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## Trolley Service Begun, Traffic Fairly Heavy

Volume Of Business In First Few Days Very Encouraging; Schedule Advantageous

Farmington's long-awaited street car service was instituted Sunday morning before daylight, and was hailed with joy throughout the day by residents who were glad to see the trolleys standing at the old "loop" on Grand River again.

Passenger traffic is reported very satisfactory on the cars thus far, although the largest number traveling from downtown leave the cars either at Redford or at Five Points. The number traveling through to Farmington, however, is sufficient to justify expectations that if the same volume is maintained, the service will be continued.

The cars are almost invariably well-filled from downtown to Five Points. One interesting and gratifying feature of the new service is that the first car which leaves Farmington in the morning comes up from Coolidge Highway, and brings a large number of men who work at night to their homes much earlier than they previously arrived. Formerly they were forced to wait until about 7 o'clock for the first morning bus.

The first car now leaves Farmington at 4:45 a. m. while the first car from downtown starts at 6:12 a. m. Farmington residents may spend the evening at the theatre and still be sure of getting home on the cars, for service is maintained until 12:05 a. m. when the last car leaves Griswold street. This car turns back immediately on arriving at Farmington, leaving for Detroit at 1:25 a. m.

At present, a 36-minute schedule is being maintained, and it is hoped to better this shortly. The tracks, which were thought to be in rather poor condition between Farmington and Five Points, have been found much better than anticipated, and riding is comfortable.

At the meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon, it was suggested that the members help maintain the cars, so that the car service is on 60-day trial and that good patronage must be given to retain it.

## CORN 20 FEET HIGH—BY NATURE AND SIMPLE ADDITION

Stalks Of Exceptional Height, A Roof And A Bit Of Dirt Do The Job

Corn growing 18 feet tall! Friends of John Dickie, of North Farmington, report an unusual phenomenon on his farm.

Mr. Dickie had on 18 acres a quantity of corn which measures 9 feet, 2 inches, towering high over his shed. A kernel that dropped down upon the roof of the shed, Mr. Dickie states, and found just enough earth to start it growing lustily.

Mr. Dickie declares that the corn now 9 feet, 2 inches, will be 10 feet high before it's cut. The kernel that dropped on the roof of his shed has grown as tall as the rest, the result being corn 18 feet tall. Before summer ends it should be 20 feet.

Figure it out for yourself!

## SHIAWASSEE ST. TO BE GRAVELLED EAST OF POWER AVENUE

"Mudhole" Between Prospect And Power Ploughed Up For New Surface

One of Farmington's worst mudholes is to be transformed into a nicely-gravelled street within the next few days. Shiawassee street, east of Power avenue, always bad in wet weather and impassable in the Spring, has been ploughed up and gravel will be spread the end of this week.

Only the stretch between Power avenue and Prospect street will be gravelled at this time. The portion between Prospect and Orchard Lake road, while not gravelled, is in better shape than the block to the westward.

A new gravel surface was applied this week to Division street, between Grand River and Shiawassee.

## Relatives Seek Man—But He's Safe Enough

Women relatives of one Mudd Keskenine, 5969 Fourteenth street, Detroit, who had been looking for him for two days, found him without difficulty in Farmington Thursday morning. That is, they didn't find him but they learned where he is. They entered the police booth and asked Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle if he knew of such a man. "Oakland County Jail, 60 days," was the reply. "I thought so," said the wife as she turned to go. Keskenine was caught driving while drunk on Grand River avenue in Farmington.

## New Records In Auto Sales Here

Quotas For Year Passed By Local Motor Car Dealers During Month Of July

Farmington motor car dealers have participated in the record-breaking automobile sales of recent months, deliveries in this territory reaching a new high mark. One Farmington dealer reports July as the biggest month since the agency was established. Another reported the sale of six cars in one day.

R. E. Beckley, of Farmington Motor Sales, Chevrolet dealers, stated that 65 per cent of his company's quota for the entire year of 1928 had been sold by July 4, thus demonstrating that Farmington kept the Chevrolet record which placed 750,000 cars in owners' hands in seven months. "The past 30 days has seen the biggest month's deliveries since we came to Farmington," Mr. Beckley said. C. H. Dunham, of the Oakland-Pontiac Sales, reported selling six Pontiac cars in one day, last Friday, July 27. Three more were sold on Tuesday, Mr. Dunham stated. The six who bought Pontiac cars on Friday were Orville Taggart, Bert Miller, Carl Marcano, L. A. Tucker, Joe Wells, and M. Streng of Pontiac.

Olin Russell, Pontiac dealer, reports that orders are received continually for delivery of cars a number of months hence, and that these orders keep pace with deliveries. Edward F. Bauer, head of the recently opened Graham-Paige agency, the Grand River Motor Sales, reports a start beyond expectations, and a gratifying reception of his cars.

## KNOCHS HITS TWO HOME RUNS, WEST POINT PARK WINS

League-Leading Holly Team Is Beaten 4 To 3; Lake Orion Coming Sunday

Another of the close games which have been common with the West Point Park baseball team this summer was decided in West Point Park's favor Sunday, when the Holly team was defeated, 4 to 3. This marked the second time this year that West Point Park has conquered Holly, that team now holding the league lead.

Knochs, West Point Park hitting star accounted for every score made by the team. He poled two home runs during the game. Carl Goers pitched well and received good support.

On Sunday, West Point Park has a game at home, meeting the Lake Orion aggregation. Lake Orion defeated West Point Park in one of the first games on the schedule, and the count was tied between the two when West Point Park triumphed recently at the Orion grounds. The game Sunday will be the last meeting between the two teams this year, and each is out strong to win.

## HENRY JOHNSON, RUSSELL COE ARE HURT AS CAR IS WRECKED ON 14-MILE ROAD

Henry Johnson, while driving home from the races in Lansing on Sunday in company with Russell and Sherwood Coe, was hit by a machine which wrecked his car on 14-mile road. Henry Johnson suffered a cut on his forehead and Russell Coe was taken to the doctor for severe cuts about the head while Sherwood Coe escaped with a wrenched arm.

## School Board Is Asked To Afford Transportation

Residents South Of City Petition For Buses To Carry Children To School

That the Farmington School District must in the near future take up the question of providing transportation facilities for pupils, is the consensus of opinion following receipt of a petition by the Board of Education asking for such accommodations for children living south of the City.

Twenty-nine citizens of the territory around the Nine-Mile road signed the petition, asking that transportation be furnished for their children, beginning with the September term. In addition to this, it appeared at a meeting of the Board of Education, the residents of Pasadena Park, on Orchard Lake road, now send their children to the Bond School because transportation is available, and it is rumored that the parents will soon ask that their section be served from Farmington into the Bond district.

The meeting of the Board followed the special District meeting held last Thursday evening, at which it was voted to transfer \$25,000 from Bond Issue No. 5 to the general fund. Six thousand dollars will be put into the sinking fund and \$4,000 into developing the athletic field.

The transfer, President Blanche Roos explained in answer to a question from Floyd Nichols, is to be made "because the money is not needed for a site or building, but is needed for the athletic field and swimming pool." Mr. Nichols asked what would be done with the remaining \$17,000, and Mrs. Roos replied that "it would be put on interest, perhaps at a higher rate than is received now."

Mr. Nichols then asked whether that amount would be taken off the voted tax for the coming year. Mrs. Roos replied that the Board had not yet voted on taxes, but would do so before the middle of this month. The next meeting of the Board being scheduled for August 13.

Only 18 men and women attended the district meeting, the vote being 12 in favor and three against it.

While Farmington School district has never furnished transportation, members of the Board expressed the belief that it would be well to "take time by the forelock" and provide accommodations for children living far from school. Residents to the south are a mile and three-quarters from the school, it was calculated, and Pasadena Park two and one-half miles.

Trustee Lloyd Gullen was authorized to inquire as to the cost of buses, and also to engage engineers to take levels on the athletic field and obtain an estimate on the cost of putting the field in shape. It probably will not be ready this fall, but it is hoped to provide skating next winter.

The Board voted to meet the second Monday in each month.

## SCHRAM AND ORR CLUB OUTLINES CAMPAIGN PLANS

Farmington Township And City Men To Cover Entire Territory This Week

Residents of Farmington Township and City interested in the candidacies of Norman Orr for representative and Frank Schram for sheriff held a caucus meeting at Glen Oaks Clubhouse on Tuesday evening. About 35 men were present.

Division of the township, with one man assigned to cover each of the 36 sections, was the campaign method decided upon. Sections were assigned to at the meeting, with instructions to report next Tuesday evening the sentiment encountered among the voters of the territory.

Olin Russell was appointed chairman of the City committee, with power to select others to assist him. Judge John J. Schulte, president of the organization, presided at the meeting.

Emphasis will be placed upon registration by those who are to canvass the territory. While registration is not necessary in this community, all who have not registered, or are new residents, will be urged to file their names so that they may be entitled to vote at the primary.

## Mrs. Eisen, 83, Hurt In Fall Downstairs

Early Tuesday morning Mrs. Albertine Eisen, mother of Mrs. A. A. Schoen, fell downstairs as she was going from one room to another.

No bones were broken, but the bruises and the shock will keep her in bed for some time. Mrs. Eisen is 83 years old.

## Building City's First Airplane

Sherman Yerks And Henry Miller Plan First Flight A Week From Saturday

The first airplane to be built in Farmington is rapidly nearing completion, and is expected to be taken up for its maiden flight a week from Saturday, on August 11th. Sherman Yerks and Henry Miller, two Farmington men, are the builders of the plane, which will be a monoplane of fairly large size. Yerks is an experienced pilot. The plane is being completed at a garage in the rear of the Miller home on Grand River avenue.

The building of the aircraft is the result of Miller's first ride some months ago, when Yerks took him up on a flight. Miller expressed his reaction by saying, "I've got to have one of those things," and he has straightway set about to acquire one.

A frame was secured, and a ten-cylinder "Anzani" engine of 120 horsepower. The motor is now in the frame and one wing is being finished. A brilliant coating of orange-paint will cover the wings of the plane.

There will be accommodation for three men in the plane. The craft will have a number of new features, Mr. Yerks said, which will be tested for practicability.

All the work will be done at the garage in Farmington except placing the wings on the frame. The wings will be attached at the Stinson factory at Northville where the first flight will take place.

## MRS. H. J. DYE CALLED BY DEATH AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Wife Of Inn Proprietor Dies; Funeral Services Are Held Sunday At Plymouth

An illness of several years proved fatal last Thursday to Mrs. H. J. Dye, wife of the proprietor of Dye's Inn, on Grand River avenue between Farmington and Novi.

Mrs. Dye had been in ill-health for a long time. Thursday morning her condition became more serious, and early in the evening a physician was summoned, but Mrs. Dye passed away before he arrived, a few minutes later.

The Dyes had moved to the Grand River avenue place from Plymouth about a year ago. The deceased is survived by her husband and one son, Rex J. Dye. Funeral services were held Sunday, followed by burial at Plymouth.

## FARMINGTON POST OFFICE SEEKING A NEW CARRIER

Lawrence Taylor Resigns Position As Farmington-Redford Carrier; Bids Asked

The Farmington post-office is again looking for a carrier for mail between Farmington and Redford. Lawrence Taylor, present carrier, has resigned and bids have been asked for the work by Thomas McGee, postmaster.

The work is let on a yearly contract providing for the two trips a day to and from Redford. Taylor resigned some months ago, when his contract called for \$75 per month. When bids were sought, Mr. Taylor's bid for \$100 a month was the only one received, and he was awarded a new contract on that basis.

Bids may be filed at the Farmington post-office, until August 10, according to Postmaster McGee.

## Two Men And Boy Seriously Hurt In Series Of Accidents

Three In Pontiac Hospital Following Mishaps; Two Are Victims Of Grand River Motor Accidents; Farmington Man Falls From Roof

Two men and a ten-year-old boy are in Pontiac hospitals seriously injured as the result of accidents in and around Farmington during the past few days. All are suffering from severe head injuries.

Two of the accidents occurred in traffic on Grand River avenue, while the third resulted in severe injuries to George Clare, 55, of Farmington, when he fell from a roof.

John Sweitzer, 10, was struck by an automobile driven by Clarence Wood of Farmington, on Grand River at Tuck road last Thursday afternoon. According to reports, the boy jumped from a small "pick-up" machine and ran across the pavement, then turned and ran back. He was struck by the sedan driven by Wood, who was accompanied by Bernard Hanfield and Harry Clark of Farmington. The boy was removed to a Pontiac hospital in an ambulance, and is not yet out of danger.

The machine on which the lad was said to have been riding before he was struck was reported to have been driven by Louis Kaiser.

Louis Liesveld, a salesman of Grand Rapids, is also in a Pontiac hospital, suffering injuries he received Wednesday night when his car crashed into a telephone pole on Grand River avenue just west of the South Lyon road corner, near Farmington. Liesveld, who was alone, was driving west on Grand River avenue. A motorist following him said he heard the car brakes jammed on and saw the sedan leave the pavement. It smashed a culvert and pitched forward into the pole.

Liesveld, unconscious, was taken from his machine and brought to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschen-Brenner by V. Harris, 3734 McGraw avenue, Detroit. He is in Pontiac City Hospital, with severe gashes about the head. He has been unable to explain the accident thus far.

George Clare, 55, of 101 Shiawassee street, Farmington, is still in a very serious condition at St. Joseph Mercy's Hospital, Pontiac, following his fall from the roof of the Henry Miller residence on Grand River avenue Monday. Although he fell only about 12 feet, Mr. Clare's landing on his head and one shoulder caused concussion and a possible fracture of the skull. He is still unconscious except for short intervals.

Fellow-workmen of Mr. Clare, who was painting, believe he may have suffered a dizzy spell while on the roof of the porch. He was on the extension ladder leading down when he fell, but it is believed he may have seized the ladder while dizzy, and pulled it up and out of the locking device, while attempting to reach the ground.

Sherman Yerks, who was working the rear of the house, heard Mr. Clare scream and saw him fall to the sidewalk. Fred Maas, and George Bostwick, who were working with Mr. Clare, also hurried to the spot. He was taken to the office of Dr. E. Holcomb, and transferred to Pontiac.

## NORTHVILLE BAND TO PLAY AT GALA TO DAY CELEBRATION

Groves-Walker Post Engages Music For Event; Orchestra Secured For Dancing

The Northville High School band will be one of the attractions at the annual Gala Day celebration of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, now being planned by the Farmington veterans. The band was engaged last week.

In addition to the Northville band, which will play during the afternoon and evening, the Legion is planning to have this year a special orchestra for dancing in the Town Hall. A special display of war relics under a large tent, will be a new feature of this year's event, the seventh to be held in Farmington.

The Legionnaires will hold meetings each Thursday evening from now until Labor Day to complete preparations. Tickets for the new car to be given away will be distributed at the meeting Thursday evening.

## FRED GREEN VISITS IN FARMINGTON SUNDAY, BUT IT WASN'T THE GOVERNOR

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers in Farmington, being dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. DeVere Fleming. The Mr. Fred Green is not the Governor, perhaps it should be explained, but is the husband of the former Miss Doris Ackland, a teacher in Farmington schools. Needless to say, Mr. Green's friends all insist upon calling him "Governor."

## Sign Hearing To Be Held Monday

Owners Objecting To Removal Of Signs Given Opportunity To Present Arguments

A hearing on the removal of signs along Grand River avenue in Farmington, which is expected to attract a considerable number of citizens and business-men, is scheduled for Monday evening, August 6, by the Farmington City Commission.

The hearing is the result of difficulties over the sign ordinance, which was passed some time ago. The measure provides that all owners of signs projecting beyond the building-lines must have permits and some protests resulted. Particularly aimed-at were signs imbedded in the ground beside the highway, and which, it is declared, block the view and contribute toward the danger of motor accidents.

George Grant, Superintendent of Public Works, was directed several months ago to notify all owners of signs considered objectionable, of the violation of ordinance. This was followed by notice being sent by City Clerk N. H. Fowler to the hearing.

It is reported that practically all new signs erected in the City since the ordinance was passed have been authorized by permit, but that indications have been given there will be strenuous opposition if attempt is made by the City to remove any of the other signs.

## CHASED NEIGHBOR UNTIL A SHOTGUN POINTED HIS WAY

Fourth Gate Resident Tells Of Gas Station Proprietor's Displaying Weapon

Chasing a man off his property and being himself driven back home with a shotgun was the experience reported to police by Edward Mabrod, Fourth Gate last Thursday. Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle was called to the scene and managed to straighten out the difficulty between the families of John Acton and Mabrod.

Mabrod told Deputy Doyle that Acton threw stones at him, and that Mrs. Acton had used abusive language in front of the Mabrod children. Mabrod thereupon chased Acton to a gasoline station on Farmington drive. He stopped there, he said, because the station proprietor appeared with a shotgun and ordered him away.

Mabrod went—then called the police.

## SLOT MACHINES TAKEN

Deputy sheriffs confiscated two slot machines in this vicinity Saturday, both being operated on Grand River road. One was seized at the "Red Mill" at Grand River and Tuck roads, and the other at a gasoline station about a mile east of Novi.