

opinion the project would seriously damage his property. "I have had engineers look at the prospect, with a view to utilizing the stream, perhaps for winter sports, which would be of more benefit to this town than this road."

"I am speaking personally in that. But aside from that, the road will not benefit Farmington."

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"In comparison with its cost, if at all, there have been rumors of 'all kinds circulated around. The Enterprise said it would cost \$80,000, and that the County would pay 25 per cent. I have a petition here with over 200 names, many of them business-men, opposed to the road."

"There is only one wealthy man on Shiawassee street," continued Mr. McGee. "There are five or six widows living on the street. If there is any doubt in your minds, I will go out again on the basis of this estimate and get 200 names to another petition against the road at this cost given here today."

The petition Mr. McGee had filed was read. It protests against the Ten-Mile road improvement because of excessive cost and unjust burden.

Mr. Power asked how far back the assessment district would extend from the road. Mr. Belknap said it would cover the entire City.

Floyd H. Nichols asked the cost of paving a street 30 feet wide, and declared he believed it would be as cheap for the people to have the City pave Shiawassee street at any time they chose, even though the proposed improvement were not carried through, because the cost of overcoming the McGee Hill grade would not be included. He also declared that property owners on other streets in the town would be helping pay for Shiawassee

street, and in addition "the residents of each street must pay for the paving of that street when a paving program is adopted by the City."

Mr. Nichols also declared that there would be "no direct benefit from the \$60,000 cost."

### Discuss Straight Route

Miss Hard again asked what the advantage would be in deflecting the road southward to meet Shiawassee. Mr. Belknap replied that he understood it to be closer contact of the Ten-Mile road with the City, and that it paved Shiawassee street for those interested in it. Mr. McGee said that the extension straight west would benefit the town as much. Mayor Butterfield said that this route conforms closely to the original petition filed with the Board of Supervisors, and asked, if the extension straight west were made, if the road would be put through the cemetery. Mr. Belknap said it probably would not, but would be detoured at the corner of the cemetery, and that "we consider this an extension of the Ten-Mile road."

Mayor Butterfield said that he was not particularly interested in the route under discussion, and that as an individual he was "satisfied with the landscape as it is now." However, he continued, "I favored the proposal because it would benefit the town."

### Would Connect Roads

Mr. Nichols asked if the estimate included fixing the road to the north, to connect with the new pavement, and Mr. Belknap replied in the affirmative, saying it would be necessary to grade the former road up. It was brought out that the Ten-Mile road pavement would be brought straight west 800 feet from its present termination at Power avenue, thence southwest.

When remarks in favor of the road were called for, Supervisor Harry McCracken said, "I speak for the northern part of the Town. 'Ship and the objectionable part of getting into Farmington is getting up the McGee Hill. In winter the people up there often have to detour around it, because it is impassable. As to extending the road straight west, that would not help the Township, because we already have our east and west roads, and we should not be expected or probably inclined to pay any share of the cost. If it goes south, we would be in a position to pay a small portion of the cost."

Road Commissioner Bond said that the Township at large had assumed the cost of the one-half mile of the Ten-Mile road pavement west of Orchard Lake road, understanding that when the road was extended, the City would take care of it. He said that a "gentleman's agreement" had been reached in this regard. Mr. Belknap, in response to a question from Mr. Nichols, said that if the road were extended straight west, the Township would be assessed, "regardless of what Mr. McCracken says."

Mayor Butterfield declared that "running the pavement straight west would not help the City," and would be just as serious a "cut-off as the proposed cut-off to the south that we have heard so much about. I would object to taxation for that purpose," he said. "The benefit of the road is mutual. This City and Township should be linked up closer than they are, and this statement will be proven at a time 'not far away'."

### Cites Trade Help

Mayor Butterfield cited the trade advantages, to which Mr. Power replied that "people will buy where they can buy cheapest, and if they can buy cheaper in Pontiac, they won't come to Farmington." "Roads are only a factor," said Mr. Power. "This part of the County is standing about all it can for roads. Thirty-five per cent of the City taxes are unpaid. A large amount of taxes are returned every year."

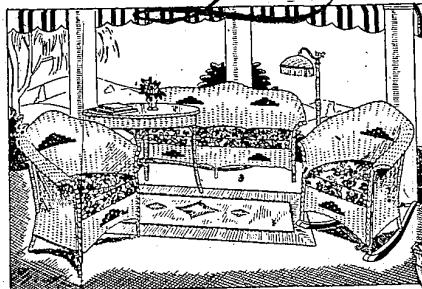
Mr. Fink asked if any consideration had been given a possible combination of a Grand River cut-off with this problem. Mr. Belknap replied that he knew of none.

Mr. McGee said that five people living on Shiawassee street, who had signed the original petition, have now signed against the improvement, since learning they must pay for it. A discussion ensued between Mr. McGee and Mayor Butterfield. Mr. McGee declaring that "in your own statement, Mr. Butterfield, a week ago, did you tell the people they would have to pay 60 per cent of the cost?" He referred to a letter from Mayor Butterfield, printed in last week's issue of the Enterprise.

Mayor Butterfield replied that his statement was "very nearly in conformance with the percentages as given here." Commissioner Bond said that the road "will probably cost less than the estimate."

"The Commission is not trying to put this road through against objections," said Mr. Bond. "We

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### COMMERCE GOES FOR WINNERS, BUT GIVES SMITH EDGE

Unsuccessful Candidate For Prosecutor Leads Orr, 156 To 113

Commerce Township, like Novi, was one of the few to be carried by Clarence L. Smith for prosecuting attorney at Tuesday's primary, but in other respects gave County-wide choices some handsome majorities. Sheriff Frank Schram, ex-Congressman G. Rose Thompson, and Earl L. Phillips and Harry J. Merritt were given exceptional support by Commerce Township voters.

The advantage of Smith over Orr was expected in Commerce as in Novi Township, Smith having spent a part of his life at Wall Lake. He was given 156 votes as against 113 for Orr.

Schram pulled 171 votes to 95 for Wheeler and 11 for Simmons in Commerce. Thompson received 177 to 51 for Porritt and 32 for Adams.

Earl L. Phillips was given a wide lead for circuit court commissioner with 153 votes, Harry J. Merritt receiving 113 and Ralph T. Keeling 85.

Losses were 147 to 60, for Nardin and 49 for Willson. Gordon led for coroner, with 139 with others as follows: Farmer, 129; Voorheis, 97; Bell, 52; Relaford, 13; Sperlich, 7.

### MANY GATHER FOR FIRST REUNION OF THE LARGE FAMILY

Walled Lake Home Is Scene Of Homecoming; Officers Are Elected

The first large family reunion as held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, on Walled Lake on August 26. A pot luck dinner and supper were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Drake and family of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mosher and family of Brown City, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bloss and family of Grand Blanc, Mrs. Li-terna Drake of Brown City, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wiles and family of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. William Granger and family of Gaines, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boice and family of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. John Voorheis and family of Walled Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Wedenstorer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marble and family of Milford and William, Cera, Edward, Thomas Wiles at home and guests present, Mr. Duffy and family, Elinor, Barbara, John Duffy and R. W. Tupper of Flint and Fred Moss of Farmington.

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