

Athletic Field Done; Not To Be Used This Fall

Delay in Staging Contests Held Advisable Because Of Turf

Work has practically been completed on the new athletic field for Farmington High School, and finishing touches are being put on the grounds, but the field will not be in shape for football this fall, according to officials.

The tilling and grading was completed some time ago, and work lately has been confined to removal of stones. Men have been busy raking the stones into piles and hauling them away.

It would be possible to mark out a gridiron and use the field for football this year. It is understood, but school officials believe that waiting for one more season will be of too great advantage to risk harming the ground. For this reason they wish to wait until grass has been grown and is firm, before allowing any athletic contests to take place there.

Use Selected Seed

Seed for the field has been selected with unusual care, according to Mayor Arthur Lamb, who has supervised most of the work for the Board of Education. Five kinds of seed including Kentucky Blue Grass and four other good varieties, have been mixed for best possible results. The mixture, which is guaranteed 85 per cent pure, will assure a desirable type of grass, certain varieties at the same time being of the type which will form a close-knit, firm turf necessary to withstand hard use from athletics.

Diamond To Be Large

The baseball and football fields will have more room than appearance indicates, according to Mr. Lamb, the shortest foul line on the baseball field will extend 255 feet from the home-plate, or 20 feet more than the regulations require. The center field will be even longer. The home-plate is planned to be placed at the west end of the field, about in the center. This will result in excellent conditions for baseball, since the sun will never be in the eyes of either catcher, pitcher or batter.

TWO GIRLS GAIN ON THE LEADER IN POPULARITY RACE

Lucille Jacobs And Mary Ellen Fink Make Substantial Gains In Past Week

Although two of her rivals cut down her lead in the American Legion popularity contest, June Johnson continued to hold first place this week among the girls in the race for first honors and the \$100 diamond ring to be presented to the winner on Gala Day.

Miss Johnson was the first to go over the 10,000 mark, and had 10,110 votes to her credit Wednesday.

The Umpire—Of All People!—Quits Game

This is news! Pertly near everybody has seen an umpire "fire" some baseball player out of a game, as is his prerogative. But on Sunday, fans at the West Point Park-Northville game many of whom had been doing a bit of "razing" the arbiter, were amazed when he threw off his mask and protector and declared, "All right, then, I'll quit." And he, the umpire—the supreme being—who could "fire" a whole team—did it!

"Go home and tell your mother," yelled the crowd. "Eric!" Each and a Northville man finished the game as umpires.

Farmington Young Man's Brilliant Study Attracts Noted Scientists



ST. CLAIR SWITZER

Crash Victim's Family 'In Need'

Widow And Five Children Said To Be In Straitened Circumstances

A family of a widow and five children are said to be left in straitened circumstances by the death in an automobile accident of Samuel LaFave, 32, at North Farmington and Twelve-Mile roads. Burial took place of LaFave Tuesday afternoon in Plymouth.

The LaFave family came to Farmington but a few weeks ago, moving into the former W. H. H. Smith home on Grand River avenue east. LaFave was a bricklayer by trade.

The accident victim was driving alone. His car collided at the crossing of the two highways with a machine driven by Everett Howell of Fowlerville. LaFave's car turned over into a ditch.

Heene's ambulance was called and started for a Pontiac hospital, but LaFave died before the hospital was reached.

Four people were in Howell's car, but were uninjured. Beside Howell, there were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Howell and Mrs. Harry Carey, all of Fowlerville. They were returning home from an afternoon outing.

Surviving the deceased are the widow and five children: Mrs. Freida Sturdevant, of Pontiac, Edna, Bertha, John Annabelle, Elsie Mae and Elaine. The deceased is survived also by four brothers and four sisters.

Birthday Party, Wager On Diving Into Canal, Precede Youth's Death

On Monday evening, August 5, center of a happy circle of relatives and friends, a party honoring his birthday. Eight days later—in his coffin.

On Tuesday, August 6, wagering with his friend that the latter would not dare to jump into a canal filled with 30 feet of murky, refuse-filled water. A week later, his friend diving into the same water to bring up his body and save his life.

These are some of the unusually tragic circumstances that surrounded the death by drowning Tuesday of Clayton Langbecker.

On Monday evening, a week ago, his father and mother arranged the party in celebration of Clayton's 20th birthday. Friends and relatives came and brought him many gifts.

It was on the following day that Clayton and his brother, Kenneth had the strangely prophetic discussion with a friend, Fred Schaffner, of Highland Park who was at work painting the same bridge over the Rouge

Although a young man and but one year out of his regular college course, a native of Farmington, St. Clair Switzer, has already so distinguished himself in his chosen work that a noted European physiologist has acknowledged his contribution to psychology in this country.

Mr. Switzer, who received his master of arts degree at the University of Wisconsin in June, has signed a contract to return to Miami University at Oxford, O., from which he was graduated only fourteen months ago; as instructor in Applied Experimental and Business Psychology. He is spending the summer as instructor and tutor at Camp Indianola, a summer camp of 150 boys, on Lake Mendota, Wisconsin.

Mr. Switzer, who was connected with the Smith Drug Stores in Farmington for five years, gave promise of later renown when he was graduated in June 1928, from Miami University with the degree of A. B. cum laude with special honors in psychology. In his work for his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin this during the past year he maintained a "straight A" average for the year.

During the year, he made a research study of the condition lid, metallic and galvanic skin reflexes in human beings, and succeeded in establishing these results in the backward direction for the first time in the history of physiology or psychology.

Debated 50 Years

Under carefully controlled laboratory conditions, it was demonstrated by Mr. Switzer that conditioned reactions (associations) may be formed in the backward direction. Establishment of this result throws some experimental proof to the question which scientists interested in the laws of learning have debated for 50 years.

A noted Russian physiologist, Pavlov, who has spent 25 years in the study of conditional reflexes in dogs, had always held that backward conditioning was impossible. Since the completion of Switzer's work on human beings, however, Pavlov in a recent lecture stated that he had lately obtained some evidence of the phenomenon in the salivary reflex in dogs. This corroborated the work of Switzer.

An article on the scientific aspects of Switzer's study is to appear soon in the Journal of Experimental Psychology, under the name, "A Backward Conditioning of the Lid Reflex—and Supplementary Studies."

Miss Oren Habermehl is visiting friends in Canada.

Classmates To Be Pallbearers For Langbecker

Funeral Services To Be Held Friday Afternoon At Home; Burial At Oakwood

With six classmates of his high school days acting as pallbearers, funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Clayton Langbecker, 20 years old, drowned in the River Rouge Tuesday when he fell 75 feet from a bridge not far from the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company. Services will be at the Langbecker home at Orchard Lake and Twelve-Mile roads,

with Rev. Elmer W. Palmer of Farmington Baptist Church officiating.

Sorrow over the tragedy has been widespread in the community the youth having been popular.

Surviving the youth besides his parents are a brother, Kenneth, 18, and a grandmother, Mrs. Charles Sloan.

Recover From Shock

Allen Killon of 347 Prospect street, Farmington, friend of Langbecker who saw his chum fall, and who himself had a very narrow escape from dropping into the Rouge canal, has recovered from the shock of the experience and was back at work in the same place Wednesday. A large black-and-blue mark on the back of his right arm near the shoulder gives evidence of how a tight grip on a girder of the draw-bridge saved him, as the

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START WRECKING OLD GRAND RIVER BUILDING MONDAY

Razing Of Frame Business Structure To Begin; Tenants Move Saturday

Workmen are expected to start Monday wrecking the building on Grand River avenue, which has housed the Boston Shoe Repair Shop and Farmington Cleaners and Dyers. It is anticipated this work will require but a short time and that foundation work for a new brick building on the site will be under way before the first of September.

It is reported that the property has again changed hands since it was sold by Emory O. Hatton and D. L. Dickerson a few weeks ago. This could not be positively confirmed, but appearance of in Farmington of a man said to be the second purchaser of the site was reported Wednesday.

The owners desired to start demolition of the old building on Tuesday, but on coming to Farmington found the building still occupied, and the razing was delayed until next Monday morning.

Boston Shoe Repair Shop will move Saturday night to its new location at the corner of Grand River and Division streets, in the E. C. Grace Store building. Mrs. L. E. Farrand, proprietor of the Farmington Cleaners and Dyers, will move to the Lee Block, on the Division street side.

Who will occupy the new building to be erected has not yet been made public although the report persists that it will be a chain store company which now has a store in Farmington.

State Changes Grand River Plans; Cement 80 Ft. To City

Two Strips Of 40 Feet To Be Continued From Cut-off To Farmington Junction, Instead Of Reduction To 30-Foot Strips

A change in the original plans for widening of Grand River avenue, and one which will be highly beneficial to Farmington has been made by the State Highway Department, it was learned Thursday.

Under the new plans, Grand River avenue will be paved with two 40-foot strips of concrete from the Cut-off to Farmington Junction, instead of with two 30-foot strips, thus eliminating the reduction in width of the main highway at the Cut-off, which would have resulted if the earlier specifications had prevailed.

Notification of the alteration in the State Highway Department's plans was received by Julius Porath and Son, contractors, Thursday morning, according to Edward Porath. He stated that the Highway Department had telegraphed him to this effect advising the Company of the Department's decision. As a result, Mr. Porath stated, it will probably be necessary to disregard the original plans almost entirely, and a new set of plans will undoubtedly be prepared at once.

The new arrangement for widening Grand River thus gives the following widths of pavement as definitely settled, there having been some question in the minds of many as to what would actually be done: From Eight-Mile road to the Cut-off, two 40-foot strips of pavement; on a 204-foot right of way; from the Cut-off to Farmington Junction, the two 40-foot strips of concrete continued, but on a 120-foot right of way; from Farmington Junction to Farmington business section, two 20-foot strips of pavement, on a contemplated right of way of 100 feet, one State Highway Department which, however, in the words of official, "may never be required."

The trolley tracks will be in the middle of the highway, between the strips of pavement, throughout the stretch to be improved.

Twenty feet of pavement will be laid on the Cut-off as far as Farmington road.

Bakery To Take Over Smith Store

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Mr. Ross will continue his business uninterrupted in his present location in the court running south from Grand River avenue, until ready to move into the new location. He plans to make the new place "a model bakery, so that everyone who wishes to do so can walk right in and through the whole place and see how we do things."

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During the afternoon there will be races and games for boys and girls, and other interesting attractions.

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Story About A Fish—But Not A 'Whopper'

Here is—not a "whopper" of a story, but the story of a "whopper"—brought back from Houghton Lake by Norman Lee and vouched for by him.

Adolph Nacker of Farmington, who with Mrs. Nacker has been vacationing up north, astounded the natives around Houghton Lake the other day by hooking a wall-eyed pike weighing fifteen and one-half (15½) pounds. Veteran anglers say that this is an exceptional size for wall-eyed pike.

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NOTICE

Due to an error, West Farmington notes in this issue, appearing in column three of the first page, second section, are headed, "Farmington Acres." Farmington Acres news will be found on page 3.

Oscar Brandt and daughter, Mabel of Ortonville, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten.