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ANOTHER CHANGE MADE IN BUS SERVICE

The Detroit City Railway on Sunday took over the entire operation of buses between Farmington and Detroit and will until further notice maintain a half-hourly service as in the past. The only change made of which the public will take notice is a reduction in fare between Detroit and Farmington from 40c to 35c.

It is the contention of the railway men that the Farmington cars have been a losing proposition but no more so than many other bus routes out of Detroit which is to a considerable extent due to the maintaining of a bus schedule at certain hours of the day that is unwarranted by the traffic. It is found that the buses operating between the hours of 6 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. and 6 p. m. on a half-hourly schedule are run at a profit while the buses running between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. show a big loss. It is thought that with an adjustment of the schedule to meet conditions of travel the buses would at once pay operating expenses and in time show a profit.

It is claimed that the operating expense of one of these buses, not including interest on investment or depreciation is 25c per mile. It is stated that the revenue from the buses as shown by records of the past few months has been but 23c per mile. Had the buses been operated on a half-hourly schedule at the rush hours and on an hourly schedule when travel is light a better mileage earning would have resulted. It is the argument of those who believe that service can be made to pay.

The transportation problem was discussed at some length at the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Exchange Club, and the members were informed that a stub line service between Farmington and Redford could be secured, but as this would necessitate a transfer it was not considered as a solution; as Farmington wants a through service.

The operation of an independent line between Farmington and Detroit could not be made to pay it was contended by those familiar with the situation, as no fares could be collected within Detroit city limits and the business furnished by Farmington and the five miles of Grand River between Farmington and Detroit city limits would not be sufficient to anywhere near meet operating expenses.

The operation of buses by the D. C. R. seems to be the only logical solution of the transportation problem. It is hoped that present arrangements will prove satisfactory all around.

OPEN ROAD TO GRAND RIVER

A move has been made towards opening a road from the Stephenson corner south on the Milford Commerce and Lyon-Novl. township lines to Grand River road. The proposed road would be about a mile in length in this township. Acting on a petition, the township board inspected the proposed route Tuesday afternoon, and have referred the proposition to the voters at the annual township meeting. The road would give residents in that section a shorter mileage to Grand River than by going either by New Hudson or Wilcox-Milford Times.

FATHER AND SON WEEK

Father and Son Week will be observed this year in hundreds of Michigan churches and communities, November 7 to 14, the dates approved by the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association and the International Council of Religious Education. The slogan for the week, according to the literature produced by the joint committee, will be "The World Needs the Father-Father and Son." The program material is especially arranged in the interest of developing a keener sense of fellowship and service.

The Gleaners' Class of the Baptist Sunday School will be entertained Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. C. McDonald, Powers avenue.

WELL KNOWN SINGER VISITS HERE

Dr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, of Detroit, were Sunday callers at the Wm. Banks home on Sunday. Mrs. Gilchrist, Detroit's own Soprano and known on the concert stage as Lois Johnson just returned from engagements in New York. She appears in two Grand Opera roles at Orchestra Hall on Nov. 15 and 19.

DROP DIVORCE ACTION

Divorce proceedings commenced by Omar Conroy against his wife have been withdrawn by mutual consent. The couple are now living at the Conroy residence on the Ten Mile road.

Church Notes

Farmington Methodist Church. Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, Pastor. 10:30—Worship and sermon. Special music by the choir. Sermon by the pastor "Ye Are the Light of the World," will be the subject.

11:50—Sunday School. 12:30—Epworth League. 7:30—Evening service. Special music.

Sermon by the pastor "The Sure Foundation." A cordial welcome is extended at all our services.

Evangelical Church. Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor. 10:15—Services, Mission Festival, English. Holy Communion, English. 11:45—Sunday School. Wednesday, Nov. 10—Sewing Circle in the afternoon. Y. P. L. meeting at 8 p. m. Important business. All young people are requested to be present.

First Baptist Church. Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor. 10:30—Morning worship and communion service. Every member is urged to be present. 11:45—Sunday School. Classes for all. 6:30—B. Y. P. U. 7:30—Gospel service. This week the pastor will preach on the subject "The Simplicity of the Gospel."

Our Sunday night services are growing in interest and numbers. Come and join in the singing at the song service. Wednesday nights we meet for prayer and bible study.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville (At Switzer Road). Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor. 9:30—Sunday School. 10:30—German service. 7:30—English service.

Thursday, 8 p. m.—Bible class. The greatest business in the world is the Christian church. Greatest because its Head is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Greatest because of the vast capital invested. Greatest because of the tremendous issues involved in the business it carries on—the saving of immortal souls. To be heard and heard in that business is to work for everlasting life. Are you in it? Are you helping it on? If not, can you give a good reason why?

Clarencville Community Church. Sunday services—10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week service—Thursday 7:30.

INJURED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

A week ago Saturday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman were returning to their home from Detroit they ran into a trailer parked on the pavement without lights, that had been detached from a truck while the truck was being parked. The impact threw Mrs. Hoffman clear of the automobile. She was taken to Highland Park Hospital where it was found she suffered an injured spine. At present she is home, improved, and is now at her home in Farmington Acres. Mr. Hoffman was not seriously injured, but their car was a total wreck.

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HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE HERE NOVEMBER 19

New Hudson High School on the negative will debate Farmington High School on the affirmative in this city on Friday evening, November 19th, 1926.

The subject of this debate is, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

The team that will represent Farmington high school in this debate on November 19th is being coached by Miss Iva Hawkins, who is a member of the high school faculty.

On this same date, November 19th, 220 high schools of the State (all members of the Michigan High School debating League), will meet in 110 debates in which 650 high school pupils will participate. The subject of all these debates will be the same.

These debates on November 19 will be the first of the four preliminary Debates sponsored by the Michigan High School Debating League. The remaining three Preliminary Debates will be held on the following dates: Second—December 10th, 1926. Third—January 14th, 1927. Fourth—February 11th, 1927.

After the 220 high schools have participated in these four preliminary debates, the schools with the highest records will enter the elimination series of debates. These elimination series will, by successive debates, eliminate all schools except two which will go to Ann Arbor for the final State Championship debate in May.

In the final State Championship Debate, held in Hill Auditorium at Ann Arbor on May 10th last year, Kalamazoo Central High School won first honors and Hudson High School won second honors.

The audience assembled for this State Championship Debate numbered two thousand five hundred people. Representatives of the different high schools of the State, which is the largest audience that ever attended a Championship Debate of the League. Sixty-three high schools and two colleges were represented in the audience by one or more delegates.

The Michigan High School Debating League was organized by the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan in 1917, and this year begins its tenth year of activity.

MR. STRONGHEART

We had an Indian in our midst Monday night. He came as the first number of our lecture course from the Col. Alber Bureau. His subject was, "From Peace Pipe to War Trail." He came with the tomahawk to smite his brother's blood, but rather with the "Pipe of Peace" which he held in his hand, as a sacred emblem of peace.

For more than two hours, this Indian, in his calm way, with his fluent pure English, told the story of his life and his dreams for his people, and held the undivided attention of a large audience composed of men, women, boys and girls.

He told of the struggle through the years of his people. How they tried to live peaceably with the white man. How they have been driven farther and farther back as the white man has approached with his "civilization," how the unscrupulous government agent, over and over had taken advantage of their ignorance and inexperience; how inadequate the schools are, even today. He explained how, even today, it is necessary for the Indian to secure a government permit, if he wishes to visit a friend on a neighboring reservation.

All this was narrated in the most brotherly spirit. He said, "I have not come to ask for money, we do not want money—we want justice. A chance to live." When he had concluded a large number of those present gathered around to clasp the hand of this man who represented the remnant of a once mighty people of our country (or theirs).

The Progressive Class of the Methodist Church will have Young Course tickets for sale, their being five more excellent attractions.



FRED W. GREEN
Michigan's Next Governor

THE ELECTION

The election Tuesday resulted in a clean-up in the state and county for the Republican ticket. Considering the light vote cast the majorities are very large. Fred W. Green for governor defeated William Comstock by upwards of 130,000.

In Farmington Mr. Green received 143 votes to 66 for Comstock. All of constitutional amendments were defeated except tenure of office for sheriffs and creation of metropolitan districts.

In the state Excess condemnation, defeated metropolitan district, in doubt; sheriffs tenure extension, approved; constitutional convention, beaten.

Michigan will have a solid Republican delegation in the lower house of congress. The legislature is overwhelmingly Republican.

NEW STORE TO OPEN NOVEMBER 15

Farmington is to have another store. M. R. Frink of Detroit has taken a lease of the store in the Farmington Improvement Block on Grand River avenue, vacated by Harold Daines and workmen are now busy putting in the shelving and equipment for an opening on November 15.

It will be a variety store, carrying a full stock of necessary household articles from 5c and up.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE DIES AT PONTIAC

Charles Moore, aged 68, died at Pontiac October 28. He was born in Farmington and attended the school in the Noble district. At one time he was a well known citizen here. The funeral was held at Pontiac last Saturday.

P. T. A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Farmington schools held its meeting Thursday, October 28, with a large number of members attending.

Mrs. Emil Roos, president, presided at the meeting which marked the opening of the year's work of the Association.

A pleasing program was enjoyed by all present.

MR. AND MRS. WARNER ATTEND MICH-NAVY GAME

Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Warner were Farmington members of the party who left on a special train from Detroit last Thursday to be in attendance at the Michigan-Navy football game Saturday afternoon at Baltimore, Md. The party went by the way of Philadelphia and attended the Sesqui-Centennial at that city on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner returned home Sunday.

AUTO HIT POLE MISSES CRESLAK INJURED

Mrs. Creslak living on the old Chas. Pettibone farm north of the city was injured in an automobile accident, Saturday night. Mrs. Creslak and two children were riding with a visitor from their home and the driver not being prepared for the curve in the road to near the driveway crashed into an electric light pole, completely wrecking the car. All escaped injury but Mrs. Creslak who was liberated about the head. Rescue workers were hindered in their work by a live electric wire that was entangled in the wreckage.

NEW INDUSTRY CENTER FOR GD. RIVER DISTRICT

According to the views of those who have given the matter some study one of the principal reasons why Greater Farmington area is destined to become an important residential center, is the fact that no factories are likely to be built in this immediate locality, as railroad transportation facilities are not adequate for manufacturing purposes. Yet just to the south and east is a fastly developing manufacturing district, which promises to be one of the most important in the country.

With many good roads by which this section can be quickly and easily reached there is no doubt but that it will bring an increased demand for real estate in this locality by hundreds of families whose heads are connected with these manufacturing enterprises and who desire a home a convenient distance from the factories yet removed from the annoyances and undesirable surroundings of a factory district.

"To a new district is coming industrial prominence," declared Louis G. Palmer, president of Louis G. Palmer and Company, in the Detroit Free Press of last Saturday. "I refer to the Grand River district, marked principally by the Pere Marquette and Pennsylvania routes south of Grand River. Two great industries within the past few weeks, have announced that they will locate within this area. One may presume that others will follow and that another industrial grouping will come into being."

The two industries coming into the new district are the Electric Refrigerator corporation whose enormous \$5,000,000 plant already is well under construction, and the Peninsular Stove company, one of Detroit's oldest and most important industries. The stove company stated that its decision followed inspection of more than 40 sites in various parts of the city.

"It was the judgment of this company that no other district offered equal advantages and values. This conclusion is significant. Other manufacturers in establishing or relocating plants may arrive at the same conclusion."

These who have invested in real estate of the Grand River district will be beneficiaries of this new industrial activity. The prices they have paid for property have not reflected the added values accruing from these plants. Certain properties of the district have not been entirely sold out and it is very likely that they will be marketed at prices established before these industries were announced. At any rate, that is the policy we will pursue.

"We have developments which were begun before the coming of these industries, was publicly known. They are offered at the prices originally placed and to our clients will go the advantages coming from these new activities."

"The two new industries are but factors of the great development seen in the Grand River district, particularly in the vicinity of Redford. Since the Redford area was annexed by Detroit, it has gone forward tremendously. Building operations have attained important volume. Streets have been widened and many have been paved. Groups of new store buildings have appeared. Public services have been greatly extended. Values have risen precipitately."

"Without doubt the Grand River-Redford district has been one of the most active sections of Detroit during the past few months. What has appeared so far can be only a suggestion of that which is to follow."

"I predict for this district a continued and intensive activity which will be accurately reflected in the rise of land values. Land advantageously located and quickly provided with water, sewer and building may be expected to profit advantage of other properties of the district."

Mrs. C. N. Andrews left Tuesday evening for Detroit to attend the W. H. M. S. Conference Convention being held in Trinity Methodist church.

PAST MATRONS CLUB GOES TO SCHOOL

Mrs. Bertha Steele and Mrs. Charlotte Walters were joint hostesses to the Past Matrons' Club of Farmington Chapter O. E. S., on Tuesday afternoon, at Old Homestead Farm.

The program was the dramatization of an old district school, and when Mrs. Angie Grace in the roll of the prim school marm rang the bell, her boys and girls came scampering in to their seats representing school children from the beginners to the "grownups" each with some school essentials books, slates, dinner pails and chewing gum.

School day reminiscences were told by each pupil and visitor, while recitations, songs and readings were given. The school was favored by having the School Inspector, represented by Mrs. Minnie Hogle, present, who gave a very fine talk to the pupils. After the exercises the school folks were given their lunch baskets, each trimmed in Halloween colors, and containing their lunch.

The guests found places at the long dining room table where much merriment took place during the lunch hour.

Each lady "dressed and acted" her part so well that a jolly time was had by all. We feel sure the poet was right when he wrote, "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men"—also women.

OFF TO THE SUNNY SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harger have again taken up winter residence in Florida, and are now located at St. Petersburg.

The following letter from Mrs. Harger tells of a delightful trip south:

St. Petersburg, Fla. Oct. 29, 1926.

Dear Enterprise Folks:

"We had a wonderful trip to Florida, leaving October 2. While en route visited Washington seeing the historical and governmental points of interest, including Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Congressional Library, White House, etc."

On the evening of the day we arrived had the privilege of hearing President Coolidge address a national convention of the Red Cross of which he is president. Got a close-up view of the presidential party, Mrs. Coolidge sitting nearby on the platform. As soon as the President entered the building the audience arose and remained standing until he was seated, repeating the same when the President left the building.

Wonderful weather accompanied us throughout our trip, which including our stay-over in Washington, took ten days.

Found that the September "twister" had not disturbed a thing around or in our home. We were fortunate—as many damages and accidents occurred here."

Mrs. May Sharp and daughter Virginia of Highland Park, Detroit accompanied us here and are our guests for the winter.

MENS CLUB DINE AND PLAN FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Twenty-three men enjoyed a fine supper given by the Noonday Club of the M. E. Church, Friday night, October 29 when plans for the coming year were discussed by all present. The outlook is considered a very encouraging one.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Charles Pettibone; Secretary, N. H. Power; Treasurer, John Mahoney; Membership Commissioner, Harry McCracken; Social Commissioner, A. G. Leonard.

J. W. LATHROP TO BECOME FARMINGTON RESIDENT

J. W. Lathrop has rented his residence on Grand River road in Novi township and will become a resident of the city of Farmington, occupying his house on Quaker road.

The deer hunting season this winter is of shorter duration than was not open until November 15, Farmington's quota of hunters, which adds new recruits every year, are planning to make the northern trip by automobile.