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Dr. Weaver Hurt In First Mishap On New Toboggan

Suffers Wrenched Leg. While
Coasting Near School; Four
Others Unhurt

Dr. G. F. Weaver, Farmington dentist, suffered a painful injury to his right leg Tuesday evening in the first serious mishap to occur on Farmington's new toboggan track at the school buildings. Dr. Weaver is confined to his home on Division road.

Dr. Weaver was one of a party of coasters who had been using the slide, riding down on a toboggan-sled. Five men were riding on the trip on which he was hurt. Dr. Weaver was second from the front.

The sled went down the grooved incline and reached the bottom traveling at very high speed. It is believed the men on the sled were unable to stay "in line." Dr. Weaver aware that there was a stamp of frozen hummock near where the toboggan was traveling, raised his leg to escape it, but just in time to strike the obstruction. The weight of the others prevented the sled from turning even slightly, and his leg was badly twisted, causing intense pain.

At first it was believed that one or more small bones had been broken, but after eight X-ray pictures were taken with Dr. Weaver's own machine at his office, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, who attended, gave the opinion that there were no fractures.

Dr. Weaver will be unable to resume his work for some time, however. Since the accident, the bump which caused it has been removed, and the earth surrounding levelled off. The lighting system has also been extended to the point where the sleds leave the creek-bank and go down upon the ice.

The toboggan-sled on which the five were riding was wrecked, but the other four men were unhurt. The slide, which was completed about two weeks ago, has of late become as popular with adults as with the children. Several parties have been held almost every night since the weather made good sleighing possible.

SHERIFF SCHRAM PROBING POLICE BOOTH INCIDENT

Investigation Begun Into Occurrence Friday Evening At Farmington Station

Sheriff Frank Schram is making an investigation into an incident which occurred in the Farmington police booth last Friday evening, January 11. About eight o'clock that evening, according to the claim of Alfred Lemerand, 22, of Oakland Avenue, Lemerand was struck by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes.

According to Lemerand, who reported the matter to Sheriff Schram, the blow was struck shortly after Deputy Stokes entered the booth, where Lemerand says he had been waiting to see Deputy Stokes.

Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle was in the back part of the station when the incident occurred, and Harold Gorol of Detroit is said to have been present at the time.

Deputy Stokes declined to comment on the incident. Lemerand is employed by the D. R. Co. and was formerly a driver for the Methodist Children's Home.

Lincoln Banquet Is Planned Next Month

A Farmington Lincoln banquet is being projected for the early part of February. The tentative date has been set for February 6 and the place will be the dining room of the Community Hall. Those promoting the idea of such a banquet for Farmington have been very fortunate to secure as the speaker Dr. Eugene Allen of Owasco. Dr. Allen has friends in Farmington who know him to be one of the best informed authorities on Lincoln in this part of the State. Dr. Allen's twin brother, Dr. Clarence E. Allen was at one time pastor of the Methodist Church in Farmington. He has recently returned to his native state after a long period of prominent pastorate in Iowa and the west.

Preaches Here Sunday

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Noted Newspaper Man Speaks Here

"American Densely Ignorant Of Foreign Countries' Greatness" Says A. M. Smith

Describing in a highly interesting manner "a country of unimaginable possibilities," A. M. Smith, news correspondent who "covered" the Wilkins North Pole flight Wednesday noon to the American Expedition Club of the great development which is to take place in Brazil. Mr. Smith returned some time ago from a trip upon which he was sent to report on a newspaper correspondent the work in rubber-giving being undertaken by the Ford interests.

"Americans are densely ignorant of the size and achievements of the rest of the world," said Mr. Smith. "We need to know more about our neighbors. We are so big and so rich and so powerful, that we have built an intellectual wall around us, and are inclined to forget the greatness of our neighbors."

A country "larger than the United States and Alaska combined, largely jungle, but not at all as most people believe it to be," was described by Mr. Smith. "It is safer in the jungle than on the streets of Farmington," said Mr. Smith. "In all the time I was there I did not see a snake or any of the wild animals most people think are behind every tree and hanging on every limb in South America. The climate is pleasing—the temperature rarely varies from the range of 60 to 85 degrees the year around."

Mr. Smith told of the Amazon River, the greatest in the world, up which ocean liners may travel for 800 miles. "In the Amazon basin, he said, could be grown enough food to feed the entire American people."

Mr. Smith also spoke of the meeting outlining the plans for the convention of Michigan Exchange Clubs to be held soon in Detroit.

IS NAMED DIRECTOR
Among the directors of the new "Guardian Group" in Detroit finance, announced a few days ago, is Luman E. Goodenough, who lives north of Farmington. The "Guardian Group" comprises the "Guardian" Detroit Bank, the Guardian Trust Company of Detroit and the "Guardian" Detroit Company.

Miss Ileda Lee was called to Highland Tuesday, to attend the funeral of her brother, Roy Lee, who leaves a widow and several children, besides two sisters and brothers.

New Bus Service North And South Is Being Planned

Hourly Schedule Is Proposed; Would Connect With D. S. R. Cars On Each Trip

A movement to establish a new bus line serving the territory to the north and south of Farmington is being during the past week, and plans are already well-formulated for an early starting of operation. The proposed service is being urged as a great benefit to the district of the city to be served, and also to Farmington business interests.

According to present plans, an hourly service would be established north of Farmington to Orchard Levee as far as the Oaklands, and south of Farmington on Farmington road to the Base Line road, going east on the latter highway to Grand River. The fare is to be ten cents.

One bus, a seven-passenger sedan, is contemplated for the beginning of the service. As planned at present, the bus would have its terminal on Grand River Avenue in Farmington, at the terminal of the Detroit Street Railways. Every hour the bus would make a trip down Farmington road, east on Base Line and Grand River, and north to Thibault, Mile road and return.

The two trips would be made within an hour and the bus would be scheduled to meet the D. S. R. cars on each trip, thus affording good connections for Detroit for those residents of outlying districts desiring transportation to and from Detroit. It is expected that the bus would require about 20 minutes for the round trip.

Owners of subdivision property along the two routes are said to have indicated a willingness to pledge a subsidy for the bus, which is not expected to be a pay (Continued on Page Five)

BLAKE C. NORTHPROP DIES AT HOME OF SON IN REDFORD

Life-Long Resident Of This Section Passes Away; Was Past Master Of Lodge

Funeral services were arranged for Thursday afternoon for a widely-known citizen of this section, Blake C. Northrop, who died at the home of his son, Ross B. Northrop, at Redford Monday. Mr. Northrop was 83 years old. He had been ill since Christmas.

Mr. Northrop spent a large part of his life on a farm near Farmington, and later in the town itself. He lived on a farm on the Eight-Mile road, west of Farmington road, now operated by Breckman, Elmer and Sink.

After leaving this farm, he moved to Farmington to live, and built the residence on Grand River now occupied by Dr. Elmer Switzer. His wife, Mrs. Carrie Northrop, died in Farmington some years ago. Mr. Northrop moved to Redford to live with his son. He also lived for five years with another son in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Northrop was a member and past master of Farmington Masonic Lodge, which had charge of the funeral, followed by burial at Clarenceville Cemetery, where deceased's wife is also buried.

Banks Retain Officers; New Director Named

Only one change marked the annual meetings and election of officers and directors of Farmington banks, officers remaining the same as last year in both institutions.

George Stuckey, of Base Line road, was elected a director of the Farmington State Savings Bank. The officers and other directors of the banks are in the past twelve months.

Pasadena Park School Case Taken Into Circuit Court by District No. 5

The court battle between school districts over Pasadena Park subdivision took a new turn during the past week, when the case was thrown into the Oakland County Circuit Court, by action of the attorney for Farmington School District No. 5. The matter will come up for hearing in Circuit Court on April 8.

Hitherto, the legal fight has been in Probate Court, before Judge Dan McCaffey. Recently, however, A. L. Moore, attorney for Farmington District No. 5, advised the Board of Education of the District take action to bring the matter into the Circuit Court, inasmuch as there would be no opportunity to appeal, in case of an adverse decision rendered by the Probate Court. On the other hand, a decision rendered by the Circuit Court may be appealed to the State Supreme Court if the losing side desires.

At its monthly meeting last Thursday evening, the Board of Education passed unanimously a resolution authorizing the president and secretary of the Board, and the Board's attorney, to take action to bring the matter into the Circuit Court, and take what other steps they deemed necessary "to preserve the District."

The bill of complaint was filed Saturday, and hearing set for next Monday. By consent of Pelton and McCaffey, attorneys for Pasadena Park residents, the case was put over until after the April hearing.

The filing of the bill in Circuit Court was the first step on the part of District No. 5, previous efforts having been confined to defending the suit brought by residents of Pasadena Park. In the bill, it is declared, that the Probate Court is without jurisdiction in the case, inasmuch as the Pasadena Park residents, of which Pasadena Park is now a part, is a district composed in part of a city of less than 5,000 people.

It is contended that whereas the Probate Court has jurisdiction in many cases of the same nature, it includes the City of Farmington, brings this case under a different section of school law, in which the Probate Court is not given jurisdiction. The bill, in chancery, asks for a permanent injunction, enjoining Judge McCaffey from rendering a decision in the case.

REPORT GIVEN ON COUNTY ROADS BY L. D. ALLEN, I. BOND

Speed Of Snow-Removal, Amount Of Material Used In Season's Work Revealed

A report indicating the efficiency of County road maintenance was given by the Board of Commissioners at the Farmington Exchange Club meeting Wednesday noon, and statistics showing the immense amount of work done during the season of the Commission were read by Luther D. Allen, chairman of the County road body.

As soon as the snow stopped falling Monday night, Commissioner Bond said 25 County trucks left the garage, a few minutes before 12 o'clock. Seven hours later the trucks returned, having cleared the snow from 366 miles of road, the total being within the seven hours. This covered practically all the concrete roads in the lower part of the County.

That gravel road maintenance is highly expensive and economically unsound for heavily-travelled highways, was demonstrated by the report of Mr. Allen; who revealed that the County used 2,470 cars of gravel in comparison with 1,015 carloads in construction of new gravel roads.

Figures showing the entire amount of supplies used were given by Mr. Allen, the total being 17,109 freight cars, which would make a train 175 miles long. If placed in trucks of four-ton capacity, running 30 feet apart, the material would be piled up to the height of 1,620 miles long, or long enough to reach from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, Mr. Allen said.

"The concrete used would make a four-foot sidewalk 963 miles long, Mr. Allen said.

Time Is Extended For Township Taxes

Farmington Township taxpayers, like those in the City, are granted an extension of time this year before the four per cent penalty becomes operative, in payment of taxes. The Township Board voted to change the date from February 1 to February 15.

A similar action was taken by the Board last year, and resulted in greatly increased receipts of taxes. The extension is expected to permit many Township residents to make payment within the one per cent period, who otherwise might not pay for a long time.

Library Runs 15 Months On \$150

Appropriation Exhausted, Balances Only \$3.42; Many New Books Bought

Farmington's Public Library has been maintained for the past fifteen months on an expenditure for books of less than \$150, and who has on hand three dollars, forty-two cents, according to a report made public by Mrs. M. B. Pierce, secretary and treasurer of the Ladies' Library Association, and Miss Mary Kennedy, librarian.

In spite of the limited appropriation, the report shows that the library has been able to place on its shelves some of the outstanding works of the past few years, in addition to the necessary popular titles for large numbers of readers.

The \$150 appropriation was made by the City of Farmington in the autumn of 1927, as the result of an appeal by Mrs. Pierce. The financial statement, together with a list of books purchased in the past 15 months, is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Farmington Public Library from October 1927 to January 14, 1929

On Sept. 6, 1927 the amount on hand in the treasury of the L. L. A. was

Received from City October 1927 \$150.00

..... \$150.23

Paid to the Detroit News Co. for books and postage, \$148.81

Balance January 14, 1929, 3.42

Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Sec. and Treas., L. L. A. Miss Mary Kennedy, Librarian.

Books purchased for the Farmington Public Library from Oct. 1927 to Jan. 12, 1929:

Meanwhile "The World of Wm. Clissold" Death Comes for the Archbishop The Aristocratic Miss Brewster The Thunderer Dusty Answer (Continued on Page Five)

To Start Kindergarten At Wm. Grace School

The Board of Education of School District No. 6, announces that commencing Monday, January 21 at 12:45 p. m., a kindergarten session will be formed at the William Grace School and will be continued each school day at the same time until further notice. Children of school age who have heretofore been unable to attend owing to lack of accommodation are requested to present themselves for registration on the above-mentioned date.

Beginning Monday, January 21 the first grade room of the Wm. Grace School will operate on a two-session schedule. The pupils of the primer and first grade will have their classes from 9 a. m. to 11:45 a. m. and then be taken home to make room for an afternoon session beginning at 12:45 p. m. and lasting until 2:15 p. m. for pupils who wish to enter the primary work. This will give parents who have children five years or over an opportunity to get the children started this year.

Township Starts Preparation For First Primary

Spirited Contest Anticipated For Officers; Nomination Day To Be March 4

With indications pointing to a lively contest for Farmington Township offices at the first primary now approaching, Township officials have begun preparations for the nomination day. At the meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening, the date was set for March 4, the same day as the Grand County primary.

Nominating petitions are now in the hands of Township Clerk Willard Campbell, who reported Tuesday night that he had already received requests for the blanks. A minimum of one per cent of the registered voters are required on the petitions, and not more than four per cent are permitted. With Township registration between 1700 and 1800, petitions require at least 18 names, and are illegal if more than 80 are filed.

No voter is allowed to sign more than one petition for the same office; that is, he may sign for only one candidate for each of the various offices. Petitions must be filed with the Township Clerk before February 6 in order to place the name of the candidate upon the ballot.

Petitions will be open on the primary day from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening, on March 4. There will be two polling places, the Bond School for Precinct No. 1, and the former Elmer Young Beauty Parlor building at Clarenceville, for Precinct No. 2.

Election will take place the first Monday in April. It is considered likely that the contests for each office will be finally decided on March 4, with the battle for nominations determined.

An indication of the rivalry expected to develop in the primary is given in the contest for supervisor, there being four candidates already in the field, it is said, for the office now held by Supervisor Harry N. McCracken. A contest is expected for every Township office.

SEEK DESIGNATION OF NORTHWESTERN AS A STATE ROAD

Movement Begun For Change In Classification; Delay Is Not Opposed

A movement to have Northwestern Highway designated as a State Highway has been begun recently by residents of the district through which part of the road is to pass, particularly the lower end. The first paving on the road is scheduled for next spring.

Leading the movement are residents of Southfield Township, among them J. Bateman Wood, Southfield Township Supervisor, it is reported. The explanation given is that if Northwestern Highway, which runs through a considerable portion of the lower section of the State, can be made a State highway, it will relieve the owners of property of large assessments for the new road.

For this reason, a strong effort is being made to get attention upon the movement before any paving is started under the Covert Act. Money for the work is being raised, an organization is said to have been formed, and meetings are being held by those interested in the idea.

It is said that these seeking the change are willing, if necessary, to have the road delayed a year or two in order to have it designated as a State thoroughfare. The schedule of County construction calls for two 20-foot strips of concrete to be laid during the coming season.

COUNTY PIONEER, BORN IN FARMINGTON, DEAD

A pioneer resident of Oakland County, who was born in Farmington 98 years ago, Mrs. E. E. Seeley, passed away last Thursday, at the home of her son in Caswell.

Mrs. Seeley was very well known in Farmington, where she lived for many years. She is survived by five sons. Her husband, John V. Seeley, died 20 years ago.