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## NEW WATER MAINS A PRESSING NEED

Repair Bills Heavy—Temporizing  
A Waste of Taxpayers' Money

Within the past six months the town of Farmington has been spending by the village in repairing leaky mains to have paid for sufficient iron mains to replace much of the rotten wooden pipes which have reached the last stages of usefulness. This information is furnished by a village official who is familiar with the situation. That the old mains will require constant repairs at heavy cost is certain. At the rate the village has been spending money on these repairs in a few years an amount equal to the cost of relaying the mains will have been sunk and the village will still have the old wooden mains to contend with.

That all of the wooden pipe should be replaced with iron mains is conceded. Some are of the opinion that the work should be done piecemeal without issuing bonds to meet the cost, while others insist that a sufficient amount of money should be raised by bond issue to relaying all old mains. It is argued that the cost would be considerably less if the work was done under one contract.

The situation on Grand River avenue, our informant states is such that requires immediate action. Breaks are continually occurring and repairs are made at considerable expense.

It is claimed that new mains can be laid the entire length of the avenue without cutting the pavement except for two blocks in the business district. The plan would be to lay mains between the walks and curbing. There are quite long stretches where it would be unnecessary to lay a main on each side of the avenue as there are no buildings there will be houses or other places requiring service.

At present Farmington is getting an abundant supply of water, but it is not a matter of fact that is required as a large percent is lost through leaks. A big break is liable to occur at any time and this danger will be placed until the old mains are replaced.

It is estimated that the cost of relaying mains would be \$25,000. As this work can not be put off very much longer it is felt that now is the time to do it, making a complete job.

### NEW COAL YARDS

L. Barnes has opened new coal yards at Clarenceville, Brighton and Beech. He has a location opposite the A. & P. store at Clarenceville.

### BOOKS WANTED

Persons holding the following books please return to the library: "Rivers End," "Grandpa's Little Girl," "Girl from Montana."

### SILAO AS MEANS TO

#### SAVE CORN CROP

With many fields of corn in the state which will not mature for grain harvest this year, because of the backwardness of the season, the silo is expected to play a way rather completely by providing a means of handling the crop effectively.

The farmer with a silo, according to Prof. O. E. Reed, head of the dairy division at the Michigan Agricultural college, will be able to save all the crop that does mature.

One danger against which Professor Reed cautions is that of putting corn into the silo too green. This is frequently done, it is said, to avoid possible loss, but the silage made from very green, sappy corn will make a washy, sour feed that is unpalatable and does not have the feed value it should.

"It is better," says Reed, "to let the corn stand until after the frost than to put it in the silo too green. When this practice is followed the corn should be cut as soon as possible after it is frost-killed, otherwise there will be frost-kill of the corn. The leaves dry very quickly after a frost, become brittle, and are easily lost off the stalk."

If it is desirable to fill before the frost, the corn should be cut and allowed to lie in the field for at least twenty-four hours, or a sufficient length of time to let some of the excess moisture. The excessive moisture is the cause of sour silage. It is better to let the corn get dry, and then add sufficient water to get the silage to pack well, than to ensile the crop too green."

## GETTING BACK OF PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS

At a recent meeting of the Exchange Club of Farmington, the following resolution was adopted: "First—That every member of the club be required to submit in writing on Tuesday, September 30th, an answer to the question: 'What does Farmington need most and how can the Exchange Club, through co-operation with other local clubs, civic organizations and the village authorities assist Farmington in getting it?'"

Second—That on Tuesday, September 30th, be set aside for the reading and discussion of the answers submitted.

Third—That on Tuesday, October 7th, the members select by ballot the best or most appropriate answer or combination of answers.

Fourth—That the Exchange Club then place all of its influence, support and strength back of the proposition or answer selected.

Immediately following luncheon Tuesday Song Leader Weaver drilled the members in some new songs that give promise of popularity.

Rev. S. D. Eva, just off the steamer from a two months' roam over the historic spots of Europe, and still a little uncertain on his sea legs, gave a fine talk on what he saw while abroad.

### BOBS AND BEARDS

Bobbed hair, if persisted in for several generations, will evolve a race of bearded women, according to Charles Nestle, of New York, vice-president of the Wholesale Beauty Trade association, in an address before the association's convention.

"Bobbed hair today, bearded women tomorrow," said Mr. Nestle. "The great dangers of the present will be able to twist jauntily mustaches and trim their beards a la Van Dyke. Baldness will become as common among them as among men."

"In every human being is a chemical laboratory that is constantly manufacturing hair. If the hair is not permitted to grow on the head it will grow on the face and body. Savage men never cut their hair have meager beards. Men of races that have cut their hair regularly at the barber's, have hairy chests and hairy limbs."

Miss Pauline McGee of Saginaw, a teacher in the Saginaw school, is spending this week with Mrs. Ada Butten, Warner avenue.

### HITTING THE HIGH SPOTS

A member of the state police has been at Saranac for the past week or so on the watch for speeders, nabbing several who violated the traffic laws passing through the village. But there was one that was not picked up. It was alleged to be the highest executive of the state of Michigan, Governor Alex Groesbeck. A motorcycle cop is said to have taken the number, but the machine was going too fast to call to a halt. On investigation of the number it proved to be that of the governor's Pierce Arrow. Saranac folks are rather indignant now as to why it is proper for him to speed and others be fined.

Mrs. Bonnie Tuck entertained the Ladies Aid of the Center church at her home Wednesday. A full attendance of members, their pastor, Rev. Peters and wife, neighbors and friends spent an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments were served in conclusion.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eva, Pastor

10:30 "The Shadow Across the Page."

11:45 Sunday School.

6:30 Evening Lenten service.

7:30 "The Wayside Cross." A travel-tale.

Clarenceville Community

Mrs. E. M. Church

Mrs. G. Ingersoll in Charge.

10:30 Morning service.

11:45 Sunday School.

8:00 Evening service.

First Baptist Church.

C. W. Townsend, Pastor

10:00 Church School.

11:00 Morning worship. Sermon, "Educational Goals."

6:30 B. Y. P. U.

7:30 Evening worship. Subject, "Counting the Cost."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)

Rev. G. Gaupner, Pastor.

No services next Sunday.

## BIG BUILDING BOOM ON GRAND RIVER

Widening of Pavement Big Factor  
In Growth—Farmington  
Benefited

The rapid development of the Grand River section from Detroit city limits to Farmington during the past two years has been remarkable and has elicited expressions of surprise from real estate men who have kept close track of building operations about Detroit and who have seen many great and rapid changes. A survey of the building operations along the avenue made by a special writer for the Detroit Sunday News gives a comprehensive idea of what has been done during the past year.

Twelve-seven store buildings, a modern branch bank structure and a \$39,000 fire engine house, are under construction or have been completed along Grand River avenue in the joy road and the new city limits at the Mill-Southfield road.

Officers of the Grand River Improvement association say the broadening of the highway is the greatest impetus from the fact that the avenue has been paved this year to a width of 23 1/2 feet on both sides of the street car tracks.

Prominent among the works is the new unit of the first department at Manor avenue. The Peoples State Bank building at Northlawn avenue is an imposing edifice of limestone embellished by huge Gothic columns. A similarly attractive office recently was opened by the Wayne County & Home Bank on Grand River avenue. A new office and plant of the Detroit Lumber Co. is at the Terminal Railroad crossing.

The existing store facilities between Joy road and Redford village through a grocery practical half of which have meat shops in connection; 21 oil and gas stations; 15 hardware stores; 13 drug stores; 12 confectionery and delicatessen stores; 11 dry goods and notions stores; 13 automobile accessory stores; nine lumber and coal yards, eight barber shops, eight churches, eight public garages, eight restaurants and a variety of other shops and stores rounding out a total of 142 along the avenue beyond Joy road.

When the paving reaches Mill road the village of Redford plans to carry the street into the center of the town, thus completing 45 feet of pavement and curbing all the way out from Detroit.

Beyond Redford, through Five Points and on to Farmington Junction, Grand River is being planned as an arterial highway 204 feet wide to be paved by the state and county.

### M. A. C. HORSES

#### WIN AT STATE FAIR

Horses from the M. A. C. herds continued their winnings last week at the Michigan State Fair, carrying away twenty ribbons in the draft horse classes, while sheep and beef cattle also broke into the list of victors.

Pervence, star of the college Belgians, was returned champion of the show again, duplicating her honors at Ohio two weeks ago. Léila, representing the M. A. C. percherons, took a grand championship for her breed, while Range-Line Phoenix, Belgian stallion, and several other individuals finished near the top.

The college bred Aberdeen Angus herd, a senior and grand champion of the show, while beef cattle and sheep, shown by the M. A. C. animal husbandry department on a list of ribbons too long to tabulate in detail.

The pick of the college herds will be entered at the great Chicago International Livestock show in the fall, representing Michigan against the best of the continent.

### CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOLS

#### TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 15

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education held Tuesday evening, it was decided to postpone the opening of the Clarenceville schools until Sept. 15th.

The Board of Education also acted upon the further use of the school Base Ball Diamond. Owing to the fact that considerable damage has been done to school property during the past few months, the board took formal action prohibiting the use of the Base Ball Diamond, except upon written permission secured from President or Secretary of Board or Superintendent of Schools. The provision to make immediate effect.

## PHONE SERVICE DEMANDED BY MANY NEW COMERS

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. recently caused a house-to-house canvass to be made of the districts of Farmington and Redford where new building have been erected and others are under construction, with a view to ascertaining the number of householders and business places desiring telephone service, says Manager Crowe of the Farmington exchange. The result of the canvass, proved a surprise to the telephone officials who anticipated a decidedly large demand. Nearly all of the new residents expressed a desire for service, which when met, will add largely to the list of subscribers.

In extending the lines to reach these new comers the company finds that it has several problems of its own for solution, but will eventually dispose of them satisfactorily and give the service demanded, says Mr. Crowe.

The expense of erecting service lines, and the fact that it is necessary that they be placed along the highway where they will be undisturbed when roads are widened and altered as now proposed to meet traffic conditions. Grand River road between Redford and Farmington, which will no doubt be widened to 204 feet within the next two years, is one of the big problems.

## HOME, AND GLAD OF IT

When asked by The Enterprise to tell something about his trip to England, Rev. Sidney D. Eva, who, with his wife, returned to their home Tuesday, said:

"What the gleam of a distant lighthouse is to a storm tossed sailor, home is to the traveler. We are glad to be home again, and the best thing about it if we are glad we are glad."

"History beckoned to us from every quarter, romance thrilled us at every turn, friends gave us their hands in welcome and cheer, and everywhere beauty lent her charm to our path; but the lure of home was always in our hearts. And here we are again; its Farmington and home."

About ten thousand miles is the sum of our journeyings, and not a mile was wearisome or lacking in interest. The old world is a wonderful show place, and we have seen and seen until we were filled with wonder. Now we shall enjoy sharing with others the pleasure of travel and the joys of seeing.

"London always has a thrill for her visitors, and we drank to the full of her wonders. Stratford on Avon lives, breathes and talks Shakespeare. John Harvard and Marie Curie, and the many others who followed Tenyson over the hills with Arthur and his Knights, we drank in reality and romance with Blackmore as we took up the paths of Lorna Doone, the sweet love story in the English tongue. Charles Kingsley beckoned us to Holne and the romantic Dartmoor. Cathedrals with the roll of the centuries written upon their walls and the quiet of the past stamped upon their altars drew us aside to gaze and admire."

"Ancient towns and historic byways revealed to us the eternal charm of their architecture, and so one might go on to recite the joys of travel. From Sunday to Sunday we hope to tell the story of our journeyings. Next Sunday morning we shall relate the story of the most important of our experiences abroad when we shall discuss 'The Shadow Across the Page.' At the evening service we shall tell the story of 'The Wayside Cross.'"

## GRAHAM FAMILY REUNION

The second annual reunion of the Graham family was held Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Carey. One hundred guests enjoyed a chicken dinner on the lawn. The afternoon was spent playing games and having a social time.

## ENTERTAINED PAST

### MATRONS' CLUB

The Past Matrons' club of Farmington Chapter O. E. S. was very charmingly entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Elisabeth Holcomb at her cottage on the shores of Walley Lake.

The day and place was ideal for an outing. Games and visiting were enjoyed by the group after which a fine luncheon was served.

Twelve members and three visitors were present.

Mr. S. D. Harger returned Saturday from a ten day vacation trip to Chicago, his old home.

## GROESBECK AND COUZENS WIN OUT

Big Vote Polled in County—  
Daughterty Defeats Cryderman for Clerk

More than usual interest was shown by the voters of Farmington in the primary election Tuesday, which resulted in over 400 electors casting a vote. While the number lacked considerably of being a 100 per cent turn out, it was larger than the average.

With the voters here Groesbeck for governor led, while Tuttle for senator was the favorite. For congress Hudson led by a substantial majority. For sheriff Schram ran far ahead of his opponents. Daughterty made a fine showing for clerk.

The vote in the state was heavy and the results gave the political dopesters a number of jolts as the voters refused to conform to their predictions. Detroit's Groesbeck wiped out the latter's lead of 30,000 in the state giving the nomination to Couzens. Groesbeck secured the gubernatorial nomination by a plurality of 200,000.

For U. S. Senate—Returns from 2,552 state precincts out of 2,772 for the United States senate (long term) showed:

James Couzens (R).....340,378  
Arthur J. Tuttle (R).....289,669  
Daniel J. Tussing (R).....32,908  
Hal H. Smith (R).....32,667  
Mortimer E. Cooler (D).....6,682

For Governor—Returns from 2,522 state precincts out of 2,772 for governor showed:

Alex J. Groesbeck (R).....319,978  
James Hamilton (R).....119,309  
Herbert Baker (R).....98,153  
Charles K. Sligh (R).....89,962  
Edward Frensdorff (D).....4,847

For Lieutenant-Governor—Returns from 2,403 state precincts out of 2,772 for lieutenant-governor showed:

George W. Welsh (R).....179,626  
Luren Dickinson (R).....158,290  
George A. McArthur (R).....152,153  
Michael J. Dorle (D).....6,829

Governor Alex J. Groesbeck went out of Oakland county with a big plurality over the other six republican candidates for governor. His total vote in the county was 11,775 with one precinct missing out of 66 as compared with 7,186 for James Hamilton who ran second.

Luren D. Dickinson, republican candidate for lieutenant-governor, led the other five candidates for that nomination and polled 7,869 votes with the one precinct missing.

Judge Arthur H. Tuttle and Senator James Couzens ran a close race in the county for the republican nominations for state senator. The Tuttle vote with the absent precinct was 10,890 for the full term and 10,610 for the vacancy with Couzens polling 9,295 for the vacancy.

For congressman in the sixth district on the republican ticket Grant M. Hudson, the present incumbent, was an easy winner of the republican nomination over George G. Foster. The Hudson vote in 65 precincts was 12,295 while the Foster vote totaled 7,299.

Willis M. Brewer, nominated for congressman by the democrats without filing a petition himself, received 889 votes. James E. Daughterty was nominated by the republicans in the first district over Charles W. Melick by a vote of 9,067 to 6,194. There was a three-cornered battle for representative in the second district where Philomen J. Miller went out by a vote of 1,925 to 1,645 polled by Rev. F. F. DeLong and 1,177 received by Lee Noble.

Under Sheriff Frank Schram was an easy winner for the republican nomination for sheriff where there was a field of four candidates. He was found to have 10,293 votes as compared with 4,231 for Leonard R. Schindler, 3,978 for Fred Schrader, and 2,874 for A. J. Cornell. Frank C. Dunstan was nominated by the democrats with a total of 606 votes.

W. Harry Cryderman, county clerk for four years, lost to E. H. Daughterty in the county. Daughterty vote in the county was 10,691 as compared with 9,179 for Cryderman. The Holly man carried many precincts in the county as well as the city of Pontiac.

Floyd H. Losee was nominated by the republicans to run for a third term as county treasurer, having defeated Fred Demberger, chairman of the board of supervisors, who defeated John A. Adams for re-nomination. George B. Dewey and Peter B. Backer were also candidates but the fight was between Allen and Adams.

The Allen vote was 9,266 as compared with 8,516 for Adams; 2,700 for Dewey; and 2,001 for Backer.

## EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS MADE TO COOK BLOCK

A force of carpenters and masons are at work making quite extensive alterations in the P. L. Cook & Co. block. The second floor will be divided into four roomy flats and the store room in the rear of the first floor will be finished off, giving added room for the several store departments. Considerable basement space will be provided by excavations under the rear part of the building where a large heating plant for the flats and store will be installed.

A rearrangement of the front entrance to the dry goods department will be made in order to make space for a front stairway leading to the apartments on the second floor.

## SAND AND GRAVEL PITS PROSPERING

The sand and gravel pits of this locality are busy places. This industry has for some time been an extensive one in the area where are located pits bearing the very best quality of building sand and gravel. With great building and road construction programs now on the demand has grown enormously not only here but throughout the country.

Sand and gravel sold in the United States in 1923 amounted to 99,932,153 short tons and was valued at \$90,903,654, according to reports made by the producers to the Department of the Interior through the Geological Survey. These figures show an increase of about 48 per cent in quantity and 42 per cent in value over those for 1922. There was a general increase in both the quantity and the value of all classes of this material sold except in the value for filter sand. A special canvass of railroad companies was made in 1923 in order to obtain more complete reports of non-commercial material used by them, and the figures obtained make up in part the large increase (146 per cent) shown in the quantity of gravel used for railroad ballast.

The use of sand and gravel for use in the construction of buildings and pavements also showed a large increase. The figures for 1923 include returns obtained from 2,428 sand and gravel plants, which is 443 more than the number represented by the figures for 1922.

## ENTERTAINED AT SHOWER

Mrs. Tracy Conroy and Mrs. C. Hibborn delightfully entertained Friday evening in the home of Mrs. Conroy, at a handkerchief shower in honor of Miss Jeanette Hamilton of the class of the year, left Monday to attend nurses training school, Harper hospital.

Sixteen guests were present and the evening was spent playing games. Miss Hamilton received many beautiful handkerchiefs. At the close dainty refreshments were served.

## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Helen Bradley is spending this week in Detroit.

Mrs. David Ross and Miss Blanche Anglim left Sunday for Eaton Rapids to attend the funeral of Delbert Redfield, 17 years old, who was fatally injured when a grain platform dived a 25 foot bankment. Mr. Redfield was a cousin of Miss Anglim.

Mrs. Margaret Lock, formerly of Wahjamega Council No. 7, but now a member of Rainbow Council No. 2, Detroit, was given a luncheon and presented with a beautiful collar Friday evening by members of Rainbow Council. Mrs. Lock has been a Pochontas for 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark attended the funeral of Mrs. A. P. Bowen of Toronto, in Detroit, Tuesday. Mrs. Bowen died Saturday evening in Harper hospital following an operation for gall stones. She was the daughter of general superintendent of the Detroit United Lines, Harry Bullen and Mrs. Bullen, and a sister of Mrs. John Clark of Farmington.

as compared with Crawford's 8,826.

Maurice E. Baldwin defeated Franklin A. Slater for county surveyor by a vote of 8,041 to 8,891 with one precinct not reporting.

The four-cornered fight for the republican nomination for county road commissioner, which figured most conspicuously in the campaign was won by Luther D. Allen, chairman of the board of supervisors, who defeated John A. Adams for re-nomination. George B. Dewey and Peter B. Backer were also candidates but the fight was between Allen and Adams. The Allen vote was 9,266 as compared with 8,516 for Adams; 2,700 for Dewey; and 2,001 for Backer.