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SWING AROUND

FARMINGTON THE PLAN

That Governor Groesbeck and the state highway department has been considering a change in the route of the proposed Grand River super highway through Farmington, has been an open secret for some time. Our citizens have been informed from time to time that nothing had been definitely decided upon. Shortly after the closing of several big real estate deals by which Detroit parties became possessed of or have options on, large tracts of land to the south of Farmington, there is given out at Lansing to a Detroit News correspondent the following bit of news concerning what has and what is about to take place, which would indicate, as a Farmington citizen put it, that "certain Detroit, speculators succeeded in getting some definite information at quite an early date."

The Lansing correspondent says: "Involved in the plan of Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck and the State Highway Department for widening Grand River road from the Wayne County line west is a problem of how to deal with the situation through the Farmington district. Estimates based on conversations with property owners are that it would cost \$230,000 for right-of-way to widen the road through this district.

"A solution of the plan in contemplation is to open and to pave a new highway which would run off Grand River at a point opposite the Wayne County Children's Hospital and swing around Farmington to the south, connecting with Grand River west of the village. This new road would be shorter than the main road because it would extend through a long bend.

"It is estimated that this four miles of new right-of-way could be secured, by condemnation proceedings, if necessary, and paved for materially less than to pay \$280,000 for right-of-way on Grand River road and repave the old road as widened.

"It is not the idea to sidetrack Farmington, but to have two parallel roads for the four-mile stretch. A survey has been made of the proposed four-mile stretch by State Highway Department engineers."

"OLD BOYS" SHOWED CLASS

The basketball game at the High School gym Monday night drew out quite a number of fans anxious to see what kind of a game the "old boys" would put up against the present high school team full of pep and enthusiasm due to a recent succession of victories.

The "old boys" were a little slow in getting themselves together but when they found themselves in the last half of the game they certainly showed evidence of class and kept the young men busy for a spell.

The proceeds of the game went into the Washington trip fund.

T. W. C. TO GIVE

APRIL FOOL MATINEE

The Farmington Women's Club will give an April Fool matinee at M. E. Community Hall Wednesday, April 1. Each member is privileged to invite guests.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE F. W. C.

The regular meeting of the Farmington Women's club was held Wednesday afternoon, March 18, at the home of Mrs. Iva Hatton. Nineteen members and one guest being present.

The members responded to roll call by naming a great explorer: Biography of Agnes Repplier, Mrs. Iva Hatton.

Essays, Mrs. Mary Johnson. Recent Explorations in Mexico, Mrs. Flora Hendry.

The club adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 1 at M. E. Community hall.

Rev. S. D. Eva left Tuesday morning for Atlantic City and Asheville, N. C., for a ten days stay, during which time he hopes to recuperate from his recent illness.

RESPONDING TO CALL FOR HELP

As might be expected, the citizens of this community were among the first to express with dollars their sympathy for the stricken people of the south who last week lost so much from one of the most destructive tornadoes in the history of the country. The appeal was made through the local branch of the Red Cross and contributions are still coming in.

Arrangements have been made for the collection of contributions at the several schools of the township, the Farmington banks and at the stores.

All subscriptions should be turned in not later than this Friday afternoon as it is desirable of forwarding the relief money at once as it is urgently needed.

MRS. EDWARD MILLARD PASSES AWAY

Ina May Roberts Millard, a very estimable lady of Plesion District, passed away at her home Monday, March 23, 1925, of apoplexy. Her death, so unexpected, was a great shock to her many friends. Mrs. Millard was born September 9, 1877 at Livonia. She was married to Edward Millard March 29, 1899, and to them were born four children, Mrs. Margaret Pankow of Northville, Helen Millard of Laingsburg, Lottie and Russell Millard of Detroit, who with her husband survive her. She leaves also two sisters, Mrs. Carl Ely of Northville and Mrs. John Walters of Farmington.

Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Roberts. Her mother dying when she was quite young, she assumed household cares and the role of mother to her sisters.

Her father only recently passed to the great beyond.

The funeral services were held Thursday at 1:00 o'clock, Rev. H. H. Davis of Redford Baptist Church, officiating. The interment was made at Grand Lawn.

GET YOUR 1925 LICENSE

Motorists who are still driving their automobiles with 1925 license plates should secure 1925 plates at once, says Sheriff Schram. The officers cannot permit these cars to continue on the highways at such a late date. Cars that are being driven with only one headlight should also be remedied immediately. One can scarcely travel any county road without meeting at least one or two of this type of automobile.

FRUIT GROWERS STUDY

BLIGHT CONTROLLING WORK

Methods of controlling fruit blight in Michigan orchards are being demonstrated this week in Washtenaw County, where a special "blight management" training school is being held under the auspices of the horticultural department at M. A. C.

Fifteen professional blight cutters, trained last year by the college, started work in the Huron Farms Company orchards, between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, on Monday, March 23. The work is expected to last until about April 3, and fruit growers of the area are invited to inspect the operation at first hand.

The college horticultural department is supervising the Washtenaw County work, using it as a training school for those who wish to learn the technique of blight removal.

"Fire blight is a bacterial disease of the inner bark" says H. A. Cardinell, extension specialist at M. A. C., "and has been successfully handled only by surgical methods. It takes at least three days' practice, under training supervision, to learn the technique of the work, and so those who attend the Washtenaw County demonstration should plan to stay for this period."

The seniors have postponed their play until Wednesday afternoon of next week.

Pay your subscription.

STATION F. H. S.

Kindergarten

The boys have painted an ivory table for the doll corner. They have made clay bowls and painted them. The girls have made a luncheon set and embroidered it. They dramatized the story "Scarefoot." They are learning spring songs and rhymes. Two of their singing games are "Oats, peas, beans and barley" and "Lo By." They have started studying birds.

Miss Hartz.

They have bird and spring pictures up. They are studying the poem "Who Has Seen the Wind." Their window is decorated with daffodils.

Miss Schifflier.

They are getting ready for Easter. They have made a "Bunny Land" border. They are keeping track of different birds that are coming back from the south.

Miss Percy.

There is a new boy in this room, Robert Eber. They are studying about Easter and making Easter symbols. Norman's class dramatized "The Three Little Pigs."

Miss Koterba.

The following were neither absent nor tardy the last month. Elmer Catherman, Forrest Durham, Mary Fitzgerald, Richard Russell. They are reading "The Uncle Remus" stories in language class.

Miss Huff.

In art the children are drawing and coloring birds. For English they are writing stories about birds. They are reading "Roland the Noble Knight." Mrs. Ross visited their room.

Miss Hunter.

Marion Wesley was the champion speller of this room. They have read the story of "Grace Darling" and have each written a story about some friend who has done such a deed.

The nurse has weighed them and they do not want to get too fat or too thin.

Spring flowers and pussy willows have transformed the room and makes it look very pretty.

Miss Tapio.

For language they have studied "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," and next week they are going to dramatize it. They have been reading selections from "Tom Sawyer."

Miss Hudson.

The new inspectors are Mildred Mearns, Jimmy Hogle, Helen Mahoney, Helen Westfall, and Rose Livernais. Alice Parker is the champion speller of this grade.

Edythe Cain.

The spelling team is Edythe Cain, champion; Anna Brundage, Richard Cox, Olive Grinwade, Kathryn Rubert, John Spaller, Irving Lancaster, Kathryn Balford, Virginia Adams, Francis Dolson.

Miss Stewart.

Freshmen. Poor things! They are struggling with the "Lady of the Lake," and the Sophomores have been

MARATHON RECORD

Mrs. Arthur Ackerson of this place made a marathon record for women in bowling at Recreation hall here last Saturday.

In thirteen hours of continuous rolling she played 102 games making a total of 15619 pins. The average score per game was 156.19. In six of the games she scored over 200 and in the 98th game ran up a score of 227 and followed this in the 99th game with 212. Her lowest game was 102.

The ball used weighed fifteen pounds and fifteen ounces.

Mrs. Ackerson commenced bowling at 7:45 a. m. and was going strong in the evening. Many who are interested in bowling visited the hall during the day and evening to watch her work. While the constant handling of the heavy

trying to revive what they learned of it, that they might pass it on.

Sophomore. Occasionally the "Sophs" do have a little news. This time it's newspaper work. They are undecided whether they like it or not, but they all admit it was "good sport" when they each made a newspaper from clippings last Tuesday. The best newspaper, as chosen by the class, was that of Netha Sheets; the two second best were Percy Spaller's and Ellen Perry's, and Genevieve Forsyth's was third best, but they all were good.

Seniors. They hope you have noticed the posters announcing their play.

Athletes. Both teams very much appreciate the banquets which were given for them.

At such times the rest of us almost wish we were on the team.

The district tournament for Class C schools was held at Ypsilanti on March 19, 20 and 21 at the Normal gymnasium. Our first game was played with Hadel Park Thursday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock. This game was an easy victory for Farmington and ended with a score of 26 to 14. Our next game was played Friday morning at 8:00 o'clock with Fenton. This game was also an easy victory ending with a score of 21 to 8.

The first hard victory was played with Bellefonte which was the third game for us. Our fellows had to fight hard for everything they got, but we held our usual good defense and won by a score of 14 to 5.

The fourth game which was played Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock was one of the semi-final games and was a good fight between Farmington and East Lansing. Our boys fought well and won at a score 15 to 8. Saturday night the final game was played between Farmington and St. Marys and decided the championship of this district for Class C schools. It was a hard game for both sides. First one side would be ahead and then the other would be ahead in the end we beat us by one basket. The final score was 11 to 8 for St. Marys. The first place cup was awarded that night to St. Marys and the second place cup to Farmington.

Farmington will go to the State tournament held at Ann Arbor on Thursday, March 26.

Spice of Life. If a body see a body, Flunking in a quiz, If a body helps a body, Is it teacher's biz?

True. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. At least that's what they say. That's why we like our teachers better.

The day they stay away. Shakespeare Plays.

Seniors. "The Tempest" Juniors. "As You Like Them" Sophomores. "Much Ado About Nothing" Freshmen. "A Comedy of Errors"

Since the talk given to the "Girls League" a week or so ago, Mr. Smith reports a decrease in the sale of songs.

Ellen Perry.

William Zebulski.

William Zebulski, residing on Grand River west of Farmington, died Sunday night. Deceased was 84 years old and leaves a wife, four daughters and two sons.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the home. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

O. E. S.

A regular meeting of O. E. S. this Friday evening. The Past Matrons will confer the degrees on five candidates.

Dinner at 6:00 o'clock. Members who are two years or more in arrears for dues are requested to pay at this meeting.

F. E. C. JOINS IN WAR AGAINST NEEDLESS LAWS

The Farmington Exchange club will co-operate with the National Exchange club in its nation-wide campaign against the American making of foolish and excessive law by devoting its meeting next week, March 31, to a discussion of this menace. The Exchange clubs of the country believe that State and National Legislatures are passing hundreds of needless and harmful laws which cannot possibly be enforced.

As a result of the campaign launched two years ago, by the National Exchange club the press and public of the country have been aroused to a point where law making is actually becoming unpopular. President Calvin Coolidge, a member of the Exchange club of Rutland, VT., has on several occasions expressed his opinion of "too much law making" in no uncertain terms.

According to the former United States Senator Albert Beveridge of Indiana the people of America are being smothered in laws. Mr. Beveridge says that the United States is over-burdened by federal, state and local legislation. Administration of laws, he contends, has become "peremptory, insolent and autocratic," until officials have become vexatious tyrants and citizens have become cringing subjects. Senator Beveridge said: "No human being knows even how many statutes are hidden within the forbidding covers of thousands of volumes that contain acts of congress and that state legislatures. No human being knows even the number of city ordinances, much less the purpose of them. The country would be better off, for every new law passed, an old one was repealed."

Mr. Beveridge also propounded the theory that the prevalent lawlessness is due in large measure to excessive legislation. "How can anybody obey every law," he asks, "when nobody knows or can know how many laws there are or what they command or forbid?"

National Secretary Herold M. Hartel has asked every Exchange club to set aside a meeting during the last week of March for the consideration of the "too much law making" evil. The success of these campaigns during the past two years has convinced The National Exchange Club that if the bright light of publicity is thrown on this pernicious evil, state and national legislators can be made to see the trend of popular opinion. Exchange clubs believe that the problems of government should be studied in a broad way and that men chosen to public office should be advised that they will gain the good-will of their constituents by refraining from introducing an unlimited number of insignificant and middle-class bills in the legislature.

PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER

Honoring Miss Nellie Evert, the Misses Vera and Pauline Merritt of Salent, entertained Saturday March 21. Sixty guests showered their good wishes in the form of beautiful and appropriate gifts upon the guest of honor, a bride-to-be.

Miss Bollens, director of the games, entertainment, provided a splendid foil for the hostesses.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

A very delightful affair was the St. Patrick's party Monday evening, at the home of Miss Mildred Adams, Grand River avenue, being the fifth of the series of parties given this winter by the Golden Key Class of the M. E. Church.

About twenty-five guests were present. The attractive decorations of green and white and the evening's diversions, games, etc., all were in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

A buffet lunch of tea, shamrock-shaped sandwiches and cookies was served. The hostess, Miss Adams was assisted by the Misses Stewart, Huff, Ike and Mrs. Harry Pagel.

The sixth and last party will be held next month.

The Willing Workers will be entertained Thursday, April 2, at the home of Mrs. Charles Halsted.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING VISIONED FOR FUTURE

(Contributed)

To the patrons of the public library, and those who are not, who would be interested in knowing more about an institution which, while it is called and is a public enterprise, is kept alive and nurtured by a few public spirited, women, chief of whom is Mrs. Minnie Wilber, who was president of the Ladies' Library Association, which assumed the management when the township authorized the turning over to the school the books or most of them comprising the library at that time and who was responsible for the installation of the cataloging and card index system, under which it now operates.

The public who patronize the library and receive weekly from the hands of the gracious and efficient librarian, Miss Mary Kennedy, their quota of entertaining and instructive literature probably think little of the work that some one has been doing in order that they may be so easily and casually provided with the week end and leisure hour, entertainment, but work there is and plenty of it for at least these two public spirited citizens of Farmington.

This article will briefly set forth a few facts concerning this important institution.

The library housed in the north wing of the Town Hall presents a very cozy and comfortable aspect to the visitor. The armchairs are prettily curtained in cretonne, wicker chairs offer comfort to those who would set and read awhile. These articles were contributed by the Women's Club. Many pictures have also been donated.

The number of books in the library number around 1300. Of these 1040 have been purchased since 1914. The Oliver Hazard estate gave to the library 134 volumes, Mrs. Flora Hendry contributed seven books of poetry, Miss Carol Crossman thirteen girls books, while magazines, pamphlets, etc., have also found their way to the library from the hands of interested friends.

While the preponderance of books are fiction, the management is adding gradually books of reference, encyclopedias, and history. We have nine of the World Books, twenty volumes of Encyclopedia Britannica, thirteen volumes of Burton Holmes' Travelogue. Great care is exercised in the selection of books that the shelves may be kept free from all objectionable matter often styled as literature, much attention is paid to the need of the children who are most devoted patrons.

The books of the library show a membership of nearly 300 patrons with 250 cards in actual circulation.

Someone suggests a reading room in connection but with quarters as cramped as they are now, such an addition would be impracticable, but dreams are being dreamed of a building commensurate with the dignity, beauty and ever increasing population of our town which will adequately house the library which in importance as an educational factor we rank only second to our schools and which should work hand in hand with them. A building designed to meet the requirements of a population that desires for itself the advantages of education, culture and all the finer things of life.

May the dream be realized some day not too far away.

New books just arrived: Nine, The Invisible Woman, The Thundering Herd, The Unknown Quantity, The Carolinian, The White Monkey, Ship of Souls, The Loring Mystery, The Last of the Mohicans, Radio Boys, Five Little Peppers, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Gulliver's Travels.

O. K. TAILORS OPEN

BRANCH HERE

The O. K. Tailors cleaning and pressing establishment, has opened a branch in Farmington at the corner of Grand River and Division street. This concern has been doing business in Farmington for some time, collecting and delivering work.