

Heavy Traffic Forces Lighting Of 12-Mile Road

Highway Carrying Tremendous Volume Of Traffic; Dust And Dark Cause Accidents

With the Twelve-Mile road far exceeding all expectations as a relief highway for Grand River, and with traffic upon it reaching tremendous proportions, County and Township officials are making a strong effort to keep the road in good condition and safe for travel. The road will soon be lighted over the stretch of four miles of gravel in Farmington Township, between the Novi Township line and the Orchard Lake road. Reconditioning work is being done continually.

Road officials anticipated when the Twelve-Mile pavement was opened through to Grand River that it would draw many Detroit-bound vehicles at its west end. It was hoped that Grand River would be aided. But while there seems no appreciable lessening of congestion on Grand River, traffic on the Twelve-Mile has increased as if by magic. The result has been numerous accidents, especially on Sunday nights on the gravelled stretch. Lack of lighting and the thick clouds of dust have caused numerous collisions.

The Farmington Township Board's rule has been to light only paved roads, but residents along the Twelve-Mile gravel recently appealed for lighting because of the unusual conditions. They pointed out that this gravel road, because of the dust raised, needs lighting perhaps more than any paved road, where the atmosphere is clear.

Because of the exceptional traffic on the Twelve-Mile road, the Township Board, after due consideration, ordered the lights for the four-mile stretch. It is expected they will be installed next month. The road is now lighted east of Orchard Lake road, but not in the Novi Township portion.

In the meantime, the County is meeting difficulties because of the traffic on the Twelve-Mile. The road was re-surfaced the latter part of last week, with heavy loads of gravel. By Monday morning it was found that the week-end traffic had thrown all the new gravel from the center to the edges of the road, and it was necessary to scrape it back to the roadway again.

An increasing sentiment for paving of the four-mile stretch among owners of property is reported. County road officials are understood to be of the opinion that traffic on the Twelve-Mile will continue to increase and that paving is the only solution.

SELFDRIVE FLYERS FALL BEFORE WEST POINT PARK TEAM

Carl Goers Strikes Out Eleven Batters; Knochs Gets 4 Hits In 4 Times At Bat

With Carl Goers pitching a splendid game, West Point Park's baseball team won an impressive victory over the Selfridge Flyers baseball team Sunday, 6 to 3, putting the West Point Park team nearer the top of the league. Only a few points now separate West Point Park from the leading Holly team.

Knochs was the batting star of Sunday's game, getting four hits in as many times at bat. He poked out two singles, a double and a three-base hit.

One accident marked the game, when George Ruttenbar, West Point Park outfielder, was struck in the head by a pitched ball and rendered unconscious. He was taken to Farmington and treated by Dr. H. E. Boice. It is not believed he will suffer any permanent ill-effects. The Selfridge Flyer pitcher was also struck by a pitched ball.

Next Sunday West Point Park will again be at home, the Detroit Municipal Employees Club being scheduled. An interesting game earlier in the season resulted in a West Point Park victory, and another good contest is anticipated.

Women Head Board of Education



Left, Above—Mrs. Blanche Roos, new president of the Farmington Board of Education. Right, Above—Mrs. Norman Lee, new secretary. Below—Lloyd Cullen, third new member of the Board.

COPS RAID HOME OF CLARENCEVILLE MAN, FIND BOOZE

Ernest Newman, 68, Sentenced To County Jail; Man Drives Up, Gets Same

Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes and Lee Doyle, accompanied by Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte last Friday raided the home of Ernest Newman, of Clarenceville, and placed Newman under arrest. About a dozen home-brew and a number of empty bottles were found.

The officers searched the house and overturned outbuildings. Newman was taken to County Jail and later arraigned before Judge Schulte. He pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail. Newman is 68.

While the officers were at the Newman house, Dale Muma of the Angling road drove into the driveway, and was followed a moment later by Rly Baker of Green Lake, who claimed that Muma's car had damaged his in an accident on Grand River. Muma was arrested for driving while drunk, and when arraigned, was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and serve 30 days, or serve 90 days in all.

Was It Canaries In The Postoffice Here?

Canaries in the postoffice? That's what most people thought Wednesday morning when they came to the door and were greeted by the music of a myriad tiny voices. The sounds, however, were not from the silvery-voiced canaries, but from five cartons of tiny chicks, "Barred Rocks" shipped across many Middle Western States to C. C. Herold, of R. F. D. No. 2, Farmington. They seemed to have enjoyed the trip.



New Board Calls District Meeting

People Asked To Vote Transfer Of Money For Athletic Field, Sinking Fund

Two women, head Farmington's new Board of Education. The first meeting of the new Farmington Board of Education was held Friday, July 13 at 8:00 p. m. in the High School. Mrs. Emil Roos was elected president for the coming year, Mrs. Norman Lee, secretary, and Arthur Lamb, treasurer.

A plan for financing the immediate and complete development of the athletic field at a cost estimated at \$4,800, and the placing of \$6,000 in the sinking fund was approved by the Board of Education. The plan involves the transfer of \$11,000 from the fund of \$28,000 which was voted two years ago for the purchase of Grand River property. The Board of Education members feel that with the development of the athletic field no additional land is needed.

Only a small amount could be spent each year on the athletic field if the expenses were to come from the general fund, it is pointed out. The sinking fund must be secured at once, either by borrowing or by the proposed plan, which would provide for the complete development of the athletic field and the sinking fund.

Many have expressed themselves in favor of the immediate and complete development of the school playground and some believe the entire fund should be transferred to the general fund, the remainder to be added to pay off indebtedness and for improvements on the building.

The Board of Education is calling a special meeting of the taxpayers Thursday, July 26, at 8 p. m. in the High School assembly room to decide this question.

EXCHANGE CLUB COMMITTEE NAMED ON 10-MILE ROAD

Business Men Urged To Exercise Influence Toward Early Completion Into City

Renewed interest in the proposed extension of the Ten-Mile road was evidenced at the Farmington Exchange Club meeting Wednesday noon, and a committee appointed to learn what is being done on the matter, and help to bring about its completion.

Emory Hutton, F. De Vera Fleming and John Fitzpatrick were designated to represent the Exchange Club and endeavor to bring about early action. The subject was brought up by Mr. Hutton. "Twenty-seven roads are on the program for this year. If there is any dissension here of the Ten-Mile project, they will simply forget about it and let it go untouched. If we want to get it on the program, we had better act quickly."

Plans for a golf tournament among members of the Farmington club were discussed, and Edgar Pierce, John Clark, and Spencer Heeneey chosen as the committee to arrange the tournament.

Public Hearing Is Planned On Sign Ordinance

Notice To Remove Signs On Gd. River Meets With Objections From Owners

A public hearing on the removal of signs along the highways in Farmington, which has been occupying the attention of city officials for some time, will be held at Monday evening, August 6. At that meeting citizens who have been notified to remove signs and any others interested, are invited to appear before the City Commission.

The scheduling of the hearing was decided upon at the meeting of the City Commission Monday evening, when indications were given that more or less strenuous objections had greeted the order to remove all objectionable signs. Superintendent of Public Works George Grant gave notice during the past two weeks, it is understood, to about a dozen owners of signs.

The hearing will be held on the regular meeting night of the Commission, and will be a special order of business at that time. City Clerk N. H. Power was directed to notify all who had been ordered to remove signs, of their opportunity for a hearing. The hearing will be at 8:30 p. m.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield, in setting the date for the hearing, said, "All who object to the enforcement of the ordinance we passed recently will be given an opportunity to appear. I shall ask each three questions: First, if he thinks it is not a good ordinance; second, if it affects him seriously; third, does he think he should have special consideration?"

A corporation maintaining an oil station on West Grand River avenue has written to the Commission expressing its willingness to remove any of its signs which may prove objectionable or not in compliance with the ordinance.

GARBAGE SERVICE REPORTED NEARLY SELF-SUSTAINING

City Now Pays Only Five Dollars Per Month To Make Up Guarantee

City officials of Farmington were pleased Monday night with a report that the garbage-collection system instituted a year ago has been increased in number of patrons until it is almost on a self-sustaining financial basis.

The City made a guarantee of \$50 per month to the Sanitary Service Company in order to obtain the service. Since its inception, there have not been enough patrons to bring that amount of revenue, but of late the business has increased until now the City only pays \$5 per month to the receipts to make up the guarantee.

The service has proved very popular with those who have been using it, and many have indicated they would not wish it discontinued even though the cost were much higher. Only \$1 per month is the charge for residences.

The service may be had by calling City Clerk N. H. Power.

UNFOUNDED FEAR OF TRAIN CAUSES MOTOR ACCIDENT

Rev. and Mrs. Richards Of Northville M. E. Church Shaken Up As Car Hits Ditch

An unfounded fear that a train was approaching and would strike their automobile caused an accident Thursday noon to Rev. and Mrs. William B. Richards, of the Northville Methodist Church, on the Novi-Northville road.

Rev. and Mrs. Richards were driving toward Northville, with Mrs. Richards at the wheel. When going downhill near a crossing, Rev. Richards thought he heard a train approaching and shouted to Mrs. Richards, who turned the car into the ditch.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Richards were shaken up and Mrs. Richards suffered a broken finger. Mrs. C. M. Hunter, of Walled Lake, who was passing, took them to Northville. The car was badly damaged. No train is known to have been near the crossing at the time.

Street Car Service Starts July 26 With 26-Cent Fare

Farmington To Detroit Trolleys Begin Operation Next Thursday Morning; Arrangement To Be Given 60-Day Trial; Buses To Stop

Street car service between Farmington and Detroit will be instituted next Thursday morning, July 26, it was learned on reliable authority just before this issue went to press. The rate of fare will be 26 cents for the entire run, a reduction of 14 cents from the present bus fare.

Governor's Baseball Trophy Is Shown Here

The handsome trophy offered by Governor Fred W. Green for the championship of the Inter-County baseball league, comprising teams in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties, is on display in the window of the F. L. Cook & Co. store in Farmington.

West Point Park, the league member in this section, is among the leaders and has a good chance to win the trophy in this, its first year as a member of the league.

Vote On Charter Changes Sept. 3rd

City Commission Advised That Amendments Require Only 20 Days' Time Before Ballot

That the means of amending the Farmington City Charter for paving and other purposes is much easier than was at first expected, was revealed at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night.

By State statute, the legislative body of any city is empowered to propose an amendment to the charter. If the amendment is passed by a three-fifths vote of the City Commission, it may be placed before the electors at a regular election not less than 20 days after the City Commission votes favorably upon it.

The 20-days provision cited by Corporation Counsel John J. Schulte, is a much shorter period than has previously been considered necessary for charter amendment. It makes possible the placing of the proposed charter amendments on the ballot at the primary election in September.

The Commission decided to start work immediately on the proposed changes, Mayor Butterfield urging that they be prepared so that the Commission may vote on them at the August 6 meeting and the people at the September primary. While it would also be possible to place the amendments before the people at the November election, it is considered advisable to get them on the September ballot, if possible.

The provision located by Judge Schulte facilitates matters in Farmington, particularly in regard to the time provision. On the Farmington commission five votes would be required to pass any charter amendment.

Among the charter amendments considered are one to permit assessments as required for paving, changing of the dates of the fiscal year, and a change in the provision requiring the Commission to select citizens to run for office in case there are not two candidates for each office.

CLARENCEVILLE STATION IS ROBBED FOR SECOND TIME IN FEW MONTHS

For the second time within recent months and the third in a year, the gasoline station operated by William Kenyon on Grand River avenue in Clarenceville was robbed last Thursday night. Entry was gained by jimmying a rear window.

Lost was taken including six one-gallon cans of motor oil, ten one-pound cans of grease, 20 3x3 tubes, three cartons of cigarettes, a box of candy, two pairs of gloves, four tins of rubber cement, and two cans of tire patching. Police are working on the case.

The D. S. R. buses now in operation will be taken off the line Wednesday night, and full-size cars put in operation to replace. The schedule will be practically as frequent as for the buses.

The trolley-car service will be tried out for 60 days, an agreement between the D. S. R. and D. U. R., according to information obtained by John Clark of Farmington, who is in close touch with the situation. If the arrangement proves satisfactory and appears likely to work to advantage at the end of that time, it will be continued.

The Detroit terminal of the cars will be at State and Griswold, the turning-point for all other Grand River avenue cars.

The original plans called for the establishment of a 35-minute schedule, inasmuch as this works in nicely with the schedules of other cars operating on Grand River at the present time. However, an effort is being made to arrange matters so that Farmington will have half-hour service.

The run to Detroit will probably require at first one hour and 25 minutes. This is slightly longer than the bus time, but it is stated that if patrons are patient, it can probably be worked out so that the time may be considerably reduced. Should the express service which officials are seeking to establish on Grand River be accomplished, it would be a great factor toward materially reducing the running-time between Farmington and Detroit.

LOLLYPOPS FREE! FOR KIDDIES AT AGENCY'S OPENING

Grand River Motor Sales To Be Hosts To Community Saturday Evening

An informal opening celebration at Farmington's newest motor car agency will be held Saturday evening, July 21, at the home of the Grand River Motor Sales, 141 West Grand River avenue. A special display of new Graham-Paige models will be held.

Souvenirs will be distributed, cigars to the men, flowers for ladies, and lollypops for the kiddies. "Members of our organization will be ready to answer questions on the new models, but the main purpose of this little celebration is to get acquainted," said Edward F. Bauer, head of the Graham-Paige agency.

"We want everyone to come over and receive a souvenir," Mr. Bauer said, "and while we are arranging special lighting effects for our cars, we are chiefly interested in introducing our new organization to the people of this community. Everyone is cordially welcomed."

HEARING JULY 27 FOR ASSESSMENTS ON 13-MILE PAVING

County Road Commission To Be At Glen Oaks Club With Rolls

Plans for the paving of the Thirteen-Mile road from Woodward avenue through to Orchard Lake road are progressing rapidly. A hearing will be held next Friday morning, July 27, by the Oakland County Road Commission, for review of the assessment roll of the improvement.

The hearing will be held at the Glen Oaks Golf Club in Farmington Township, at 10 o'clock in the morning. At that time the assessment rolls, showing assessments for the road, will be open to inspection and any adjustments deemed equitable will be made.

The road is being paved under the Covert Act, following filing of petitions asking for the pavement.