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Many Crash At Cut-Off Junction; Curve Criticized

Slippery Curve, Slanting Wrong Way, Causes Numerous Pile-Ups

Considerable comment and much criticism, and in some instances indignation, have developed over work of the State Highway Department at the junction of the west end of the Cut-off and Grand River Road two miles west of Farmington, where laying of new pavement has brought about a highly dangerous traffic condition. Already a number of accidents with some injuries have occurred, and drivers constantly face peril to them and their cars. Five passenger machines and a Blinn-Goose interurban bus were involved in a tangle at nearly the same time last Saturday, one machine turning over and others being damaged with injuries to one motorist. Over a dozen cars were damaged during the morning. Appeals brought road maintenance men and engineers to the spot to do what they could to lessen the danger.

Trouble Foreseen

For a long time it has been a matter of general discussion that completion of the Cut-off would result in a serious problem at the joining of the west end of it with Grand River, especially in view of the fact that South Lyon Road comes in at about the same place. Completion of the Cut-off some time ago indicated trouble with the new pavement at a different level from that of Grand River. When the cement on the Cut-off had dried, Grand River was closed for a time and changes were made in the latter road. It is these changes, revealed when the new Grand River concrete was opened to traffic, that have caused the accidents and the protests.

The "Grand River Avenue" from the top of the hill west of Gates Corner has followed a fairly straight line westward. When Grand River was recently re-opened, however, it was seen that the engineers in order to make the union of the two roads, caused a bend to be made in Grand River to the south, to meet the Cut-off. At the same time, in order to compensate for the difference in grade, the engineers caused Grand River, at the very center on the new curve, to be slanted sharply downward toward the Cut-off. The result is that cars going around the new curve are thrown outward toward the outside of the curve, instead of leaning toward the inside. Curves in roads usually are built in conformance with the "saucer" type of roadway, the higher center of the curve on the outside being designed to overcome the natural tendency of cars to "throw out" on turns. The curve at the point mentioned, however, has the opposite effect of an inverted saucer, with machines sliding off the "rim."

Saturday morning, with many cars en route to the football game at Lansing, westbound drivers found it impossible to hold their cars on the slippery, slanting curve, even at 15 and 20 miles an hour. Those who made the mistake of putting on their brakes found themselves sliding down the hill sidewise. So great was the handicap caused by the manner in which the concrete has been laid that even the chloride and sand sprinkled around could not stop the skidding. Motorists accustomed to the road were no better, perhaps worse off than strangers, for they came along expecting to find a straight, level path ahead. Instead they found themselves suddenly sliding into the ditch on the other side of the road.

More Than 200 Inspect Plymouth Six First Day

The new Plymouth six was viewed by more than 200 persons at its first showing last Thursday by Olds-Close Motor Sales, Inc., and crowds have continued to come all week to view this model. Those who have driven the demonstrator car have all commented on its ease of handling and riding. Nothing but enthusiasm for the six has been expressed by those who have examined it, the Motor Sales reports. A used car department has been added to some models in fine condition at advantageous terms are offered.

Dr. Frank D. Adams Will Preach Two Sermons Before Departure



DR. FRANK D. ADAMS

Farmington Vote To Be Recounted

Votes On Secretary Of State, Court Commissioner, Coroner To Be Checked

The vote in Farmington on secretary of state and Oakland County circuit court commissioner is among those on which recounts will be made. N. H. Fowler and Willard Campbell, city and township clerks, have been asked to send the sealed ballot boxes for the city and township precinct one to Pontiac for the recount. Charles S. Porritt, Democrat, candidate for circuit court commissioner, who has petitioned for the recount of 17 precincts, includes Farmington City on his list. Mr. Porritt has 499 votes behind Harry J. Merritt and 55 behind Earl L. Phillips, the Republican incumbents, on unofficial returns. Mr. Phillips has asked for the recount as a protective measure of 27 additional precincts, including Farmington Township precinct two.

Coroners File DeWitt C. Davis, Democrat Defeated in the unofficial count by 65 votes by G. Dewey Kimball, Republican incumbent, has asked for recounts in 33 precincts, and Mr. Kimball has filed petitions for recounts in 15 more.

Both the city and township of Farmington are on the list of precincts to be recounted. Mr. Kimball has more than 3,000 votes behind Frank D. Fitzgerald for secretary of state when unofficial tabulations were completed. Any of these petitions may be withdrawn on the completion of the official canvass late this week, but had to be filed last Friday to be honored. A deposit of \$5 per precinct is required to be made if the outcome of the election is not changed by the recount. Returns are held in county seats instead of Lansing under the 1931 act.

SERVICES, BURIAL HELD WEDNESDAY FOR MRS. UTLEY

Life-Long Resident Of Township Dies Of Stroke Monday Morning

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Clarence Utley, a life-long resident of Farmington Township, who died Monday morning. Mrs. Utley had been in ill health for a long time, but her death came suddenly as the result of a stroke. Burial was in East Farmington Cemetery.

Before her marriage Mrs. Utley was Miss Anna McGarvey. She was 58 years old, and had been married 27 years. Mr. and Mrs. Utley lived on Switzer Road.

Besides Mr. Utley, she is survived by three children, Richard, Sanford, and Dorothy, two brothers, George and Joseph McGarvey, of Dearborn and two sisters, Mrs. Timothy Tolman of Farmington and Miss Minnie McGarvey of Detroit.

Mayor LAMB IN LANSING

Mayor Arthur Lamb, acting in his capacity as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, conferred with the method to be used in obtaining a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan for welfare purposes, with Assistant Attorney General Devo in Lansing Friday.

But two more sermons will be preached in Farmington by Dr. Frank D. Adams, pastor of the Farmington Universalist Church since 1925, who has accepted a call to Unity Church in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Also pastor of the First Universalist Church of Detroit, Dr. Adams has served on Mayor Frank Murphy's unemployment committee since September, 1930, and as its chairman since July 7, 1931.

Rev. Adams has conducted services in Farmington every other Sunday afternoon. He announced his change of pastorate at last Sunday's services. After two more services he will leave for a short rest before taking over his new work in Chicago January 1.

Because of his numerous activities in Detroit, Reverend Adams was unable to devote a great deal of time to the Farmington Church, but members of the congregation have expressed appreciation for the message he carried in his bi-weekly sermons. His successor has not yet been named by the Detroit Church.

In Detroit he maintained a continual interest in civic problems, his comments occasionally bringing him into conflict with city officials. He entered the campaign to remove jitney busses from Detroit streets, and acted as spokesman for an American Legion post which had its charter revoked because of populist sentiment among the members.

CHURCHES UNITE IN THANKSGIVING SERVICE THURSDAY

Rev. Niedernhofer's Sermon On "The True Spirit" At M. E. Church

"The True Spirit in the Celebration of Thanksgiving" is the sermon by Rev. H. Niedernhofer of the Evangelical Church, was to be given at the Union Thanksgiving services planned at Farmington M. E. Church at 10 a. m. Thursday.

With the congregations of three churches joining to celebrate the nation-wide day of thanksgiving, a large gathering was expected to attend the services. The Baptist, Methodist, and Evangelical Churches joined together for this occasion.

The Methodist and Baptist choirs planned a special musical program. Rev. Floyd C. Johnson of the Methodist church was to be chairman and Rev. E. W. Palmer of the Baptist church also was assisting in the service.

Three points were to be expounded by Rev. Niedernhofer: "willingness," "the way of doing it," and "where to do it," in reference to his sermon topic.

WILL NOT ISSUE DECEMBER PHONE DIRECTORY HERE

No New Directory To Be Issued Until June; Drop City From Detroit Book

No Farmington telephone directory will be issued for December, 1932, it has been announced by Roy E. Crowe, Michigan Bell manager for the district which includes Farmington.

The expense of putting out a new directory would be too great at the present time. Ordinarily they are issued in June and December. No new directory will be published until next June unless the number of changes makes one necessary before that time, Mr. Crowe says.

Farmington numbers will also be eliminated from the Detroit directory hereafter. A check on the number of calls for information shows that not enough use is made of the Detroit listing to make its retention worthwhile.

Mr. Crowe states Wayne is also to be dropped from the Detroit directory for the same reason.

33rd O. E. S. Anniversary To Be Marked Tuesday

The 33rd anniversary of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S., will be celebrated next Tuesday evening. There will be a special program and initiatory work. Past Matrons, Past Patrons, and charter members will be honored at the meeting. Pot-luck dinner will be served at 6:30.

Township, City Are Ready For Welfare Work

Supreme Court Holds Last Year's Board Action Is Binding

Farmington City and Township are prepared to administer welfare relief beginning January 1, definitely thrown upon them as the Supreme Court this week removed the last barrier to the institution of the unit relief plan.

The Court ruling says the action of last year's Board of Supervisors in binding the present board to abandon the county plan was within its rights. This was the last opportunity opponents of the unit plan had to postpone it, as the Board twice refused to rescind its action.

City Well Off

Farmington City will be aided by the unit plan, as it has had but two families on the County welfare rolls. One thousand dollars for welfare purposes was included in the budget adopted last year, but not yet been used, according to Mayor Arthur Lamb.

The Township anticipated this situation by planting vegetables last spring for the time when it would have to administer its own relief. Three thousand bushels of potatoes, and a large quantity of beans, cabbage, carrots, and rutabagas have been raised and stored.

May Need To Borrow

Nothing is being supplied through private charities, but the Township will have to pay for fuel and medical care. \$17,000 was included in the budget for welfare, but it may be necessary to borrow. The Board of Supervisors plans to negotiate a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan for these units lacking funds.

From 60 to 80 families in the Township have been receiving County aid this year.

Township tax rolls were completed by Supervisor Arthur Coe, after a water pump which was for welfare assessment. Now that the court's ruling has been made, the rolls will be completed and turned over as soon as possible to Mrs. Loretta Cox, Township treasurer, for collection.

FIND NO CAUSE FOR ACTION IN NOVI PUMP SUIT

Bernard Morrell Required To Pay For Inconvenience In Removal

No cause for action was found by a jury in a writ of replevin hearing involving the ownership of a water pump which was used to supply two adjoining houses in Novi. The case was tried before Justice John J. Schulte in Farmington last Thursday.

One dollar a day until the pump was removed from a house owned by John Sinnock of Milford, Morrell is the owner of the adjoining house.

William Holmes, former owner of Morrell's house, originally bought the pump under agreement with Frank Eno, former owner of the place, now in Sinnock's hands. Eno dug a well and Holmes supplied the pump, the two sharing the water.

Morrell held a mortgage on Holmes' house and Holmes, unable to maintain payments on the mortgage, deeded the house to Morrell.

The pump was arranged with Morrell by an arrangement with Holmes' at the time. Meanwhile Sinnock, who held a mortgage on Eno's place, obtained possession of it by a similar arrangement.

The jury held that there was no cause for action, and ordered Morrell to pay one dollar a day from October 26 until the restoration of the pump.

Those on the jury were James Hines, Albert Grimwad, William Davis, Thomas Conway, Myron Carrier and Ralph Atway. Attorneys John Borer of Redford and Donald F. Noble of Milford represented Morrell and Sinnock.

Mrs. Minnie Wilkinson and son Olin spent Thanksgiving with her parents at Bad Axe, Michigan.

Games, Solution Of Discipline Problem

"Molasses catches more fit than vinegar" runs the adage through the application of which teachers at Clarenceville school have overcome a discipline problem.

When children have to stay inside the building at recess, afternoon hours they now are given games to play. Enthusiasm has been shown over checkers, authors, dominoes, jacks, and various other games provided.

Waivers Bring Dividend Nearer

Attorney For Bank Gets Consent From All But One; Expects It Soon

Depositors of Farmington State Savings Bank will receive the anticipated second dividend within the next 15 or 20 days at the most, unless unforeseen legal difficulties interfere. The only factor which could now prevent the distribution of the dividend would be an unexpected appeal by one of the governmental units whose deposits have recently been denied the status of preferred claims.

Considerable success has attended efforts of Earl L. Phillips, counsel for the receiver, to obtain waivers of appeal from the other attorneys in the case. All but one have waived an appeal. School District No. 5 Fractional (Clarenceville) is the remaining unit to be heard from, and the board has not yet had time for a meeting. It is expected that they will consider the matter and notify their attorney, George E. Eastell, within the next few days.

William H. Grasse, attorney for Livonia Township, notified Mr. Phillips Wednesday that there would be no appeal on the part of Livonia.

The time to file an appeal expires December 2. If there is no appeal, but the period expires, action on issuance of the dividend will start the morning after the expiration day.

In order to still further shorten the time, Howard C. Knickerbocker, receiver, has put everything in readiness for sending out the dividend checks. Legal formalities would require a few days' time after, it is definitely settled that the dividend may be paid.

17 TRITONS GIVEN FOOTBALL LETTERS AS SEASON CLOSES

Howard Westfall Only Player In Every Minute; Team Wins One, Ties Three

Football letters have been awarded 17 Farmington High School players for their work during the season just closed. One linesman, Howard Westfall, was the only player to be in every minute of every game. Farmington won one game, tied three, and lost four this season. Thirty-seven points were scored, against 92 for all opponents.

Letters were given Elmer Cathaman, Edward Caudell, Jack Grant, Captain William Hamilton, David Jones, Bruce Kelly, Gwen Lancaster, Donald Larson, Charles Lee, Bob Lockridge, Ward O'Hara, Roy Paine, Jean Porter, Harley Spalier, Clinton Spies, George Wagner, and Howard Westfall.

Season Record

Sept. 23—F. H. S. 0, Olivindale 6
Sept. 30—F. H. S. 6, Rochester 6
Oct. 7—F. H. S. 0, Berkley 0
Oct. 14—F. H. S. 0, Trenton 3
Oct. 21—F. H. S. 12, Royal Oak 24
Oct. 28—F. H. S. 0, Flat Rock 0
Nov. 5—F. H. S. 6, Walled Lake 39
Nov. 11—F. H. S. 13, Northville 9

Two Weeks Remain For Peoples Claims

Only two weeks are left before Dec. 8 to file claims against the Peoples State Bank of Farmington. Receiver John N. Daley points out that this is the final opportunity for claims against the bank to be honored. There can be no extension of time under the law, so immediate action is necessary if depositors wish to share in dividends.

Suit Dismissed, Tax Collection Delay Averted

Circuit Judge Throws Out Case Against School District No. 6 Board

Delay in the levying and collection of taxes in Farmington Township, and particularly in School District No. 6, has been averted by a Circuit Court verdict given Monday. An application for an injunction against the board of education of that district and officials of Farmington Township was denied. The injunction was sought by Elsie Fink McCullough, William H. McCullough and Harry Noble, seeking to restrain the tax levy and collection on the ground that the school board had levied twice as much as would be needed, in order to offset an anticipated delinquency in tax payments.

The hearing, before Circuit Judge Glenn C. Gillespie, was brief, occurring scarcely half an hour, and consisting only of discussion of the case between Judge Gillespie and the attorney, Judge Gillespie pointed out that a number of months has elapsed since the annual district meeting when the budget was discussed, and stated that the tax levy having already been spread upon the township tax rolls, "it would tie up the tax collection of the township, which probably needs the money."

Eight Defendants

Papers in the suit were served on members of the school board and township officials Thursday evening of last week. Those named defendants were Carl L. Smith, May Schoenberger, Fred Wilkinson, Martha Noble and J. Charles Erwin, of the board of education; Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, Clerk Willard Campbell, and Mrs. Loretta Cox, treasurer of the township.

The complaint, attested to by Mrs. McCullough on behalf of herself and the other plaintiffs, stated that at a meeting in June the board passed its budget for this year aggregating \$16,000 (exclusive of mill tax, exceeding \$1,000). The plaintiff stated that she attended the annual meeting on July 11, and requested the board to itemize the budget it had adopted in June, but that the board refused and merely put on a blackboard about four items totalling \$16,000. The complaint stated that the plaintiff presented and said \$8,000 would be sufficient, and that she has almost continuously since the meeting

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REVIEWS POLITICS IN EARLIER DAYS OF FARMINGTON

Duel In Which Jackson Killed Man, Tragic Career Of Greeley Related

The stirring story of Andrew Jackson's duel with Charles Dickinson over the honor of Rachel Roberts, Jackson's wife, is told by Nathan H. Power this week, in the second part of an address he gave before Farmington Exchange Club.

The greatest days of the old Whig party, which had many adherents among the early residents of Farmington, are reviewed by Mr. Power. He carries the story through the founding of the Republican party, which has always stood uppermost in Farmington. After telling of the defeat of Horace Greeley for president by Ulysses S. Grant, and its tragic after-effects, Mr. Power closed with an interpretation of politics, asking that it be considered the "science of humanity."

The concluding part of Mr. Power's speech follows. Andrew Jackson being under discussion: "He hated England with all his soul. When he was a mere lad his face was scarred by a British officer's sword because he refused to shine the official boots of a latter ordered him to do so. He fought duels.

"The most serious in its consequences was the one fought May 30, 1806 with Charles Dickinson. The latter had slandered Jackson's wife. He apologized, saying that he was drunk at the time. Jackson had married Rachel Roberts whose first husband was Lewis Roberts, whom she had divorced. They had been very unhappy together. He was a cruel, jealous man, mean and contemptible. The legislators of Tennessee

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