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FINE DEVELOPMENT

AT THE OAKLANDS

Probably at no place in this locality in the same time has a more pronounced change been made in the appearance of the landscape than at the large Bond farm at the intersection of Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile roads, four miles north of Farmington, now known as the Oaklands. This somewhat unique community development is the project of the Great Lakes Land Corporation, a Detroit concern in which well known and responsible businessmen of that city are interested. Isaac Bond, supervisor of Farmington township and formerly owner of considerably more than one-half of the 600 acres in the subdivision, is also largely interested in the company.

The plans under which the company has gone about to develop the property are, we are informed, entirely different from any found in or about Detroit. The advertising signs which mark the location are an original idea with Henry C. Bach, vice-president and general sales agent who has but in much time working out plans for development. The idea of a sign made of each lot contained in the word "Oaklands," spaced apart a distance in proportion to their size, the whole several hundred feet in length and extending diagonally across the subdivision, proved an excellent one and has since been adopted by other real estate concerns.

Mr. Bach, who has been a resident of Detroit for twenty years, was for twelve years connected with the J. L. Hudson Co., in a position that brought him in close contact with a great many residents of that city and surrounding territory. He has been engaged in the real estate business for five years and during that time made a close study of what was demanded by urban residents who are looking for a country home site. The plans now drawn for the Oaklands are the result of that study. The idea of a suburban community of estates of sufficient size each to give the home builder some latitude for individual expression, seems to have made a happy hit, judging from the ready sales of estates and number of homes built and under construction at this time.

The combination tower and sign board occupying a conspicuous position at the intersection of Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile roads, is an original idea, and has served its purpose well.

E. E. Beals, president of the corporation has a fine home nearing completion. It is constructed of tile and stucco. The outside is being white washed and the interior finish. The living and dining rooms are unusually roomy with walls of polychrome finish. Every modern convenience is being installed. The house stands in the center of a well wooded estate with winding drives. A putting green has been laid out on the west side of the house which is claimed to be perfect in construction.

John O'Brien, who purchased the model estate, will make his home there.

Fred Gould, of Detroit, has just completed a most attractive and convenient residence and is now moving his family into it.

Archibald H. Jones has a fine home now nearing completion.

Glen R. Reddick will be a resident on his estate within the next thirty days. His new home is now receiving finishing touches.

Walter French has the foundation laid for a residence of the Dutch Colonial type and is looking forward to a home at the Oaklands.

Henry C. Bach and Isaac Bond have under way a large colonial house which will measure 52 feet in length and proportionate width. Everything first class is being put into it. Oil burning furnace with modern garage attached will reduce the labor of caretaker to the minimum.

John R. Moss of Detroit has plans for a pretentious residence which will be constructed next spring. At present he resides in Birmingham where he has a fine residence, but considers the Oaklands (Continued on page five)

Church Notes

Clarenceville Community

M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
Sunday morning, 10:30, the Rev. Dr. Howard A. Field, the newly appointed District Superintendent of the Detroit district will preach. This will be the first appearance of Dr. Field in his new capacity and Clarenceville is honored in having him inaugurate his new office with us.

The evening service at 7:30, will be honored in having Dr. R. M. Atkins, one of the finest, most promising preachers in Detroit who has been appointed pastor of the Birmingham Church. These services ought to be largely attended as this is one of the best treats possible for Clarenceville.

At the annual session of the Detroit Conference which just ended, the Rev. Dr. Harry Felton of Chicago has been appointed pastor succeeding Rev. H. E. Duttweiler who goes to Vassar, Mich. Dr. Felton has had years of experience in the pastorate having been at Laurium and Ishpeming. For a while he was field agent for the International Collegio, Monte Mario, Rome. It being impossible to have moved during this week he has arranged for this service as stated but expects to be in his new pulpit both Sunday morning and evening, October 4, 1925.

Farmington Methodist Church
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—The new minister, the Rev. E. F. Dunlavy will preach.
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Epworth League.
7:30—Rev. S. D. Eva. Farewell service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Harvest Home Service.
Rev. F. H. Eglinsdoerfer, English.
Rev. J. Bollens, German.
7:30 p. m.—Mission feast.
Rev. J. Wulffmann and Rev. A. Martin.
Special musical program.
The church will be decorated with fruits and flowers.
11:45—Sunday School.

First Baptist Church
Services of an interesting nature will be held at the Baptist Church next Sunday. Dr. H. C. Gleiss of Detroit will be present at the morning service. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School at 11:45. At the evening service Rev. E. M. Palmer of Berlin, Wis., will preach. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
Next Sunday there will be English service with Holy Communion.

Confessional service begins at 10:15 a. m.
Quarterly meeting of the voting members will be held on the first Sunday in October at 2 p. m.

Beginning next Sunday the pastor will in the next four English services preach a series of sermons on "Our Father's Business" or the Work of the Church, dwelling on the share of this business the Christian's share in this business, the hindrances and the glorious success of it.
You are heartily invited to attend.

PASTOR AND VISITORS ARE SURPRISED

Rev. Paul Graupner, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Clarenceville was most agreeably surprised two weeks ago when about forty members of his congregation appeared at his home to make a joyous occasion of his birthday anniversary. His visitors in turn were surprised to learn the day chosen was not his birthday, but this did not mar the pleasure of the evening. As a substantial token of appreciation of his services the pastor was presented with a nurse representing a large part of the price of an auto.

High School Spotlight

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten is now having half day sessions. There are twenty-one children in the morning section and twenty in the afternoon.

First Grade

The two first grades were united this week. We now have forty-one enrolled.

Ben McCord started in the first grade Monday.
The children are making clay blocks. Their names will be written on them and they will use these to mark their busy work until they can write their own names.
Miss Shifflet.

Second Grade—2nd Sec.

We have been writing original stories. The following story is from the Junior class.

FALL

Our mothers are canning fruit and vegetables. Squirrels are gathering nuts to store away for winter. The bears are making a home in the hollow tree.
We are all preparing for winter. Lucille Brydon is back in school. She has recently returned from Germany.

Miss Percy.

Second Grade—1st Sec.

We have thirty boys and girls in our group. There are two classes in reading.
William's class wrote about their week end experiences.

Miss Koterba.

Third Grade

We now have seventeen boys and sixteen girls in our room.
Kenneth and Clark Taylor have left as they are moving to Pontiac.

Miss Phillip.

Fourth Grade

We have travelled through large farm regions and small farm regions in geography.
We are going to play an alphabetic game today.

Miss McClelland.

Fifth Grade

In arithmetic class we are having speed tests. This is one time when the speed "oop" refuses to arrest us. We are having almost as much fun writing circus stories as going to a circus.

Miss Tapio.

Sixth Grade

We were sorry to have Lucille Taylor leave us. The family has moved from this district.
In our history class we have been having some interesting discussions on the early civilization of Egypt.

Boyce McCord entered Friday. He has just returned from Tennessee where he has been spending his vacation visiting relatives and friends.

In our art class we have finished making our notebook covers and are now working on our color charts.

Miss Hudson.

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade club started out this year very enthusiastically, determined to get somewhere. They have elected the following officers:

President, Helen Westfall.
Vice-president, Lois Murphy.
Secretary, Geraldine Sherlock.
Treasurer, Grace Newcomb.

CHARLES TAYLOR HAS CLOSE CALL

Charles Taylor, who operates an auto delivery of baked goods from the Farmington Bakery met his last Tuesday morning and is fortunate to be able to tell of it.

As he attempted to cross the Base Line road going south on the Fendt road a D. U. R. car going east struck his auto at the cab. It was a terrific crash and with it Mr. Taylor sprang from the car just in time to avoid being caught in the wreck that followed. He escaped with a badly cut and bruised leg. The delivery auto was totally demolished.

An orchard at the intersection of the roads where the accident occurred obstructs a view of the road.

Reed Hambleton was the motor-man on the electric car.

The class colors are red and white.

Next week they will decide upon a good name and motto.

Two of our classmates are leaving: Harvey Taylor is going to Pontiac and Donald Kaerker is going to Detroit.

Miss Stewart.

Freshmen

The Freshmen are getting calmed down and the teachers feel relieved. It is believed they will recover but they are still waiting for a class meeting.

Sophomores

The Sophomore Latin class has established a night school. They all bring their suppers now.

Juniors

Johnny Veitch has bought a new hat. He sits in school all day watching it.

Seniors

The Seniors had another class meeting. Something seems to be wrong. Maybe it is about Johnny's hat. We hope it is not serious.

Athletic Notes

Foot ball got under way last Friday when the High School gridgers won a 2 to 0 victory from the Alumni.

The High School's lone counter came in the first quarter as a result of a poor pass by the Alumni center, the ball rolling across the goal line where it was downed by a member of the Alumni backfield for a safety.

Allen seemed to delight in breaking through the line and tackling the high school for a loss. This week the team goes to Rochester where a lively scrap is expected. There will be some inexperienced men in the lineup and it is uncertain how they will make out.

Howard Middlewood.

General News

All of the high school is recuperating from a fearful shock. Miss Porter bobbed her hair over the week end.

Cedric Harger is all puffed up. It's "Uncle Cedric" now.

Serious things are happening in Tenth Grade English class. Flossie is looking for an apartment, Lois is baking biscuits, and Christine is baking cake.

Walter Nielsen.

Jokes

Miss Malkellar: "William, give me a sentence containing the word 'deficiency'."
William S.: "Pick up de fish en see dem wiggle."

Johnny: "You can't hear the knock in my Ford any more."

Haywood: "How come?"

Johnny: "I loosened one of the fenders."

Miss Knapp: "William, that's the third time you have looked on Robert's paper."

William: "Yes, ma'am, he's a poor writer."

Bill Z. (reading a theme): "Two men came down to the shore carrying trunks on their shoulders."

Walter N.: "They must have been small trunks."

Bill Z.: "No, they were strong men."

Miss Knapp: "Jimmy, where was the Declaration of Independence signed?"

Jimmy Quinn: "At the bottom I suppose."

GLEN OAKS IN GOOD TRIM

Glen Oaks, the new golf course on Orchard Lake road, is now in very good playing condition and many Farmington people are taking advantage of its nearness to play there.

Among those who tried their skill this week were Mrs. G. F. Weaver, Mrs. Arthur Lamb, Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Miss Winifred Oldenborg, John Lapham, John Clark, Rev. Sidney Eva and several others.

Seeding on the plowed-over part of the course is now being done and by next Spring the entire expanse of beautiful land will be covered with grass.

C. G. Hogle, has joined the club.

The banks and several business places will close today, Friday, for Northville Fair.

IOWA MAN KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Horace A. Johns, aged 73, of Sioux City, Ia., was almost instantly killed Sunday night at 10 o'clock while walking along Grand River road by being struck by an auto driven by F. J. Sawyer of Howell.

Mr. Johns, who is president of the Sioux City Seed Company had been visiting with the family of his cousin, Earl Severance who lives on a farm near New Hudson, owned by Mr. Johns. Sunday he went to Lansing to visit a relative.

In the evening he boarded a highway bus to return to the farm. He discovered that he had passed his destination when the bus was nearly to Novi. He alighted and was walking along the highway toward New Hudson when struck by the auto. Mr. Sawyer, the driver, says he did not see the man until the moment of the impact. He immediately went to his aid, but found him unconscious. He assisted in getting him into a motor bus and he was brought to Pinehurst hospital here, but was dead when the hospital was reached. The body was then taken to the Heeneey funeral parlors to await the arrival of relatives who had been notified of his death.

The coroner at Pontiac was notified and on his arrival here Bedford, in Wayne County. This contract was executed in the summer of 1834, and Fox furnished a bond of \$9,000, with Gen. Lewis Cass and Joseph Campau for his sureties.

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"At this time Augustus C. Fox, 17 years old, a nephew of the contractor, had been living for two years with his Uncle Benjamin, having come from the State of New York to become a pioneer of Michigan. He undertook the carrying of the mail after a long interval of go service and attempted a series of short cuts to save some of the distance involved in following the Indian trails. He carried a hatchet and blazed trees as he passed to mark his route for the return trip. He started July 6, 1837, and got along very well until he came to a great marsh northwest of the present site of Fowlerville, and there he fell into a deep bog and had great difficulty in getting his horse back to solid ground."

"On the way back to Detroit young Fox found a better route across the swamp and gradually he made his way along the trail which afterward became Grand River road and Grand River avenue, into Detroit."

Mr. Drake was conducting his own business of consulting engineer at the beginning of the World War. With the rank of Lieutenant colonel under General Dawes he served as Chief of Control Bureau, office of general purchasing agent, A. E. F. He was cited for efficient service and given a D. S. M. His other decorations were: Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur, France, and Officier Ordre de la Couronne, Belgique.

Colonel Drake organized and was the first commander of the American Legion in Paris. It was at a dinner given by Mrs. Drake to the visiting American Legion in 1921 to meet Marshal Foch that the idea of the marshal's American tour crystallized and Colonel Drake was detailed as special liaison officer to look after his comfort and safety.

Mr. Drake was the guest of Mrs. Avery Sunday and left yesterday on a business trip to Florida and Texas. This trip to America was Mr. Drake's ninety-eighth crossing of the Atlantic ocean.

Mrs. Lillian D. Avery and daughter, Miss Blanche Avery of Pontiac, accompanied by the former's brother, Francis Ernest Drake of Paris, France, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Pierce Sunday afternoon. Mr. Drake is one of a long list of Farmington's sons who have won distinguished honors in the world.

The late Hon. F. M. Warner and W. A. Dohany were school mates in the old white frame school house which used to stand near the site of the present high school.

Dr. F. B. Adams of the Church of Our Father, Detroit, will deliver an address at the Universalist Church in Farmington, Sunday, September 27.

EARLY MAIL ROUTE ON GRAND RIVER ROAD

This year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the United States postal system and the creation of a cabinet office of Postmaster General with Benjamin Franklin as the first incumbent. It is less than a hundred years since mail service was established in this section. Many interesting tales are told of the early attempts at establishing the first mail routes in Michigan.

George B. Catlin tells in the Sunday Free Press the following story of the first regular mail carried through here:

"In 1833 settlers began straggling across Michigan and establishing settlements along the course of Grand River and its tributaries. The little Indian trading post of Louis Campau at Grand Rapids began to develop into a village about the nucleus of 'Crab Corners,' which is now the heart of Michigan's second city. These settlers wanted mail delivered to them from Detroit."

"There was nothing but a series of Indian trails across the state at the time and these were meandering and divergent. The Government offered a modest price for the carrying of mail to Grand Rapids and the only man who was reckless to undertake the contract was Benjamin Fox, who lived at Bedford, in Wayne County. This contract was executed in the summer of 1834, and Fox furnished a bond of \$9,000, with Gen. Lewis Cass and Joseph Campau for his sureties."

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REGAL ORCHARD SUBDIVISION

On page seven of this issue of The Enterprise will be found an interesting announcement by the Capitol Land Co., of Detroit, a number of bungalows are offered at reduced prices located in Regal Orchard subdivision, Grand River and Tuck roads. This subdivision is provided with electric lights, graded and gravelled streets. W. A. Noble is the sales manager.

STATE HIGHWAY OFFICIALS TO VISIT FARMINGTON

President E. O. Hutton of the Farmington Protective Association has been notified that members of the state highway department will visit Farmington this Friday morning to go over with members of the association plans and estimates recently made by Hood, Decker, Shoecraft & Drury, consulting engineers of Ann Arbor for the local association.

Mr. Shoecraft, who had charge of the work will be present to assist in presenting the propositions to the officials.

Later at the request of the highway department the meeting has been postponed until next Tuesday.