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## FACTORY LOCATES IN NOVI; WORK ON BUILDING BEGUN

Company Has Been Incorporated  
To Build Stove Cabinets; Will  
Employ 42 Men at Start

Novi's dream of a factory has come true. Preliminary construction work is going forward for the building, following the incorporation last Thursday evening of a company to manufacture the "Novi Stov-Cab" and the beginning of excavation work on Monday.

The plant will, it is anticipated, employ 42 men at the start, with a goal of 200 employees by the end of the year. The factory building is to be completed within 30 days. It is to be located on the east side of the Novi-Northville road, north of and adjoining the Pere Marquette Railroad tracks.

The new company, known as the "Novi Stov-Cab Corporation," is incorporated by residents of Novi and those owning property there. It is expected that the company will manufacture 1,000 "Stov-Cabs" per month, and about 10,000 during the first year. The factory building to be erected as soon as possible will be the first of four units, it is contemplated. It will be of steel, brick, and glass, 60x100 feet.

A Farmington man, Lloyd Gulen, is the head of the new corporation, as president. W. R. Stansell, whose invention brought about the product to be manufactured, is vice-president and general manager, Henry Brette, secretary. Earl K. Gulen is temporary treasurer, and Supervisor Fred Durfee of Novi Township is permanent treasurer. Directors, in addition to the above, are Frank D. Clark, Loren Flint, Carl Hefelmeyer, and Ernest Schaffer.

It is stated that a survey has been about 20 feet in diameter around Novi who would be among the employees at the new factory. For the remainder, it is said, preference will be shown those who will move to Novi and build homes there.

The "Novi Stov-Cab" is a cabinet which is built around the kitchen stove and completely encloses it, preventing cooking odors from escaping into other parts of the house. Advance orders are said by an official of the company to be of sufficient volume to keep the factory busy for months to come.

Residents of Novi are jubilant over the announcement of the location of the factory, which they have sought for a long time.

**WEST POINT PARK  
CHURCH WILL MARK  
FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

Morning And Afternoon Services  
With Special Music Planned  
Next Sunday

Members and friends of the West Point Park Community Church will join next Sunday, March 25, in celebrating the first anniversary of the Church.

In commemoration of the anniversary, there will be two services at the church on Sunday. In addition to the regular service at 10:30 a. m., a service will be held at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The male quartet and chorus choir will furnish the music, and Rev. George Gulen will speak at both services.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the anniversary services. Evening services will be held in the Bond School on Orchard Lake road beginning at 6:30 p. m.

**Farmington Woman  
Essay Prize Winner**

Miss Helen L. Hard, of Farmington, has been declared among the winners in the \$50,000 prize competition conducted by the landowners of the United States and Canada.

Selection was made from among the 1,044,372 letters entered in the competition from practically every civilized country. The subject was, "Why The Laundry Should Do My Washing."

Miss Hard will receive a laundry service credit.

## SCHOOL HEAD RESIGNS



SUPT. ARCHIE G. LEONARD

## BETTER BUSINESS DAY TO BE MAR. 31

Inhabitants Of The Trading Territory  
Invited To Participate;  
Free Movies Planned

Farmington's "Better Business Day," designed to foster better business relations between merchants of the community and residents of the trading territory, is to be held on Saturday, March 31. On that day, Farmington merchants will offer special values in all lines of merchandise, and in addition, will provide entertainment including free motion picture shows.

Practically every merchant in the city, has agreed to co-operate fully in the plan, and are enthusiastically over the idea of a day to emphasize closer understanding between business-men and their patrons. It is stressed that the event is one which includes inhabitants both inside and outside the city in the plans, and will well reward them for concentrating their attention on Farmington stores and trading places.

Merchants are now at work preparing special displays, and unusually low prices for the day, which has been set for Saturday to allow time for thorough preparation and to make it convenient for all.

The "bargain day," which also has somewhat of a festive atmosphere, was conceived as part of the National Exchange Club birthday week in which the Farmington Exchange Club is participating. "Go to Church Sunday" has been set for Sunday, March 25, with the Exchange Club attending the Baptist Church in a body, and on Wednesday will occur the Exchange Club birthday celebration. In the afternoon, the "Go to School" program of birthday week will be observed, with the club attending the Farmington schools in a body and several members giving short talks to the student body.

## TWO N. W. SOCIETIES ARE ORGANIZED IN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Vincent De Paul's And Good  
Fellowship Club Of Farmington  
Formed

Two new societies were organized in the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows Church of Farmington during the past week. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the purpose of which is the care of the poor in the parish, was formed and chose as president W. H. Hart; vice president, Joseph Karle; secretary, Arnold Stolz; treasurer, Frank Davis.

Messrs. Murphy and Fitzgerald of Detroit of the Particular Council of the Diocese of Detroit, visited the parish rectory and established the St. Vincent de Paul Society branch in Farmington.

The young men and women of the parish have also formed a club, known as "The Goodfellowship Club of Farmington," and will hold their first social affair, a post Lenten dance, on April 13. The dance is being planned as a novel affair, details to be announced later.

Miss Eleanor Boyle is president of the club. Other officers are: vice president, John Hickey; secretary, H. H. Hickey; and treasurer, H. H. Hickey. The club meets the first and third Monday of each month.

## HEAD OF SCHOOLS RESIGNS; BOARD MEMBER TO QUIT

Superintendent Archie Leonard  
To Leave After Seven Years;  
Cook Plans Resigning

Superintendent of Schools Archie Leonard has resigned and School Trustee Fred L. Cook has declared that he will quit the Board at the end of the present school district year, in the first disturbance occurring in the Farmington school system, in years. Superintendent Leonard, for seven years head of the Farmington schools, will leave on July 1st.

Mr. Cook desired, it is understood to resign from the Board at once, but other members persuaded him to remain until July, when the annual election of members of the Board of Education occurs. Mr. Cook's term does not end until July 1929.

Though he has not filed a written resignation, Mr. Cook has indicated that he will not change his determination to resign as a trustee.

It is understood that differences regarding policies favored by a number of Board members led to the upheaval. Among these are the reported abandonment, planned for next year, of the school nurse service, and other changes, including, it is said, elimination of the "opportunity room" at the school. Board members admitted a resolution has been passed against the continuation of the school nurse's position after the present year.

Mr. Cook, asked regarding the reasons for his resignation, stated that he could not bring himself to be in accord with certain policies of the Board, and that in that circumstance, he believed it best that he resign.

While policies of the Board described as an "economy program" by some, are said to be responsible for the developments in the school situation, it is hinted that other factors also played a part. Members of the Board are reluctant to discuss the matter, in view of many conflicting reports.

Board Resigned  
President N. H. Power of the Board stated clearly that Superintendent Leonard's resignation had been filed and had been accepted. It is believed that members of the Board feel confident that the will be able to persuade Mr. Cook if it is filled by three places will be open to the voters to fill.

The recent happenings in the school district affairs have centered attention already on the election to be held in July, inasmuch as the majority of the Board will be elected then, from present indication. The terms of President N. H. Power and Trustee Floyd H. Nichols expire this year, and with the resignation of Mr. Cook if it is filled by three places will be open to the voters to fill.

## OFFICER HELPS TO PUT OUT FIRE ON ROOF OF HIS OWN HOME HERE

Residents of Farmington numbering several score, watched Officer Herman Krueger help put out a fire that started under the roof of his home on Rogers street, Sunday afternoon.

The Farmington fire department responded and used chemicals on the blaze. Officer Krueger aided in hanging up the fire extinguishers. Damage was slight.

## SMITH STORES ADOPT NEW CUT-RATE POLICY

Stanley F. Smith, Farmington druggist, announces the adoption of a new cut-rate policy, effective immediately, in both the Smith Service Store and the Central Pharmacy.

Through the great buying power of the Rexall organization, Mr. Smith states, it is now possible for residents of this community to purchase drug-store merchandise at prices as low as those prevailing in the downtown stores. An announcement containing the first listing of cut-rate prices appears on another page in this issue.

## Swindler Foiled And Caught By Girl's Wit

A retentive memory and quick wit of Miss Margaret Kreager saved the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company possible financial loss and aided in an arrest last Saturday afternoon, when a stranger handed Miss Kreager a \$20 bill in payment for an electric bulb. Suspicious because she remembered that "short-changers" had made the rounds of Edison offices last year, Miss Kreager told the man she could not change the bill.

## HEARING SET FOR FARMINGTON DRAIN

Petitions Filed And Board Of Determination Appointed To  
Sit April 6

Petitions for the \$900,000 Farmington Drain have been approved and a date set for hearing, according to information obtained Thursday morning from the office of County Drain Commissioner Arthur Spencer. The hearing is to be held on Friday, April 6, at the Town Hall in Farmington.

Petition for the appointment of members of a Board of Determination was filed in the Probate Court by the Drain Commissioner Thursday morning. Probate Judge Dan McGaffey appointed as members of the Board Morris Wattles of Troy Township, Albert W. Wilson, Roy Oak Township, Oliver P. Gibbs of Avon Township, Duncan McKee, Royal Oak, Mark B. Armstrong, Pontiac, Guy Stark, Ferndale, and Peter Brewer of Addison Township.

The Board will hold its session to determine the necessity of building the Drain and also to hear any objections that may be filed. The meeting will be held at ten o'clock in the morning at the County Drain Commissioner's office, stated in response to inquiries that the signatures on the drain petition, numbering about 100, had been found adequate. Unless something unusual appears, it is considered quite certain that the drain proposal will be carried through, much of the remaining work being routine in compliance with the law.

## NEW CASINO SHORES PAVILION WILL BE OPENED APRIL 9

"Broadway Collegians" Orchestra  
To Be At Walled Lake For  
Entire Season

Opening of the New Casino Shores Pavilion at Walled Lake, with a new orchestra of national reputation, is announced for Monday evening, April 9, by Louis Toletone, proprietor. Preparations for the opening are being carried forward rapidly and new decorations and other features will be ready soon.

Engaged for the season at the New Casino Shores are the "Broadway Collegians" Orchestra of New York City, selected after months of investigation by Mr. Toletone. Mr. Toletone returned only recently from Toronto, where he journeyed to close the negotiations with the "Broadway Collegians," who were playing a special engagement in the Canadian city.

"I believe that what patrons want more than anything else is first-class music," said Mr. Toletone in announcing his opening date. "We already have what we believe is America's finest summer resort ballroom, beautiful surroundings and a convenient location. To this we have added this year an orchestra that has won the name of 'the kings of jazz and comedy.' After a four search and at considerable additional expense, we have secured this splendid orchestra for the entire season, and we believe our patrons, on hearing the case, will agree that they 'rank with the best.'"

Mrs. Clarence Bickling and Mrs. William Banks attended the Flower Show in Detroit, Wednesday.

## State To Begin Acquiring Grand River Frontage Soon

Approval Of Project And Passage Of Appropriation To  
Be Followed By Obtaining Of Releases Between  
Junction And Lumber Yard

With the approval Monday by the State Highway Committee of the proposals to widen and pave Grand River Avenue in Farmington to 120 feet, and an appropriation of \$47,000 for the acquisition of right-of-way, efforts are being concentrated toward securing of the earliest possible action on the right-of-way acquisition.

The absence of State Right-of-way Engineer P. J. Reynolds may delay somewhat the arrival of State officials to obtain releases, and first reports were to the effect that the work would not be started until the week of April 2. Secretary of State John Hagerty, however, urged by Supervisor Isaac Bond to make every effort to get the matter under way next week, said that he would lend all aid he could to that end.

Approval of the widening by the State Highway Committee, and the appropriation for the right-of-way in accordance with the estimate furnished, came on Monday. Should the right-of-way be secured sufficiently early, it is believed that much of the actual construction could be accomplished during the coming season. Commissioner Rogers has stated that due to the necessity for letting the portions of the new concrete bridge, which would have to be built over the River Rouge, settle through a winter season, it would not be possible to complete the new road in Farmington this year.

The appropriation is for the right-of-way from Farmington Junction to the west line of the lumber yard property. It is believed that new paving to the Junction will be completed by midsummer. The Wayne County Road Commission, which has the contract for paving between Redford and Eight-Mile Road, will begin shortly the paving of two 40-foot strips. Reinforced material is being brought to the road-bed daily.

## SPEAKER TELLS PAVING BENEFITS

Cost For Concrete And Asphalt  
Pavement On 28-Foot Street  
Is \$6 A Foot in Northville

That paving of streets in a town like Northville or Farmington costs but six dollars per running foot on each side of the road, and assessments may be spread over a period of ten years, was revealed to members of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday morning, instead of the more usual meeting by F. J. Cochran of Northville. Mr. Cochran's remarks on Northville's experiences aroused much interest and enthusiasm among members of the club for a paving program in Farmington.

The cost of six dollars per running foot, or \$300 for a 50-foot lot, for example, included, Mr. Cochran said, the construction of a new storm sewer, setting of curbs, laying a six-inch concrete base, and a two-inch asphalt surface.

In advising on the preparation and carrying out of a paving program, Mr. Cochran said that the leaders of the movement in Northville found, of course, a number of objectors. The provision for ten years in which to pay for the paving, instead of the more usual five years, eliminated many objections, Mr. Cochran said, and when the time for decision came, there were only three or four who protested. Now, Mr. Cochran stated, some of those in Northville who opposed the paving program have become its ardent supporters, and "we already have more petitions for paving additional streets than we really should have."

"If you expect to attract to your town the kind of people you want to have," Mr. Cochran said, "you must give them the things they will want. It is no longer possible to attract people to an open field and point out that 'the city hall will be here,' and the 'school will be there,' because they won't believe it."

Mr. Cochran advised in regard to the bonds and strongly urged the advantage of getting large companies to bid on the work. "Make your job big enough to interest the big companies," he said. "Because it takes \$100,000 worth of machinery to properly carry out the work. If you have big companies, they will do the job so fast you can hardly keep track of them."

Mr. Cochran said that the entire village of Northville, since riding over the new paved streets, are very much pleased. "We have concrete paving on our main streets and asphalt on our residence streets. As a result, it is quiet and raises no dust," Mr. Cochran said.

The Northville man offered any aid that he or others in that town

## CROWD IS READY BUT DRIVERS DON'T CHOOSE TO RACE

Ford Vs. Buick For Mile From A  
Standing Start Creates  
Furore

Farmington turned its attention from roads to races on Wednesday, when the greatest race in the history of this section was scheduled—but "did not choose to run." It may yet be held, on Saturday afternoon, if the backers of the Ford and the Buick can get together.

What started as a discussion of the relative acceleration abilities of the two cars became within a few hours the talk of the entire town, the subject of furious debate, and the object of frantic telephone calls from metropolitan newspapers asking for details. The Buick roadster owned by Harley Warner, one of the prospective drivers, is in the Checketts Buick agency, its top removed, in preparation for the race.

Harley Mack, in charge of the assembly line at the Ford factory, was in Farmington with a new Ford roadster Wednesday evening ready to race, but a theater party of the Exchange Club had taken the backers of both cars out of town.

The race was to be for a mile, from a standing start, with an original wager of \$25 and several others reported later, at stake. A conversation between Dr. Frank Weaver and Louis Thayer is reported to have started the argument, and Messrs. Warner and Mack were found equally eager to prove the prowess of the two cars.

Efforts are being made to have the race run off at two o'clock Saturday on the Base Line Road.

might give, and advised that Farmington adopt a paving program this year if it wished to grow. He was brought to the Exchange Club meeting by Howard Warner.

Frank Lawton, renowned Michigan alumnus, writer of "Vareity," was also present by Mr. Warner and gave an absorbing talk on his work with boys in Detroit.