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CONTRACT LET FOR 100 HOUSES

Sweizer Farm Purchased by Detroit Concern—Work of Building Commenced

A Detroit real estate company has purchased the Sweizer farm of 80 acres at the corner of Grand River and Sweizer road just east of Farmington, paying for the same \$1,000 per acre. It is now being platted and contracts have been let for the immediate construction of 100 houses. The work of building has been commenced. Large quantities of building material are being delivered and it is expected that these houses will be ready for occupancy this season. The houses planned are not of a pretentious style, but are designed with a view to future enlargement. The purpose of the realty company is to furnish homes to meet present pressing demands. This plan was successfully carried out by the firm who hundreds of smaller houses were built which later became a part of a more pretentious dwelling.

THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED!

On Thursday evening of last week at the intersection of Grand River avenue and Division street, a heavily loaded Reo truck with body trailer, crashed into a Ford touring car driven by Thomas Cannon, employed on the East of the Hurst farm. The rear wheels of the touring car were broken and the rear of the truck was wrecked.

The truck was going west on Grand River avenue and the touring car was turning into that street from the north Division. The driver of the truck stated that when he saw there was danger of a collision he put on the brakes which caused the long car to skid. The touring car was struck throwing it to the curb. The front of the truck headed for the Lee Hardware corner and buckled. When it came to a stop it was headed east. The trailer was uninjured and pointed toward the Lee store.

For action and thrills in motion pictures Tom Mix's pictures are full of them. Next Tuesday at the Methodist community hall the picture will be "Three Jumps Ahead," with Tom Mix in action. A Cameo comedy and an Aesop's Fable picture will add to the fun.

LIBRARY BOOKS PAST DUE

Polly Page Yacht Club; Little Tan Terrier; Virginian; Recreation of Brian Kent; White Flag; Mill on the Floss; Gorki Lore Primer; Eskimo Twins; Girl from Montana; Japanese Fairy Tales.

CLARENCEVILLE

SCHOOL NOTES

Kindergarten—Glenn Wilson is back in school after two month's absence.

First Grade—The B-class have started in their first reader.

Roland Dorman was neither absent nor tardy last month. Last week Dora Marchand and Charles Chamberlain were our housekeepers. This week Evelyn Graves and Catherine Somerville are in charge.

A patriotic program was enjoyed by the children on Washington's birthday.

We held an interesting program Feb. 22. Stories about Washington, our language work for the month, were told by the children; a number of patriotic songs including America, which had been memorized by the grade during the month. After the "flag salute" had been given the children enjoyed a parade, wearing their colonial hats.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION NOTES

There was splendid interest shown at the meeting of the centennial association at the town hall Tuesday. Important matters like music, sports, horse show, floats, parade, speakers, pageant, etc., were discussed. Sub-committees were appointed to take charge of special features of the celebration.

Tickets for the banquet are selling fast and the indications are all for a record breaking crowd. We ask all that have not purchased buttons to do so. They are only 50 cents and we want to get at least 500 within the next 30 days. We need the money to defray expenses. They will be on sale at the banquet.

There will be another meeting of the association Tuesday night March 18th, at 7:30, at the town hall.

ALLEGED GUNMAN ARRESTED

It looks as though George Crockett, gunman with no place of residence, arrested by Deputy Sheriff Wilson at Fourth Gate was a much wanted man. He was taken to Pontiac and later to Detroit where he was recognized as an old offender. It is said that he confessed to the Detroit police that he had been implicated in several unsolved thefts and hold up jobs in this part of the state. Further developments are expected.

VILLAGE ENGINEER RESIGNS

Walter Arnold, for the past four years marshal and engineer of Farmington village, tendered his resignation to the council Monday evening, to take effect April 1st. The same was accepted. Mr. Arnold intends to engage in other business.

PIANO RECITAL SUCCESS

The piano recital given by the pupils of Miss Irene T. Kremer last Thursday evening was attended by a large and appreciative audience. Miss Kremer deserves much credit for the able manner in which her pupils responded to her usual pleasing and attractive manner, sang several solos.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Pava, Pastor
10:30 The Peace-makers.
11:45 Sunday School. Miss Butterfield, Supr.
7:30 Epworth League.
7:30 "Farmington—One Hundred Years Young." A centennial address.

CLARENCEVILLE Community

M. E. Church.
Rev. T. J. Greig, Pastor.
10:30 "Jesus Questions Peter."
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 "An Old Fashioned Home."
First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.
10:30 Worship. "The Unlifted Christ."
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson "The Reign of Saul."
6:30 B. Y. F. U. Topic, "How Christ Won Men." Leader, Saale Bishop.
7:30 "The Biggest Business in the World."
7:30—Wednesday Neighborhood meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grime, apartment over N. J. Eisenlord & Son's Electric Shop.

Universalist Church

A. B. Beresford, Minister.
10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "Christian Fundamentalists or the Teachings of Christ and the present day controversies about Modernism and Fundamentalism." The first in a series of Lenten discourses.
12:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible class.

Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor.
10:15 Services in German.
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 Lent services.
Y. P. L. meeting Wednesday March 12th.

THROUGH ROADS FOR COUNTY

Wells G. Brown, Manager of County Auto Club Outlines Plan for Regulation of Traffic

The Oakland Auto club stands for the enactment of a law by the board of supervisors of Oakland county, providing that all north and south grade or concrete roads shall be designated as through roads, and all traffic entering or crossing same shall come to a full stop. In addition at certain dangerous intersections, namely: (a) Auburn and Rochester, (b) Auburn and Dodge road, (c) Franklin and Naple, (d) and at other places. Every driver going either way should be compelled to stop before crossing Grand River avenue should take precedence to all traffic entering same. Such a law we believe is capable of enactment, and will not contravene any state law.

The volume of traffic, both in the number of persons transported and in the number of gas driven vehicles operated, far exceeds a similar situation when applied to our main railroads. In the one instance traffic is constant while in the other it is periodic. If at an intersection where one railroad crosses another, law compels a full stop of a train unless the crossing is supervised by a switchman or a superintendent. The volume of traffic, both in the number of persons transported and in the number of gas driven vehicles operated, far exceeds a similar situation when applied to our main railroads. In the one instance traffic is constant while in the other it is periodic.

Numberless lives as well as property could have been saved if the law had been such a necessary governing law. Let us profit by our knowledge of what the cost has been and provide for the future safety of our motoring public. It is probably true that a few additional traffic officers might be required by our sheriff, but what of it when measured against the saving of life and property? Our roads are inadequately patrolled as it is. The man who gives as his reason for opposing this proposition the question of the expense involved, is not worthy the confidence of the motoring public.

The position of our beautiful County of Oakland is a peculiar one in that nearly all main roads converge toward Detroit. With our numberless lakes inviting our neighboring friends of Detroit and other cities, we have an added traffic which augments that which is regular so that Oakland roads are a wide area used and enjoyed by the motorists far in excess of any other district of similar size in our state. The Oakland County Auto club sincerely trusts that at the next session of our board of supervisors they may feel it their duty to enact this most needed and necessary law. Let us all lend our support to this proposition.

A MODEL PLANT

In the Farmington Dairy plant here this community has a concern of which it has a right to feel quite proud. The proprietor, Joseph Himmler, has, through his own efforts, secured a most complete and detailed installation of arrangement or sanitation conducive to dairy perfection.

An inspector from the state health department who recently visited this plant declared there was not its equal in the state in a place of the size of Farmington.

COMING EVENTS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

1. The Willing Workers society will entertain the men of the congregation at a six o'clock pot-luck supper Thursday, March 13th. Kitchen shower in connection therewith.

SCHOOL MENU FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday—Macaroni and tomatoes and friedcakes.
Tuesday—Potato soup.
Wednesday—Creamed carrots.
Thursday—Spanish rice.
Friday—Tomato soup.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tuck of Millford, spent Sunday with Dr and Mrs. E. W. Switzer.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FARMINGTON

A paragraph from the sermon delivered in the Universalist church last Sunday by Dr. Beresford merits reproduction on this page. The preacher said: "The pioneers who settled Farmington were not only men and women of intrepid courage, dauntless enterprise and unflinching industry but were of the highest moral character, had deep and strong religious feelings and staunch convictions—above all they believed in the worth of things of the mind. They gave the tone, and trend which still mark Farmington was one of the foremost of the more than 3,000 townships of Michigan. From them has sprung a rare and remarkable group of men and women. They have adorned almost every station in life. Men of business, doing large things, public spirited citizens who have made the township one of lofty civic virtues. Educators, who adorn the halls of learning, from kindergarten to university presidents, and through all grades of instruction, from the first grade to preschools and superintendents of city educational interests. Judges, lawyers, ministers, public officials from legislators to speakers of great legislative assemblies. The Governor of a sovereign state. There have been kings and queens, who were not as truly royal as these. This heritage of noble achievements. All this is a trust that we must improve and pass on to those who are to come after us.

We dare not refuse to accept this challenge we must imitate the worthy of such an inheritance. They built the church, the school, the state. Ours is the proud privilege to preserve them in purity and power.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The F. W. C. met Wednesday, Feb. 27th at the home of Mrs. Irish. Twenty-four members responded to roll call with a Shakespearean quotation—One guest was present.

After a short business meeting the program for the afternoon, in charge of Mrs. C. W. Wilber, was given. The subject of study "The First Part of King Henry IV" with members of the club to read the parts of the characters in the play, proved to be very interesting.

The club adjourned to hold an open meeting, March 12th with Mrs. Martha Warner.

FARMINGTON DEFEATS GROSSE POINTE TEAM

Farmington Independent basketball teams beat the 3-Vs of Grosse Pointe here last week, the boys capturing their game by a score of 34 to 27 and the girls winning by a score of 5 to 15.

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Winifred Sealey, who has been ill for some time, is getting better.

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BUSINESS BLOCK BEING PLANNED

Lee Buildings to be Enlarged—Hart Garage Project Abandoned

Work will be commenced at an early date on remodeling the buildings at corner of Grand River avenue and Division streets now occupied by the Lee Hardware store and the Hart garage.

H. W. Lee, owner of the property, says that a second floor will be built on the garage building which will be divided into two flats, the first floor will be remodeled and will be occupied by the Lee Hardware Co.

The first floor of the corner building now occupied by the Lee Hardware Co., has been leased to Wright & Parker of Detroit, who will occupy it as a grocery and market, another link in their chain of stores. The second floor will be divided into two flats.

The stairway leading from the street to the flats on the second floor of the building will be on the Grand River side between the grocery and hardware stores.

A change in this valuable corner property has been under contemplation for some time by Mr. Lee. At first he thought of rebuilding the garage into a moving picture theatre, but as this would preclude the use of a second floor for flats on account of the law prohibiting the erection of theatres with living rooms above, this plan was given up.

W. H. Hart, who now occupies the garage building, is undecided as to what more he will make toward securing new quarters. Last fall he secured an option on the property at the corner Division and State streets, intending to erect there a garage and two or three store buildings. He has abandoned the project, selling his interest in the property to the Warner Estate. They do not contemplate building on it at present.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLE

Kindergarten—

The kindergarten children have been making various shaped paper dolls.

Spring flowers of paper have been made very successfully by these children.

Clay work has been resumed. Beatrice Auten is busy making more dishes for her set, and some of the boys have depicted some rather good people in this clay.

First Grade—Virginia Lewing, Emily Maas and Patricia Russell have had regular attendance and have not been tardy in February.

Second Grade—The second grade children have learned a poem, "My Bed is a Box."

They are reading the story, "The Fairy Princess."

Miss Palmer is reading the book of the "Bobbsey Twins" that Dick Russell brought.

The writing in this grade was so well done that some of the papers were posted.

Third Grade—The boys and girls have been enjoying the study of Eskimo life. The pupils have been learning the story of "A Boy's Song."

IMPORTANT TO DISABLED EX-SERVICE MEN

The Enterprise is in receipt of the following letter from the secretary of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross:

"Feeling that the ex-service men of the World War should be impressed with the fact that the time for filing claims for compensation is rapidly drawing to a close, we solicit your assistance in placing this matter before them in the next issue of your paper."

Most of the above mentioned men were discharged in 1919 and, because disability claims must be filed within five years after discharge was received, a great many will be unable to file these claims after this year.

No compensation will be paid, according to the ruling of the War Risk Insurance Act, unless these claims are filed within the time limit, except in extreme cases where appeals made be made. It is our desire to cooperate with the United States Veterans Bureau in endeavoring to reach the disabled men of Oakland county and assist them in filing claims before the time limit expires.

Therefore will you please appeal to the disabled ex-service men of your community to notify some of their disabilities resulting from service in the World War if their claims have not already been filed or properly settled.

GARRIE M. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

M. E. S. NOTES

Miss Emily Butterfield's class had a very enjoyable business and social meeting last Wednesday evening.

Watch for the play, to be given by the girls of the Philathea class, shortly after Easter.

The Golden Key class will give an Easter sale and tea, April 15th. Last Sunday was missionary Sunday. The program, under the direction of Mrs. Tomlinson, was enjoyed by all who saw it.

Another surprise is in store for the Sunday school, to be given by Mr. Butterfield will give one of his famous "chalk talks."

The girls of Miss Knapp's class have chosen as their class name, "Tri-Mus"—meaning muscle, mind and morals. Class motto, "To thine own self be true." Class color, blue and gold.

Eight Grade—The eighth graders were greatly thrilled by their debate in history.

The newspaper work is also of great interest to this grade. Miss and Art.

The high school art class is making a study of interiors.

The third grade drew fine pictures of their pets.

The second grade children are learning the principles of music.

All the lower grades are studying things appropriate to the month of March.

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