

Will Widen West End Of Grand River In Spring

Middle Belt Signs Warn Motorists

Large reflector signs warning motorists of the dangerous intersection at Grand River and Middle Belt roads are now installed on Middle Belt Road on both sides of the two-lane Grand River highway as a result of an inspection by State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener several weeks ago.

The sign on the south side of Grand River is diamond-shaped, measuring six feet in height. Red and white reflector buttons warn motorists to go "Slow. Intersection Ahead." The sign is placed near the bottom of the hill, several hundred feet from the intersection. A similar sign has been placed on the north side of the intersection.

The dangerous crossing has been the scene of a number of accidents and letters from Farmington citizens and repeated articles in the Enterprise have pointed out the dangers of the previously poorly-marked intersection.

NICHOLS SCHOOL HOLDS RE-UNION

About thirty school mates of the Nichols School of North Farmington met at the Nichols School House on Saturday afternoon for a co-operative lunch followed by a business meeting and a social time. It was the 17th annual re-union.

Among those present from out-of-town were Mrs. Florence Bachelor of Wall Lake, Mrs. Mabel Tackway Boleyn and husband Frank Boleyn of Flint, Mrs. Anna Whom LaPearl of Stratmore, Mrs. Birdie Frazier and two grandchildren from Royal Oak, Mrs. Rosetta Putnam and Mrs. Anna Marshall of California, who are spending the summer in this community with relatives, Mrs. Mayme Drouillard Thurlby, and Mrs. Johanna Engle Metz of Detroit, Mrs. Beulah Davis Page, a faithful attendant at these annual meetings that registers as the was married to Mr. Page only a few days ago, and they are on a trip at present.

The two oldest people present, Mrs. Florence Becker and Mrs. Florence Bachelor of Wall Lake, also spoke.

The officers were re-elected: Floyd Nichols, president and Mrs. Allie Coe, secretary. The group will meet another re-union next year on the last Saturday of August.

MORE REPAIRS BEING MADE ON CITY STREETS

Additional repair work is being done on streets in and near Farmington in an effort to complete all of the needed improvements before winter, according to Commissioner Emory Hutton.

Farmington Road between Grand River and Oakland avenues is being scarified and re-graded preparatory to making a new surface for the street. The summer heat and heavy traffic on the street has resulted in its becoming rough in many spots.

Considerable work is being done on the much-travelled McGehee Hill Road. The shoulders of the road have been filled in and widened and further widening will be done when several telephone poles are moved. It is planned to widen the road to a width of 30 feet, according to Commissioner Hutton.

The road, which was the scene of several accidents last winter, will be oiled and graded before winter. It is planned to build a new bridge at the foot of the hill next summer, says Commissioner Hutton.

Lack of Rain Cancels Flower Show

The Flower Show which was to have been held on September 18 has been cancelled, according to an announcement made by the Farmington Garden Club, because of the lack of flowers, due to the excessively dry weather.

A show will be held in the spring which will be sponsored by the club.

Director Banta Tells Of Band Stand Requirements

"The band stand could be improved acoustically," writes Ralph Banta, Director of the Farmington High School band, in a letter to The Enterprise this week written in response to a request for the facts as they affect the band in performing its weekly summer programs. Mr. Banta's letter is as follows:

Dear Editor:

Now that the summer series of band concerts is at an end, perhaps the opinion of the band members concerning the stand can be written. This is not done for the purpose of taking sides in the controversy, but in response to a request for the facts as they affect the band in performing its weekly summer programs.

The location of the stand in itself does not matter to the band except in the matter of getting equipment there. The players are now able to carry their own instruments and the chairs are easily brought from across the street. If the location were not so easily accessible to the equipment, it would be necessary to get a truck each week. However, in spite of the location, the band would get there. As long as there are autos near the stand and not other nearby seats for the audience, there will probably be some honking of horns. Unless the stand were at a distance from all homes, there might be times when horn-honking would be distasteful to some and seem very much out of place.

The stand could be improved acoustically. The best type of platform known for the performance of music is the shell, such as at Belle Isle. The inner walls of such a structure are curved and very smooth so that the music is reflected toward the audience equally from all portions of the musical group performing. The present stand could be partially enclosed on two sides to reflect the sound, however, such a change would make it impossible to hear the music and equally moved out of sight. Any change to improve the sound effects of the stand, would probably mean the erection of an entirely different type of platform.

The lighting of the platform is fine as far as the reading of the music is concerned. The addition of a few, other than white lights, might aid to the color effect.

None of the above is as important to the band as the need for more floor space upon the platform. The players are crowded to such an extent that the playing of the instruments is made more difficult. The full strength of the band is 43. At that time the stand was extremely crowded and it was impossible to move about the stand without some chairs being folded and stashed moved out of the way. We did not have the entire band there at any time as all cannot arrange their vacations for the same time.

We used some members from the school to fill vacancies left by those away. More places could have been filled if there had been sufficient room on the stand and proficient Junior Band players were available. By next summer there should be ample players available for substitution to keep the Senior Band up to full strength on all occasions. We will not be able to use them in the band stand, however, unless it is considerably enlarged.

The band appreciates the kind things that have been said concerning it and all that has been done for it. We will continue to try and repay by more and improved programs.

Ralph Banta,
Director of Music.

Football Squad Will Practice

The first football practice of the Farmington High School team will be held on Tuesday, September 8, at the field at 2:30 p. m., announced Coach Harold B. Kammerer.

"Those that report should wear old clothes," says Mr. Kammerer, "as uniforms will not be issued until later in the week. A turnout of 30 is expected.

"We will find it very difficult, if not impossible, to replace such men as Alvin Rose, tackle, Carl Smith and Harry Linklater, guard, and Harvey Hamilton, quarterback, and spark plug of last year's team," says Coach Kammerer in speaking of the team's prospects for the coming season.

"However," he adds, "in Tony Himmelspach and Bob Davis, backfield men, and Ray Clark and Norm Hunt, linemen, we have the nucleus around which to build a strong team. It will be ready to hold down one end position regularly."

A number of new men are expected from Clarencville, Burns, a tackle, and Nelson, an end, both of the Clarencville team. Mr. Banta would make outstanding additions to the team if they enroll in Farmington as is expected.

The football schedule will be announced later.

M. J. BEISER PROVES FISH STORY WITH PENNY POST CARD

All fishermen boast about the sizes of their catch. And all fishermen boast about the size of the one that got away. But M. J. Beiser of Clarencville is the only one in Farmington Township that can boast that both he and his record-breaking catch were photographed and their pictures can now be found on any of the penny post-card stands in the vicinity of Houghton Lake.

Mr. Beiser was trolling for walleyed pike when he felt the welcome tugging at the end of his line. He listened to the pike, he found, after being pulled into the lake for an hour, a catfish weighing 33 pounds and six ounces and measuring 38 inches in length. It was necessary to use the hooked teacher of the boat to land the fish. Residents at the lake told Mr. Beiser that it was undoubtedly the largest fish that had been caught in Houghton Lake in many years.

Mr. Beiser was preparing to cut the head of the fish off when a photographer rushed up to him, yelling, "Wait a minute! Wait a minute! What do you think I just drove 50 miles for?" So the picture was taken.

The postcard isn't sufficient proof for doubters. Mr. Beiser says that he has six families and the entire fire department of Owosso to prove that they enjoyed a fish dinner from his prize catch. "In fact," he adds, "my family and the neighbors had two dinners from it."

Mr. Beiser also says that he and three companions caught 81 perch in one hour at Houghton Lake. None of the fish measuring less than eight inches in length.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meas and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bollen and family of Detroit at Wampler's Lake, near Clinton. Mrs. Bollen stayed for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Lee Discovers Value of "Fr."

The two letters, "fr." can make a great difference in many things but Mrs. Norman Lee, Treasurer of the school board of Farmington School No. 5, knows the two letters mean a difference of \$22.80 to the Farmington school.

In checking through her report, Mrs. Lee was able to account for every expenditure but discovered that \$22.80 from the State Aid was long overdue. After investigation by E. J. Lederle, County School Commissioner, it was found that the amount had been mislaid to No. 5 fractional school at Clarencville.

Mr. Utujian, treasurer of the Clarencville school, is sending the amount to Mrs. Lee, thus ending the mix-up.

Many Attend Charity Fiesta

Vista Villa, the beautiful home of Mrs. Henry Smith on Grand River avenue west of Farmington, was the scene of an elaborate and entertaining charity event Wednesday, when the estate was transformed into a "Spanish Fiesta" for the benefit of Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Many hundreds of guests, including social leaders from Detroit and Grosse Pointe, attended the event during the afternoon and evening.

A star's orchestra was one of the interesting features during the afternoon, as was "Chichita," a dancer from Hollywood, whose Spanish dances proved popular with the guests. A great number of women attended the fashion show, at which the first showing was made of the fall styles. The show was staged by one of the leading stores of Detroit.

The outdoor dance pavilion and gardens were illuminated, making a colorful and spectacular setting for the outdoor dancing. Adding Spanish zest to the fiesta, were the gypsy fortune tellers, strolling troubadours, cigarette girls and flower girls.

CLARENCVILLE SCHOOL EXPECTS MORE STUDENTS

The Clarencville school will open on Tuesday, September 8, according to the announcement made by Superintendent of Schools M. J. Beiser.

"We expect a great many more new students to enroll this year," says Superintendent Beiser. "There are approximately 20 new homes in our district and the majority of children in these homes will undoubtedly attend the Clarencville school," he adds. "The enrollment last year was 523.

The school year has been extended from nine months as in previous years to nine and one-half months. This was done at the annual meeting of the voters after much discussion concerning the possibility of nine and one-half months school or 10 months school.

Two New Teachers

Two new teachers will fill the position of Principle of the school, which is left open by the moving of A. J. Lawski, former principal, to Dearborn, and the position of teacher of English. The selections for the positions will be announced next week, says Mr. Beiser.

The school morning will start at 8:45 with dismissal at 11:45. The afternoon classes will begin at 12:45 and school will be dismissed in the afternoon at 3:45.

Books will be just one change in the textbooks, according to Mr. Beiser. This is a change in the Arithmetic books for grades three, four, five, and six. "We will make a liberal allowance on the old books, however," he says.

The book store at the school will be opened Thursday September 3. Books will be sold for cash only, says Mr. Beiser.

The school board of the school meets Thursday night and a meeting of all the teachers of the school will be held on Tuesday, the opening day of school, at 7:45 a. m.

Mrs. Joseph Palmer and daughter, Joyce of Dearborn, Mrs. John Thuermer of Detroit and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre and daughter, Glenna of Farmington attended the Ridder Quilt Show and Picnic at Belle Isle, Tuesday.

Complete Gala Day Plans

Preparations are now complete for one of the gayest Gala Days ever staged by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion. The three-day celebration will be held at the Municipal Parking Lot in Farmington on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 5, 6, and 7.

The many popular features of the Gala Days of the past have been retained and several new features have been added to the program of events. The programs of all three days are crowded with entertainment, but Monday, Labor Day, presents the fullest program.

Prizes include bicycles.

Last minute additions to the program for the Pet and Doll parade include special new prizes for the best decorated bicycle, the best decorated tricycle, the best equipped car, the best decorated parade float, the most original costume for boys and girls, the most unusual pet, the pet coming from the greatest distance, the best clown, the prettiest dressed boy and the best doll family.

Although some of these classes were not included in the official program, they are being added this year, according to Mrs. Homer Dismond, and generous prizes will be given the winners of each class.

50 Amateurs Enter Contest

"Amateurs are applying by the dozens," says William White, who is in charge of the Amateur Contest, which will be held each night at 7:30 p. m. "There are already over 50 who have applied from Farmington and many nearby towns and we anticipate even more contestants," Mr. White adds.

The Amateur Show on Saturday evening will be limited to those under 10 years of age. The shows on Sunday and Monday evenings will be open to all, with the final contest and grand prize being awarded on Monday evening.

Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte will act as Master of Ceremonies of the Amateur Shows. It is expected that the entertainment provided by the amateurs will give the more popular than the free acts which have been customary in the past.

The horseshoe tournament is scheduled for 10:00 a. m. on Labor Day and will be followed by the Pet and Doll parade starting at 1:00 p. m. During the afternoon there will be the Ladies Slipper Kicking contest, the 100 yard dash for boys and the 100 yard dash for all men over 21. All Ladies Under 21 are eligible for the 50 yard dash, so the program announces.

To Close "Death Trap"

Of great importance to the Farmington area is the announcement Wednesday by Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener that the widening of US-16, Grand River or avenue, will be completed at the west end of Farmington next year and that the Cut-Off will be closed thereafter to traffic pending reconstruction. Under the Commissioner's plans traffic will be directed through Farmington next year until the hazardous sections of the Cut-Off have been rebuilt probably in 1938.

The plan to eliminate the "death trap" along the Farmington Cut-Off on US-16, is meeting with the enthusiastic approval of Farmington citizens who have agitated for the reconstruction or closing of that 4 1/2 mile stretch of highway which has cost 40 lives since its completion.

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Pony Contest To Close

Farmington's unnamed pony will soon have a name, for on Labor Day the prize-winning name will be picked by a committee of the American Legion which is sponsoring the Gala Day.

Following the selection of the pony's name, the pony itself, complete with a saddle, bridle, and pony cart, will be given away.

The \$250 prize, which is being donated by the Farmington State Bank, also donor of the pony, will go to contestant whose suggested given name is selected. Among the names which have been suggested in the contest are the following:

- "Knoek, Knoek"
- "Gala Boy"
- "Gits"
- "Warrior"
- "Coal Dust"
- "Black Beauty"
- "Tinky"
- "Rastus"
- "Prince"
- "Friday"
- "Buddy"
- "Mildite"
- "Legion"
- "Little Black Sambo"
- "Legionaire"
- "Black Legion"
- "Bonus"
- "Black Jack"
- "Nigger"
- "Hollo"
- "Black Diamond"
- "Snowball"
- "Filecases"
- "Pegasus"
- "Pepper"
- "Grover Post"

Drill 2nd Hole In Youth's Skull

Another hole will be drilled in the top of the head of nine-year old Jack Armstrong in an effort to secure the removal of the bullet which has been lodged there since he was struck by a stray shot some time ago while walking near his home.

Doctors who are attending him at Ford hospital are waiting until the boy's skull is sufficiently strong for the operation. One incision has been made near the base of the brain in hopes the bullet would work itself out at that place but instead the bullet is now working upwards.

Authorities are still investigating the source of the stray bullet.

LeRoy Perry of Charleston, W. Virginia will spend the week-end and Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Plumbton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newton and Mrs. R. M. Todd of Pontiac, were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Todd.

every evening during the Gala Day, the dancing commencing at 9 p. m. The Chevrolet Town Sedan will be given away on Monday evening at 10:15 and the pony, whose winning name will be announced, immediately preceding the giving of the pony, will be in the possession of some lucky winner at the same time.

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prior to completion of the widening would "merely mean directing truckline traffic over a bottleneck," the Commissioner pointed out. The narrow pavement of Grand River at the west end of Farmington extends for 2 1/2 miles off the main route of US-16 into the city.

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For three years I have regarded this Cut-Off as one of the bad spots on the trunkline system," the Commissioner said. "We hesitated to do anything about the matter because the road was completed only a year before I took office. However, the time has come when we can delay no longer. Regardless of the loss that must be sustained by the road, we must take this step in the interest of public safety."

Murray D. Van Wagener also announced plans for the construction of a four-lane highway on US-16 over the ten mile stretch between Howell and Brighton early next summer.

The commissioner said the four-lane pavement would be the first on an ultimate program of widening US-16 to 42 feet all the way from Lansing to Detroit. He added that this program should be "followed out as early as possible."

Commissioner Van Wagener's announcement came as he prepared to open bids Sept. 15 on three widening projects along US-16 and another grading job in preparation for later widening. When the three widening projects are finished, US-16 will be a minimum three-lane highway all the way from Lansing to Detroit with the exception of the 10-mile section between Howell and Brighton.

Clarencville Club Wins League Title

The Clarencville Athletic Club won first position in the Wolverine State League by defeating the Greater Detroit Business Men 5 and 1 on Sunday. There were no errors in the game pitched by Gus Rosenberg with Edward Rosenberg as catcher. Clarencville made 12 hits and the Detroit club made 10.