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NO MONEY FOR RD. IMPROVEMENT

Condition of State Finances Responsible for Holding Up Grand River Highway

No definite plan for the improvement of Grand River road have yet been decided upon by the state administration. This much was learned by the committee of citizens consisting of Isaac Bond, W. D. Butterfield, E. O. Hatton, G. H. Riddle and Olin Russell who visited Lansing Tuesday for a conference with Governor Green and F. F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner. This somewhat discouraging report was made to the members of the Exchange Club at Wednesday's noonday gathering.

The committee found the governor very cordial and anxious to find a way for undertaking the work on Grand River at an early date, but as there was no money available at present provisions for it would have to first be made.

The governor stated that the condition of the state funds had not yet been determined, especially the highway fund, and that the indications were that a large deficit existed. Assurance was however given that Grand River would be taken care of just as soon as possible.

The question of relocating the D. U. R. tracks between Redford and Farmington is giving some little concern. It is not thought that the D. U. R. will care to spend a large amount of money in relaying the tracks in the center of the pavement in face of a losing proposition in operating cars on them. There is a strong opposition to their removal as there is no doubt that within a few years a subway will be constructed from the center of Detroit extending several miles out this way, in which event the line would prove of great value to this section by the operation of an express passenger service terminating here. The line is also the only means of caring for the heavy freight traffic of this section, there being connections with two or more steam roads outside of the congested part of Detroit.

The state officials were of the opinion that in case of a removal of the tracks two way pavement should be laid, leaving a space in the center.

O-ACE-SEZ INN DISTRIBUTES INTERESTING PUBLICATION

The Farmington Enterprise desires to compliment Ace Johnson, who operates O-Ace-Sez Inn at Farmington Junction on the bright friendly publication which appears each Thursday under the title of "The Book of Ace-Sez."

It is just a little four-page sheet but its columns are filled with interesting matter which is well worth reading. Humorous comment and a kind, kindly philosophy are its methods of creating at the Junction, a community spirit of friendliness and understanding. Drop in and get a copy of the "Book." You will enjoy it and will find it symbolic of the warm fellowship of its sponsor.

GRAND RIVER SUBWAY

The question of constructing the proposed Woodward Fort and Grand River subways will be submitted to the voters of that city on April 4, the cost of which if authorized will be upwards of \$80,000,000.

The outcome will be closely watched by residents of this locality as the construction of the Grand River subway, it is believed, will solve for some time the traffic problem which has long been a puzzling one. A subway will give to this locality rapid transit which is much needed.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Livonia Community Church will hold their Father and Son banquet at the Grange Hall in Plymouth, Thursday evening, February 17.

The Ladies Aid of the church will have charge.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

Subscribers to The Enterprise who are in arrears are requested to pay up at an early date.

On the whole we can boast of a fine list of loyal, prompt paying subscribers, but there are a number who "just forget" to drop in with that \$1.50 when due. The individual amount is small but the aggregate represents a sum that if in hand, might be used advantageously by the publisher. To those who have "just forgotten" we write this as a gentle reminder. To those few who seem to have entirely forgotten their obligations to us we write this as notification that their names will be dropped from the list if no attention is paid.

THE PUBLISHER.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauline entertained at a dinner party Wednesday evening at their home on Oakland avenue. The guests were the Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Eva, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, daughters Jean and Janice of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGee of Farmington.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon.
Anthem by the choir.
Solo

Sermon by the pastor "What Is There in It for Me?"
11:50—Sunday School.
6:30—Epworth League. Leader Mrs. Sayers D. Harger.
7:30—Evening service.
Special music by the choir.
Sermon by the pastor on "Making Use of the Useless."
A cordial welcome is extended to all our services.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services, German.
11:45—Sunday School.
Father and Son banquet February 22.

First Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship.
Junior sermon, "How to Make Others Sing."
Adult sermon, "God's Middle Man."
11:45—Sunday School. We have classes for all ages.
6:30—B. Y. P. U. for young people.

7:30—Gospel service. The "Happysingers" Glee Club will give a short Lincoln program and present the church with a silk Christian flag after which the pastor will preach on the question "What Think Ye of Christ?"

On Wednesday nights we are studying the Book of Romans. Come and study the Bible with us.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Clarenceville Community Church
Rev. A. H. Wallis, Pastor

Universalist Church
Rev. Frank D. Adams
3:00—A sermon on Capital Punishment. "To Kill or not to Kill."

Livonia Center Community Church
Rev. Helen R. Phelps, Pastor
11:00—Morning worship.
12:30—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening worship.

These meetings are held in Livonia Town Hall and all are welcome at our meetings.

THE BRETHREN

Gospel meeting at White's Hall, Base Line and Grand River, next Sunday, February 13. George Baxter will be the speaker. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."—John 21:29.

We get our setting-up exercises weather and market reports, base ball scores, Sunday sermons grand opera and financial advice by radio. About all that seems left is for somebody to recharge the batteries and bring in our meals.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

By F. D. K.

ONE hundred and eighteen years ago Saturday, February 12, 1809, a child was born to humble parents in a log cabin 'down in the wilds of Harding county, Kentuck. Fate chose a lowly birth-place for the child that was destined to go forth from the doors of that log cabin to the highest place among the nations of the earth, to the presidency of a land where to be a citizen is grander than to be a king and who when he died took with him the shackles as they had fallen from a race of human beings, forever linking the name of Abraham Lincoln to the great principal of human liberty.

Adversity stalked hand in hand with him along life's great highway, sorrow came to dwell within the innermost reaches of his soul, but from the crucibles they wrought come, the greatest understanding of humanity witnessed since that world momentous day centuries ago on Calvary. The life of Abraham Lincoln has been an inspiration to countless millions all over the entire world, and will continue to be the guiding star of destiny through the ages that are to come.

He knew to bide his time,
And can his fame abide,
Still patient in his simple faith sublime,
Till the wise years decide.
Great captains, with their guns and drums,
Disturb our judgment for the hour,
But at last silence comes;
These all are gone, and, standing like a tower,
Our children shall behold his fame,
The kindly-earnest, brave, foreseeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading praise, not blame,
New birth of our soil, the first American.

LOCAL NEWS

We are glad to note Mrs. John Johnson, Oakland avenue is regaining her health.

James Eastman went to Muskegon Heights Sunday to be with his mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. Clarence Severts, Mrs. Norman Barrons and Miss Winifred Walling were Wednesday visitors in Detroit.

Monday Mrs. Norman Barrons entertained her mother, Mrs. R. C. Rossiter and sister, Miss Helen Rossiter of Detroit.

The Nichols School at North Farmington, closed because of scarlet fever, has reopened. All the fever patients are now on the gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham and granddaughter Trilby of Keego Harbor, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Grace and family, Mrs. Mary Carey and Jennie Lamphere of Farmington were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fink, Grand River avenue, were called to Olivet Monday because of the death of Mrs. Fink's mother, Mrs. John Gorman. Mrs. Gorman, a lady of 84 years of age, had been in fairly good health but contracted a cold which proved too much for her advanced years.

Earl Schemerhorn, graduate of Farmington High School, now a junior at Kalamazoo College has been elected president of the Philolexian-Lyceum Society. He is a member of the men's debate squad, advertising manager of the "Boiling Pot" the school annual and a half-miler on the track team.

Harmony Circle of the Ladies Aid are giving a Valentine party in the M. E. Church dining room this Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thornton were in Ann Arbor Sunday to see their daughter, Lucile who is ill with a severe attack of pleurisy. Miss Thornton graduates in June from the Nurse's Training Department of the U. of M.

Emory O. Hatton, Forrest Dickerson and G. H. Riddle are in Grand Rapids for a few days. Mr. Hatton and Mr. Dickerson will attend the Furniture Dealers Convention. They left Tuesday morning stopping in Lansing enroute.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BABY CLINIC

There was a fair response to the call of the Oakland County Health Department for mothers to take their children before the first clinic here held last week in the room in the basement of the Farmington State Savings Bank.

Parents are urged to see that children are given advantage of these examinations. Suggestions and advice will be freely given. The clinic is for all mothers and babies. Miss Blanchard, the nurse in charge has had a fine training and will advise in those cases where mothers hesitate to go to a doctor.

Clinics are held every Wednesday afternoon at the basement room of the Farmington State Savings Bank building.

HAPPYSINGERS CLUB

The Happysingers Club are planning a program to be given Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Glidden at 8:00 o'clock, also at the Baptist Church Sunday evening. Everybody is invited.

Ellen Cairns, Sec.

DEATH OF MRS. L. C. HARGER

Friends of Mrs. L. C. Harger were grieved to hear of her death at Grace Hospital Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at Royal Oak this afternoon. Burial at North Farmington.

Jane Barbara Smith was born January 4, 1871 in Fitzroy Harbor, Ontario, Canada. At the age of about twenty she came to make her home in the United States.

Thirty years ago she was united in marriage to Leverett Clark Harger in Chicago Ill., where they made their home for some time and where their first child Helen was born, but died in infancy.

A change in Mr. Harger's business necessitated their moving to Dayton, Ky., and it was here that Genevieve, Mrs. Fred Pagel and Ruth, Mrs. William Martin were born. In the year 1908 the family settled on a farm two miles west of Farmington village where they lived until the farm was sold a few years ago.

Mrs. Harger suffered a stroke a few weeks ago while wintering in Florida but came north Saturday last and was taken to Grace Hospital for treatment but medical skill was of no avail and she lingered for only two days after arriving in Detroit, passing away Tuesday, January 8.

Mrs. Harger was a faithful mother who ever endeavored to work for the interests of her family and was untrifling in her efforts.

She leaves two daughters, four grandchildren, two sisters, residing in Chicago, and her husband to mourn her loss.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held Wednesday, February 2, at the home of Mrs. G. H. Riddle.

The afternoon's program was begun by Mrs. Spencer Heene, who gave an account of the life of Maude Adams, her stage career and her special contribution to the drama. This was followed by a review, given by Miss Hard, of J. M. Barrie's "The Little Minister," the dramatization of which was the vehicle by which Maude Adams won her most notable success.

The next meeting, "Musical Day" will be held at the home of Mrs. Ella Irish. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Macomber and Mrs. Button. As a matter of undoubted interest to all members is to be discussed, a full attendance is requested.

Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec.

NEW SEATS IN THEATRE

New seats have been placed in the Penman Allen Theatre this week, taking the place of the seats which have been in use since the theatre was first opened. The new seats are much more comfortable than the old ones. The seat is upholstered in leather and the backs are wider and heavier and of a design that fits the back of the occupant much better than the ones on the old seats. The new seats will make a fine improvement in the local theatre, and will be greatly appreciated by the patrons.—Plymouth Mail.

PROVIDES FOR GAS SERVICE HERE

According to a report given out recently by the Consumers Power Co., that company will spend \$2,000,000 in Pontiac and Oakland county the coming year in extending and improving its gas service. The report states: "We have set aside more than \$250,000 to take care for new customers to come on the line in 1927, in addition to special appropriations for extending service to Sylvania Lake, Keego Harbor, Rochester and Farmington."

MISS LYTLE GIVEN SHOWER

Honoring Miss Hazel Lytle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lytle of Pontiac, former resident of Farmington, Mrs. Clyde Sealey, North Farmington, entertained at a miscellaneous shower last Saturday afternoon.

Cards were the diversion and a delicious luncheon was served to the guests.

Miss Lytle, a bride of next week, received many lovely gifts.

Banks will be closed Saturday, Lincoln's birthday.

F. H. S. INVITED TO JOIN M. H. S. A.

Purpose of Association is to Train Pupils for Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Farmington High School has been invited to join the extempore speaking association of Michigan high schools, an organization being formed by educators of the state to develop a new field of scholastic training and competition.

County contests will be held April 8 and district contests April 23, both leading to the state contest at Kalamazoo May 6. These contests, as the name of the association implies, will be contests in extemporaneous speaking. The aim of the association, as given by Prof. C. P. Lahman of Western Normal, state manager, in information to local school officials, is "to train boys and girls in the study of current affairs, assimilation of ideas, and genuine extemporaneous public speaking which combines pleasing delivery and ability to think on one's feet."

Topics will be chosen from outstanding current events discussed in the January, February and March issues of the Literary Digest and the Review of Review. One hour before the contests each contestant will draw three topics by lot, and when he takes the platform he will give a five-minute speech on any one of the three.

COMMUNICATION

Which is better and which will give one the greater satisfaction, to use one's possessions and talents solely for personal gratification, or to regard oneself as a steward and to use them largely for the good and pleasure of others?

This was one of the questions which N. H. Fowler, in the absence of Supt. Leonard, put up to the Sunday Noon Club. The question was suggested by the parable of the talents or unjust steward.

Whether it is better to speculate simply to add to one's possessions, or engage in a business or occupation largely with the idea of service, and which is the most ethical, real estate and stock speculation or the grocery business, were ramifications of the discussion, participated in by a group of real estate dealers. The real estate man admitted that the ethical and therefore the most satisfactory branch of the real estate business, disregarding profits was the constructive branch of it, such as the development of subdivisions in an attractive manner and building of attractive homes and the encouraging of the purchase of the same, which rebounded to the good and happiness of others, rather than the purely speculative features of the business.

Divided on the question of capital punishment the club was a unit in standing for the idea of using one's possessions and talents for the general good rather than for personal pleasure.

While this has a touch of communism, the idea is distinctively Christian.

R. M. Crossman

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Honoring the thirty-seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. August Geistler, friends and relatives gave them a pleasant surprise last Saturday evening at their home in North Farmington.

The evening was spent in dancing and playing five hundred. Prizes were won by Frank Pennell and Mrs. Frank Murray first, Forrest Hill and Mrs. Arthur Geistler second.

Refreshments were served and the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Geistler many more anniversaries.

BAPTIST CHURCH FATHER AND SON BANQUET

The Baptist Church will hold its annual Father and Son banquet Thursday, February 24.

Rev. H. H. Savage, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac will be the principal speaker.

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