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## WHAT NEIGHBORS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT US

The following regarding Farmington and vicinity appeared in the Detroit News of Sunday, August 29:

Proof that the conditions existing in the so-called Greater Farmington district are ideal for home and family life may be found in the fact that sites for two new children's homes were selected in that district recently. C. W. Burton, a member of the Greater Farmington Association, points out:

"Sites a short distance outside the city of Farmington, but within the 23-square-mile area which our association is controlling and safeguarding for high-class residential development, have been selected for two fine homes for children," said Mr. Burton.

One to the southeast is for the \$2,000,000 Michigan Children's Hospital; another to the northwest is for the Methodist Children's Home. Farmington is known far and wide as a home-owning city with sunshine and fresh air galore for its healthy children and grown-ups.

"Newcomers to Farmington are encouraged to follow the example of their neighbors. Financing plans are offered by many corporations, including some of the big Detroit realty concerns. A good apartment in Farmington rents for \$40 a month, but they are seldom for rent.

"Milk and wheat producing are the principal industries of Farmington and vicinity, a flour mill which grinds 25,000 bushels of wheat annually and a large dairy business conducted by the heirs of the late Gov. Fred M. Warner furnishing employment for part of the residents.

"But a great number of the residents are employed in Detroit and live in Farmington, which is easily accessible to all parts of the metropolis via Grand River Superhighway and the network of Wayne County's world-famous roads. Transportation is largely by motor bus, including an express service to Washington boulevard."

## JOHN F. RELAFORD IS CANDIDATE FOR CORONER

John F. Relaford of Royal Oak announces his candidacy for the office of county coroner at the Republican primaries, September 14. Mr. Relaford is an undertaker of that city and gives as reason why his candidacy should be favored that one of the coroners should be located in the southern part of the county, which is heavily populated and often requiring the services of a coroner.

## AUTOMATIC SIGNAL AT G.D. RIVER AND DIVISION

At a session of the City Commissioners held Tuesday evening, it was ordered that an automatic stop signal be purchased and installed at the intersection of Grand River avenue and Division street. The overhead type of signal will be used.

## OUTER BELT BUSES

According to the new time schedule of the Outer Belt Transit Co., all buses now run through Farmington between Mt. Clemens to Ann Arbor, the last leaving here for Pontiac and Mt. Clemens at 9:20 p. m. The last for Ann Arbor is at 8:10 p. m. Time table will be found on page 3.

## PAVING REPAIR NEEDED

The bad spot in Division street payment where the D. U. R. tracks cross it has for some time been giving motorists a jolt when passing over it and several accidents have been narrowly avoided. The city authorities have notified the company to make the necessary repairs.

## CUTS OUT THE GAS STICKS TO THE BOOZE

A Detroit woman upon being fined \$75 in the recorder's court, of that city for driving her car 50 miles an hour while intoxicated, immediately telephoned her husband to tell the car saying "I'm not going to drive any more," which is putting into practice the old sailor's motto: "If drink interferes with work, quit work."

## THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES GOOD WORK

The fire department made a quick response to an alarm of fire from Farmington Junction Monday. When the scene was reached it was found that the roof of the brick house on Grand River avenue owned by Fred Goers was on fire and under good headway. The house being outside of the city no water except from a well was available and this was soon pumped dry before the flames were extinguished. The creek at the rear of the premises was then resorted to for a supply of water. A hard fight resulted in saving the building with the exception of the roof on the east side.

## GRAVEL FOR ROGERS ST.

Work of improving Rogers street is under way. When completed it will have a fine gravel roadway with a bed of nine inches in depth.

## BELL-YOUNG

The marriage of Edward B. Young and Miss Christina Bell was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage Thursday, August 26. Rev. E. F. Dunlavy officiating. The young couple will establish their home near Farmington.

One of the indictments of civilization is that happiness and intelligence are so rarely found in the same person.

No sensation is quite equal to waking up a half hour ahead of the alarm clock on a cold morning and finding your bed warm and then going back to sleep.

## Church Notes

**Farmington Methodist Church**  
Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor  
10:30—Worship and sermon.  
Special music by the choir under the direction of Arthur Apple of Detroit.

Sermon by the pastor on "The Carpenter's Message."  
11:50—Sunday School.  
7:30—Evening service.  
This will be our first evening service since June.  
The choir will be prepared to sing special numbers. The pastor will speak on "The Sluggard Versus the Diligent."  
This church is in the community to serve.

## Evangelical Church

Rev. J. Bollen, Pastor  
10:15—Services, English.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
Wednesday, Sept. 8—Y. P. L. meeting.

Saturday, September 18 at 9:30 a. m. school will start. All children of 10 years and over are welcome.

## Clarenceville Community M. E. Church

Rev. Harry Felton, Pastor  
Morning services—"Value of Approach in Soul Winning."  
Evening services—"The Man Who Wanted to Burn a Village."  
Thursday at 8 p. m.—Praise service.

## West Point Park Church

Rev. George E. Gulien, Pastor  
Seven Mile and Farmington Road

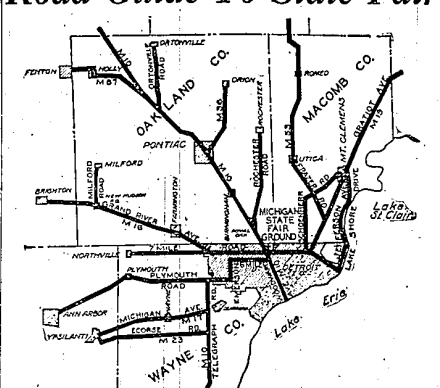
## First Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor  
10:30—Morning worship and communion service.  
The message of the hour will be, "His Riches, Our Riches."  
11:45—Sunday School.  
6:30—B. Y. P. U. for young people.  
7:30—Evening service.  
This will be the first evening service to be held indoors since June; let us make it a real praise service. We will have special music. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Is the Present Day Church a Joy Killer?"  
Don't miss this sermon.

## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville

(At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

## Road Guide To State Fair



The above map shows how Michigan trunk line roads come into the Detroit area, and how to reach the State Fair grounds without entering the city's heavy traffic districts. By crossing the Six or Seven-Mile Road to Woodward Avenue, motorists, coming from any direction can reach the grounds easily without going "down town" at all. (Map drawn by State Highway Department.)

## INTERESTING FACTS AS TO SCHOOL MONIES

Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instruction gives out the following primary school monies:

While the primary school interest fund to be apportioned this year for school purposes to the school districts of the state totaled \$16,216,672, that is less than 20 per cent of the entire amount required to finance public school education in Michigan.

In 1785, the department points out, Congress enacted a bill providing for a survey of the Northwest territory, dividing it into townships of 36 square miles each and providing further: "There shall also be reserved the lot number 16 of every township for the maintenance of public schools within the said township."

That was the foundation of the primary school fund in each of the five states of that territory including Michigan. But it was found that section 16 of every township was not of uniform value, so it was provided in this state that section 16 of each township should become the property of the state and should contribute not to the educational aid of any locality, but to the entire state.

The constitution of 1825 provided that sale of these lands should constitute and remain a perpetual fund, the interest of which, together with rents from unsold lands, should be used solely for educational purposes. The constitution of 1850 further provided that the interest from escheated estates should also be used solely for primary school purposes. For the use of the money derived from primary school lands the state must pay seven per cent interest.

Interest from four sources known as the primary interest fund and for specific taxes on certain classes of corporation utilities all go to make up what is commonly known as the primary school fund, apportioned each year by the state department of public instruction to pay teachers' salaries, one of the biggest items of expense in public school service.

The interest fund is distinct and is made up from the following sources:

1. Interest at seven per cent paid by the state on the proceeds of the sales of section 16 in each township.

2. Interest on the swamp land fund, derived from the sale of swamp lands given originally to men who enlisted in the war of 1812, and upon which the state pays five per cent. These lands totalled over 5,000,000 acres.

3. The surplus of specific taxes after the interest has been paid on the various educational funds. These specific taxes, except those on mining companies in the upper peninsula, are applied to payment of interest on the primary school fund, University and other educational funds, and all surplus is then added to the primary school interest fund.

## STAGE SET FOR BIG MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

With final details of arrangement complete, the stage was all set here this week for the 77th annual Michigan State Fair, scheduled for Detroit from September 5 to 11.

A record number of livestock entries in all classes had been checked in by the entry clerk this week, insuring the most brilliant gathering of blooded stock the state has seen in a year. From high stepping saddle horses down through the livestock lists to swine and poultry, the best animals known to the various breeds will be in the barns.

Exhibits in the new agricultural building are being completed, along with decoration of the building itself. The Farm Bureau, the Grange, and all the rest of the dozen or so state agricultural groups included are putting finishing touches on their educational displays, which are to feature the building.

Last steps in the big job of repainting all buildings and cleaning up are done, a transformed state fair grounds awaiting the 1926 visitors. Among the "new" things this year are the woman's building, formerly the administration building, and the boys and girls club headquarters, used in the past as a woman's building.

While agriculture is being given special attention in the plans for the fair this year, all of the old industrial features which have been so popular in the past have been retained.

With reduced admission charges and very low railroad rates, the largest crowd in the 77 years of the great exposition is expected this fall.

## AUTOCRACY OR FREE GOVERNMENT?

Under the heading, "Groesbeck Stands Revealed as an Autocrat," the Birmingham Eclectic, says: "The Eclectic is willing to concede that Mr. Groesbeck has done much to aid the material progress of Michigan, remembering, too, that the money which he accomplished the things of which he boasts as achievements came from the people; but, given \$270,000,000 to spend in six years, it would be a rather dumb politician who couldn't equal or even eclipse the Groesbeck program."

"But we unflatteringly and honestly believe that the substitution of autocracy for representative government in Michigan's affairs is a dangerous practice. We submit that the people of Michigan have a right to decide our own destiny through representative government; after all, it is our lives, our sweat and toil, our money that goes into the making of government; for, you will remember, each individual member of society—you and I—have a distinct relationship to this thing we call government; it really is you and I."

"And, certainly, we are not willing to trade our birthright for concrete roads—no matter how wide they may be."

Alex J. Groesbeck has had six years in which to prove his character to the citizens of Michigan. We believe that he has done so, extremely well; is there anyone, even his closest friends, who will deny that Mr. Groesbeck is an autocrat in his manner of handling Michigan affairs?

"Man's history is summed up in his untiring willingness to sacrifice his life and his wealth down through the centuries to disprove the 'divine right of kings' to rule and to prove the God-given right of every man to have a voice in government; today Michigan's character is on trial; the eyes of the United States are upon the results of the September 14, primary election here. Is Michigan willing to retrogress several centuries by perpetuating an autocratic form of government? We believe not!"

"Isn't the gubernatorial problem to be settled September 14, a simple one—as far as the Republic can party in Michigan is concerned? Do you stand for autocracy?—then vote for Alex J. Groesbeck. Do you seek a return of representative government in Michigan?—then cast your vote for Fred W. Green."

## EVERYTHING READY FOR GALA DAY DOINGS

Next Monday being a legal holiday business will be practically suspended in Farmington while its citizens and many guests from out of town will frolic on the green of Town Hall park with the American Legion boys who will celebrate the occasion with their fifth annual gala event.

Labor Day has now become better known here as Gala Day, made so by the efforts of Groves-Walker Post to fix one day in the year when all can get together for sports, amusement and neighborhood visits.

This season will be presented a fine program of sports including baseball, horse shoe tournament and twelve contests ranging from sprinting to climbing a greased pole.

Interspersing the various events will be band concerts and vaudeville acts by professional entertainers. There will be no dull moments. Dancing to fine music in the town hall for those who enjoy it.

A glance at complete program on page three will show a liberal offer of prizes for contestants in the athletic events.

The buses are going to give a Ford roadster, fully equipped, to some one. Be on the grounds during happy evening hours. You may have to drive that roadster to your garage.

## BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Fifty-two relatives, including their parents, brothers and sisters, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten Sunday to help Mr. Auten celebrate his birthday anniversary.

Mr. Auten's brothers, Grover Auten of Detroit and Jay Auten of Royal Oak invited him on a fishing trip to Tipisico Lake. Returning about eleven o'clock he was completely surprised to find tables all set for a bountiful birthday dinner and guests assembled.

Mr. Auten was presented with a white gold watch chain and knife.

Guests were present from Flint, Orionville, Pontiac, Detroit, Royal Oak and Ferndale.

## MYERS-LORENZ

The marriage of Miss Renatta Myers and Theodore Lorenz was solemnized, Saturday afternoon, August 28, at the Lutheran Church in Clarenceville, with Rev. Bohn of Detroit officiating in the presence of about seventy-five guests. They were attended by Alvin and Agnes Myers, brother and sister of the bride and Earl Scherhorn of Farmington.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. Myers.

The young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends and left Wednesday for Portland, Ore. where they expect to make their home.

## MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY HOME FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bradley, accompanied by their sister, Mrs. Van Patter of Los Angeles, motor to St. Thomas and Avimor, Ontario to spend a week visiting relatives.

Returning they occupied a cottage at Randeau on Lake Erie for another week, arriving home Monday of this week.

Last Sunday they entertained twenty-five relatives from Welsh, Windsor and St. Thomas. Also Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pettibone, Miss Lucile Halsted, Mahlon and Helen Bradley and Harold McCracken, all of Farmington.

Mrs. John Collins and daughter Annetta of Valparaiso, Indiana, were guests at the Nelson home Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. F. L. Cook, Robert and Florence Allen spent the day Wednesday in Detroit and attended the new Michigan Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. John Harlan, daughter Catharine, and son John, spent the day, Thursday, in Pontiac. Mrs. David Ross and Mrs. Rhoda Roche attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. T. P. Sherman at Plymouth, Thursday afternoon.

Advertise it in the Enterprise.