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## NOVI BOARD IS PLANNING \$60,000 SCHOOL BUILDING

### Preparations Follow Dissolution Of Consolidated District; Officers Chosen

A new school building of impressive size and modern in every respect, is to be erected in Novi. Plans for the purchase of a site and construction of the building were begun at a meeting held Monday night.

The plans for the new building follow the recent election when the consolidated school district was dissolved, after circulation of a petition for that purpose. The school which was to have been built by the consolidated school never materialized, and the districts will proceed on their own initiative. It is likely, however, that some of the districts will cooperate with others to provide adequate schooling facilities.

Officers were elected Monday night, Archie Atkinson being chosen moderator, William Mairs, director, and Blanche Conklin, treasurer.

About five acres of land are being considered as necessary for the new building. Sites will be considered between now and the next meeting to be held on September 8.

The districts which were dissolved by the election of July 18 were Novi, East Novi, Bassett, Yerkes, Chapman, Putnam West Novi and Bentley districts.

## MRS. LENA MANZEL IS DEAD AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

### Farmington Woman Dies In Detroit Hospital After An Operation

After having been ill for many years, Mrs. Lena Manzel, 65, Farmington, died in Harper Hospital, Detroit, last week, and was buried Saturday in Clarenceville Cemetery. Mrs. Manzel had lived in this section for 50 years.

Mrs. Manzel was born in Germany and came to Oakland County with her parents when she was 15 years old. She was married to Elbert Manzel, who died about nine years ago, after having moved from his farm to Farmington.

Mrs. Manzel is survived by her son, Charles Manzel and a grandson, Clarence Manzel.

## MISS PAULINE UNSOELD DIES; FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD IN DETROIT

Residents of this section will learn with regret of the death of Miss Pauline E. Unsoeld, who lived at Orchard Lake and Twelve-Mile roads. Miss Unsoeld, the daughter of Mrs. Martha Unsoeld, passed away Tuesday in Detroit.

She is survived by several sisters and brothers, in addition to her mother. The survivors are Mrs. Charles A. Burmaster, Mrs. Charles Leonard, Mrs. Helen Boyd and George and Lawrence Unsoeld.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the residence of Mrs. Burmaster at 6193 Belvidere avenue, Detroit.

## MISS BUTTERFIELD IS RE-ELECTED EDITOR OF SORORITY PUBLICATIONS

Miss Emily Butterfield has returned from a ten-day trip to Mackinac Island. While there Miss Butterfield attended the biennial convention of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and was re-elected editor-in-chief of the sorority's publications.

## HOBO AUTO RACES AT MILFORD SUNDAY

The hobo auto races on the Denny Butler farm, northwest of Milford, are attracting considerable attention and each Sunday sees an increased crowd of autoists there. The races commence promptly at 1:30.

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## HENRY FORD PASSES THROUGH FARMINGTON IN NEW MODEL FORD

A new Ford car, with Henry Ford himself as a passenger, was in Farmington Tuesday morning. But neither Mr. Ford nor his car stayed very long.

The machine, apparently, an experimental car of the new model, was noted by Edgar S. Pierce, cashier of the Farmington State Savings Bank, while on his way to the bank. It had come up Farmington road and was halted at Grand River, waiting for the green signal before turning west on Grand River avenue.

Mr. Pierce saw that the car was incomplete and looked it over carefully, noting particularly the four-wheel brakes. It was not until he had looked over the entire car that he glanced inside and saw Henry Ford beside the driver.

## PROPERTY OWNERS TO BE WARNED TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

### City Will Take Action In Pursuance Of State Law Against Weeds

In an effort to keep the city of Farmington free of unsightly elements the city authorities are planning action in pursuance of the state law against noxious weeds. Owners of property on which such weeds have been permitted to grow will be notified of the nuisance and will be asked to cut the weeds within a reasonable time.

If the owners notified do not cut the weeds within a few days, the city will proceed to cut them and render bills for the work to the negligent property owners.

The state law governing such conditions reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupier of land or of every person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any lands in this state to cut or cause to be cut down and destroy all Canada thistles, milk weed (asclepias coronatus), wild carrots, oxeye daisies, or other noxious weeds growing thereon or on any highway passing by or through such land, at least twice in each year, once before the first day of July and again before the first day of September, and as much oftener as may be necessary to prevent them going to seed, and if any owner, possessor or occupier of land, or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any lands in this state shall, knowingly suffer any Canada thistles, milkweed, wild carrots, or other noxious weeds to grow thereon, or on any highway passing by or through such land, or shall suffer the seed to ripen, so as to cause or endanger the spread thereof, he or they shall, on conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction be liable to a fine of ten dollars, together with costs of prosecution for every such offense and he or they shall pay the cost of cutting and destroying such weeds and an additional ten per centum as hereinafter provided."

## PONTIAC-NOVI ROAD LAND BOOMS WITH PAVING ASSURED

### Three Sales Of Acreage Reported; Resurfacing Being Done; Concrete To Be Laid In Spring

The first results of the assurance that the road from Pontiac to Grand River avenue at Novi will be paved with concrete, was evidenced this week in the sale of three pieces of property along this road. J. M. Wiley sold his farm of 92 acres, Earle and Lee Welch; 52 acres, and Mrs. Jennie Sample 135 acres. While the piece sold by the Welch Brothers is not directly on the road, it is in close proximity to the road and the Sample property. It will probably be six months before the final papers are signed on the Sample property as it will be necessary to go through Chancery Court to secure a clear title. The road is being resurfaced this week. Pavement is to be laid early in the spring. Heavy traffic has made resurfacing an annual need and the money therefore used for this purpose will be applied to the paving cost.

## METHODIST CHURCH TO HAVE TWO VISITING PASTORS THIS MONTH

At the Methodist Church in Farmington next Sunday, Rev. W. H. MacClenthen of Detroit will preach the sermon. Rev. MacClenthen will also occupy the pulpit on the following Sunday, August 14th.

Rev. A. W. Way of Albion will preach at the church on August 21 and 28. It is expected that Rev. Edward F. Dunlap, the pastor, will return from Europe the first week in September.

## CLYDE McDERMOTT IS REPORTED LICENSED TO WED NORTHVILLE WOMAN

Issuance of a marriage license to Clyde McDermott, 56, of Farmington, and Mrs. F. Peterson, 49, of Northville, was reported yesterday. Rumors are to be effect that the couple will be married the latter part of this week or the first of next.

Mr. McDermott could not be located yesterday for confirmation of the report.

## BUICK PLANNING A NEW BUILDING IN FARMINGTON

### Sales And Service To Be Established With Full Backing Of General Motors

For the second time within a few months, Farmington has been selected by the General Motors as the location for operating a new automobile sales and service station. A new Buick agency will be opened in Farmington within a few months.

The new project, backed fully by the General Motors Company will include the building of a large, modern sales and service station. The location is still unannounced, although two sites appear to have been under consideration.

One of the possible locations is said to be the land on Division street, just south of the Farmington State Savings Bank building, adjoining the Pauline store. The other location is said to be on Grand River, near Cass avenue.

### Representative In Town

Although there has been no official announcement, Charles K. Checketts, who is to have the Buick agency here, it is understood, is already in Farmington and is making his headquarters at the Auto Shop on Grand River avenue. It is expected that as soon as the problem of location is settled, work will be started and the building rushed to completion.

Mr. Checketts was formerly connected with the Linwood Buick Company in Detroit, and has had long experience with both sales and servicing of Buick cars.

The location of Buick in Farmington follows closely the building of the new Chevrolet Sales and Service a few months ago. The immediate success of Beckley and Nicholson, Farmington Chevrolet dealers, was undoubtedly a factor in the decision to establish a Buick agency in Farmington.

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## FARMINGTON MAN TO WED DETROIT GIRL; PLANS ARE WITHHELD

Although details are being carefully guarded, the marriage is to take place in Detroit. The bride is of Farmington and Miss Bertha Coyne, of Detroit. A license has been issued to the couple, Schroeder giving his age as 28, and Miss Coyne as 20.

Even close friends of the Farmington man are still in doubt as to his plans. It is known, however, that the home which the couple will occupy in Farmington has been practically completed.

Orchard Lake Road at Keego Harbor was a scene of a serious accident Monday when Wayne Harriman of Birmingham was struck by a trolley car while he was driving his truck. He is in a Pontiac hospital.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE JOHN J. SCHULTE NAMED CORPORATION COUNSEL

At the meeting of the Farmington City Commission Monday night, Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte was appointed corporation counsel to serve for eight months. The new counsel is to be paid on a basis of service rendered.

Judge Schulte has acted in numerous matters previously for the city, and is thoroughly conversant with the city charter. His appointment was voted unanimously.

## OFFICER FORCED INTO DITCH ON WALLED LAKE ROAD

### Deputy Sheriff Stokes Narrowly Escapes Injury; Warrant For Driver

Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes narrowly escaped serious injury last week when the car in which he was riding was forced from the road into a ditch on Walled Lake Road, by a machine which cut short in front of the officer's car.

Deputy Stokes drove his car up out of the ditch and pursued the motorist, who gave his name as Sam Davis, 2620 Clifford street, Detroit. Davis was given a summons to appear in court at Farmington to answer charges of reckless driving.

But Farmington was apparently too far for Davis to come, for he failed to appear. Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte issued a warrant for his arrest.

Boxer's Brother Pays Fine Rocco Melone, brother of the well-known prize-fighter, "Joie" Melone, proved quite pugacious in his attitude after a traffic accident on Grand River avenue near Novi and paid \$25 for backing his car into another the fine being assessed by Judge John J. Schulte in Farmington court. Melone who lives at 19734 Andover street Detroit, pleaded not guilty, but was convicted. His brother came to his rescue and paid the fine.

## CLYDE HOLLOWAY PAYS FOR DAMAGE FOLLOWING CRASH

### South Lyon Business Man Gets Suspended Sentence On Traffic Charge

Clyde Holloway, South Lyon merchant and well known through this section of Oakland County, was arraigned Monday in the court of Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte of Farmington following a head-on collision of motor cars on Grand River avenue last week.

Holloway's car and another crashed near Farmington Junction in Farmington, the other machine being driven by Ralph Weed of Wayne. Both cars were badly damaged and Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes summoned the men into court.

Holloway was charged with reckless driving. Upon payment of the damages to the other car, Judge Schulte suspended sentence on the reckless driving charge.

## CITY CLERK N. H. POWER RETURNS AFTER A TRIP TO NORTHWEST STATES

Farmington's historian, City Clerk N. H. Power, has returned from a two weeks' trip through Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Power reports that in Minnesota and the Dakotas he saw the finest crops he had ever seen, and that conditions in those states seem to be good.

## McGEE BROTHERS ARE OPPONENTS ON LINKS

A golf "foursome" of unusual interest was played Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Clyde McGee of Chicago, George of Pontiac and Harley Warner and Edgar S. Pierce at Meadowbrook Club.

Rev. Clyde McGee was paired with Mr. Pierce against Clinton McGee and Mr. Warner, so far as could be learned, but who won and by what score was kept a discreet.

## MAY-BUILD \$804,000 SEWER FOR FARMINGTON AND THE VICINITY

### THIEVES "JIMMY" AUTO DOOR LOCK AND TAKE MACHINE FOR JOY-RIDE

Farmington's evil-doers are not the desperate bandits of Chicago or Detroit, perhaps, but they lack nothing in boldness. Here is what they did within a block of the main corner of town one evening last week:

Entered the yard of Dr. Frank Weaver's home, "jimmied" the lock off a door of his car, which was standing in the driveway, and made off with the machine. Dr. and Mrs. Weaver were at home at the time and their dog barked furiously, but they were unable to discover what was disturbing the animal.

The machine was returned three hours later.

## FARMINGTON "GOES DRY" AS GAS MEN FLEE FROM FLOOD

### Telephones Jangle In City Hall As Housewives Ask "The Reason Why"

Farmington "went dry" Wednesday afternoon. At least a part of it became so completely and so high, that local government, the city hall, was flooded with calls asking the why and wherefore.

The women have usually been considered an important factor in the "dry" element, but this time it was the housewives who made the greatest protest. There was a unanimous voice against the "dry" situation.

At the meantime, "mere men" were fleeing a flood that rivaled the Mississippi in eagerness if not in volume. They were "wet" through and through.

The explanation is simple. At Shiawassee and Powers avenues the dredger digging a trench for the new gas mains, collided with a water main, cutting half of it away, and sending forth a huge "gusher."

City employes rushed to the scene of the break, turned a few valves, and went to work on the broken section of the main, which was repaired in a few hours.

## NEW STREET BEING MADE FROM GRAND RIVER TO VALLEY VIEW AVENUE

A new street is being made and a new residence section will be developed in Farmington. In order to provide easier access to the Valley View section from Grand River avenue and develop the property thereabouts, Leroy Fleming and associates are cutting through a thoroughfare running north and south.

The new street will enter Grand River just east of the bridge over River Rouge and go almost straight north to Valley View avenue. It is expected that the work will be completed before fall and that many desirable homesites will be afforded thereby.

Increased demands for home sites is expected in this section.

## CLARENCEVILLE BOY WAITS SEVEN HOURS TO SEE ANIMAL SHOW

Every "World Series" in baseball and every big prize fight brings forth its stories of "fans" lining up at 3 o'clock in the morning to get seats for the big event. But Farmington has a story that matches the best of them.

On Tuesday a travelling animal show came to town, to play in the afternoon and evening. Farmington men going to work at seven o'clock Tuesday morning saw a small boy sitting on the ground where the show was to be given, patiently waiting for the "show" to start at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Questions as to who he was and where he came from brought only the reply that he lives in Clarenceville. His identity remains a mystery.

## Huge Project To Care For Needs Of Entire Area For Many Years To Come

### Facilities Declared Inadequate

An immense drainage project, including much of the City of Farmington, and a considerable area of Farmington township, has been planned by the County Drain Commissioner's office and will probably be carried forward in the near future. The cost of the new drain is estimated at \$804,000.

The plan has been under consideration for some time and was submitted Monday night to the Farmington City Commission. The Commission, while not binding itself to the need, has tentatively voted approval of the big project.

The drain area would include, in addition to parts of Farmington, a large section of land just west of the city limits. The City Commission voted approval of a plan to bring the Grand River avenue section of the drain to the west as far as Division street.

### Start Was Small

The development of the drain project from what was originally a small undertaking was described as highly advisable by N. W. Strait, of the County Drain Commissioner's office, who said Monday night that the drainage facilities in Farmington are totally inadequate. The new drain is designated to care for the drainage needs of Farmington and vicinity for many years to come.

The project was begun a number of years ago when Al J. Laing, Farmington business man, sought drainage facilities for property which he owned, just west of Farmington city limits. He secured signatures of owners of nearby property, consenting to the establishment of a drainage area and building of a drain. Since that time, a period of five years according to Mr. Laing, he has been unable to secure relief, due to continuous delay. On Monday he made a trip to the Governor's office at Lansing.

### Plan Is Explained

Monday night, however, Mr. Strait appeared at the city commission meeting and explained the plan of the county commission. The City Commission members took the view that the city's drainage system must be replaced or rebuilt some time in the near future to care for the growth of the community and that it would probably be most economical to have it done while the county drain work is under way in or near Farmington.

The next step will be the circulation of petitions in the affected, followed by a hearing in case the necessary signatures are secured. The proposed drain is to be called the "Laing Drain" because of Mr. Laing having begun the movement for the project.

## MRS. ALVA DODDS DIES IN ARIZONA; ALL TWO YEARS

### Husband And Two Children Survive Former Farmington Woman

After having gone in a vain quest for health, Mrs. Lydia Dodds, 85, wife of Alva Dodds, former manager of the Detroit Edison Company in Farmington died last week and was buried in Belding.

Mrs. Dodds was taken west by her husband two years ago, going to Tucson, Ariz. She is survived by two sons, in addition to her husband, Gerald, 11, and Vernon, 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster and Mrs. Lester Vincent of Farmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Potter of Northville, attended the funeral at Belding, the childhood home of Mrs. Dodds. It is likely that Mr. Dodds will return to the west, where he holds a highly responsible position.

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