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## \$1,000,000 Gravel Pit Discovered in Farmington

### Large Attendance at Farmington Village Caucus

#### MANY WOMEN TOOK LIVELY INTEREST

##### Clinton Wilbur Nominated For President

No former village caucus in the memory of the oldest resident has been responded to with such interest as the one held Monday evening, February, the twenty-first, at eight o'clock in the town hall.

The hall was filled to capacity, the spectators coming from the whole community surrounding Farmington. The women of the village were present in full force, and they evinced an intense interest in every angle of the caucus.

The caucus was a most orderly affair. Dr. Miller, as President of the Village of Farmington, took the chair as temporary chairman and called the meeting to order at eight twenty-two sharp.

Thomas H. McGee, President of the Board of Commerce, was unanimously chosen permanent Chairman and James L. Hogle, President of the Peoples State Bank, was made Clerk. Mrs. Roy Robinson, Ada Clark, Mrs. Roy Brown, Howard M. Warner, Edgar S. Pierce and Ben Storms were appointed tellers.

Three candidates were nominated for the office of Village President. They were Charles H. Ely, Dr. J. A. Miller, and Clinton W.

Wilbur. Several ballots were taken and Charles Ely addressed the Chair, withdrawing in favor of Clinton Wilbur.

Mr. Wilbur was nominated for the office of President of the village on the next ballot. The nominee arose and said that he would serve the village to the best of his ability.

The chairman then asked for the nominations for the office of Village Treasurer. Mark Wixom Norman Lee and Ben Meyer were placed before the convention as nominees. Norman Lee was elected by a handsome majority.

Trustees were then placed in nomination. Fred L. Cook made upon the community at a wonderful practically without opposition. Howard Maltby Warner was the next nominee.

Mr. Warner had stiff opposition but he won by a good margin. Arthur Lamb was the last named candidate and although others were in the race, the vote eliminated the other candidates.

### Snow Storm is Followed by Cold Wave

#### Winter Comes in Spite of Ground Hog

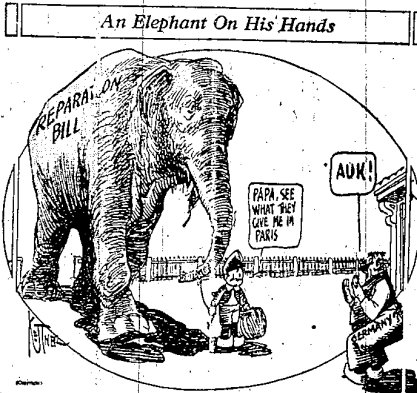
##### SEVERE WEATHER MAY HELP ICE HARVEST

With a blinding flurry the snow beat down on us, beginning about ten o'clock Tuesday night. An early spring had been predicted when the groundhog did not see his shadow but all signs failed Tuesday night. King Winter has us in his grip. Over shoes and winter caps were in evidence today.

Ralph Hogle wore an expansive smile and his trucks were busy delivering coal. Automobile radiators were steaming which indicates that some motorist had anticipated no more cold weather. People waiting for the electric cars were glad to get a ride.

### ANSWERED THE LAST ROLL CALL

At high noon in Redford, on Monday, February 20, Steven E. DuBois, one of the few old veterans of the Civil War, and a member of the gallant Co. D-4th Michigan Cavalry, aged 83 years. He was sick but a few short days at the last, although not having been at all robust for the past few years. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. L. N. Tupper and Mrs. Milton Grace, one brother, Edgar DuBois, and seven grandchildren, all of Redford, besides other relatives, and a host of friends. Tap's sounded and Steven joined the great majority.



### The Passing of the Pioneers

#### HARDY SETTLERS REACH END OF TRAIL

Farmington, Michigan, now a suburb of Detroit, the wonder city of the modern world, was founded by hardy pioneers from New York, who penetrated the primeval wilderness in 1824. Among them were many who were liberal in their religious views, and soon the new community became a seat of liberal Christianity. A Universalist church arose, which antedates the Detroit Church of Our Father by a long generation. Those early settlers were indeed community as truly as character builders and they have left an enduring impress upon the community at its lives and works and hopes and sorrows.

The present month has witnessed the passing of three of those who fitly bear the title of pioneers—they were reared amid the primitive surroundings—their infancy knew the log-cabin, the plain diet, the corduroy road, the plain diet, the severe duty of the olden days. The first of the three notable women to pass was Mrs. Mary E. Sprague. She was in her eighty-sixth year, full of honors and good works. She "passed into the Heavens" on January 30th. "Let her own words praise her" is an appropriate epitaph.

For more than fifty years Mrs. Florence Moore was a prominent Farmingtonian. She was born in the township of the 10th day of December 1843. In May 1868 she was united in marriage to Dr. Joseph J. Moore. To them one son was born, Harry Moore, Farmington. Dr. Moore died eleven years ago. Mrs. Moore passed away from earthly scenes on February 18th. Her funeral, one of the largest in Farmington history, was held in the Universalist church on the 21st. She was a woman of striking and winsome personality. As a helpmate to her physician husband she was ever the friend of the sick and of sorrowing. She was interested in all that made for the welfare of the town, being a member of the Ladies Literary club of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had a marvellous memory—a clear and

### John W. Lathrup Farm Soon to be Scene of Great Activity

#### BIG FORCE OF MEN TO BE EMPLOYED

After purchasing a large tract of land west of the village John W. Lathrup noticed that about forty acres, a great part of which was covered by apple trees, had a peculiar formation. On closer observation he noticed that in places some of the trees were poorly nourished. These two facts led Mr. Lathrup to make tests and each successive test showed a large vein of gravel close to the surface of the ground. Other tests on a ridge which runs parallel to the gravel ridge showed great quantities of sand of various grades. Some of this sand is as fine as the finest of ocean sand. Much of the gravel is clean or cleaner than washed gravel.

Experts were sent for and the County Engineer made gravel tests which he analyzed as sixty to ninety per cent. For many years this property has been farmed by its various owners who were unaware that great wealth lay below the soil.

Steam shovels are to be installed and plans are being made for the marketing of the gravel and sand.

The operation of this work will call for many men and Farmington is looking forward to the new enterprise which will be her largest employer of labor.

Gravel deposits once looked upon as a formation which spoiled farm land, is today one of the most necessary materials used in road building construction work. Mr. Lathrup has the capital to fully develop this new Farmington industry.

He said to the reporter, "I want you to see this gravel deposit with your own eyes."

We went thru the orchard and looked at the various test holes, each of which showed plainly the fine gravel deposit. This gravel extends to the road in front of the Lathrup home.

Mr. Lathrup is now putting considerable time and thought on the development of this huge pit. Friday and Saturday he is going to Lansing to confer with State authorities and he is leaving no stone unturned to get an organization together for the purpose of placing his gravel on the market.

This discovery will mean a great deal to this community for two reasons; in the first place more man power will be brought into the community; in the second place building materials for roads and buildings will be close at hand in almost inexhaustible quantities.

Many road haul gravel fifteen or twenty miles for road construction, and the quality of the material cannot in any way compare with the Lathrup gravel.

Some states which have no gravel deposits use oyster shells and cherts from mines for road surfacing purposes.

Most road building units find it necessary to haul gravel shipped in by train which makes the cost from one dollar and a half a yard up. Gravel in a few years will be held at a premium and with this great supply at her doors Farmington will be counted as one of the largest gravel centers in Michigan.

### Michigan Man Slated for Cabinet

#### EDWIN DENBY SELECTED.

##### Michigan Man is Selected for the Cabinet of President Harding.

Edwin Denby, Detroit lawyer, and man of public affairs receives high honor.

Edwin Denby is eminently fitted for the post of Secretary of the Navy. Having been a member of the old Naval Reserve of the Spanish-American War, acting as gunners mate on the U. S. S. Yosemite. At the beginning of active preparation of the United States in the world war, Mr. Denby, although past forty years of age, enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private. Here, thru merit, he was promoted thru the various ranks to Captain and at the close of the war he was retired with the rank of Major in the Reserve Corps.

He has been engaged in the practice of law and in the motor industry. In 1905 he was nominated for a member of the Michigan legislature. Later in 1904 he was elected to Congress, serving until 1910, when he was succeeded by Frank E. Doremus.

At the present time Mr. Denby is chief probation officer of the Recorder's Court.

### FISHING THRU ICE ON LAKES IN COUNTY.

Walled Lake, Pine Lake, Cass Lake and Orchard Lake are dotted with fisherman's shacks. This winter has been a lucrative one for the anglers. Many Farmington men have reported big catches. Pike, pickerel, perch and bass are plentiful and many pickerel have been hooked is the report.

### NEW HOME ON SMITH ESTATE

A fine new residence is being erected on the C. F. Smith property for one of the sons of the family. This will add one more beautiful home to this charming estate.

The lawn is well-kept, and the landscape gardening is beginning to show the fruits of constant care. Farmington, with the Goodenough, Sarimanto and other improved estates is becoming one of the most beautiful suburban sections in the United States. The surrounding country with the steep hills and picturesque creeks makes an ideal location for country estates.

### Five Persons Victims of Auto Accidents

#### Two Auto Accidents in Past Week

Little Marvin Marshall of Farmington was quite badly cut and bruised when he jumped from a truck into the path of an oncoming automobile last Saturday afternoon. The car was driven by Mr. Henry Pauline and as soon as he could stop the lad was picked up and carried to Dr. Holcomb's office and from there rushed to Harper hospital in Detroit. As his wound was not serious it is expected that he will return to his home in a few days.

Another accident occurred on Grand River Avenue, this week when a touring car containing seven people turned turtle in front of the Fred M. Warner home.

The car was being driven by one of the male occupants and in endeavoring to pass a car that was moving slowly in the same direction, the driver turned the car quickly, causing the car to swerve against the curb. The car turned over, throwing the occupants out, injuring four of them severely.

It is understood that the parties were returning to Detroit, as three of them live there. The occupants were Wm. W. Hazen, Jr., W. D. Langer, Jr., Joe Boker, Mrs. Rohr, Mrs. Bronckik, Bill Bronckik. The first three named live in Farmington.

Mr. Hazen had two bones broken in his wrist. Mr. Langer and Mr. Boker, received injuries about the face. Mrs. Rohr's wrist was badly wrenched and the other two escaped serious injury.

The top of the car was completely demolished, along with the windshield, but the car, with the help of a few bystanders, was turned back on its wheels, and driven down to the garage by one of the injured men.

### Post Office Improvement

#### Larger Quarters Facilitate Handling of Mail.

For the first time in her history Farmington boasts of a Post Office which is large enough to efficiently handle this important government service.

It is understood that the new building was built by private interests and leased to the government.

Better service is obtained although it is not the class of building Farmington is entitled to on account of her wealth and population.

Many additional boxes have been installed and Postmaster McGee and his assistant, Miss Cathryn, have been busy arranging the equipment and putting the new quarters in shape to more easily handle the distribution of the mail.

### Ladies Literary Club.

The L. L. C. met at the home of Nina Whipple on Wednesday, February 16th. Seventeen members responded to roll call.

The program consisted of the reviews of three well known operas.

Madam Butterfly—Anna Cook, Lohengrin—Lou Pauline, Il Trovatore—Zayda Wilbur. Miss Katherine Sprague has charge of the next meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd, with Zayda Wilbur, as hostess.—Lou Pauline, Sec.

### Father-and-Son Banquet

A Father and Son Hoover Banquet will be held next Thursday at the Town Hall. It will be something new in the line of Banquets. A unique program for fathers and sons will be carried out first, then music and speeches, with the "eat" last. Tickets will be seventy-five cents, one ticket will admit father and son. The sale of tickets which will begin on Monday, is limited to one hundred and fifty—seventy-five men and seventy-five boys. The first fifty tickets will be sold to fathers and sons only, the remaining tickets will be disposed of to all men and boys. The tickets will be on sale at the Banks. The speaker will be announced later. The banquet will be a most enjoyable time for men and boys. All proceeds over expenses will be sent to the starving children of Europe.

### Local Business Man Moves to Clarenceville

#### Otis Jensen Goes To Clarenceville BUYS OUT J. A. DOHANY

Otis Jensen, who has been associated with George I. Cook, has taken over his old business from J. A. Dohany and has moved his headquarters to Clarenceville. Mr. Dohany is retiring from the business.

Mr. Jensen was a decided asset to the village and he will be missed by many business friends. He was never too busy to drop his work, and step in to help business men whose machinery was not working. This quiet hardworking, accommodating neighbor will be missed.

### Hardware Convention Has Large Attendance

#### Prominent Business Man Attends Hardware Convention.

Mr. L. L. Dickerson of the Farmington Hardware Co., attended the Michigan Retailers convention which was held at Grand Rapids last week.

"This hardware convention is getting to be one of the largest conventions held in the United States," said Mr. Dickerson, "there are exhibitors from all over the country and all there were over 500 exhibitors and over 2,000 hardware men were present and they were there with the intentions of buying, so business conditions are now improving."