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IMPROVED METHOD OF ROAD REPAIR FOR GD. RIVER

According to a report by John Fitzgibbon, correspondent for the Detroit News, the state highway department is giving to Grand River avenue special attention in the matter of road maintenance. From what is given out it is quite evident that no increase in paving width of the roadway from Farmington to Lansing is contemplated at present. The report says: "The first try-out of the new system for maintaining trunk line State highways by section gangs, the same as steam railroad companies maintain their right-of-way, has been undertaken on M-16, that section of concrete pavement on Grand River and between Lansing and the Detroit City limits. Three gangs of six men each have been engaged for this maintenance."

Up to this year trunk lines were maintained by contract road repairmen, the State contributing part of the cost. The system was unsatisfactory; for one reason, because some county commissioners did not keep the trunk lines within their limits in as good condition as other counties that spent no more money. They not only did not show the same efficiency, but some commissioners, it has been alleged, regarded maintenance work as political patronage, distributing it among more or less of their constituents.

Unsatisfactory for the further reason because it had been computed by highway engineers that cost of maintenance was higher than it would be if maintenance work was systematized and under central control with the State Highway Department doing it all.

Under the new method authorized by a recently enacted law, and started on the Grand River road, each section gang will be charged with keeping in repair a given stretch. The gang will do as steam railroad maintenance section gangs do. They will go over their mileage frequently, watch for breaks in the concrete and repair the break as soon as discovery, remove the stumps, dead trees and other unsightly objects, and burn rubbish as it accumulates. Trees will also be planted.

Gov. Alex. J. Groesbeck believes that maintaining trunk lines by the section gang system can be done at a cost of \$200 to \$300 a mile annually, which includes removing heavy snow falls with tractors. This is far less than the work cost under the county road commission plan.

On the 74-mile stretch of the Grand River road between Detroit and Lansing eight-foot dirt shoulders are nearly completed on each side of the concrete drive. Grass seed will be sown on the strip so as to make a green soil, and trees will be planted in some places. The idea, the Governor explains, is to provide a pleasing effect for the eye the same as the better class of steam railroads seek for their right-of-way.

It is costing around \$150,000 for the overhead crossing of the Pere Marquette tracks on the Grand River road at Novi. The railroad company is paying 50 per cent of the cost, the Federal Government the other 50 per cent under the Act of Congress which provides that, for a grade separation on a trunk line highway, the Federal Government will pay half the cost of construction. The State Highway Department is doing the overhead construction work at Novi, none of it being let to contractors.

EXCHANGE CLUB PRESENTED WITH HANDSOME GAVEL

Superintendent Leonard was the speaker at the Tuesday noon-day luncheon of the Exchange Club. His talk was on the recent Washington trip of the Senior class of the high school in which he recounted interesting incidents. His description of places visited was highly entertaining and closely followed by the club members. The inspirational value of the trip to the students is incalculable, he said and more was learned by them than could possibly be acquired in months of study.

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ALL HOME PRINT

With this issue the Enterprise goes to an all-home print paper. Heretofore two of the eight pages have been ready prints. Demand for advertising space which was beginning to crowd reading space made the all-home print necessary.

Church Notes

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church.
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
10:30 Morning service.
2:00—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Service.

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30—Limiting the Illimitable.

On the way to the 300 Sunday School.
6:30—Going with the Grenfell League.
7:30—Cantata—"From Olivet to Calvary."
By the West Grand Boulevard Church Choir.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
Sunday, April 19, 1925—10:15 A. M., English Services.
Wednesday, April 22, 1925—Y. P. L. Box social at the William Kurz home.

First Baptist Church
R. F. Willson, Pastor.
Morning Service 10:30, the pastor will preach, subject, "Recall of Love."
11:45—B. Y. P. U. Carl Dyar, leader.
7:30—Evening service, subject, "The Story of Rebecca."

8:30—Wednesday evening, prayer service.

A special invitation is extended to the young people of Farmington and vicinity to attend the services Friday evening of this week. This will be a young people's meeting and the last one Mr. Kessler will conduct. No services Saturday evening.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
9:30—Sunday School.
10:30—Regular services, 1st 3rd and 5th Sundays in German; 2nd and 4th in English.

RE-OPENING OF LIVONIA CHURCH

The Livonia Church, which has been closed for a number of years was opened Sunday morning. The services were conducted by Mrs. Helen Phelps of Wayne. Much interest was shown by the large attendance. The building has recently been repaired and decorated. Services both morning and evening will be held next Sunday.

PUMP HOUSE AND CAR STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

The electrical storm which passed over Farmington Monday evening did considerable damage east of here. At Royal Oak a pump house was struck by lightning severely injuring Allen McGuire, the night operator, and demolishing the buildings. The steel derrick about which cluster the buildings of the plant is believed to have been the conductor of the lightning.

Seven persons were injured, two women seriously, when the passengers of a one-man Detroit street car, panic-stricken, stampeded in a frantic effort to escape through the windows as the car was struck by a lightning bolt which burned out a fuse-box and created a small blaze. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Mrs. B. L. Banta of Breedsville, Mich., who has been visiting her daughter, Doris Irene and sister, Mrs. Elmer Empson the past two weeks, returned home Friday last.

Merlin Adams underwent an operation for hernia Tuesday morning at Pontiac City Hospital.

A representative of Henry Ford visited Friday afternoon with Mr. G. E. Collins.

STATION F. H. S.

Kindergarten

There is a new girl in our room, Mary Ellen Wideneimer. The girls are finishing their hats that they started before Easter, and they will be ready to put on display the end of the week.

The children are learning garden and flower songs and spring poems. In nature study they are discussing the raising of chickens.

First Grade

We are making a farm yard. A farmer is getting his garden ready for the planting of the seeds. We have taken the cows, sheep and horses and have gone to the meadows.

Second Grade

No news, except that everyone has spring fever. For language work the children are telling stories from spring pictures. They are going to learn a spring poem and are going to decorate the windows with butterflies.

Third Grade

In English class we are reading the story "Reynard Fox."

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Fitzpatrick is teaching until Miss Hunter comes back.

Fifth Grade

In English class we are keeping a diary, and the children are very anxious for a new day so they may write in it. A new crab has been brought to school by one of the pupils. We are studying Washington Irving's life, and we read two of his stories.

There was a spelling battle between two sides, the leaders of which were Ferol Johnston and Virginia Bostwick. Ferol Johnston's side received the least wounds.

Sixth Grade

We are studying the "Birds of Killingworth," by Longfellow. In arithmetic we are studying angles and areas. Many interesting compositions were handed in Wednesday on "Why Our Forest Should Be Protected."

Seventh Grade

Rose Livernotti left the seventh grade and she will be missed very much. We came back to a clean room this Monday, because the Friday before vacation was Housecleaning Day.

Miss Otis Makes Debut

Miss Virginia Otis, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis, who has been studying for several months under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Evans, sang on Tuesday evening at Northville, at the Knights Templar installation of officers. She was ably accompanied by Miss Ruth Schroeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schroeder. Miss Otis has a very sweet voice that gives promise of a brilliant future.

Musical Treat

A musical treat will be given at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening when the choir of the West Grand Boulevard Methodist Church, Detroit, in full force will render the sacred Cantata "From Olivet to Calvary." This splendid choir is under the direction of Mr. Arthur Davey, the well known Detroit tenor, who will be heard in solos during the program.

This Cantata was given last Sunday evening in the West Grand Boulevard Church to 200 people were on the sidewalk unable to get inside.

The program will begin at 7:30. No charge will be made. The usual collection will be taken.

The public is invited to hear this great program of music.

Eighth Grade

We have a new boy in our room, Edwin Sukkowsky.

Freshmen

The Freshmen were all very anxious to get back to school, after a week's vacation.

Sophomores

The Sophomores are anxious to know whose side in the newspaper contest will be victorious. They are all looking forward to a trip to the Detroit News Building to see how the paper is printed.

Juniors

The Juniors are starting to earn their money to go to Washington. Everyone is excited about the trip as the Seniors have told of so many interesting experiences. The Seniors have at last settled down to work. Since they have come back, no one else has a chance to talk, because they all wish to tell of the wonderful time they had.

Seniors

Don't miss the program at the art exhibit Thursday night, April 16, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be six living pictures, the background of which are made by the high school art class. The exhibition will be open also on Saturday afternoon, between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00. There will be two hundred pictures on exhibition. Tickets only 10c and 20c.

Athletics

The second baseball game of the season will be played at Redford, April 17. There will be a game played with Northville Tuesday, April 21, on the new field, located behind the Farmington High School.

A tennis court is now under construction by the boys of our school.

Spice

Dusty Al says: One swallow doesn't make a summer but it makes you feel much warmer. Ellen to Effie: "How do you know he loves you?"

Effie: "By the way he looks at me when I'm not looking."

Harry to Gladys, enjoying the view: "The guide says it isn't safe there and you've either got to come away or let me carry the sandwiches."

Mildred: "I had a nut sundae." Avia: "I have one calling on me tonight."

Christine: "Frank didn't blow out his brains when you rejected him last night—he came and proposed to me."

Janita: "Well, dear, he must have got rid of them some other way."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green of White Lake visited relatives in Farmington, Sunday.

Dr. E. W. Switzer has been laid up for the past week with a painful swelling on his shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dowell and daughter, Beverly of Detroit, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lepley.

The Amicus Club will meet Friday, April 24, with Mrs. Walter Durham at Clarenceville. Pot luck dinner at noon.

Mrs. C. M. Stoyceoff and daughter Louise, who spent Easter with the Bollens family, have returned to their home in Gary, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Green were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. Green's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Green in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Higgins of Saranac, Mich., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dadds the first of the week.

They are returning to their home after spending the winter in the south.

Mrs. Charles Rodgers came home Friday from Ithaca, accompanied by Mrs. Ray Bartson, son and daughter. Mr. Bartson joined his family Sunday, all returning to their home Monday.

Mrs. E. W. Switzer was hostess to twenty-eight members of Group No. 3 of W. H. M. S. of the M. E. Church at her home on Warner avenue Tuesday afternoon.

The usual business meeting was followed by an interesting program, social time and refreshments.

"The Hill-Billy" with Jack Pickford as the star, is a picture with a thrill. A story of the Tennessee mountain and their interesting life of ups and downs, feuds and fights, all of which ends as all pictures should end. It is a picture old and young will greatly enjoy.

A Liner in the Enterprise will bring quick results.

LONG SHEET ADVOCATES WIN AFTER LONG FIGHT

The long sheets for hotel beds will soon be required by legal enactment. The present legislature has passed a law requiring that sheets used in all hotels shall measure at least 99 inches in length.

There has been one or more bills introduced at each session of the legislature for the past sixteen years requiring the long sheet to be used, but none of them got out of the committee room. While the various bills have met with ridicule there is much of merit in the requirement. When the first bill was introduced in the legislature at the request of the Michigan Traveling Men's Association, the present editor of the Enterprise was chosen by the heads of three departments of the state to make an inspection of hotel conditions in Michigan as to sanitation and safety. Much data was secured and the long sheet came in for a thorough investigation. Recommendation based upon the inspection reports were made to the legislature. Some new laws were passed as a result, but the long sheet fell down in the committee room.

The long sheet has been insisted upon by the traveling public as a necessary sanitary precaution. In all hotels guests are given clean sheets, but the blankets are not changed for each guest. With a sheet several inches longer than the blanket, the occupant of the bed can protect his face and neck so that they will not come in contact with the cover which is usually used a number of times before going to the wash.

At the time of the inspection there were very few hotels in Michigan where the long sheets were in use. Since then they have come into general use without the force of the law. The first bill introduced provided for a sheet 105 inches in length. Two hotels in the state at that time were using sheets of that length.

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MR. FLEMING'S FAITH IN FARMINGTON

Builder's Park, located on Farmington road at the southern village limits where that highway intersects the Nine Mile road, is one of the more recent land developments of this locality.

This subdivision is one of the direct outgrowths of F. D. Fleming's faith in Farmington, which territory he selected as a field for real estate activity after making a careful study of suburban conditions surrounding Detroit. His judgment was based on a knowledge of what buyers are looking for, which was gained by several years experience in the real estate business in this locality.

Mr. Fleming came to Farmington a year and a half ago. He started to the Enterprise at that time that he was thoroughly convinced that Farmington was destined to become one of the most popular and prosperous of Detroit's many residential suburbs. He predicted that within a very short time there would be a lively demand for acreage in this immediate locality and that prices would soon materially advance. That this prediction has been fulfilled is evident to all. Even those who were in inclined to doubt now admit their lack of vision.

A steady advance in the price of Farmington real estate during the past few years resulted from a general belief that this locality would eventually benefit by the rapid and tremendous expansion of Detroit, but it remained for Mr. Fleming to put into concrete expression cogent reasons why Farmington is bound to prosper.

In his prospectus and advertisement announcing the opening of Builders' Park Subdivision, which will be found on page six of this issue, he gives ten reasons for his faith, not only in that immediate locality, but in the entire territory surrounding Farmington.

That Mr. Fleming's conclusions are based upon actual conditions and facts will be readily seen by reading what he has to say. That this faith is not founded on illogical or chimerical reasoning is clearly evident.

Faith in Farmington brought Mr. Fleming to this field. A prosperous business has justified that faith and finds him at this time more thoroughly convinced than ever that Farmington will soon become the most popular of Detroit's suburbs.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Maas announce the wedding of their daughter, Miss Esther Maas to Mr. Elmer O. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, April 29, 1925, at 7:30 p. m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarenceville, on the Switzer road. A wedding dinner will be given at the home following the ceremony. The young couple will make their home at Howell, Mich.

F. W. C.

The F. W. C. met Wednesday, April 15 at the home of Mrs. Mary Johnson. Nineteen members responded to roll call by giving an amendment to the constitution.

The business meeting was followed by the program for the afternoon.

Biography of John Burroughs, Mrs. Martha Schroeder.

Essays of John Burroughs, Mrs. Zayda Wilbur.

Enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, Mrs. Tomlinson.

The club adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 29.

GARDEN WEEK APRIL 19-25

Garden Week, inaugurated two years ago by the National Federation of Women's Clubs, will be observed this year under the direction of the Farmington Women's club which is affiliated with the national association through the Detroit Federation of Women's clubs.

The Farmington Women's club request that the merchants of our city make appropriate displays in their windows. Also the greenhouse and churches, observe the week.

Enterprise liners are go-getters