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## Work Is Begun On Grand River 'Fill' Dirt Haul

### Contractors' Men Start Making Road To Supply Spot Near Methodist Home

First work toward completing the fill at the bridge on Grand River avenue in Farmington, east of Brookdale drive, was begun Thursday morning. Workmen employed by Julius Porath and Son, paving contractors on the Grand River job, started cutting

## Farmington Spring

### Cleanup Days Set

The City of Farmington's annual Spring Cleanup Day will be held on Wednesday, May 6 and 7. The dates were set on Monday night by the City Commission.

Citizens are urged to gather up all refuse and rubbish and put it in boxes or barrels, ready for the cleanup trucks.

A road through from Grand River to the spot north of the old Methodist Children's Home, where the fill dirt is located.

State officials are understood to have come to an agreement with those in charge of the Children's Home property, on a price for the dirt. The excess over five cents a square yard, the price usually paid by the State, will be made up by the City, if necessary. This was virtually agreed upon by the City Commission Monday night.

Making this dirt available at once, at a location within a short distance from the bridge, will make possible completion of the paving over the bridge this year, it is believed, while otherwise it might be delayed another season. The cost to the City, if it is found necessary to make up the difference, would not exceed about \$250, it is estimated. This is on a basis of 5000 yards at five cents a yard.

### City Gets Concrete

It is understood as a part of the arrangement, that the City is to get the concrete from the old pavement, from the bridge to the business section. This will be hauled to Shiawassee and Warner streets and thrown over the bluff, with the view of strengthening the bank above the creek. This will fill a much-cited need and may result, members of the Commission believe, in saving the City thousands of dollars at some future time.

It is expected that hauling of the fill dirt will begin the first of next week, and that laying of concrete on the Cut-off will follow shortly.

Commissioner Emory Hatton, Howard Warner, Edgar S. Pierce, and State Highway Representative P. E. Bradt have been active in arranging for the filling dirt.

## NEW CODES FOR CITY DISCUSSED BY COMMISSION

### Setting Up Requirements For Oil Burner Installation, Buildings, Is Suggested

Compilation of new codes to be followed in the City of Farmington was suggested at the City Commission Monday evening. Particular reference was made to oil burner installations, and it was indicated that steps will be taken in the near future to provide for oil burner permits, such as are required in other cities.

The regulation would not work hardship either upon present owners or prospective ones, but would set up requirements to insure as complete safety as possible, thus being a protection to oil-burner owners. It is probable that a permit would be required, to be issued by the City, at a very small fee, if any.

During the discussion, it was suggested that regulations should be made governing gas stove installations, requiring a shut-off between the stove and the floor. This is regarded as a protection in case of fire.

The desirability of drawing up a building code was brought up, and it was stated that this was a regulatory measure which Farmington has needed for some time.

## New Superintendent



Jay L. Prescott, chosen superintendent of Clarenceville school for the coming year, is at present superintendent of Nashville public schools. He will succeed Supt. A. A. Kaldor.

## To Plant Trees For Farmington

### First Planting In Forest Reserve Plot To Be Done On April 13th

The first planting of trees in the forest reserve plot made possible by donations of Farmington Public School children will take place on Friday, April 18, according to information received this week by Principal A. R. Crawford of Farmington High School, who was in charge of the raising.

Five Lake Forest, where the Farmington plot is located, is north of Cadillac. Details of the planting ceremonies are outlined in a letter to Mr. Crawford from the Department of Conservation.

Mr. A. R. Crawford, Principal, Farmington Public Schools, Farmington, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Crawford: Planting upon the forest reserve plot, made possible by the Farmington Public Schools, through their donation to the Detroit News Reforestation Plan will start on Friday, April 13th in Five Lake State Forest Reserve, near or in.

If representatives of the school care to participate in the planting ceremonies you are requested to inform Mr. Albert Stoll, Jr., of The Detroit News, before March 25, 1930.

All of those whose plantations have been located in Five Lake Forest are requested to meet the official car of the State Forester, as well as that of The Detroit News, at 10 a. m. and from this point on the road will be placarded, in order to forest headquarters of the Reserve, as follows: "Five Lake Reserve, The Detroit News Reforestation Plantations." From here we drive one mile west on U. S. 131, three miles south over a "T" road to forest headquarters, of which Mr. Frank Van Sickle, is forest custodian.

Participants are informed that they should be prepared to furnish their own lunch at noon and any necessary adjuncts to their journey.

Yours respectfully,  
Marcus Schauf, State Forester

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, Mrs. Kate Banfield and Mrs. Ada Bond attended the Matrons and County Officers' class in Parliamentary Law at Pontiac Thursday.

## Plan Benefit Dance For 'Gus' Meissner

Athletes and Alumni of Farmington High School, aided by a number of citizens, are uniting to give a benefit party for August Meissner Friday evening, April 18, at Farmington Town Hall. "Gus" was hurt in a football scrimmage at the high school grounds last fall, and lost the use of his legs, which he is just beginning to recover.

The public is invited to attend. Good music will be furnished for dancing. Tickets may be obtained from Mayor Arthur Lamb.

## New Township Officials Take Oaths Of Office

### Successful Candidates Qualify For Their Positions; "Sticker" Candidate Loses

New officials of Farmington Township were qualified for their offices and taken over the books following the election Monday, at which the Republican nominees were unopposed, except for the office of road overseer in one district.

Arthur P. Coe, newly-elected supervisor, will preside at Township Board meeting for the first time next Tuesday evening. Willard Campbell and Clayton Goers re-elected clerk and highway commissioner, respectively, and Mark Bachelor, new treasurer, have all qualified.

In the only contest of the day, Raymond Winters, sticker candidate for road overseer in District No. 4, again was defeated by Wesley Currie, 116 to 49. Fully 35 ballots were thrown out, due to the placing of stickers on various parts of the ballot, other than the proper place. Despite the posting of placards by the Township Board cautioning voters to avoid losing their votes by marking improperly, many ballots were marked so that it was necessary to declare them void.

The vote for various candidates were as follows: first, in precinct No. 1, then in precinct No. 2, and then the total:

Arthur P. Coe, supervisor, 118, 150, 268; Willard Campbell, clerk, 112, 140, 252; Mark Bachelor, treasurer, 117, 122, 239; Clayton Goers, highway commissioner, 114, 168, 282; Ward Eagle, justice of the peace, 103, 107, 210.

Board of review, 91, 93, 184.

Road overseers were elected as follows: William Sager, district No. 1, Albert Ferguson, district No. 2, Elmer Emmons, district No. 3, Wesley Currie, district No. 4. Constables elected were Fred Menke, Will Gregor, Edward Grimmmer, and George Leat. Township committee members chosen were Charles Heiss, Willard Campbell and Harry S. McCracken.

## MRS. K. BANFIELD ELECTED LEADER OF O. E. S. CHAPTER

### Installation Of Officers To Be Held Tuesday Evening, April 22

Officers elected Tuesday evening by Farmington Chapter No. 1 of the Eastern Star, will be installed Tuesday evening, April 22, in the Chapter rooms. All of the officers were advanced in the election.

Mrs. Kate Banfield, associate matron, was elected, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, succeeding matron for the past year, Benjamin E. Storms, associate patron, was elected worthy patron, succeeding Isaac Bond. Mrs. Mary Johnson was chosen associate matron and Arthur P. Coe associate patron.

Mrs. Ada Bond was re-elected secretary, a position she has held for a number of years. Mrs. Mae West was advanced from associate conductress to conductress, and Mrs. Gertrude Webster was named associate.

Alternates to grand chapter meeting are Mrs. E. Middlewood, Mrs. Ina W. Storms, Mrs. Ada Bond.

Mrs. Gordon Spaulding, Ferndale, past grand Electa, will be installed matron at the installation, and Mrs. Nellie Williams of Royal Oak will be installing marshal. The installation will be open to members of the Chapter, Masons, and their families.

**FINES TOTAL \$127**  
Fines collected by the City of Farmington police department during March totalled \$127, according to a report made Monday night by Chief of Police Lee Doyle to the City Commission. There were 15 arrests.

Miss Ethel Bond returned from Ann Arbor Friday for Spring vacation. Mrs. Roy Plimton has returned after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Percy at Big Rapids.

## New Treasurer



Mark Bachelor, elected Monday as Farmington Township Treasurer, without opposition.

## Supervisor Loses In Southfield

### George Bingham, Republican, Defeats Charles Bilkovsky, Officeholder For Year

Southfield Township voters, who a year ago turned out, then-supervisor, J. B. Wood and put Charles Bilkovsky into office by a few votes, turned the tables on Monday and Bilkovsky was ousted in favor of George Bingham, Bingham, a Republican, was chosen supervisor, with 413 votes to 268 for Bilkovsky, Democrat. The campaign was a spirited one.

The only other Democrat on the ballot, however, Mrs. Ona Utley, gained a hard-won victory over Albert Jacobs for clerk, 376 to 334. Republicans elected with-treasurer, Arthur Eames, 590; James Kirschoff, highway commissioner, 610; William Rodenhous, justice, 556; H. J. Rohlf, Jr., justice to fill vacancy, 531; H. E. Kennedy, board of review, 556; J. E. McClellan, board of review (vacancy), 568; W. C. Kent and William Minnock constables, 513 and 528.

## NEW POST TRAFFIC LIGHTS PLANNED AT MAIN CORNER

### Overhead Signal At Grand River And Farmington Roads To Be Discarded

New and most modern traffic signals will soon be installed on Farmington's main corner, Grand River and Farmington roads. Two new signals mounted on corner posts will replace the single overhead lamp which has been in service for some years.

Purchase of the signals was made Wednesday by Police Commissioner Emory Hatton, following approval by the City Commission Monday night. An arrangement whereby the County Road Commission will take the overhead light will make the cost of the change small for the City.

Commissioner Hatton pointed out to the Commission that the present signal gives continual trouble, as many as four or five bulbs burning out in one day. City employees are required to climb a ladder mounted on a truck, in the path of heavy traffic, to replace bulbs. The new signal will be of the "split amber" type, changing from red to green and thus preventing motorists from starting on the amber after a stop for the red signal.

The new signals will cost \$180, and the County will take the present signal at \$100. The new signal will be of the "split amber" type, changing from red to green and thus preventing motorists from starting on the amber after a stop for the red signal.

## Entrance To Be Made At Free Parking Lot

Farmington motor car owners who take advantage of the free parking lot behind the police booth when they come uptown will have further convenience provided for them. The City Commission Monday night agreed that the curb at the entrance should be cut down and a sloping entrance made.

The lot is available for use at all times and motorists are urged to use it to relieve parking congestion on Grand River avenue.

## Petition To Recall 3 School Board Members To Be Filed

### Widespread Support Is Reported For Action To Remove Majority Of Education Body; All Teachers Given Contracts Sign

Petitions for recall of three members of the Farmington Board of Education, district No. 5, are to be filed soon, it is understood, following circulation throughout the District within the next week. It is expected that they will be filed by the first part of next week.

Filing of the petitions with sufficient signatures is followed by calling of a special district election, to vote on whether the officers shall be recalled. This is provided for by State law, which prescribes the steps to be taken, and for the holding of the election.

The three members sought to be recalled are Mrs. Blanche Roos, president, Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary, and Frank T. Macomber.

"Everywhere we have found feeling strongly in favor of removing the three school board members," said W. Allen Nelson, who has been circulating petitions. "We have been in many parts of the District. Nowhere did we meet with any attempt to defend the acts of the Board. We have found on every hand condemnation of their action in first refusing the superintendent to Mr. Crawford, and then dismissing him as principal, and especially of their high-handed attitude toward the taxpayers of this District who wished to suggest to the Board the possibility that they were making a mistake and doing an injustice which was a serious reflection on the community."

## Churches Unite In Passion Week

### Three Protestant Congregations Join In Series Of Services Next Week

The first union services for the week preceding Easter ever held in Farmington is being planned for next week by three Protestant churches. Ministers of the churches will alternate in delivering sermons.

The first union service will be held next Tuesday evening in the Baptist Church, with Rev. A. A. Schoen of Salem Evangelical Church in charge. On Wednesday evening, in the Evangelical Church, Dr. H. Addis Lesson of the Methodist Church will preach. On Thursday evening, Rev. E. W. Palmer of the Baptist Church will preach in the Methodist pulpit.

On Friday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. the Good Friday service will be held in Evangelical Church, with all three pastors taking part.

## ARTHUR GOOD, 20, RECOVERING FROM BOXING INJURY

### Young Man Hurt In Sparring Improves After Backward Upon Head

Arthur Good, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Good of Farmington, is recovering from the effects of an injury suffered last week in boxing, which it was feared might prove very serious. For a number of days he was unable to rest or eat solid food, but his condition is much improved.

Good was hurt while boxing with Evar Hedberg, in a boxing ring which a number of young men had fixed up for their use. The ring is located in a barn on the E. V. Blanchard farm, where Hedberg lives. During the boxing, Good leaped into the air, and Hedberg's glove struck him. He fell backwards, apparently striking his head.

Friends rushed Good to his home, where he is under the care of Dr. H. A. Boice. He is employed at his father's gasoline station.

Mrs. Mae West spent Tuesday with Mrs. Clarence Dennis.

## Jane Lester School Spelling Champion

Mary Jane Lester, a pupil in the eighth grade, is spelling champion of Farmington Public Schools, having won a contest conducted for pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Mary Jane will represent Farmington in the district spelling bee to be held the latter part of this month, in the Detroit News spelling bee.

The winner received an \$10 gift. The word on which she won the contest was "piccolo."

## Return Contracts

All teachers who were tendered contracts by the Board have returned them signed, Mrs. Lee report. They are: Maxwell Shadley, coach and science; Edward Eaton, instrumental music, algebra, civics; Lynn Bohrer, commercial; Emma Hyde, domestic science; Freda Chett; history, Latin; Evelyn Edwards Shadley, clerk; librarian; Lulu Lewis, music and art; Curtis Hall, eighth grade; Eldon Ruston, seventh grade; Kenneth Bibebe, sixth grade; Lucille Halstead, fifth grade; Evelyn Van Dyne, fourth grade; Doris Greene, third grade; Josephine Roe, second grade; Anna Marie Moberg, first grade; Joan Wondergem, kindergarten; Winifred Thomas, opportunity room; Rosetta Barbour, school nurse. New faculty members selected are R. C. Burns, Pittsford as principal, and Mrs. Robbie Harrison, Pierson School principal, to succeed Miss Lois MacKellar as teacher of senior English.

## LIVONIA STICKER CANDIDATE LOSES TREASURER FIGHT

### All Republican Nominees Elected; Only Contest Is Victory For H. Livrance

Republican nominees in Livonia Township were elected without contest except for the office of treasurer on Monday. Supervisor Jesse Zeigler led the tickets, with a vote of 943.

Herbert Livrance, caucus nominee for treasurer was opposed by James McNabb, the latter running on stickers. Livrance won with ease, the result being 295 to 107.

John Harlan was re-elected clerk, with 336 votes. Arthur Trapp polled 340 votes for highway commissioner; Laverna Edwards, justice of the peace, 329; Clarence Jones, justice, three-year term, 324; Don Ryder, board of review, 323.

Constables elected were Albert Hirsch, Sol Deane, Frank Day and Clayton Fritz. Road overseers chosen were Carl Wanck, Charles Lute, Tom Levandowski, and Geo. Wolfstrom.