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State To Build New Highway In Farmington Area

Toledo-Bay City Road To Enter County On Novi-Farmington Line

A major highway project, which may become one of the main arteries of Eastern Michigan, will be built within three miles of Farmington, plans of the State Highway Department indicate. The road, which will connect Toledo, Ohio, and Bay City, will probably be built within two years. At least four miles of the road will be located in Farmington Township, it is believed.

The road will probably run through Wayne County two miles east of Plymouth and Northville and will enter Oakland County on the Farmington-Nowi Township line.

Although no surveys have been made for this section of the road, it is believed that the project will run far north as the Twelve Mile road and then angle westerly to Walled Lake, following the Commerce road from there to Commerce and then angling easterly to the intersection of the Highland and Williams Lake roads. The course follows the Williams Lake road for a short distance and then follows a new course to Clarkson Station, thence to the Dixie, crossing U. S. 10 and joining the present M-15 a short distance, north and west of Clarkson Forks.

Known As Haggerty Road

The existing paved route of M-15 in the County runs through Clarkson and north through Ortonville, leaving the County in the northeastern corner of Groveland Township.

The proposed road has been known as the Haggerty Highway and recently the State secured Federal aid for the project. The State is to pay the remainder of the costs. At the present time the entire course is paved between Clarkson and Bay City with the exception of a 15-mile strip between Davison and Millington which will be completed next year.

Two Advantages

Two advantages are pointed out favoring construction of the road: First, a faster and more direct route from points in southeastern Michigan to Bay City and the north and second, a road that would relieve the heavy traffic of some heavy traffic which enters Michigan from Ohio, bound for northern points.

For Farmington people bound for northern points on the eastern side of the State, the new road would be a boon as a time saver. Pontiac would be eliminated as well as the heavy traffic encountered on the Dixie Highway north of the County seat. At all points north of Pontiac it will probably parallel the Dixie.

THIRD SCHOOL FOR FRUIT GROWERS TO BE HELD JANUARY 6

Control Of Codling Moth To Be Discussed At Pontiac Meeting

The third school for fruit growers will be held January 7 at the Lincoln Junior High School, Pontiac.

Many growers have found control of codling moth most difficult during the past season and it is desired to discuss with growers the practice of tree banding for control of this pest.

The recent federal census gave Oakland County more than 200,000 apple trees of bearing age, with a corresponding number of other fruit trees. As fruit growing is an important phase of the agricultural industry of the County, with about 400 fruit growers in Oakland, the course has been well attended in the past. It is open to all fruit growers.

ATTENTION WATER USERS

Please pay water bills at Peoples Bank or to City Clerk N. H. Power. Last day of discount, January 15.

Review Shows 1931 An Eventful Year In History Of Farmington

The year 1931 has been an eventful one for Farmington and vicinity, a glance through the files of the Farmington Enterprise discloses. In the comparatively short period of 52 weeks the number of events that have occurred had been remarkable for a community of less than 1300 persons. Not a week during the past year has passed without some event of importance being added to the long history of Farmington.

Herewith is a review of important events of the past 12 months:

Three bandits rob Frank Smith of \$50, December 26, 1930, after trying to Smith and his wife.

John W. Mathison of Southfield Community, dies, December 26, 1930.

George Coe, 77, dies at Commerce, December 27, 1930.

Durwood Lewis, 62, seriously injured in automobile accident, January 4.

Mrs. Agusta Wick, 70, dies January 6 after 40 years a resident in Detroit.

Postmaster T. H. McGee elected president of Farmington Exchange Club.

Funeral services for Michael Krez, victim of automobile crash, held January 5.

Marriage of Clinton Tredway to Miss Jean Baird announced.

David N. Robinson marries Miss Madeline Walsh, January 15.

Nugent Dodds, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shaddick, appointed an assistant attorney-general by President Hoover.

State Administrative Board votes January 12 to take up tracks on Grand River avenue.

Marriage of Howard Middleton to Miss Grace Gillis of Detroit, December 19, announced.

Drive against jitney drivers continues as Chief Doyle arrests two, January 12.

Mrs. Gladys Mowry of Plymouth arrested, January 12, on bad check charge.

Earl J. Coffee, manager of C. F. Smith grocery at Clarenceville, robbed of \$33.47, January 20, by two men.

H. Brown of Clarenceville and W. L. Rubel of Farmington Acres ask permission of City Commission to run jitneys on Grand River, January 19.

City Commission approves oil burner, milk ordinances, January 19.

Legality of City's purchase of fire truck for Township purposes questioned by group of citizens, January 20.

Clarenceville seeks extension of Detroit city water service, January 20.

John Uhlig and Ella McCartney installed as heads of Clarenceville T. O. P. and Rebekah lodges January 21.

Mrs. Josephine Ryel, 68, dies January 21.

Funeral services for Lee Smitherman, 42, held at Commerce, January 20.

Dr. W. J. Donaldson, 70, dies following automobile accident, January 22, at Commerce.

Rep. Philmon J. Miller of Walled Lake introduces bill, January 27 to amend Covert Road law.

Last freight cars go over Grand River rails, January 28. Fred Stamann, Horace Durham and Paul Maas end long service.

D. S. R. buses start on Grand River, February 1. Fare is higher.

William Groves of Wilson, former resident, dies at Northville, January 28.

Charles Cable, well-known in Farmington, dies January 20.

Mrs. Ellen Graham, 85, dies January 31, north of Farmington.

Dedication of American Legion home held, January 29. General Guy Wilson and Mgr. Patrick Dunigan speak.

Bucket brigade saves Noble school from destruction, February 2.

Mrs. Minnie Biennas, former resident, dies at Plymouth, January 30.

State pays City \$3,800 for building sewer on Grand River avenue, February 7.

Horace Chandler, 65, of Clarenceville, dies at Chatham, Ontario, February 5.

Frank Schweim and Roderick Mahaney injured in motorcycle accident, February 17.

Harold Oldenburg injured fighting fire at George Aulgrig home, February 19.

W. H. Hutton, 69, expires at Walled Lake, February 19.

Marilyn McKinstry suffers fractured leg when struck by automobile at Walled Lake, February 23.

Henry Pauline, William Pauline and Lloyd Pierson injured in automobile crash, February 24, on Grand River avenue.

Farmington P. T. A. celebrates fifth anniversary, February 26.

Thomas Browning, 88, dies March 1 LaPorte, Ind.

Fifteen cent fare from Farmington to Five Points offered by jitney bus operators to City Commission, March 2.

Herbert Livrance re-elected treasurer, Arthur Trapp highway commissioner, in Livonia election, March 2.

Clarenceville District No. 5 fractional dues Farmington Township for \$12,884, March 3.

Miss Libbie Hake, former resident, expires at Plymouth, March 3.

Record-breaking vote in Township March 2, names Arthur P. Coe, supervisor, Willard Campbell, clerk, Clayton Goers, highway commissioner, Walter Heedert, justice.

Farmington high school basketball team teaches regional tournament by defeating Oxford and Orion, March 7.

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson reports to Exchange Club, March 11, results of his study of "the economic problem of unemployment."

Charles L. Collins, defeated by 2 in first count, wins by 3 in recount in Southfield Township primary, March 11.

Judson Taylor, 65, of Salem, dies March 5 at home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams.

Complete plans, March 19 for installation of Mrs. C. Ada Bond as Worthy High Priestess of Trinity Shrine, No. 44, at Northville.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary attend District convention at Detroit, March 12.

Mrs. Maude Ritter, mother of Karl G. Ritter, expires at Royal Oak, March 13.

Seven-year-old Elizabeth Fisher killed by automobile, March 18.

John Lloyd Allyn, 19, appendicitis victim, expires March 7.

Bandits wreck car, take \$13 from Lester Evert in Base Line road holdup, March 16.

City Commission requests lower bus fare to Redford from Eastern Michigan Railway, March 16.

Mrs. Henrietta Holtz, 72, of Oakley Park, dies March 19.

Farmington Parent-Teachers Association withdraws, March 24, from national group.

Mrs. A. Moran of Clarenceville injured March 18, in automobile crash.

Jay C. Prescott, superintendent of Clarenceville schools, elected P. T. A. head, March 20.

Clarence Albert Wiggle dies March 24 of pneumonia.

Mrs. Mae McCracken, Hewitt dies at age of 63 in Detroit, March 22.

John C. Bauer, 83, dies March 12.

Ray Marsh appointed to Walled Lake board of education, March 21.

F. D. Sheill, 71, dies in Detroit, March 26.

Mrs. Lillian Hubner Belford, known in Farmington, dies at New Hudson at age of 53, March 29.

Rites held March 31 for Mrs. James McGee, aged 47.

Phyllis Ann Vivier, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivier, dies March 31.

Overflow crowd hears Rev. D. S. Denniston, Rev. Frank Adams and Judge Edward J. Jeffries debate capital punishment, March 31.

Amos Otis becomes a candidate for mayor, April 2.

L. Charles Heliker, 68, dies April 1.

Mrs. Fannie Adams, running on sticker ballot, wins treasurer's Continued on page five)

Final Report Of Community Fund Made By Lamb

N. H. Power, City Clerk Elected Exchange Club Head For New Year

Mayor Arthur Lamb, general chairman of the committee in charge of the Community Fund, has made a final report to the Exchange club of the disposition of funds and Christmas baskets. He reported that there was a total of \$161 collected for the Christmas Fund, which added to the \$36.50 derived from the entertainment staged by Mrs. Gladys Boucher and others, made a total of \$197.50 available for the Christmas Fund.

Groceries, meats and other articles placed in the 51 baskets delivered cost \$152.79, leaving a balance on hand of \$44.71. Food collected through the barrels in grocery stores was valued at \$35.

Mayor Lamb said in making his report that the same families that were given baskets last year also received them this year plus eight additional ones that the committee thought advisable to add to the list.

N. H. Power, city clerk, will guide the destinies of Farmington Exchange Club in 1932, it was decided at the meeting of the Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Other officers named are Earl Vivier, first vice-president, Edward Baker, second vice-president, John Schutte, third vice-president, Rev. Elmer Palmer, Secretary, John Fitzpatrick, treasurer, and Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Emory Hatton and Leo Gildemeister, members to the board of control. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner is the retiring president.

Mr. Power has been a member of Farmington Exchange Club for five years, having served this year as first vice-president.

MORE THAN \$4,000 RECEIVED IN TAXES BY CITY TREASURER

Supervisors And Treasurers At Pontiac For Conference On Bond Situation

More than \$3,000 in taxes was collected by City Treasurer L. C. Thayer during the past week, bringing the total of winter taxes collected to \$4,154.71. The four per cent penalty will not be exacted until January 20, Mr. Thayer said Wednesday.

Supervisors of the City and Township were to confer Thursday morning at Pontiac with the County Treasurer, together with other supervisors and treasurers of the County in regard to treasurer's bonds, a problem that has been confronting all treasurer's in the County for some time.

Supervisors Arthur Lamb and Arthur Coe and Mark D. Bachelor, Township treasurer, and Mr. Thayer expected to be at the meeting.

DOLLS, DOLL HOUSES GIVEN FARMINGTON GIRLS BY DRUG CO.

Carol Joy And Sally Gildemeister Win Doll Houses In Annual Contest

The Farmington Drug Co., following its usual custom, played Santa Claus to Farmington's youngsters again this year when given the winners in the doll contest sponsored by Stanley F. Smith. The lucky girls received their houses and dolls Christmas Eve.

Carol Joy and Sally Gildemeister received the doll houses. Winners of dolls were Joyce Heaney, Edith Binbridge, Hanna McGarvey, Edna Tamm, Valerie Walters, Mary Ella Kelly, Norma Stapert, Marie Houghton, Margorie Morris, Vernice VanMarter, Anita Miller, Alma Wadestorer, and Donna Christmas.

Miss Hilda Larson spent Christmas with her family at Ludington.

Heads Exchange Club



N. H. POWER

Rights-Of-Way Nearly Secured

Cut-Off Contracts Will Specify That Greater Proportion Of County Labor Be Used

Rights-of-way for construction of the Cut-off south of Farmington have nearly all been secured, Mayor Arthur Lamb said Wednesday after a conference at Lansing with Chief Engineer Foster of the State Highway Department. The remainder is to be secured as soon as possible, Mr. Lamb added, however, and advertising for bids will immediately follow. Grading work will be done this winter, according to plans of the Highway Department.

Indigents in the Farmington area are expected to receive greater aid from this project construction than from the Grand River work now in progress. It was specified in the Grand River contracts that at least 75 per cent of the labor be given idle men in adjoining townships. It will be specified in the contracts for building the Cut-off that at least 85 per cent of the labor be from the locality where the work is done. Mr. Lamb added, however, that the contractors on the Grand River job, Julius Porath and Sons, had been very generous in the employment of labor in the immediate vicinity and at no time had the contractors utilized more than 13 per cent of their own labor.

DR. HARVEY WAITE, STATE LECTURER, TO ADDRESS CLUB

Illustrated Lecture To Be Held Wednesday At M. E. Community Hall

Dr. Harvey A. Waite, lecturer of the Narcotic Educational Association, Inc., will give an illustrated lecture at the Methodist Community Hall Wednesday, January 6, at 3 o'clock, appearing under the auspices of the Farmington Woman's club.

Dr. Waite is State educational director of the Narcotic Association and is said to have had wide experience in observing the traffic.

According to the Narcotic Educational Association thousands in Michigan are suffering from the drug habit. It is for the relief and suppression of the traffic in illicit and dangerous drugs that the Association is working. Dr. Waite has spent much time in the underworld in study of the conditions and is prepared to bring interesting and authentic information on the subject.

There will be a large exhibition of opium lamps, pipes, needles all the rest of the paraphernalia typical of that used in the underworld, and taken in various raids by police officers, in which Dr. Waite has participated. This exhibit forms a large part of the illustrative material used in the lecture.

ESCAPE INJURY

Mrs. Henry Smith, together with her niece and two companions, escaped injury Saturday night when the car in which they were riding on Grand River collided with another at Second Boulevard, Detroit. The damage to the Smith car was not estimated.

Town Hall Suit To Be In Court Early Next Year

Attorneys Ready For Test Of Ownership; Had Hoped For Agreement

The question of ownership and proportionate interests in the Farmington Town Hall property will get into the Oakland County Court soon after the first of the year, it is indicated by attorneys representing the Township, the City, and the Masonic order.

Papers for court action are ready, and unless some new development occurs, the action will proceed, with the probability however, that final decision will be a matter not only of months, but perhaps a year or two. It is generally agreed that the matter will in all likelihood be carried to the Supreme Court.

While the case might have been pressed harder for court action, the attorneys have refrained from pushing the litigation to the limit, for several reasons. Hope has been held out that something might develop which would avoid long and costly litigation, with the possible ill-feeling it has been feared might develop. Greatly changed business conditions since the movement to determine ownership was begun have made it apparent that a forced sale in the present market, which might result from a court edict, would cause a tremendous loss to all concerned, regardless of the respective shares.

Want Ownership Settled

In spite of the greatly lessened agitation for settlement, with general public knowledge of the shrunken value of all property, there is in some quarters still an active sentiment for determination of the ownership, particularly in the Township. It is the contention in these quarters, that the question of title should be determined once and for all, not necessarily with the view to changing the present use or circumstances of the property, but merely so that the rights of the parties will be known. It is held from this view point that the suit to determine ownership can be carried on in the friendliest way and without any necessary unpleasant after-effects.

James H. Lynch of Pontiac represents the Township, George E. Bushnell of Semplicher, Dawey, Stanton and Bushnell, of Detroit, who has made a most exhaustive study of both the Township and Masonic lodge records for the past 56 years, has been handling the case for the City and the Masonic lodge, the two interests having been joined in preliminary work in the interest of economy. R. O. Bonisteel of Ann Arbor will represent the Masonic order as attorney for the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

ARTHUR GRIFFIN, 38, OF CLARENCEVILLE DIES IN DETROIT

Deceased Is Survived By Six Children, All Under 12 Years Of Age

Arthur Griffin, 38 years old, of Clarenceville was buried at Harrison Monday, Mr. Griffin died Saturday morning at the Marine Hospital in Detroit, three weeks after he went there for treatment. Funeral services were held Sunday before the body was shipped to Harrison.

Mr. Griffin is survived by his widow, six children: Gertrude, 11, Vernice, 9, Arthur, 7, Arnold, 6, Doris, 5, and Pansy, 3; his mother, Mrs. E. Peckham, two brothers, Floyd and Walter, a half brother, Ira Peckham, and two sisters, Mrs. Pansy Link and Mrs. Helen Collwell.

Mr. Griffin served in the Boxer Rebellion in 1914 and later in the U. S. Marines in the World War, seeing service in Russia.

The Griffin family has lived at Clarenceville for several years.

Lena Mae Shepoff is spending the holidays with her sister at Ypsilanti.