements on Grand River, that in the main proved quite encouraging. The committee was told that plans for the improvement of Grand River would be made and announced just as soon as the state highway financial condition is determined. It was conceded that the roadway is in bad shape and the committee was assured that its improvement would be at the top of the list of 1927 road work.

Rev. Dunlavy gave a report of the meeting at Pontiac last week in the streets of the Boy Scout movement. With him at the conference was Rev. Palmer, representing the Farmington Exchange Club. The delegates reported an attendance of upwards of 200 from the various sections of the county and that considerable enthusiasm was manifest in the work now being carried on.

Arthur Lamb who represented the club at the Deep Waterway conference at Muskegon last week gave a fine report of what took place there. He entered quite thoroughly into details and furnished the club members with much valuable information regarding the great project.

Mr. Lamb also made a report on the doings of the boys at Grand Rapids Sunday and Monday at the winter meetings of the State Exchange Clubs, which he attended as a delegate on his way home from Muskegon.

The members of the club are strongly in favor of drastic measures to curb crime. A straw vote on capital punishment stood 28 in favor of the death penalty to 3 against.

PARENT TEACHERS' ASS'N

The Parent Teacher's Association had a meeting at the Farmington High School, Thursday evening, Jan. 27. This was the largest meeting this year. The program was opened by community singing led by Miss Lockwood. Vocal solo by Miss Reed accompanied by Miss Lockwood.

Two very choice readings by Rev. Dunlavy, an address on Farmington Public Schools by Supt. Leonard. Refreshments were served at the lunch room.

BOY SCOUT WEEK

The week of February 6-13 has been designated as National Boy Scout Week, commemorating the seventeenth anniversary of the founding of that order. An official program for the week has been outlined, which will be observed by all scout troops:

Sunday, Feb. 6—"The Scout and His Church." Monday, Feb. 7—"The Scout and His Home." Tuesday, Feb. 8—"The Scout and His Country." Wednesday, Feb. 9—"The Scout and His School." Thursday, Feb. 10—"Preparation Day." Friday, Feb. 11—"The Scout and His Vocation." Saturday, Feb. 12—"The Scout and His Camp." Sunday, Feb. 13—"The Scout and His Country."

The program on Tuesday will be given over to celebrations marking the anniversary of the order, which is the day of the year the order is said to have been given birth by Gen. Baden Powell of England, founder of the order.

The closing day, Sunday, February 13, will be marked by appropriate exercises in memory of Abraham Lincoln, martyred President of the United States.

C. L. WILSON MADE ASSISTANT PROS. ATTY.

The many friends of C. L. Wilson are pleased over the action of Prosecuting Attorney Underwood in selecting him as one of his assistants. Mr. Wilson commenced his official duties on Saturday, Feb. 3. He has closed his law office here and has opened one at 316 National Bank building, Pontiac.

More than half of us are dissatisfied with our given names.

FARMINGTON AT MILFORD NEXT

The Last of Four Preliminary Debates Sponsored by the H. S. Debating League

Farmington High School on the negative will debate Milford High School on the affirmative in the latter city on Friday evening, February 11, 1927.

The subject of this debate is, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

The team that will represent our high school in this debate is being coached by Miss Iva E. Hawkins who is a member of the high school faculty.

On this same date, February 11, 230 high schools of the State, all members of the Michigan High School Debating League, will meet in 115 debates in which 690 high school pupils will participate. The subject of all these debates will be, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

This debate on February 11 will be the last of the four preliminary debates sponsored by the Michigan High School Debating League.

After the 230 high schools have participated in this final preliminary debate, the schools with the highest records will enter the Elimination Series of debates. These Elimination Series will be successive debates, eliminate all schools except two which will go to Ann Arbor for the final State Championship debate in May.

The first debate of the Elimination Series will be held on March 4. The dates of the remaining debates of this series will be announced as soon as the number of eligible schools can be determined.

The reports from the first three preliminary debates indicate a greater interest in debating than ever before as these three debates were attended by more than 75,000 people of the State.

The Michigan High School Debating League was organized by the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan in 1917.

The Michigan High School Debating League is the largest organization of its kind in the United States.

"ANSON SLICK FROM PUNKIN' CREEK"

The Lutheran Young Peoples Society of Livonia will present the third act play of "Anson Slick From Punkin' Creek" at the Livonia town hall, Farmington and Five Mile roads, on Friday evening, February 11 at 8 o'clock.

The following is the cast: Anson Slick, not a green as he looks Walter Ash Mr. Wilbur Merridew, a crooked speculator Clarence Paulson Mrs. Rosy Berry, an Oklahoma widow Miss "X" Gladys May Merridew, a sweet young thing Viola Boyes The girl in red Esther Ash Little Sis Riggs, a regular Tom Boy Leona Garchow

GIRL SCOUTS

The Farmington Girl Scouts met again last Thursday in the kindergarten room. We are learning to tie the knots. The scouts are making great plans for next summer. We have to earn our suits before we go. Beulah Gullen, Sec.

NEW FIRE ALARM ORDERED

Farmington will shortly have a fire alarm that will cause its inhabitants to sit up and take notice. A new device for sounding an alarm has been ordered purchased by the City Commissioners to replace the old, worn out one at the engine house, the once shrill shriek of which has dwindled down to a feeble scream.

COUNTY LABORATORY

Complete laboratory service will be offered Oakland county physicians through the establishment of a laboratory by the county's health department. It will be located in the county hospital. Subscribe for the Enterprise.

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BLAZE AT NORTHVILLE

The fire companies from Farmington, Walled Lake, Plymouth and Detroit were called to Northville Tuesday night between 8 and 9 o'clock to fight a spectacular blaze which gutted Harry Germain's Recreation building in which his auto saleroom was located and destroyed nineteen automobiles stored in it. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, partially insured.

The flames spread with such rapidity that several persons who were in the bowling alley and billiard room in the structure had narrow escapes in reaching a place of safety. The united efforts of several fire departments resulted in preventing a spread of the fire to adjoining buildings.

The fire started when a short circuit in an automobile standing in the building ignited the car, the flames spreading to other cars and the walls of the saleroom. Flames shooting high in the air cast a reflection on the sky, which attracted an immense crowd from the surrounding country.

Three automobiles were salvaged with slight damage.

FEED THE BIRDS

The month of February is generally a hard month for our feathered friends, for it is during this period of the winter that the most severe days of winter come, as a rule. Get in the habit of feeding the birds that come to your home every day in search of a few crumbs from your table. Next summer they will pay their board bill—together with accrued interest, for without birds vegetation would be destroyed within a generation.

"TWO DAYS TO MARRY" IS SENIOR PLAY

"Two Days to Marry" is the title of the comedy to be sponsored by the Senior Class of the Farmington High School at the Town Hall, February 23 and 24.

Supt. A. G. Leonard is directing the play, the profits of which will be used to help finance the trip to Washington, D. C., the third week in April.

The cast includes: Mr. Dore, hero Mildred Adams Miss Margie McShane, a sweet young thing Carlo Rife Mrs. Boice, widow by choice Netha Sheets Mr. Blair, the uncle, Allan Killam Sawyer, the timid lawyer Frederick Sheil Chase, colored man, Marion Brock Miss Peck, colored girl Florence Baxter

O. E. S.

All families of Eastern Star members are invited to the six o'clock dinner Friday evening and the following program:

Song Northville Quartet Reading Effie Scates Piano Duet Elaine Auten Address Marvel Auten Address Peter T. Larson Song Rev. E. W. Palmer Piano Solo Jean Storms Address F. Homer Newton Song Quartet

O. H. C. I. A. TO HOLD AN OPEN MEETING

The Oakland Heights Community Improvement Association extends an invitation to neighbors and friends to attend an open meeting to be held at the Isaac Bond Schoolhouse, Thirteen Mile and Orchard Lake roads, Wednesday, February 9 at 8 p. m. There will be entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Mr. C. Wendenster celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary Wednesday, February 2. Nineteen relatives and friends gathered at his home to honor the event. The evening was spent playing cards and dancing. A beautiful lunch was served.

WOULD LIMIT HUNT SEASON

Oliver Curwood, the popular fiction writer, a Michigan citizen, advocates some changes in the game laws of the state, among them limiting of the deer season to one week from November 25 to December 1 and limiting of the kill to antlered bucks.