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LIGHT DAWNING ON EXPENDITURES

The persistent and insistent hammering by the Detroit Free Press and other newspapers of the state for a showing by the state administration as to what has been done with the millions of dollars furnished by the state for highway improvements, is at last producing some results.

James F. Powers, a Detroit Free Press staff correspondent who has been digging into the hard shell which seems to surround all expenditures of the state highway department appears to have broken through. The following article under date of March 30, by Mr. Powers and published in Tuesday's Free Press reveals a somewhat startling, although not surprising state of affairs:

Figures piled loose from Henry Croll, Jr., state budget director, by the highway committee of the state administrative board, today confirmed The Free Press expose of the mortgaging of the 1926 highway funds, in payment of 1925 bills, to such an extent that no new roads may be undertaken this year without drawing on the 1927 monies, and that the state instead of having a surplus at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, as the governor has promised, likely will have a deficit in the general fund.

This condition indicates that a score of state institutional building projects authorized by the legislature will have to be abandoned.

The administrative board members who called upon Croll today were Secretary of State Charles J. DeLand, Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas E. Johnson, and State Treasurer Frank D. McKay. They asked and received virtually the same information that members of the legislature asked for a few weeks ago and were refused on the grounds that "this is not the year for an accounting."

Three appropriations that were made by the legislature in the recent special session, under the spur of vigorous prodding from the governor's office and which Croll today told DeLand, Johnson and McKay, could not be met out of the general fund were \$200,000 for the proposed new women's prison at Okemos; \$500,000 for additional work in the building of the new Jackson prison and \$750,000 for the rebuilding of the burned administration building at the Mt. Pleasant Normal School.

Approximately \$5,000,000 in building items for various state institutions were authorized by the legislature a year ago. These appropriations were kept separate from the others that were included in the sum to be raised by state taxes this year at a meeting of the administrative board last year. At that time Governor Grosbeck told the administrative board they were being cut out "for the reason that there will be sums available from fees and other sources to provide for these appropriations."

Croll's figures today, according to DeLand, Johnson and McKay, took into account all of the revenue that the state may expect this year. There not only is no money in sight to meet this approximate \$3,000,000 in appropriations, but there is no money in sight to pay for the building of the much-discussed \$350,000 fifth state normal. This \$350,000 was to have come out of the \$17,800,000 that the state tax levy amounted to this year.

RETURN TO LIBRARY

"The Bush that Burned," by Margaret McClure and other books past due.

FORMER FARMINGTON RESIDENT DEAD

Edgar Rockwell, aged 75 years, died at Pontiac March 26. Deceased was formerly well known here and in this vicinity. He was the grandson of David Smith, one of the first five pioneers who came to Farmington in March, 1824.

LIKES FARMINGTON

L. E. Fitz, connected with the Fidelity Trust Co. of Detroit, was a Tuesday noon luncheon guest of the Exchange Club. He gave an interesting talk on various subjects and pointed out the advantages of Farmington as a recent town. He said that since coming to Detroit he had visited several of the surrounding suburban villages and cities and considered Farmington in many ways as offering the best advantages for a suburban residence.

Church Notes

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church
Rev. Harry Felton, Pastor
Phone 67-4
10:30—Morning services.
"The First Male of a New Day."
7:30—Evening services. "Easter Program."
12:00 noon—Sunday school.
7:30 Thursday evening—Prayer service.

Farmington Methodist Church
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor
10:30—Worship and sermon.
Special Easter music by the choir.
Sermon, "Easter," by the pastor.
11:45—The Sunday School will have something "special" for Easter.
6:30—Epworth League. All Epworthians are asked to be present.
7:30—Easter Cantata by the choir, "Life Everlasting." This is a beautiful story set to music and interpreted by the entire choir of the church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Easter services, German and English.
Holy communion, English.
Special music.
11:45—Sunday school.
Easter Sale and Supper—Wednesday, April 7. Supper 50c starts at 5:30.
Wednesday, April 14—Ladies' Aid Society.

First Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor
10:30—Morning worship. The pastor will bring an Easter message. Junior sermon, "The Resurrection in Colors." Adult sermon, "The Power of the Resurrection."
11:45—Sunday school. We have classes for all ages.
7:30—Gospel service. The sermon subject for this week will be, "The Open Vail and the Open Tomb." We will have a baptismal service for several candidates.
The public is invited to all our services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor
Good Friday—German service at 10:30 a. m. The sermon, the last of the special Lenten series, will be on the last of Christ's words on the cross: "Father, Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit."—Luke 23:46.
Easter Sunday—German service at 10:30 a. m.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
English Communion service at 7:30 p. m.

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."—Ps 118, 22-24.
"Therefore let us keep the feast."—1 Cor. 5, 8.

Livonia Center Com. Church
Everybody's Church
Dr. Helen R. Phelps, Pastor
Coverly Gardens, Farmington and Five Mile Roads

Universalist Church
Rev. Frank D. Adams of Detroit will conduct services at the Universalist Church next Sunday at 3 p. m. Subject, "How the Great Hero Made His Exit."

One Death Per 1000 Autos in a Year Is Record of U. S.



ONE out of a thousand is the relationship between the annual automobile fatalities and the number of motor vehicles in this country, according to the Stewart-Ward Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, which has undertaken a strenuous campaign of automobile safety and accident prevention.

And for every fatality there are at least 28 accidents serious enough to get on record. This does not take into consideration minor sprains and bruises or people suffering from nervous shock as the result of being in an automobile accident.

To appreciate what a vast army of killed and injured is annually conscripted by the reckless motorist and careless pedestrian, a comparison may be made with American casualties in the great war. Over a third as many people are killed annually by the automobile as there were American soldiers killed on the field of battle during the entire war, while the number injured each year is nearly three times as great as the number of our boys who were wounded throughout the war.

SEEK TO DEVELOP STATE LANDSCAPES

Greater appreciation of the natural beauties of Michigan's landscape, and a resultant effort to conserve and develop these advantages, will be the aim of a great educational program just being launched by the Michigan State College, in co-operation with various other organizations of the state.

Preliminary plans were made at a conference held at the college last week, on call of Professor C. P. Halligan, head of the M. S. C. landscape architecture department. Development bureaus, state departments, women's clubs, school authorities, and other groups were represented at this gathering.

"Michigan is inherently rich in her landscape beauty," said Professor Halligan in opening the conference. "This important resource has not, however, been fully appreciated nor conserved. When we consider the value of landscape beauty, not only as a source of satisfaction and enjoyment for residents of the state but also as a vital element in connection with the tourist and resort industry of the state, we cannot fail to realize that conservation steps must be taken."

The tourist and resort business ranks as Michigan's third largest economic interest. It is an industry which touches directly or indirectly a large percentage of our population, and there are many different organizations in the state which are expected to join the present movement to secure greater appreciation and greater conservation effort along this line.

Various educational campaigns, including work with the schools, with women's clubs, through the development bureaus and state departments, and including a radio series this spring over the Michigan State College radio station, WKAR, will be started at once, it is said.

COUNTY TEACHERS CLUB ENTERTAINED HERE

The dinner given last week Thursday evening by the Men's Noon Club and the Exchange Club at the M. E. dining room to the School Masters Club of Oakland County was a fine social and educational event. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Kanyon C. Butterfield, president of the Michigan State College, who gave an interesting talk on educational extension work.

There were present about forty teachers from the various schools of the county. Following the address by Dr. Butterfield the club took up discussion of school problems.

Ralph P. Marble, who has been confined to his home for the past week is again out.

ARMINTA THOMAS

Arminta Thomas, aged 4 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas of Lakeway drive, died Tuesday noon of measles and complications. Funeral services will be this Friday afternoon from the home, Rev. E. F. Dunlavy officiating. Burial at Oakwood Cemetery. The parents of deceased, only recently moved here from Xenia, O., have the sympathy of the community.

ANOTHER GOLF COURSE FOR THIS LOCALITY

This locality is to have another golf course, made possible through the enterprise of B. F. Taylor whose various subdivision and community developments dot this territory. The golf links will be located at the Five Mile and Beech roads and will be an 18 hole course.

William Elphrick, well and favorably known here has been engaged by Mr. Taylor to supervise the construction of the course and has the plans now completed and the work of construction under way. Mr. Elphrick has considerable experience in the work of caring for and constructing courses. He started at the work as a caddy at Ashdown Forest Golf Club, England, in 1914 was assistant professional greenkeeper at the Menlo Country Club, California. At the close of that year he returned to England and enlisted in the army and served for three and a half years in the World War after which he became active committee member of the Artisans Golf Club, Ashdown Forest from which club came such noted players as Abe Mitchell and the world's longest driver, Jack Smith. In 1922 Mr. Elphrick assisted in constructing a golf course for E. B. McLean at Washington, D. C. December 1st he took the position as greenkeeper at the Meadow Brook Club which he resigned March 15 to engage in the present work.

TESTING CARS NEAR MILFORD

General Motors Corporation has established proving ground of 1,125 acres located 42 miles northeast of Detroit, near Milford. It is about equidistant from Lansing, Flint, Pontiac and Detroit, and this tract is level and hilly country. All sorts of roads with all sorts of surfaces have been built—concrete, macadam, gravel, dirt hills, curves, straightaway. There are living quarters for the staff of resident engineers and the visiting engineers of the divisions while at the proving ground conducting tests on their cars. The garage and service station has facilities for 150 cars. Cars are run summer and winter, day and night, in all kinds of weather, by trained crews of drivers who in a mileage of all cars on test at the proving ground during the first year of its operation exceeded two million miles, and the schedule of 1926 calls for 350,000 miles monthly or over four million miles for the year—every mile driven under continuous observation.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

An open meeting, to which a general invitation was extended, was held in M. E. Community Hall, Wednesday evening, sponsored by the Farmington Woman's Club.

An unusually fine program was presented but due to the inclemency of the weather and bad condition of the roads the attendance was not large.

Those who failed to attend certainly missed a rare treat. The High School Glee Club sang three selections, "The Millwheel," "Wind of the Western Sea" and "Old Canoe."

Mrs. Anna Brown, president of the club, then introduced Prof. Louis Eich from the public speaking department of the University of Michigan, who gave a most excellent dramatic reading in four acts of "Rip Van Winkle." Prof. Eich is a personal friend of Supt. A. G. Leonard and was entertained during his stay in Farmington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard.

Pay up your subscription.

FARMINGTON LADY FIRST CUSTOMER

Newcomb & Endicott of Detroit, the oldest mercantile firm of that city, tell of an early business transaction of the company that will prove interesting to many Farmington readers.

On the first of June, more than half a century ago, Emily Smith of Farmington, the present Mrs. Hopkin, came to Newcomb's to buy her wedding dress. She was probably one of the first customers in the old store at the corner of Woodward and Jefferson avenues.

"Mr. Newcomb, the father of the Mr. Newcomb who is now at the head of the business, waited on us. My father told him that I had come to buy my wedding dress and he was so kind and interested. He showed us several pieces of silk and he favored this one," and Mrs. Hopkin smoothed the piece of silk which she had bought and worn many years ago.

"Of course in those days, women made their own clothes but this was such a special occasion that my father said I might have the dress made at the store. It was the first 'made dress' I had ever had. Mr. Newcomb went with me while I was measured and promised that it would reach me in time."

"In those days, a stage ran from the Railroad Hotel which stood on the spot where the Shubert Detroit is today. When the Opera House was built the Newcomb store occupied the first floor and basement. The stage ran every other day from Detroit to Lansing and my dress was entrusted to the driver. It carried passengers and really important packages."

"My, but I was excited the day it came. It had a round neck and long, tight sleeves and was corded, that was the stylish trimming in those days. It took twenty yards for the dress and cost \$6 to make—and \$6 looked much bigger then than it does today."

"People thought Mr. Newcomb was a very fine young man and that he was going to be one of the leading merchants—and of course he was."

"I remember very well the first wagon Mr. Hopkin made for them. The firm was the John Hopkin Company and when Newcomb's grew so fast that they needed a delivery wagon, they decided to give service as far north as Charlotte street every day. That was a big step. The wagon was a very smart one, four wheeled and folks always liked to have it stop at their door. It seemed to give them an air of importance if they were known to be customers of the best store in the city."

PONTIAC LAND COMES HIGH

The General Motors Corporation has purchased the Alfred J. Howland farm of 160 acres just south of Pontiac, paying for the same \$238,000. The farm sold seventeen years ago for \$15,000.

The General Motors Corp. has not given out its intention in connection with the purchase, but it is thought that it will be used for future developments.

REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER

Every officer and enlisted man in the regular army or duty in the Sixth Corps Area, composed of the states of Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, has been directed to write to his mother on Mothers' Day, May 9, 1926, by Major General William S. Graves, corps area commander.

This request comes direct from Secretary of War Davis and has been sent to every corps area commander in the United States. The request to all officers and enlisted men says:

"You are directed to bring to the attention of every officer and enlisted man in your command, the desire of the secretary of war that each officer and enlisted man write a letter to his home on Mothers' Day, May 9, 1926, as an expression of the love and reverence we owe to the mothers of our country."