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## New Stores To Be Erected In Business Section

### Sale Of Property On Grand River To Be Followed By Construction Of Stores

A new business block is in prospect for Farmington's business section. A building comprising two stores and possibly a second floor with offices is expected to be built this summer on the north side of Grand River avenue, on property now occupied by the Boston Shoe Repair Shop and Farmington Cleans & Dyers.

The development follows sale of the 40 feet of frontage by Emory O. Hatton and D. L. Dickerson to a Detroit broker, for a client whose name has not been revealed. The sale was completed Tuesday.

While it is not known definitely who will occupy the building, it is believed certain that the structure will be built for a chain grocery store, which may occupy the entire 40 feet.

### "Build In 90 Days"

According to statements attributed to the broker handling the transfer, "there will be a building on the property within 90 days." The fact that a modern building would be erected on the property, which would provide an improvement for Farmington's business section, greatly influenced the sale, according to both Mr. Hatton and Mr. Dickerson.

"We felt that if no improvement was to be made there would be no advantage in selling the property," said Mr. Hatton. "However, the fact that the clients of this broker wish to put up at once a modern building, whereas we had no plans for building for at least another year, induced us to sell. We feel that Farmington needs new business buildings, and that this one will increase the value of all property along Grand River."

Indications that the purchaser has plans to build immediately are seen in the fact that tenants now occupying the present buildings have been served with notices to vacate within 30 days.

Messrs. Hatton and Dickerson had owned the property, considered one of the best-located pieces in the business section, for almost two years to a day. The price at which it was sold was not revealed.

### Interesting History

The property has an interesting history. It was owned and occupied for store purposes for many years by John Collins, the first white child born in Farmington, whose life covered a century of Farmington history. It was left by him to Miss Amanda Collins, his daughter, a resident of Detroit. Miss Collins sold the property to Mr. Hatton and Mr. Dickerson.

The frame buildings standing on the property are many years old, and the Collins store located therein was for many years among the best-known in this section.

Mr. Hatton and Mr. Dickerson disclosed that there had been two buyers interested in the property by the broker handling the transaction. The first asked a quotation some time ago, but failed to accept the property at the price put upon it. Within a short time, however, the same broker returned, this time for the new client, who secured the property Tuesday.

## CRASH ON GRAND RIVER

The front bumper of a new Whippet car being driven by Miss Merlah Andrews was smashed Thursday morning in a collision at Grand River and Division street. Miss Andrews was making a left turn southward when a car driven by Anthony Wilutis, Detroit, started past on the left side. A fender on the Detroit machine was bent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Andrews, parents of Miss Andrews, were in the car at the time of the accident.

## Ground Breaking Ceremony Marks Climax Of Long-Continued Effort



REV. E. W. PALMER

That members of the Farmington Baptist Church are undertaking an exceptional task for a congregation of its size, but one which will be well worthy of the effort, was the declaration of Dr. H. C. Gleiss, superintendent of the Detroit Baptist Union, at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Sunday School building on Sunday afternoon. One hundred and sixty men, women and children participated in the exercises, which were held on the lawn beside the church.

Dr. Gleiss praised the courage and determination of the church members, and urged them to carry on in the same spirit until the work is completed.

A feature of the ceremony was the presence of the entire Sunday School of the church, the little children being seated on the lawn on chairs brought out from the church. Every organization within the church had a part in the exercises.

The ground-breaking marked a personal triumph for Rev. Palmer, pastor, as well as for the church membership. For nearly five years, Rev. Palmer has worked incessantly toward the goal which was brought near realization at the program Sunday morning.

On his arrival in Farmington nearly five years ago, Rev. Palmer declared to the church members that larger quarters would be required for the Sunday School, in view of the effort he intended to lend to the work. He prophesied and promised that the Sunday School would soon be handicapped for lack of room.

In recent months the Sunday School has been given to service. (Continued on page five)

## Plan Extension Of Gas Service

### Clarenceville and Southfield Community To Be Served; Lay Mains Soon

Gas service will be extended to Clarenceville and the Southfield Community by the Consumers Power Company this summer. An announcement to this effect is made this week by Frank Tufts, manager of the Farmington office of the company.

According to Mr. Tufts, work will be started as soon as possible, and service will be made available to every home in the two sections, on the Oakland County side of the Base Line road. Laying of mains in the two sections will be done as one job. Mr. Tufts expects that it can be completed within about a month after the work is begun.

For a long time the people of the two sections have desired gas service, and for two years Mr. Tufts has worked to obtain extension into the territories now to be served. At the time the attempt was made to obtain it for Clarenceville also. Since then the demand has increased greatly.

Residents of Clarenceville and Southfield Communities are of the opinion that extension of another city convenience will aid in stimulating growth of the communities, which will have practically every advantage offered in the large city, within a short time.

When the service is installed, the new territory will be serviced from the Farmington office, according to Mr. Tufts.

Original plans were for extension of the mains to Clarenceville only, but by showing the growth of Southfield Community and its attendant needs, Mr. Tufts was able to induce his company to include that community in its expansion program this year.

A safe in the real estate office of Oscar L. Chaney in Clarenceville was broken open during the past week, according to a report to police.

## First "Mass For Golfers" Proven Popular By A Large Attendance

Popularity of the first special church services held in this section of the State for the convenience of golfers, early on Sunday mornings, was indicated last Sunday when the "mass for golfers" was instituted by Rev. J. James A. Callahan of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. The service, starting at seven o'clock Sunday morning, was well attended.

The "mass for golfers" will be continued all summer at the Farmington church. Golf togs are accepted as proper attire for attendance at the service, and a number of those present Sunday were thus attired. The service is not limited, however, to golfers and those interested in other sports are welcomed to attend also.

## CONTRACT IS LET ON-NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY PAVING

### Ten Miles Of Superhighway In Oakland County To Be Built This Year

An important road construction job in this section of the County is expected to be started soon, laying of pavement on Northwestern Superhighway from Base Line road to Orchard Lake road.

A contract for this work has been let by the Oakland County Road Commission to James A. Mackay and Son of Detroit, for the sum of \$784,000. The plans include laying of two 20-foot strips of concrete on the 204-foot right-of-way. The stretch of highway specified in the contract is ten miles long, and ends at Orchard Lake road near the 13-mile road. Eventually, the Superhighway is planned for extension not only to the Oakland-Livingston County line, but across the State to Lake Michigan, providing a new trans-state highway to connect central Michigan with Detroit.

Grading has already been begun in the Wayne County portion, from Wyoming road to Base Line road, a distance of three and one-half miles. Laying of concrete is expected to follow. The Wayne County Road Commission anticipates that the road will be ready for traffic in autumn.

## Cut-off To Be Built Along The Original Route

### State Said To Have Practically Decided Against Change In Plans

Building of the Cut-off road through the C. F. Smith estate near Farmington, rather than heading west highway to the north to avoid the cut through property now appears practically assured, following a road conference Monday morning in Lansing, participated in by State officials.

John Lathrup of Farmington, who had been endeavoring to hasten building of the highway by offering right-of-way through his holdings, stated after the conference that he is convinced the State will not alter its original plans for the Cut-off. This plan would put the road through the center of the Smith estate.

"It appears to me that the thing is practically decided now, to go through the Smith property," said Mr. Lathrup. "And I am satisfied too, so long as we can get the road built somewhere. While I would have liked to have it come through my property, I am contented with the decision, if only we can get some activity on it—some construction. We want the road and all the other improvements as fast as we can get them, and as long as they are going to build it that way I hope it will be done soon."

Men said to be representing owners of property along the Cut-off road originally laid out are understood to have urged State officials not to change their plans, representing themselves as being opposed to the proposed route which would turn the Cut-off northward and make it join Grand River farther east.

## CITY WATER ASKED BY SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY FOLK

### Appeal To Town Board For Aid In Getting Detroit Service

Efforts to secure extension of Detroit City water service into Southfield Community are being made by residents of that area, a number of whom appeared before the Southfield Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night. They asked aid of the board in obtaining the Detroit water for which they are paying.

The district water line in that Base Line road on the north, the Farmington-Southfield Townships Town-Line road on the west, and Grace avenue in the east. The district water has only wells. One, at the school in that district, should be abandoned, according to a report from the State Department of Health.

According to statements made Tuesday evening, an official of the Detroit Water Board has stated that water could be supplied the section, and a communication from the Detroit body was read at the meeting. It stated that the water might be piped into the Southfield area through an outlet at Base Line and Hemlock roads, the latter called "Delaware avenue" by the Detroit officials.

## Circulated Petitions

The citizens some time ago circulated a petition for water service among taxpayers. It stipulated that the cost was to be \$1.20 per front foot to the property owners, or \$48 for a 40-foot lot. Tentative bids had been obtained on the laying of mains. Enrl L. Phillips, attorney for the Township Board, pointed out to those seeking assistance in obtaining water that it would be necessary to obtain signatures covering 65 per cent of the property to a petition for water, before the Township Board could act. For this reason, he stated, it would be impossible to secure bids for the work. Time on the previous bids, which held for 99 days, has expired.

Mr. Phillips also pointed out to those present that the presence of a definite cost on the petitions might lead to difficulties, since the signers could not be held for a higher amount, in case the cost of the work necessitated higher assessments.

## Stout Airplane Interests To Locate West Of Farmington

### Establishment Of Factory And Flying School On Site East Of Dye's Regarded As Practically Certain; Kansas City Firm Mentioned

The Stout airplane interests of Detroit and a large Kansas City aircraft company are planning to locate a factory and flying school on Grand River avenue west of Farmington, just east of Dye's Inn, according to well-authenticated information obtained by the Enterprise Thursday morning.

Fences are being taken down and trees which might be in the path of an airplane runway are being removed. The property is owned by John Lathrup, and is known as the Washington West Farm.

While Mr. Lathrup, when interviewed, would not positively confirm the report that the Stout services will locate on his property, nor declare that arrangements have been completed, it is believed that plans have progressed so far that establishment of the industry on his property is practically assured, and that construction work will be started within a few weeks.

Mr. Lathrup was hesitant about discussing the matter in detail until he could make a positive statement confirming the report.

### Plan Factory, School

According to the information obtainable, the plan is that the Kansas City company would operate a flying school, and that the Stout concern will manufacture planes on the Lathrup site. Mr. Stout is understood to have started Thursday noon for Kansas City by airplane.

According to the reports, a merger of the Stout and Kansas City company's interests is contemplated also.

The establishment of a factory and school west of Farmington would not involve moving of the Kansas City company to this locality, but rather expansion on their part.

## PIERCE ELECTED LEADER OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB

### Business Men's Group Votes To Suspend Regular Meetings For Summer

Officers were elected by the Farmington Exchange Club at its annual meeting Wednesday noon. Edgar Pierce was chosen president, to succeed John Clark. The club voted to suspend regular meetings during the summer, subject to activities that might be planned by the officers. Gatherings every two weeks for entertainment were discussed.

At the suggestion of Chairman Pierce of the club's safety committee, members will appear before the City Commission with a committee next Monday night, to urge that steps be taken to reduce traffic hazards on Grand River avenue, particularly between Farmington road and the west city limits.

Designation of Oakland avenue as a "stop-street" erection of a signal there, and other responsibilities were discussed. Members of the committee, with Mr. Pierce, are Spencer Heenev, and Dr. G. Frank Weaver.

## Funeral Service Held For Thomas Conway

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Thomas Conway, 78, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Belle Beck, at 31010 Ten Mile road, north of Farmington, on Sunday. The services were held at McCabe Undertaking Chapel, Detroit, followed by interment at Woodmere Cemetery.

Surviving besides Mrs. Beck are another daughter, Mrs. Emily Million of Los Angeles, Calif., and a son, Robert J. Conway of Detroit.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCED

At Toledo, O., on June 22 occurred the marriage of Miss Ruth Meyer and Richard Coffman of Detroit. They will be at home after July 1 at 3042 Gladstone avenue, Detroit.