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RELOCATION OF GD. RIVER WILL BE OPPOSED

A meeting of Farmington citizens and business men was held at the town hall Tuesday evening at which the Grand River road situation was discussed and a permanent organization formed for the purpose of protecting the interests of Farmington, its business men and citizens.

The recent announcement made by the state administrative board to relocate a portion of Grand River road which it is believed will greatly injure Farmington was the spur that urged action.

All who attended the meeting expressed themselves as opposed to any change in the location of the road and all felt that a change as contemplated by the board was unwarranted and would be an act of rank injustice.

A permanent organization was formed to be known as the Farmington Protective Association. The following officers were chosen:

President, E. O. Hatton.
Vice-president, Arthur Lamb.
Secretary, W. N. Miller.
Treasurer, Olin Russell.

The president will appoint four directors.

A committee was appointed to confer with some attorney and secure his presence at a meeting of the association to be held next Monday evening.

Business men and citizens are responding generously to a call for contributions to defray immediate expenses.

Henry Smith, son of C. F. Smith, owner of the private golf grounds at Farmington's west limits, was present and stated the crossing of that property with a highway would be fought. It is the opinion of attorneys employed by Mr. Smith that the new highway law, taking effect August 1, under which it is proposed by the state department to force a cut-off, is unconstitutional.

The recent action of the state administrative board in declaring its intention of relocating Grand River road at this point by constructing a cut-off from a point near the Eight Mile road to a point west of Farmington near the Smith farm, has stirred citizens of Farmington to action in opposing any change that will side track or prove detrimental to this locality.

There is a situation here as to road width within the village, no different than found in several other villages on main highway out of Detroit where improvements are under way or contemplated to meet conditions which have developed within their past few years. Elsewhere these conditions have been or are being met in a logical and proper way by securing a wider width of road way.

When the proposition to improve Grand River road came up less than a year ago the situation here was gone into quite thoroughly and it was found that Farmington citizens, especially those owning property abutting on the avenue, were unanimously in favor of doing everything possible to put the avenue in shape to meet present and future traffic requirements. A committee of citizens soon secured releases of property along the highway from the Wayne County line to the Farmington Lumber & Coal Co.'s yards here and a considerable distance to the west.

Governor Groesbeck and other state officials are reported to have expressed themselves as pleased with progress made and assured Farmington citizens that work of filling in for a wider crossing at the creek within the village limits would be commenced just as soon as a sufficient amount of dirt for the purpose could be secured. The committee again started out and in a few days reported that an amount of dirt, near at hand, estimated by the county surveyor to be ample, had been secured.

No steam shovels appeared as had been promised. Inquiries as to progress of plans were met by evasive answers.

Late last fall certain Detroit real estate speculators became interested in farm properties south of Farmington and options were taken on a great many acres. This gave rise to a belief that some one had been tipped off to the fact that

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bachelor gave a birthday dinner at their home in West Farmington Sunday, July 19, in honor of Mr. Bachelor's mother, Mrs. Bettie Armstrong of Detroit.

A large birthday cake graced the center of the table around which were seated fourteen guests. Mrs. Armstrong was well remembered with lovely gifts. The guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Baert, Mrs. Irene Mathis and daughter, Bettie Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Armstrong, all of Detroit.

The state highway department was contemplating relocating a section of Grand River avenue to the south of this village. When parties of state highway department surveyors commenced running lines from points on Grand River road to the east of here to a point just west of the village, the belief became general that Detroit land speculators were to be fattened to the detriment of Farmington.

Farmington is located at a point on Grand River where it turns slightly from a northwesterly course to a course directly west. The curve is a long, easy one and in no way hinders full speed traffic. The reason for the curve in the original laying out of the road was no doubt due to the fact that by making it wide, gulches were avoided. Should the state now straighten the road many thousands of dollars would be required for filling-in purposes. The cost of filling-in for an additional width of the present road would be but a small item of cost. The difference in cost between the two filling undertakings, it is claimed, would more than pay for a new sixty foot paved roadway through Farmington.

That property owners here who are interested in Farmington and its progress should be sacrificed for the benefit of outside land speculators seems to them, and to all unprejudiced persons, a rather raw deal.

The slight advantage to the public, if any, to be gained by this proposed cut-off is out of all proportion to its cost.

A close study of traffic conditions through Farmington this summer, at times of greatest congestion, shows that no difficulty is found in getting through here, but that traffic is tied up at times from the Orchard Lake road to Redford, due to an insufficient width of pavement along that stretch into which is poured the heavy traffic of Orchard Lake and Seven Mile roads. No trouble in getting to Detroit is experienced after the wide pavement east of Redford is reached.

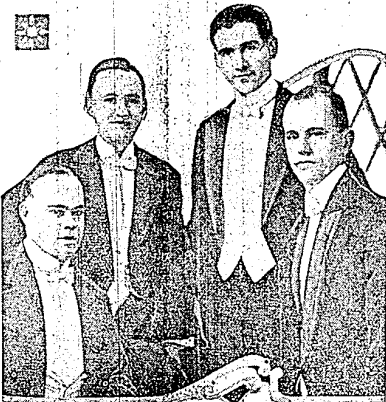
It is pointed out by those familiar with present road situations that when the Northwestern highway out of Detroit is completed a large part of travel to and from the lakes will be diverted from Grand River road.

With the widening of Grand River pavement between Redford and Farmington and the securing of a sixty foot roadway through Farmington village the traffic problem would be satisfactorily solved for many years to come.

The parties clamoring for a cut-off are not interested in securing the traffic problems of Grand River road. They are interested in but one thing: that of jumping the price of real estate on which they hold options to figures that will mean a fortune to some of them. If they succeed in saddling an unnecessary expense on the taxpayers to bring about their purpose they will always remember Farmington as the town that they "put one over on."

If the laws of Michigan have been so changed—and the courts stand for it—that real estate speculators can dictate the location of highways, it is about time to change the broad declaration—"Tuscon" on the state seal—into something that more fittingly expresses the helpless condition of the citizens of the commonwealth. Doleful lamentations should be substituted for the joyous peons of praise with which we have been accustomed to give vent to our patriotic feelings at such occasions.

Well-Known National Male Quartet a Chautauqua Feature



THE NATIONAL MALE QUARTET

The National Male Quartet, directed by Charles Cox, well-known entertainer, will be a premier feature of the coming Redpath Chautauqua here. Everybody likes a good male quartet, and here is one of the best. Both as singers and as entertainers, the Nationals enjoy a prestige second to no other quartet in the entire Chautauqua field.

Thurston Llewellyn, noted composer of "By the Waters of Minnetonka," wrote of this popular quartet: "I can frankly say that this undoubtedly is one of America's best quartets, if not the best. They sing the best classics written for male voices. Besides being a fine singing organization, composed of fine fellows, they are excellent entertainers."

The National Male Quartet will be the opening day attraction of the Chautauqua.

FARMINGTON PIONEER VISITS OLD HOME HERE

Joseph Dellinger of Caro, Mich., is a guest at the home of 5242 Wixom in Farmington. Mr. Dellinger was a pioneer resident of this place and member of Farmington Lodge, F. & A. M. under its first master, O. B. Smith. Mr. Dellinger is now in his 84th year.

DETROIT WATER TO FARMINGTON ROAD

Had anyone ten years ago predicted that Detroit city water would be supplied to residents within five miles of Farmington in 1925 that person would have been called crazy.

According to the news story published in the Detroit Free Press a few days ago T. F. Boothby, owner of Coventry Gardens subdivision, corner Farmington and Five Mile roads has made arrangements for the extension of Detroit water mains direct to that property.

The specifications call for a 12-inch main on the Five Mile road, connecting with the city water main.

A contract already has been awarded requiring the completion of this project by September 15, and the work of excavating and laying the pipes will be commenced as soon as the necessary machinery can be transported to the site.

LEDOVA HEADLINER AT TEMPLE THEATRE

George Chos presents Ledova, the brilliant danseuse, as headliner on the bill at B. F. Keith's Temple Theatre, Detroit, starting Sunday matinee, July 26, Miss Ledova will be assisted by Danny Dare and Rudolph Malinoff and Scherban's Gypsy Quintette in a magnificent, colorful revue, said to be one of the fastest dancing acts of the season. Others programmed for the week: Fortunello and Cillillo, the famous Italian cloggers; Wells and Brady in a classy program of delightful melodies; Dave Ferguson, well known character comedian in "The Lucky Stiff"; Harry Hines, the 58th variety in a musical comedy routine; Will J. Ward in songs and stories; Lillian and Herman Zeigler exponents of modern equilibrium; Queenie Duncanson, the variety girl and the usual picture offering.

The July meeting of the North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary, was held at the home of Mrs. William Graham, Tuesday afternoon, July 21. Refreshments were served and all spent a very pleasant afternoon.

MAD DOG ATTACKS AND BADLY INJURES KEEPER

As the result of bites from a mad dog Isaac Weinberg, living a short distance south of Farmington, was taken to the hospital at Ann Arbor for treatment. He returned home Monday but it will be some time before he recovers from the wounds.

The dog was an English bull which Mr. Weinberg was keeping for a Detroit man. It was an ugly animal and not safe to be at large and a strong barred cage had been specially built to house the brute. For some time no one except Mr. Weinberg had been able to approach the dog, and of late it bared his fangs at him.

Saturday Mr. Weinberg attempted to take the dog out of the cage to give it a little exercise. The dog refused to be led from the enclosure by the chain attached to its collar and when its keeper attempted to pull the dog out it made a vicious lunge at its throat and would have barred its fangs there but for the fact that Mr. Weinberg sprang back in time to avoid it. The dog, however, bit him in the breast, causing a deep laceration. The impact of the brute threw Weinberg to the ground. In the fight that followed the man succeeded in keeping the dog from tearing at his throat but was terribly bitten on the arm.

Mrs. Weinberg hearing her husband's call for help seized a stick and pounded the dog on the head but failed to make it loosen its hold in Weinberg's arm.

Neighbors hearing the commotion rushed to the aid of the unfortunate man and killed the animal which contained its hold on its victim until at least a half dozen bullets had been fired into its body.

The dog's head was sent to Ann Arbor for analysis. Report was sent back that the animal had been afflicted with the rabies in its worst form.

MAJESTIC SPECTACLE

A card received at The Enterprise office from the Rev. Sidney D. Eva:

Niagara Falls, Monday.
"It is true it cannot help going over, but it is a majestic spectacle with awesome inspiration. It rolls on with roar and music in persistent grandeur. It is just as wonderful as when Father Hennepin first beheld it."

PROSPERITY

According to statements published last week the banks of Farmington now have resources totalling \$1,626,341.60. Both banks show a decided increase in resources during the past year, which indicates that prosperity is still with us.

Church Notes

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church

Rev. H. B. Duttweller, Pastor

Farmington Methodist Church S. D. Eva, Pastor.

10:30—"The Voice of Many Waters."

11:45—Sunday School.

7:00—Epworth League.

No evening service.

Evangelical Church Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10:15—Services, German.

11:45—Sunday School.

Sunday, August 16. 50th Anniversary of congregation.

First Baptist Church R. F. Willson, Pastor

10:30—"Our Strength."

11:45—Bible School.

7:30—"The message of Philomen."

The pastor will preach morning and evening.

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

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

9:30—Sunday School.

10:30—Regular services, first third and fifth Sundays in German; second and fourth in English.

NORTHVILLE TO HONOR PITCHER HARRY S. GERMAN

Harry S. German, the well-known ball player of Northville, is to be honored by a big celebration given him by the businessmen of his home city. The day set for this occasion is Saturday, August 1, and is to be called "The Big Reunion and Anniversary Day."

The veteran base ball pitcher is twirling his thirty-fifth consecutive year as a successful amateur and professional pitcher. Records show that he began pitching for the Northville High School in 1891 at the age of fifteen years, which figures that today he is at his fiftieth mile-stone or at the half century mark. Therefore, this season gave him home town people and business men an opportunity to do him honor and they have made a call to all base ball fans and friends throughout the State



HARRY S. GERMAN

of Michigan, and more particularly to the fans of the three counties in which German has lived and played ball all his life—Oakland, Wayne and Monroe.

Many of his best acquaintances are not aware of several features and records that this half-century old ball enthusiast has performed in his thirty-five years of pitching. Several times he has twirled two games in one day and often has performed two days in succession. On July 4th and 5th of this year he opposed the well known Wayne Good Roads team, defeated them the first day and gave them a good scare the next. In 1902 he pitched four games in one week, shutting out Clinton his fourth game and allowing but one man to reach second. He pitched his first professional game at Toledo, winning against Milwaukee 3 to 1, and up to that time he had never seen a professional ball park. The same year he obtained a world's record at Louisville, Ky., by pitching the shortest time game on record—one hour and eighteen minutes.

In 1922, after thirty-two years with that throwing arm, Grand Rapids of the Michigan-Canadian League was disabled for a pitcher against Muskegon. German was wired for and went. He came home with another victory to his belt and with a score of 11 to 4.

Another feature happened two years ago while doing mound duty. He struck out sixteen men in a game and allowed but two balls on any batter, then was defeated 5 to 4.

The half-century pitcher of Northville has done much for base ball. He accepts umpire decisions as law and it has to be an extremely bad guess of the umpire when he objects. His conduct on the field is such that much rowdism has been eliminated in the communities in which he has usually played. The example set has been good for our popular national pastime.

This base ball son of Northville is still able to quiet most all amateur and semi-pro teams with his work in the box and the last performance of his was demonstrated at Monroe last Sunday. Accord-

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An Enterprise Liner will sell it.