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## STATE ENGINEERS EXAMINE PROPOSED G.D. RIVER PLANS

Engineers Reynolds and Comb of the state highway department were here Monday morning and went over the Grand River avenue improvement plans with a committee of Farmington citizens. While no definite conclusion as to the nature of the improvements to be made were arrived at, the committee feels that some progress toward a solution of the problem that has been under discussion for some time has been made.

The three plans made by the engineering firm of Howard Decker, Shoecraft & Drury of Ann Arbor were laid before the state department engineers and were fully explained to them by Mr. Shoecraft who was present for that purpose.

The first of the plans submitted is for the widening of the present Grand River pavement in Farmington to fifty feet the entire distance across the city. This improvement does not necessitate the widening of the street nor removal of any buildings. In one place the present sidewalk is moved for a short distance and it calls for the removal of several shade trees. The cost of the improvement including removal of old pavement, except the stretch of fifty foot pavement between the D. U. R. station and Division street; drainage, filling and grading at creek crossings, new sidewalks, bridges and all requirements is \$174,000.

The second plan is for an 80-foot pavement on Grand River avenue entirely across the city. This calls for the taking of a 30-foot strip off the property on the south side of the avenue; moving of a number of residences, business blocks and many trees. The largest single item of expense involved would be the Farmington State Savings Bank building and Farmington Improvement Co.'s building in connection with the bank building; the entire reconstruction of sidewalks on that side, a larger fill and bridge at the creek crossing. The expense the engineer estimates at \$500,000. The figures given for all work necessary, Mr. Shoecraft stated, were above rather than under actual cost. The figures do not include value of land necessary to be taken.

The third proposition is for what is termed a short cutoff with a length of approximately one and one-half miles, running from Maple street on the east to an intersection with Grand River avenue on the west at Smith's corner. This cut-off, exclusive of land value, is placed at \$58,841 and includes, grading, paving twenty feet, filling, etc.

The state engineers do not appear to be greatly interested in the cut-off proposition, but gave the Grand River avenue improvement plans careful study, taking a copy of the same with estimates to Lansing where they will make a report to the proper officials.

From what can be learned it is believed that the state board is inclined to make improvement to Grand River avenue, continue it as M-16 and formally take it over as a state road, which would relieve the Village of Farmington and the Township of Farmington of the payment of about \$45,000 outstanding bonds issued as a part of a series for defraying the cost of the present paving, the improvement being made under the Covert Act.

It is quite evident that the board is still disposed to construct the long cut-off of four or a quarter miles, 120 feet in width with a 20-foot pavement. Mr. Reynolds stated that the report published in the daily papers last week to the effect that the administrative board had approved of the 200-foot highway from Redford to the Oakland County line and a 120-foot cut-off was not correct. What the board did, he said, was to approve of the 200-foot highway to Oakland county and a 120-foot highway from that point along the present Grand River road to Farmington.

The Amicus Club will meet with Mrs. Steve Newman at Howell, Friday, October 9. Members are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. Leon Green at 9:00 o'clock and cars will be furnished. Pot luck dinner to be served at noon.

## FARMINGTON'S PRIMARY MONEY INCREASED

Farmington's share of the primary school money under the terms of the Bohn primary school fund law will be increased when the next primary money apportionment is made, according to Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instruction. Had the 1923 legislature passed the law Farmington's share of the increase would have been \$221.20. Farmington's increase will be in the neighborhood of that figure unless the population materially decreases.

Work of compiling the 1925 census under which the new apportionment will be made is now under way in Johnson's office. Private and parochial school enrollment figures are considered in the rearrangement of the fund.

The new school census for Oakland county show a total of 33,495 pupils in the schools in that county. The total primary school money available for Oakland county this year is \$458,815.50.

The primary school fund this year reached the total of \$15,440,000 which is greater by \$400,000 than last year. The primary school fund represents the tax money paid into the state treasury by telephone and telegraph companies, railroads, express companies, car companies and car loaning companies, including refrigerator and pullman car concerns, also insurance and inheritance taxes and funds from escheated estates. The per capita distribution of primary school money this year is \$13.70 per child, according to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson says that the total number of children included in the apportionment this year is 1,122,935 while the total sum to be apportioned is \$15,395,681.12. Last year's primary apportionment for Oakland county was based on a school census of 28,843.

## KU KLUX KLAN MAKES A PLEASANT VISIT

The Ku Klux Klan of this locality assembled in Farmington Saturday night to the number of about 200 and in full regalia—white gowns and caps—marched and counter-marched along Grand River avenue. The line was headed by a band playing patriotic airs and Old Glory floated proudly above them.

Preceding the parade considerable curiosity was aroused when several robed sentinels stationed themselves at the intersection of Grand River avenue and Division street, to direct members of the Klan arriving in autos to the place selected for forming the line.

## DEATH OF EDWARD TUCKER

Edward Tucker, husband of Ione Chamberlain Tucker, died at his home, 54 Kirby road, Grosse Pointe Farms, last Friday morning, September 25 of blood poisoning from an infected finger.

He leaves to mourn his untimely death, his wife, two young daughters, Christine and Margaret; his widowed mother and two unmarried sisters at Grosse Pointe Farms; also a married sister in New York City.

The funeral was held from his late home Monday afternoon with a Masonic burial at Woodland Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Tucker was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chamberlain of Farmington. The many friends here extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

## METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There were 96 in Sunday School last Sunday. Remember to bring a friend next Sunday and double that number. The superintendent's guests will be Miss Dunlavy and Mrs. Woodruff.

Mr. Butterfield will give one of his famous blackboard talks that all like so well.

A week from Sunday is Rally Day, with a special program.

The Misses Steele, Grand River ave., entertained Saturday evening at dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaduck of Pontiac, Miss Mary Green of Detroit, Mrs. Ada Button and Mrs. Bertha Steele of Farmington, all being members of the church. Mrs. Steele, of a party who enjoyed a trip to Yellowstone Park.

## High School Spotlight

### Kindergarten

There is a new boy in Kindergarten, Gordon Hogle.

The children have been discussing the home for the last week and have constructed a miniature kitchen. They are now working on the dining room. Several songs and rhymes are being memorized.

Miss Hartz.

### First Grade

Paper chains of the primary colors, made by the girls, decorated our windows. Evelyn Duska enrolled in first grade, last week.

The children are writing the numbers to ten. Several can write them very nicely.

Miss Shiffer.

### Second Grade

We are making fruit books and are putting different kinds of fruit in them.

Miss Koterba.

### Second Grade and Section

We have new chairs to match our tables. In nature study, we are studying about the cat tails and the milk weeds.

Beatrice's class is writing a story about "The Fall Weather."

Miss Percy.

### Third Grade

We are learning to do many things to make us strong and healthy.

We are soon going to form a health club and are going to make posters to remind us of the many things we have learned.

We have been studying about milk weeds, leaves and many other signs of fall.

Miss Phillips.

### Fourth Grade

Socialized recitation, last week in reading. Kathryn Storms acted as director to the class. She asked the class questions. They loved up their own discussion in the group without any help from me.

In geography we are studying formation of the soil.

In arithmetic they are learning to read Roman numerals, also learning to tell the time of day.

Miss McClellan.

### Fifth Grade

Captain Wayne's army won the spelling battle Tuesday. Several soldiers were wounded but with Dr. Howard's care, they were soon able to leave the hospital.

We have studied the picture, "Ploving," and find the life of the artist, Rosa Bonheur, very entertaining.

Miss Tapio.

### Sixth Grade

We are the oldest boys and girls on the playground during recess period and when we are rough in our play the other children are all so. So this week we are going to

be very mannerly. We think it will keep some of the little ones from getting hurt.

Arthur Burk is back in school after a week's absence due to illness.

In geography we have been taking aeroplane trips from city to city, getting acquainted with our country so that we will be able to draw good maps of it.

Miss Hudson.

### Seventh Grade

We have organized a history club for all students having a "C" average or above.

The following officers were elected at our first meeting: Jean Clark, president.

Johnny Lapham, vice-president Nelson Stucky, secretary. Donald Ross, treasurer.

This has given us an inspiration to work for a higher grade in history.

Miss Wallace.

### Eighth Grade

The eighth grade have named their club, "The Junior 26." The motto is: "There is Always Room at the Top."

Miss Stewart.

### Freshmen

The Freshmen Latin class has joined the Sophomore at night school.

We see by the notice on the board that they have gathered enough courage to have a class meeting.

### Sophomores

Wonders of wonders, Wellington Hullen is wearing long trousers for the first time.

The Sophomores have elected officers:

Evelyn Dennis, president. Florence Moore, vice-president. Christine Olson, secretary. Madelyn Walters, treasurer.

### Juniors

They have elected officers: Cedric Harger, president. Avis Gode, vice-president. Ellen Perry, secretary-treasurer.

### Seniors

The Seniors are having a bake sale Saturday afternoon at the Farmington Hardware.

The agency will be glad to receive calls at any time.

The paper route will be started in a few days. Please save your papers.

Election of officers: Mable Mahany, president. James Quinn, vice-president. Robert Cook, secretary-treasurer. Kathryn Murphy.

### Jokes

Tramp: "Lady, can I borrow a piece of soap? My friend down the road has the niccoughs and I want to scare him."

Leonard: "Who is that slangy person?"

Bertha: "Oh, that's my English teacher."

## 1925 STATE FAIR

First year clothing—4th, Leonard, \$7.00; 5th, Walled Lake, \$6.00.

Second year clothing—3d North Oxford, \$8.00.

Fourth Home Management—5th Hean Chamberlain, \$4.00; 6th, H. Smith, \$3.00.

Hot Lunch Posters—1st, West Novl, \$10.00.

Good Study—5th, South Lyon, \$5.00.

## CHANGE IN TIME OF MAIL DEPARTURE

Commencing Thursday of this week the morning mail going out will leave Farmington at 10:45 arriving at Detroit at 12:05. All connections heretofore made at Detroit by the earlier mail will be met. Under the new order Northville will have a morning mail departure, leaving at 10:30.

LAPHAM 150-ACRE FARM SOLD TO DETROIT PARTY

Mrs. James Lapham, through Gullen & Cullen, sold her 150-acre farm on Grand River road, two miles west of Farmington to Louis Tarabussi of Detroit. The price is not given out but it is said to be a good figure.

Mr. Tarabussi's purpose in acquiring the acreage is not stated. It will probably be subdivided.

## SNELL BUYS ADDITIONAL FARMINGTON ACREAGE

The Albert Menzel 100 acre farm passes into the hands of Lawrence Snell, who owns or has options on considerable land in the territory just south of Farmington, through which the state officials contemplate building a four and a half mile cut-off over, through and under a series of hills the highest point of which, as shown by a profile made from recent surveys by engineers, is about 100 feet above the lowest depression. The cut-off when completed will be equally advantageous in relieving congestion on Grand River road and that on the international bridge spanning the Rio Grande river. It will probably cost the state four or five hundred thousand dollars—a mere trifle when compared with a \$16,000,000 gas tax.

No claim has been made that it will raise real estate values along the Mexican border.

TO MEET THE GOVERNOR

The Farmington Protective Association committee has been invited to meet with Governor Groesbeck at Lansing next Tuesday morning to discuss the Grand River improvement proposition.

## CITY CHARTER COMMISSION ORGANIZED FOR WORK

The newly elected charter commission, met at the council rooms last Monday evening and organized by electing Howard M. Warner, president and E. O. Hatton, clerk.

The next meeting will be held at the council rooms Tuesday evening, October 6. All citizens who are interested are urged to attend this and other meetings. Any suggestions which they may offer in regard to formulating a charter for the City of Farmington will be given careful consideration.

It is the purpose to at once get to work in preparing a charter which, when completed will be submitted to the village council and by that body submitted to the electors for approval or rejection.

## PREACHER IS CLUBBED

The Exchange Club at its Tuesday noonday luncheon as a mark of appreciation of the many favors shown it by Rev. Sidney D. Eva in providing entertainment, presented him with a fine set of golf clubs. John Clark in making the presentation, stated that the set was given with the distinct understanding that they were to be used at least once a week during the golf season but were not to be used on Sunday mornings. In accepting of the sticks the recipient promised faithfully that they would not be used on Sundays.

A resolution was adopted making Rev. Eva a life honorary member of the club with an invitation to dine with the members each Tuesday noon when out this way to play golf at Glen Oaks Golf club links, he having recently become a member of that association.

## OPEN NEW GARAGE WITH BIG BARN DANCE

Shaw Bros., W. M. and Roy, will open their new garage and Ford Sales and Service station at Clearview Thursday night, October 8, with a big barn dance. In order that dancers and merry makers may have all room possible in which to dance and frolic, the garage equipment will not be installed until after the dance date.

Sweet cider and doughnuts will be served to all who attend. An invitation is extended to Farmington people.

## HI-Y CLUB

The Hi-Y Club will hold its first regular meeting on Thursday evening.

At a special meeting last Friday, new officers were elected and a leader and advisory committee were appointed.

Robert Cook was the choice for president, James Quinn for vice-president and Cedric Harger for secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Crawford was chosen leader and A. G. Leonard, Sayers Harger and Robert D. Lynd as an advisory committee.

At the meeting on Thursday evening a report will be received from Robert Cook and A. G. Leonard on the Hay-O-Went-Ha conference.

The Hi-Y leaders will meet at the home of Robert D. Lynd on Wednesday evening to get acquainted and plan the year's work.

The first Hi-Y council of the year will be held at Oak Ridge High School early in October. It is expected that over a hundred Hi-Y members will attend.

## F. W. C. RESUME ACTIVITIES

The Farmington Women's club will resume its activities for the club year, next Wednesday, October 7.

The opening meeting will be held with Mrs. Bertha Steele, as hostess.

All members please be present if possible.

Iva G. Hatton, Rec. Secretary.

W. H. M. S.

The first regular meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society will be held Monday, October 5, at the home of Mrs. E. F. Holcomb at 2:30 p. m.

All members are urged to attend and also to see that their dues are in the hands of their group leaders.

An Enterprise Liner will sell it.

## FARMINGTON BIDS FAREWELL TO REV. AND MRS. EVA

There was spontaneity and sincerity about the farewell ovation given Rev. and Mrs. Sidney D. Eva by the citizens of Farmington and vicinity at the M. E. Church parlors last Monday evening that can not fail as a source of much gratification to the departing cleric and his estimable wife.

The call to gather for the occasion was responded to by hundreds of citizens of all ages and representing all religious denominations here. It was an informal affair, as should be, with no fixed program to be followed. The hearty hand shake and Goodspeed best expressed the sentiment of the community.

Rev. John E. Evans, pastor of the Evangelical Church, in behalf of his congregation and the citizens of Farmington, expressed regret at the parting and in a few well chosen words, reviewed the work done here by Mr. Eva—a work that had made for him many friends. He also predicted further good work in a broader field for service.

Rev. Eva responded at some length. A tremulous voice at times revealed more plainly than words the feeling that prompted his utterances. He told of his hesitancy and misgivings on coming to Farmington six years ago; the joy and satisfaction of his work here and in the finding in Farmington of his first real home since entering the ministry.

At the close of his talk Floyd H. Nichols, on behalf of a number of friends, presented Rev. and Mrs. Eva each a fine watch as token of their esteem.

Rev. and Mrs. Eva will carry away with them an autograph album in which are inscribed the names of hundreds of their Farmington friends and well wishers.

Every one present at the gathering wrote his or her name in the little book prepared for the purpose, many standing in line for some time in order to do so.

Following the informal program, a social time was indulged in during which light refreshments were served. Percy Pauline sang two solos with encores, which were enthusiastically applauded.

## AYRSHIRE COWS AT INDIANAPOLIS EXPOSITION

One hundred Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey cows, animals that have proved to be profitable and efficient producers of milk and butterfat in the hands of average farmers under ordinary farm conditions, will make up one of the feature live stock exhibits of the 1925 National Dairy Exposition at the 1925 National Dairy Exposition, October 10 to 17, to be held at Indianapolis, Ind.

These cattle will come from eleven leading dairy states to show the value of the purebred dairy sire, the cow testing association and proper feeding and care. Oakland county farmers will see in this big herd the results of the combined skill and experience of successful dairymen. In order to introduce better cows and encourage improved methods on farms in sections where dairying is comparatively new, arrangements have been made for selling these grade cows at auction Thursday, October 15th.

## M. S. C. FARM COURSES START OCTOBER 26

The first of a series of special winter courses in agriculture which will be given at the Michigan State College this year in connection with the regular college short course work will open on October 26, according to announcement made here this week.

The sixteen-weeks course in general agriculture, running for two years, is the one which opens on that date. Other courses start just after the first of the year. The sixteen-weeks course is the longest and most comprehensive of all the short courses offered, and is said to give a very complete practical course in scientific agriculture.

Information regarding registration in the college winter courses may be had from the director of short courses, M. S. C., East Lansing.