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Work Starts On Developing New Athletic Field

School Board Lets Contract For Excavating And Grading To Mark Wixom

The contract for changing the course of Rouge River, excavating, draining and grading grounds preparatory to laying out an athletic field on the large tract of lands at the rear of the school building, recently secured for that purpose, was awarded by the Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday night to Mark Wixom, who will at once commence work toward developing this fine project.

There were three bids for the excavation work necessary in order to put the grounds in shape for laying out of a suitable track, base ball diamond, etc. Mr. Wixom's at 50 cents per cubic yard being the lowest was accepted. The estimated amount of excavation is 6,000 yards.

The work of clearing the grounds of grass and brush is now in progress and excavations and grading will be commenced just as soon as the engineer can place the level stakes and indicate the proposed alterations in the water course, which will be in a few days. Mr. Wixom expects to complete his part of the work within the next five weeks.

It is not the purpose to construct an athletic track this fall as it is thought that a better bed can be secured by letting the ground settle until next spring. With the straightening of the river course a large flat field will be formed for athletic purposes. The high banks which form a commanding flank of the grounds can be terraced at a comparatively small expense, thus forming a stadium with a great seating capacity. The terracing will be done by degrees as demand for it is made.

With completion of this project Farmington will have one of the finest athletic fields and stadiums to be found anywhere and it will be secured without the heavy expenditure ordinarily incurred.

Motion was made and unanimously adopted instructing the secretary to have the minutes of each meeting of the Board of Education published in *The Enterprise*.

Hereafter the regular meeting of the Board will be held on the second Thursday evening of each month.

State Poultry Tour To Visit Oakland County

The Annual State Poultry Tour will be of special interest to Oakland County poultrymen this year. The tour starting August 28, visits some of the points of interest in southwestern and central Michigan, including the college poultry plant and the W. C. Kellogg Demonstration Farm at Augusta. Excellent entertainment will be provided free of charge at several points. Also some poultrymen and organizations are arranging to provide lunch for everyone with the tour.

The last day of the tour will be spent in Macomb and Oakland Counties at the Downs Hatchery at Romeo and the Larrowe Farms in Southfield Township.

The afternoon meeting, Friday, August 31 at Larrowe Farms will be the annual field day of the Michigan Poultry Improvement Association. The meeting will be addressed by James Larrowe, president of the Poultry Association.

All Oakland County Poultrymen are especially urged to attend the meetings on Friday and as many others as possible.

To Deliver Address At Cornerstone Laying

Rev. Paul Graupner of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Clare will deliver the address in German at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Lutheran church at Dearborn. The services will be held at 3 p. m. next Sunday.

Old Familiar Trolley Coming Into Its Own

The trolley seems to be again coming into its own as a popular means of suburban travel.

A month ago trolley car service was resumed on Grand River road between Detroit and Farmington after a suspension of two years while an experiment was being made with buses. On Monday of this week trolley service over the D. U. R. tracks was re-established between Detroit and Wyandotte.

The sight of the old familiar cars as they rolled and clanged along the highways moved the inhabitants to exclamations of delight and recalled to the memory of the older ones the rapturous outbursts of song and poetry called forth by the advent of the trolley three decades ago.

Express Service Speeds Up Cars

Save Fifteen Minutes Over Old Time; Cars Beat Auto And Jitneys In Race

The express service inaugurated on Grand River avenue Sunday by the D. S. R. proved a success beyond expectations, reports an official of the department. So pleased with the result is the management that preparations are being made to extend the service in other streets.

It is now the intention to extend the express zone on Grand River avenue in Detroit from the present western terminus at Joy road to Meyers road. This will be done as soon as track improvements are made between those points. When this extension is made a further reduction in running time of cars between Farmington and Detroit City Hall will result.

An idea of just how the service is working out in Detroit is illustrated by the following clipping from Tuesday's Free Press:

"Grand River avenue street car riders played a new game yesterday with their motorist brothers and won. The game, which is a race, originated when a street car rider clocked the time necessary for a trip downtown, and found the trip speedier in the D. S. R. cars than via automobile or jitney.

"With a running time of from 29 to 30 minutes from Meyers road to Capitol park, the street cars now leave the motor vehicles in the traffic maze, and the motorists use up from 40 to 50 minutes to cover the same route.

"Timing of the cars yesterday showed the new express service inaugurated Sunday saves Grand River car riders as much as 15 minutes per trip."

Exchangeites In Throes Of Golf Tournament

The series of golf matches between members of the Farmington Exchange, which has been occupying the time and attention of club wielders of that organization during the past month, is bordering that stage conducive to cold sweats on the part of the contestants and a realignment of possible victors on the part of the sidelines.

The first of the elimination rounds was pulled off last Tuesday at the Meadowbrook course when Isaac Bond defaulted to H. D. Warner, Olin Russell defeated Earl Vivier, Dr. Aschenbrenner defeated F. H. Nichols and Arthur Lamb defeated F. D. Fleming.

The winners are now practicing at every spare moment in order to reach top form before the second of the elimination rounds is played, which will be at a date to be fixed not later than September 1.

The final elimination will not later than September 7. The Local Exchangeites are journeying to Birmingham next Wednesday afternoon to meet the club there in competitive play.

10-Mile Hearing Put Over Until September 6th

Error In Notice For Hearing Last Monday Results In Postponement

Owing to an error in the notice of hearing of objections to the proposed improvement of Shiawassee road the meeting advertised for August 20 at the Town Hall here, was called off.

The road commissioners have called another meeting for September 6, 1928 at 10 a. m. to be held in the Town Hall in the City of Farmington when objections will be heard.

At this meeting will be presented for examination the engineer's profile of the road together with a complete estimate of the cost of the improvement and appropriations, so that all who are interested can arrive at a clear understanding of just what is proposed to be done.

As there seems to be quite a difference of opinion as to the various matters involved—the necessity of the same and cost—it is suggested that the wise course for taxpayers to follow at present would be to keep their minds open and free from prejudice until the commissioners have made their report, and their proposition laid on the table, face up, so all can get at the exact facts.

Rumors, guesswork and unsupported statements have been running riotously during the past week. Those who have been working diligently to secure this improvement are now asking that the true facts as to necessity, benefit, cost and apportionment of cost, be made the basis on which to form opinion.

These facts will be authentically presented at the meeting to be held September 6.

Defeat Rochester In Close Ball Game, 11-10

It was an exciting and close game of ball played by Rochester and West Point Park teams at West Point Park last Sunday in which the home team defeated the visitors by a score of 11 to 10.

The feature of the game was the heavy hitting by both teams. This was the first game since July 4th in which Rochester suffered defeat.

West Point Park will play the De-Ho-Co team at the latter's grounds Sunday. Game starts at 3 p. m. After next Sunday and during the balance of the season West Point Park will play all its Sunday games on the home grounds.

By a score of 6 to 4 West Point Park defeated the Hard Lumber team on Livonia's home coming day. The game was played at the Old Dutch Mill grounds. Inter-County league standing:

Rev. E. F. Dunlavy Completes Pastorale Here

The quarterly conference of the Farmington M. E. Church was held Wednesday evening, August 22. District superintendent Field presiding officer. The various departments through their officers made their reports. Rev. Dunlavy announced that he did not expect to return here another year. This came as a surprise to those present.

He has been here three years and has many friends who will regret his departure to another field of labor. The annual conference of the church meets at the Soo September 12. From this body Rev. Dunlavy will receive his appointment for the coming year.

Charter Vote Held Up Until November

Owing to the fact that more time is required to prepare the proposed amendment to the city charter relative to paving, it will not be possible to submit the question to the city electors for their approval or rejection at the primary election September 4.

The delay, however, will occasion no additional expense of inconvenience. It is claimed, as everything will be in readiness for submission at the general election November 6.

Gala Day Plans Are Completed

Auto Show Is Added Feature; West Point Park To Meet Selfridge Flyers

Groves-Walker Post, No. 346, American Legion, has decided to put on an auto show in connection with their Gala Day program where will be exhibited latest models of nearly every make of cars. For the accommodation of the exhibit the west end of the city park will be utilized and divided into booths appropriately decorated and brilliantly lighted for the evening hours.

The popularity of this feature is being demonstrated by the many demands for exhibition space by dealers, over 30 having already been taken.

This exhibition will be entirely under the supervision of the Legion. Much interest is manifest in the exhibit of war trophies which will be one of the features of Gala Day celebration. The committee in charge reports that many new trophies for exhibition have been received during the past week, which will make the collection one of the rarest and best offered the public since the war.

The list of prizes for sport events has been compiled and will be found on another page in this issue. The prizes are somewhat larger than heretofore offered in similar events and will be found attractive to our amateur athletes, both made and female. Quiet a number of new sports have been included which are sure to prove popular.

The ball game scheduled for 3 p. m. between the West Point Park team and Selfridge Flyers is arousing considerable interest and will undoubtedly prove a drawing card for the day. The ball game will be played on the high school grounds, Thomas st., which are being put in good condition for the contests.

At the last meeting of the Post the following delegates to the state convention to be held at Petoskey this fall were chosen: Junior Vice-Commander, Myron Carrier; Chaplain, James Sherrer; Alternates, Past Commander Fred Maas, Sergeant-at-arms, Fred Schaupter.

At the next meeting of the Post Thursday evening, August 30, final touches will be put to the program of events for Gala Day September 3.

Sir Knights Will Frolic And Gambol

Northville Commandery, No. 39, Knight Templars, will picnic on quite an extensive scale at Island Lake, Thursday afternoon, August 30.

The committee in charge of the fun announces that it has some real entertainment in sport events. There will be a baseball game between two DeMolay teams, also a big game between Oakland Sir Knights and Wayne Sir Knights, starting at 6 p. m. Coaches, Wayne County, Harry German; Oakland County, Carl Ely. Trainers Wayne County, Dr. L. M. Tupper; Oakland County, Dr. Fred Lamoroux. Umpires, sheriffs of both counties.

This will be the first entertainment given by the Sir Knights and will be followed by others. All free to Sir Knights and families and friends. All golfers will be taken care of by Sir Knight Donald Stringer.

Free Tickets For Farmington Day Tuesday Going Rapidly

Farmington's Big Day At Edgewater Park Promises To Be Well Attended; Athletic Contests And Free Rides Are Features

When the gates of the big Edgewater Amusement Park, located on the Seven-Mile road near Grand River avenue, swing open at 10 a. m. next Tuesday, August 28, it will signal the opening of one of the biggest fun-days Farmington folks have had yet this year, and one that they will long remember! Officially sponsored by the Farmington Exchange Club, "Farmington Day" is said to

have a whole day's program planned that promises to surpass any other like celebration held at Edgewater Park this year according to the Park management.

There will be mirth-making games for young and old; thrilling athletic contests; special amusements for the little tots and hundreds of extra picnic accommodations placed in readiness for the entire family. Then there are the park rides—the giant aeroplane swing, the tumble-bug, the till-a-whirl, the mile-long coaster, the miniature railway and a host of others, each of them absolutely free to all who hold the tickets for "Farmington Day," now being distributed by local business and professional men.

Although "Farmington Day" officially closes at 7 p. m. a special half-rate will be effective in the ballroom through the courtesy of the Edgewater Park management.

46 Farmington patrons upon presentation of the ballroom ticket included with the strip of tickets for the rides. The popularity contest to determine who is the most popular of Farmington misses; is scheduled to be held in the ballroom at 10 o'clock p. m., where the votes (see ballot printed on page 4), will be counted and the prize awarded.

The Exchange Club has tried to provide enough tickets for all the people who intend to attend "Farmington Day" but late reports indicate that the demand has thus far been much ahead of that expected and it is urged that those who have not yet secured their tickets do so at the earliest possible time to avoid disappointment. Tickets may be secured free from members of the Exchange Club and at stores which display the "Farmington Day" sign in their windows.

Mayor Butterfield called attention to the unsightly appearance of our streets where overhanging weeds are allowed to grow between the walks and curb and suggested that the street department remove the same.

Commissioner Staman, chairman of the cemetery committee, stated that he was not ready to make a report on the proposed cemetery improvements as some paving would be required and he thought it advisable to hold the matter in abeyance until a decision was arrived at regarding a general paving program for the city. This led to a short discussion of the character of pavement best suited to the cemetery. Commissioner Hogle thought that owing to the heavy grades encountered, concrete was not suitable, but that brick would be more satisfactory.

Rural Mail Service Extension Appreciated

Through the efforts of Congressman Grant M. Hudson of this district, rural mail delivery has been established on the Farmington road from West Point Park on north to the Base Line road.

Some 22 families have been accommodated by this new feature who heretofore have had to walk half a mile or more to get their mail on an east and west road or drive or send to Farmington.

The people on the route so served are very thankful to Congressman Hudson and have assured him of their high appreciation.

Change Made In Bank Closing Plan

The Farmington banks announce that they will remain closed all day on Labor Day, September 3, and will be open for business on Primary Election Day, September 4, but will close as usual at noon on the following Wednesday.

It is believed that this arrangement will prove more satisfactory than the plan announced last week.

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