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## INCORPORATION UNDER HOME RULE ACT

The matter of incorporating Farmington as a city of the fifth class is one of the important questions now before the citizens. Animated discussions of the proposed relocation by the state administration board of Grand River at this point has somewhat overshadowed the incorporation issue. The matter should, however, be kept in mind and carefully studied in order to arrive at a proper determination.

The council a short time ago instructed the clerk to get from E. L. Phillips of Pontiac, the attorney employed to advise in the matter, a statement of just what proceedings are necessary to bring about the desired change in our municipal government. The following instructions were submitted to the council by the attorney, the first step of which has been taken:

The proceedings are taken under the "Home Rule Act," so called, as amended. The Statute which you will follow is to be found in the 1923 Revision of laws relating to Incorporation and general powers of cities under Part 3, Section 6, which commences on page 165.

The proceedings taken originate by the petition signed by the qualified electors, of not less than 200 in your case, and the petitions shall be verified of the oath of one or more of the petitioners. These petitions shall be filed with the Clerk of the Village, and shall describe accurately the proposed boundaries of the city. In your case there being no additional territory the boundaries described would be those of the present village. The petition shall be addressed to the Village Council, and shall be filed with the Village Clerk at least thirty days before action is taken thereon by the Village Council. If the resolution of the Village Council is made and adopted in accordance with the petitions, then the next step is to provide for an election by the qualified electors of the Village.

At the time of the election to determine the question of incorporation as a city nine electors are chosen by the vote of the qualified electors to act as a charter commission, and all notices of the election shall include the notice of the election of the nine members of the proposed charter commission, and the nine candidates shall be designated under the heading of: "Candidates for the Charter Commission." A separate ballot shall be prepared for the election of the candidates.

These candidates in order to have their names placed upon the ballot must each file a petition signed by twenty qualified electors of the Village, asking that such name be placed upon the ballot. The statute makes this and only this provision for placing of the names of the candidates upon the ballot, so that it becomes necessary to have at least nine candidates file petitions signed by at least twenty qualified electors; these ballots, with the names of the nine or more candidates shall bear instructions directing that not more than nine candidates shall be voted for.

If after election the vote being canvassed on the question of incorporation if it is determined in favor of such incorporation the board of canvassers shall proceed to canvass the votes cast for members of such commission and shall certify to the election of such persons receiving the highest number of votes cast. The members of the charter commission then take the constitutional oath of office, and shall have power to fill vacancies in case of their members absence, and five or more of them shall constitute a quorum. The charter commission shall convene within ten days after the election and frame a charter for the city within ninety days after convening. The charter commission has the authority and duty to choose its own officers, to determine its methods of procedure and it shall keep a Journal of all its proceedings. This Journal shall record a roll call of its members on any question at the request of any member. The charter commission shall provide

## CAMPAIN FOR FUNDS FOR WELFARE WORK

"An appeal for two great groups of war sufferers—the disabled men and the orphans—is about to be sounded in Michigan," declared John F. Roehl, state commander of The American Legion, in announcing the opening of a campaign for Michigan's share of the national 5,000,000 endowment work.

The endowment movement has been launched in "virtually every state and is meeting with spontaneous response. Commander Roehl stated. The work of organizing state and city endowment fund committees has begun in Michigan, and the campaign in this state will culminate with an intensive drive early this Fall.

"The American Legion is asking the American public to come forward to the aid of the men who gave their health, and to the aid of the children of those who gave their lives in the defense of the country," explained the commander. "Rehabilitating the disabled veteran and caring for the orphans of former service men are two most sacred tasks left us by the war."

"They are so entwined with delicate human problems they cannot be handled adequately by government machinery alone."

"Since its organization at the close of the war, the Legion has been laboring to bring about the fulfillment of the nation's obligations to its disabled defenders and the children who are left fatherless. It has worked in close co-operation with the government agencies, clearing the way for government aid, and stepping in where government relief could not reach."

"The work has been heavy and is growing heavier as every day the injuries and diseases of the war bring down more victims. The resources of the Legion have been inadequate. Hand-to-mouth methods of financing threatened the continuance of the work. Therefore, the Legion has come to the public for help. It is asking for \$5,000,000 to be held in trust forever, the income to be used to offset the sufferings of those who are bearing the war's bitter burdens."

"Everywhere, the endowment movement has spread. It has met with sympathetic reception. I know it will meet the same response in Michigan."

President Coolidge is chairman of the national honorary committee for the endowment fund, and all members of his cabinet have endorsed it.

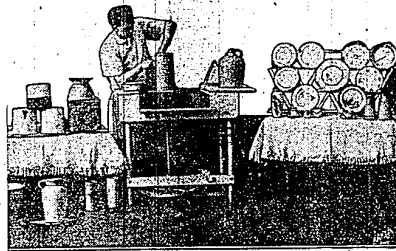
## FINE FUN FISHING

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hutton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling returned Monday from a fishing expedition into the AuSable district. The number of fish caught was in reverse ratio to the number of thrills experienced in the quest. There was, however, one or two monster pike, according to reports, that felt victims to their skill as anglers.

At least Adam wasn't bothered with the nut that comes up behind you in a traffic jam and starts blowing the bugle on his tin lizzie.

The manner of nominating candidates for the first officers provided for in the proposed charter. It shall also fix the date of the first election. This election will be held at the same date as any general election. The proposed charter shall be published in a newspaper published in the city incorporated, at least once not less than two weeks, and not more than four weeks preceding the election, and this publication shall contain notice of the election and the date for the election in adopting the proposed charter, and the officers under the charter shall be elected if the charter is approved on the same date. Notice of this election shall also be posted in at least ten public places within the city not less than ten days prior to the election. The charter commission shall designate the place for the election, and notice shall indicate the location of the election. The commission shall also appoint inspectors of the election, and a canvassing board of three electors to canvass the votes at such election.

## Notable Potter-Craftsman at the Chautauqua



J. SMITH DAMRON

An exceptionally novel and fascinating attraction at the coming Redpath Chautauqua will be J. Smith Damron's entertainment-demonstration, "The Potter and the Clay," which gives a full and vivid portrayal of one of the oldest handicrafts known to man—the manufacture of pottery and earthenware.

In full view of his audience Mr. Damron makes vessels of clay on an old-fashioned turning-wheel, and interestingly describes the preparation of the clay, glazing, decorating and firing.

Splendid lessons on character building abound, along with much wit, humor and philosophy.

So great has been the platform success of Mr. Damron that the United States government sent him to the Panama Canal Zone to entertain government employees. He gave his entertainment fifteen times in the government club houses there.

## EXCHANGE CLUB NOTES

At its monthly luncheon Tuesday the members of the Exchange Club of Farmington listened to addresses by Glen R. Redick, of Detroit and Edward Betts, of Northville.

Mr. Redick, a member of the Detroit Exchange Club, spoke of the coming national convention of Exchange clubs to be held in Detroit September 14, 15 and 16, and requested the local club to cooperate in making the event a big success.

Mr. Redick is interested in the Oakland Subdivision, four miles north of Farmington on the Orchard Lake road, and stated that he expects to build a home there.

Mr. Betts talked of golf and gave views of the game and what constituted a good golfer.

In order to set the ball in motion for securing a city charter the club decided at a recent meeting to place in nomination the names of nine citizens as a charter commission to be voted on September 14. The candidates selected are:

Harrison Johnson, Clarence Bickling, Olin Russell, Fred L. Cook, Arthur Lamb, Howard Warner, John Fitzpatrick, Wells D. Butterfield, Leo Gildemeister.

This action assures at least one ticket in the field. Other nominations may be made as citizens may desire.

## BRIGHTON HOME COMING

Brighton is planning on the biggest days in the history of the town, on August 26 and 27. Enough of the old timers have signified their intention of returning for the reunion so that the committee is assured of its success. In the way of entertainment there will be ball games July 25, at Harper Hospital following an operation for intestinal trouble, barbecue, reminiscence meetings, band concerts and an old time square dance on the pavement.

The Brighton people say that everybody will be most cordially welcomed.

## BERKLEY TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE CLUB

An Exchange Club has been organized at the village of Berkley and was presented with its charter Thursday evening. The event was celebrated with a banquet at which several Farmington Exchange members were present.

## DEHOCO LAWN PARTY

A lawn party will be given at the Dennison lawn, Friday evening, July 31, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the opening of the House of Correction farm.

The mystery of evolution is no longer an enigma with the Great Commoner who on Sunday passed to his final accounting. His death again proves the futility of humans battling over the secret the grave alone can reveal.

An Enterprise Loner will sell it.

## GALA DAY SET FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Gala Day, Farmington's big annual event will be held this year as usual on Labor Day, September 7.

At a meeting of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, under the auspices of which this event is annually held, it had been decided to fix the Saturday immediately preceding Labor Day for the doings, but after further deliberations the members came to conclusion that the most appropriate day would be on the holiday, when practically everyone is at liberty for a day at least.

The only change from last year's plan will be to confine the entire program of the day, except ball games, to the city park and town hall lawn. The grounds are spacious, giving ample room for games, stunts, contests and concerts.

Several vaudeville entertainers of high class have been secured and will pull off their various acts from an elevated stage commencing early in the day and continuing during the evening.

The town hall will be open for dancing during the day and evening with the best of music.

The committee on entertainment is now preparing a schedule of events for the day which will be published later.

Posters have been printed and colored stickers for automobiles will soon be appealing to the fun-loving public to "Hop To It" on Gala Day, September 7.

At the close of the day some one will be richer to the extent of a Ford touring car.

## MRS. GERTRUDE CURRIN

Mrs. Gertrude Currin, aged 38 years, passed away Saturday, July 25, at Harper Hospital following an operation for intestinal trouble. Deceased leaves a husband, Le Roy Currin, two daughters, 12 and 13 years of age, and a son, 4 years old. Also two brothers, Clarence and Edward Wood.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Rev. Pritchard of Franklin officiating. Interment was made at Franklin cemetery.

The Misses Florence Ross, Grace Chamberlain and Helen Steele, with Mrs. Emil Ross as chaperon, spent last week at a cottage on Bellevue Island, Lake Orion, and attended the Rodchaver Conference. They were joined for the week end by James and Margaret Bryan and Dorothy Ross. Mrs. Ross, two children, Hope Perkins and Mrs. MacArthur remained this week for the Bible Conference.

A surprise party was given Miss Hildagard Trapp Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trapp on Waterford road, in honor of her birthday anniversary. The enjoyable event was attended by sixty guests and Miss Trapp received many lovely gifts.

## VISITS OLD HOME

Thomas Durwood Irving, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Irving of this city, arrived here last week for a visit with his parents and a renewal of acquaintance with friends of his boyhood days. He is now the retail representative of the McClellan-Gentry Motor Co. of Tulsa, Okla.

A pleasing incident of his visit here was the meeting of his old school teacher, Harry McCracken, the two having never met since Mr. Irving left school here thirty years ago.

On Friday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Irving entertained at a 6:00 o'clock dinner a number of old time friends. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hogle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hogle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hogle, George Simmons and their families. An enjoyable evening was spent in social pastime.

## SIX THOUSAND MILE AUTOMOBILE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sulkowski, Mr. and Mrs. John Maas, returned Monday from a trip to Saskatchewan, Can., spending five weeks on the trip. They went as far north as it was possible to conveniently go with an auto. They returned via Montana and Yellowstone Park. Mr. Sulkowski states that western Canada is producing a large and fine crop this season. An average yield of fifty bushels of wheat to the acre, is expected. Over 6,000 miles were covered on the trip.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PRESS CLUB HAS OUTING

The Oakland County Press club members indulged in a day's outing at Lake Orion, last Friday. The editor of the Enterprise missed a good thing by not being present. Absence was unavoidable.

## BOYS CAUGHT PLACING TACKS ON PAVEMENT

Two small boys were caught Tuesday evening in the act of placing tacks on the pavement in front of parked cars. Several tires were punctured by the tacks before it was discovered who was doing the mischief. The boys were reprimanded and let off.

## Church Notes

### Clarenceville Community

M. E. Church  
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor  
Sunday morning, 10:30; the subject of the discussion will be "A Pilgrim in Life." Also, a children's sermon.

Sunday School at 12:00 noon.  
The evening service at 8:00. The pastor, Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, will give the second of the sermons on God's Wonder World, subject being "The Transfiguration of the Common Place."

### Farmington Methodist Church

S. D. Eva, Pastor  
10:30—"The Closed Door."  
11:45—Sunday School.  
7:00—Epworth League.  
No evening service.

### Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor  
10:15—Services, English.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
Wednesday, August 5, Ladies Aid.  
August 16, Golden Jubilee.

### First Baptist Church

R. F. Willson, Pastor  
10:30—"We Who Fled for Refuge."  
11:45—Sunday School.

Watch the bulletin board regarding Sunday evening services. On account of the illness of the pastor, the quarterly business meeting will be held August 5, instead of this Wednesday.

### 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.

## PREPARING TO RELOCATE GRAND RIVER RELOCATION

The second meeting of the Farmington Protective Association was held at the Town Hall Monday evening, attended by many citizens of this locality.

President Hutton appointed as directors of the organization Fred L. Cook, Isaac Bond, Carl Hogle, and Carl Albright.

Mr. Hutton explained the purposes of the organization and reported that the law firm of Pelton & McGee of Pontiac had been retained as attorneys for the association.

Supervisor Bond gave an outline of the road situation, dealing with the subject from the time Governor Groesbeck became interested in the Grand River superhighway to the present. He was followed by Ross Thompson, chairman of the board of county road commissioners. Mr. Thompson stated that the county board had no say in the matter of establishing state roads or relocation of them. They were matters entirely within the jurisdiction of state officials. The entire expense of building and maintaining such roads, he said, will be borne entirely by the state after January 1st, next. He stated that the board had never been consulted regarding the proposed relocation of Grand River here. He spoke, he said, for the entire board. In their judgment the cut-off as indicated by the profile submitted to the township board was not what should be made if a cut-off was deemed necessary.

On motion of Mr. Bond the president appointed Isaac Bond, Olin Russell, W. N. Miller, Howard Warner and Fred L. Cook, a committee to secure a hearing before the state administrative board. Upon suggestion of Mr. Bond, Mr. Hutton was made a member of the committee.

At the request of the chairman of the committee next Tuesday at Lansing has been fixed by the State Administrative board as a time and place for hearing objections to relocation of Grand River road at this point.

THE PEDDLER NUISANCE  
The Farmington Exchange club at its Tuesday noonday session went on record as apposed to promiscuous peddling which is rapidly becoming a veritable nuisance in Farmington.

A house-to-house solicitor for orders for baked goods when requested by an official to pay the usual peddlers license fee, drew himself up in pose of haughty disdain and informed the officer that he was a privileged individual representing a \$30,000,000 concern too mighty to be dealt with by petty village officers.

The attitude of this particular nuisance was pure bluff, backed only by a right to peddle without license produce raised or goods manufactured by himself. The goods offered by him, the officer stated, were not manufactured by him but by a concern contending for trade with home merchants.

Ninety per cent of the itinerant merchants who peddle from house to house are too lazy to work. Their united efforts would not produce a wheelbarrow load of useful commodities in a year.

## SHOE PEDDLERS ENROUTE

Within the next few weeks Michigan is likely to be invaded by a small army of shoe peddlers who make a house-to-house canvass for what is claimed special bargains in both men's and women's shoes. In one community they solicit for ladies' slippers, while in others it is for a new style of men's oxfords. A special outdoor shoe for men is also one of their leaders. It will be well for you to scrutinize their wares very closely in case they should have the opportunity of the ill-used of the community. Other places report a lot of dissatisfied people who were led into purchasing through their specious arguments.

## THE OLDEST CAMP MEETING

Simpson Park Holiness Camp meeting at Romeo will open July 31 and continue until August 9. This is the oldest camp meeting in the state. Many of the old residents of this section of Michigan attended these meetings when they were boys.