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## Grand River Widening In City Is Approved

### FIRE HYDRANTS LACK DRAINAGE, MANY ARE FROZEN

Supt. Grant Reports Many Hydrants Frozen Daily In Cold Weather

A dangerous condition of fire hydrants in the City of Farmington was revealed Monday evening at the meeting of the City Commission. Supt. of Public Works George Grant disclosed the fact that a large number of fire hydrants throughout the city are not drained properly, and freeze regularly through the winter months.

Supt. Grant told officials that it has been necessary for him and his assistant, Harvey Blough, to spend much of their time every day testing hydrants and thawing out those which have been frozen. This is done to insure a supply of water in case of fire at any time.

Supt. Grant explained that at the base of every hydrant there is a small hole for drainage of water. After the hydrant has been used. It is the practice of cities to connect this drain with the nearest sewer, thus making possible the emptying of the hydrant.

In many places where the hydrants are located in Farmington, however, Supt. Grant said, the sewer is not as far below the surface as the bottom of the hydrant, and consequently there is no opportunity for drainage. Supt. Grant said also that the hydrants throughout the city generally are not provided with drain pipes to the sewers, and that in only a few cases will the water seep away from the hydrant through the ground. In many instances, he states, the hydrants are imbedded in clay, through which the water will not drain away.

According to Supt. Grant, the city has a pump with which the hydrants may be emptied from the top, and Mayor Wells D. Butterfield advised this pump be used and every precaution taken to prevent freezing of the hydrants for the remainder of this season.

Supt. Grant said that much of the time of himself and his assistant each day has been taken up with the inspection and thawing of hydrants.

### "NOTED AMERICAN WOMEN" DISCUSSED BY WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held Wednesday, February 1, at the home of Mrs. Oamus. The program for the day, "Some Noted American Women," was presented by Mrs. Roos, chairman, aided by Miss Kennedy, Miss Foster, and Mrs. Culler. Miss Kennedy ably dealt with the topic, "American Women Famous in Literature," and familiar with her subject, drew upon copious stores of material for her presentation of it. Miss Foster gave an interesting account of American women famous in the drama. In addition to her own topic, Miss Foster read a paper by Mrs. Culler, who was unwaveringly able on women famous in art and music. The concluding topic, women noted in the professions, in philanthropy, and in public life, was treated by Mrs. Roos, who, thoroughly imbued with her subject, imparted to her hearers her own interest and enthusiasm in full measure; so closed a pleasant and profitable session.

The next regular meeting will be held at 2:30, Wednesday, February 15, at the home of Mrs. Sprague. The program, "Mrs. Coolidge gives a tea," will be in charge of Mrs. Hendryx.

—Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y.

Frank Lee of Farmington attended the funeral of his cousin, Dr. Arthur Lee, in Detroit Wednesday, Norman Lee of Farmington also attended the services.

D. L. Dickerson of Farmington attended a hardware men's convention in Detroit on Wednesday.

### New Pastor of Evangelical Church To Lead Father-Son Service Sunday



REV. ALBERT A. SCHOEN

### CITY, TOWNSHIP TO HAVE A MEETING

Governing Bodies To Meet For Discussion Of Mutual Problems And Aid

Members of the governing bodies of Farmington township and city are to have a meeting in the near future to discuss mutual problems and possibilities of co-operation. It is likely that the session will be held next week.

The meeting of the City Commission and the Township Board, which is expected to bring forward many opportunities for betterment through mutual action, follows the movement for widening Grand River and is the outcome also of discussion of other problems now before both governing bodies.

There are a number of civic questions which are being considered by both the Township Board and the City Commission. The development of the joint library, the wider Grand River widening and fire protection are among the matters on which both are working at present.

Supervisor Isaac Bond was present at the meeting of the City Commission and Supervisor Bond readily agreed to suggestions for a joint meeting.

It is expected that Mayor Wells D. Butterfield and Supervisor Bond will agree on a date for the latter part of this week, and that the joint session will be held the early part of next week.

### SAMUEL LOCKE, 67, DIES FOLLOWING A LINGERING ILLNESS

Detroit Lawyer, Native Of This Section, Succumbs After Long Illness

After an illness of two and one-half years, Samuel Locke, of Farmington, died at his home at 178 Maple street Tuesday evening. He is survived by his widow, five children, and fourteen grandchildren.

Mr. Locke was born in Franklin on October 14, 1860. Locke's career having been named for his father. He moved to Farmington when a boy, and had lived in this vicinity throughout the remainder of his life.

Rev. Albert A. Schoen new pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church, will preach his first sermon in English since taking over full charge of the Farmington church, on Sunday morning. The occasion will be auspicious in that it will also be the annual Father and Son service.

Rev. Schoen recently moved to Farmington from Manchester, Mich., where he was in charge of a large pastorate. He has spent all his life in church work, but in 35 years in the ministry, has held only four pastorates.

Rev. Schoen was born at Bridgewater, Mich. After attending the public schools, he went to Elmhurst College, completing the high school and college course in 1890. Three years later he was graduated from Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

After two years of practice work in the ministry, he took a post-graduate course at McCormick Seminary, Chicago.

During his almost 35 years in the ministry, he has served but three parishes. At Watervliet, Mich., he spent more than seven years serving three small churches twenty miles apart. He used a horse and cart to travel from one to another. In 1901 Rev. Schoen took up work in Chelsea, Mich. The Chelsea church was then making its first attempts at independence having formerly been served in conjunction with the Dexter Evangelical church.

After a pastorate of almost 19 years he was called to Manchester, Mich., where he served more than 8 years. This was his largest parish with 500 individual members and .275 in Sunday School.

Rev. Schoen was a personal friend of the late Rev. J. Bollens of Farmington and intends to carry on the work in the same spirit as did his predecessor.

### JOHN D. HARGER, 62, IS DEAD; BURIAL IN NORTH FARMINGTON

Life-long Resident Of Farmington Passes Away In Home; Burial At Oakwood

John Dallas Harger, husband of the former Stella Chamberlain of Farmington, died at Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, Detroit, Sunday evening after an illness of several weeks, followed by a major operation in a vain effort to save his life.

Mr. Harger was born in 1860, on the old Harger homestead, being the only son of the late Oscar S. Harger and Annie Dallas Harger, graduating from the University of Michigan law college. He began the practice of law in Detroit. He was an active member of the Knights of Pythias.

The deceased widow, the former Stella Chamberlain of Farmington, a daughter, Mildred A. Vining of Grosse Pointe Park and a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Harger-Orvis of Northville, survive him.

Funeral services were held at the residence, 1265 Bedford road, Grosse Pointe Park, Wednesday, followed by burial in the family plot at North Farmington Cemetery.

### DR. J. A. MILLER SUFFERS WRENCHED BACK IN A MINOR AUTO ACCIDENT

Dr. James A. Miller of Farmington escaped serious injury and suffered a badly wrenched back several days ago when his car struck a telephone pole lying in the road along which Dr. Miller's car was travelling.

The brakes on Dr. Miller's car became frozen, and another machine was employed to push the disabled car out of the brakes. The driver of the car, who was in the rear drove his car so fast that the doctor's car collided with the pole in the roadway. Dr. Miller is recovering from his injury.

### SUGGEST UNITING CITY, TOWNSHIP IN FIGHTING OF FIRE

Co-operation To Improve Equipment And Personnel Discussed By Officials

Serious consideration of new equipment for the city's fire department was begun last Monday night, at the regular meeting of the City Commission. That Farmington Township is also considering further steps to add to its fire-protective capacity was indicated during a discussion of the various kinds of apparatus.

Supervisor Isaac Bond who was present to report on the Grand River widening movement, stated that a number of township citizens had been discussing additional equipment for fighting fires and the possibilities of developing a township fire department.

During the discussion, the possibility of the city and township uniting to provide for protection was broached. It was suggested that the city and township together might be able to provide a much more efficient apparatus and department personnel, than could either one alone. The possibility of maintaining a man on duty at all times, through such co-operation, was also discussed.

Commissioner Harrison Johnson suggested that the city needs might call for a truck which would utilize the water in the city mains, while the township might be best served by a chemical truck. Commissioner Carl Hogle then suggested that the township and city could unite and purchase one chemical and one truck of each type, and arrange to have the chemical truck respond immediately to all alarms, with the hose-truck following to all city fires, and also to township fires where water was available.

It was pointed out that this arrangement would fully protect both township and city against the possibility of more than one fire at a time, and also against a fire of unusual size. It was also stated that with good roads in all directions it would be possible for the trucks kept in the city hall, to reach any part of the township in not more than twelve minutes.

The majority of those present appeared to favor co-operation, and it is expected that the subject will be thoroughly discussed at the coming joint meeting of the City Commission and Township Board.

### MANY RESPOND TO APPEAL MADE BY LOCAL LIBRARIAN

Numerous Overdue Books Are Returned To Library; Some Still Sought

A welcome response was made last week end to the appeal of Miss Mary Kennedy, librarian of the Farmington library for the return of books overdue. Most of the books which had been out some time were turned in, but a few of those the librarian was most eager to have returned did not come in.

Miss Kennedy reports that 113 books were withdrawn last Saturday and 112 returned. Her report for the present week is as follows:

"Following are a number of books that have not been returned to the public library since December, 1922:

Grandmothers, Richard Carvel, The Thunderer, The Kava, Wide Open Eye, Two Polly of Hospital Staffs, Barbary Gate, The White Flag, Thread of Flame, Land of Big Rivers, Indian Drum, Emily Gilman, The Golden Road, Fiddled, The Man Without a Country, and a number of others we very much wish to have returned.

—Mary Kennedy.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Redford.

Mrs. James Gilchrist of Walpole Lake spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling.

### State Highway Committee O K's Securing Of Releases

Large Number Of Pledges To Dedication Of Frontage Leads To Approval; To Be 120 Feet In City, 170 In Township

The widening of Grand River avenue in Farmington from Farmington Junction to the west line of the Farmington Lumber and Coal company property, has been approved by the Highway Committee of the State Administrative Board. Farmington men at work on the movement for widening were this week authorized to go to the property-owners and secure official releases of frontage for, a 170-foot right-of-way east of Farmington Junction, and 120 feet within the city with the assurance that if these are readily obtained, the widening may be accomplished during the coming summer.

The approval of the widening project in Farmington was given at a full meeting of the State Highway Committee, at which Farmington City and Township representatives presented their case. After the Highway Committee had been shown the pledges of dedications from property-owners, the committee unanimously agreed in advising the Farmington men to proceed to obtain the official releases of the property.

The obtaining of the Highway Committee's approval was reported by Mayor Wells D. Butterfield and Supervisor Isaac Bond at a meeting of the City Commission Monday evening, and further assurance of full support for the widening was given these officials Wednesday by State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers, according to advices received in Farmington Wednesday evening.

The record of events, which brings to this community assurance of State support, furnishes a remarkable story of accomplishment by civic leaders of the City and Township of Farmington. It reveals how, in less than two months, these men completely disposed of Farmington's previously unpleasant "State-wide reputation" for lack of co-operation in progressive measures, and transformed it into one of the highest among state officials. Within a few weeks after starting what man believed was a hopeless task, the Farmington men astonished state leaders by an achievement unique in the annals of the State.

The movement was begun by Farmington citizens on December 14, at a meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club, and was followed by a visit to Lansing of a joint committee of the Exchange Club and City Commission, consisting of Judge John J. Schulte and Howard Warner, Emory Hatfield, F. Devere Fleming, and Commissioner Clarence Bickling. Members of this committee visited Lansing the following week and were given assurances of support. Edgar French of Redford, a former state road high way representative, was engaged by the city and township to secure pledges of dedication.

With the movement well under way, Mayor, Butterfield and Supervisor, were given the assurance of full support for the widening was given these officials Wednesday by State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers, according to advices received in Farmington Wednesday evening.

Injuries suffered in a coasting accident proved fatal to Miss Patricia Culvert, 17, who has been employed at the Providence Hospital Home Farm at Twelve-Mile and Switzer roads, near Farmington.

Miss Culvert died last Friday in Providence Hospital, Detroit, where she was taken after the accident. A fractured skull was the cause of death. Funeral services were held Monday at the family residence in Flint.

No action has been taken or is contemplated against William Anderson of Lansing, whose car struck the sled on which Miss Culvert was riding. Anderson was released after he had made a statement to Assistant Prosecutor Charles Wilson, following the accident.

Anderson's car was damaged in his attempt to avoid hitting the girl, who was coasting alone on the sled. The running-board of the car struck her forehead as the car skidded. The fact that the sled was on the highway convinced authorities that Anderson was blameless.

Margaret Culvert, sister of the accident victim, is expected to return to the Providence Home soon. She has been a nurse at the institution for some time.

### PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. OF WEST POINT PARK MARKS ANNIVERSARY

The Pierson School Parent-Teacher Association celebrated its anniversary last Friday evening, February 3, with a program featured by the lecture on books and reading, by Miss Edith Thomas of the Library Extension Service of the University of Michigan. The meeting was held in West Point Park Community Hall.

An interesting event was the lighting of a large birthday cake by Gerald Alverson and Viola Wolfe. Pieces of the cake were auctioned off for the starting of a book-shelf fund. Four couples from among the school children entertained with musical dancing. A number of fine books and book maps from the University were on exhibition, and were moved down to the Pierson School for exhibit during the present week.

Sell it through a want ad.

SALEM CHURCH FATHER AND SON BANQUET TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 21

The Father and Son banquet of the Farmington Salem Evangelical Church will be held in the church parlors, on Tuesday, February 21. Rev. W. Hetzel of Royal Oak and Rev. J. Bollens will speak.

Tickets are being distributed by Mrs. Mary Maas, Mrs. William Kurtz and Mrs. Clare Salow.