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Tearing Up Of Old Grand River Pavement Begins

Detouring of Motorists At Farmington Road Brings Protest From Junction

Farmington and vicinity said goodbye this week, without regret to the section of old Grand River pavement between Tuck and Eight Mile Roads, that portion having been closed Monday morning by the State Highway Department in preparation for tearing up the concrete, on the north side of the car tracks.

While the road is open from Tuck Road to the business section of Farmington, east-bound traffic is being diverted down Farmington Road to Cut-off by a large "detour" sign placed in Grand River avenue at Farmington Road. Westbound traffic is similarly directed.

The placing of the sign directing eastbound traffic to turn south at Farmington Road has been vigorously protested by business-places at the Junction, owners of which claim their trade is being ruined, although the highway is still open as far as Tuck Road. Their appeal is understood to have been already turned down, the officials contending, it is understood, that the large trucks and trailers could not, if allowed to go through to Tuck Road, negotiate the turns without danger, and that in a short time Grand River will be closed as far as Farmington Junction anyway.

Given Pole Permit

The Farmington City Commission on Monday evening voted the Detroit Edison Co. and Michigan Bell Telephone Co. permission to set poles on Grand River avenue, 26 feet, 9 inches from the center line in the stretch from the Ford Garage to the lumber yard, and 45 feet from the center line, from the lumber yard to the east city limits.

FARMINGTON M. E. CHOIR AGAIN WINS STATE CONTEST

Second Victory In Succession Won By Local Singing Group

For the second successive year the choir of Farmington Methodist Church last Friday won the annual contest for church choirs in towns of Michigan, held at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

While a number of good choirs completed the superiority of the Farmington choir over all others was so marked, listeners said, that the decision of the judges was a foregone conclusion before it was announced.

The Farmington group brought back the prize of \$100 for first place. Walled Lake Methodist Choir for the third successive year won second place and a prize of \$60. Martin won third prize, \$30, and Milford, fourth award, \$20. Thus Oakland County choirs won three of the four prizes awarded.

TURTLE'S HEAD IS NEARLY SHOT OFF, GROWS BACK ON

Boys Find Turtle Still Alive After Was Buried Three Months

An odd and interesting experience of two Farmington boys with a turtle was reported this week by Thomas Haynie of Power Avenue, Thomas with Pleuron Roos, also of Power Road, were shooting with bows and arrows one day some time ago when they shot a turtle. The head of the turtle was nearly shot off.

Thinking the turtle was dead, the boys buried it. Recently, they dug down to get the shell for a relic, and found that the head had grown back on the turtle, and

City Pays Back \$9,000 Borrowed 2 Years Ago From School District

Delinquent taxes, that bugbear which is haunting officials of almost every community in the lower part of the State and many parts as well, figured this week in a turn-about of financial affairs of the City of Farmington and Farmington School District No. 5.

Two years ago, the City of Farmington, having purchased a new fire engine at a cost of \$10,000, had the opportunity to save

To Receive Bids, Extend Street

Easement Difficulty Is Ironed Out; Brookdale Drive To Be Made Through Road

Having apparently overcome an important obstacle to the city's sewer program, Farmington's officials are ready to receive bids Monday night for the sewer bonds and construction work.

The difficulty which was removed was that of obtaining an easement for one of the lower ends of the sewer, the branch running eastward from Maple street to River Rouge, some distance south of Grand River. The agreement will have the effect also of opening Brookdale Drive through to the Nine Mile Road, eliminating the present dead-end.

Under the agreement, prepared to be entered into by the City, F. DeVeve Fleming and W. G. Macdonald and others, the City is to get the required easement across lots in Brookdale subdivision. In return the City is to make the opening of Brookdale Drive and grade and gravel the new piece of road.

In order to make the opening it is necessary for the City to purchase two small pieces of land, parts of the Nicholson and Davis properties. Options have been secured on these parcels for a total of \$210.

The commission appropriated \$500 for the opening and grading of the new portion of the street.

NEW OWNER OF GAS STATION IS ROBBED OF \$65

Sneak Thief Takes Roll Of Bills From Farmington Business-Place

Three days after he had taken possession of Good's Service Station, located on Farmington Road near Grand River, the new proprietor, W. J. Reining, was robbed of \$65 by a sneak-thief. No clues were found to the thief's identity.

Mr. Reining took over the gasoline station last Friday morning, after purchasing it from William Good, the previous afternoon. On Monday morning, a car was driven over the drain-pit and the owner asked for a lubrication job. Mr. Reining had been planning to deposit the \$65 in a bank, but left the money in his cash drawer and went to work on the job.

Although the work took but a short time, during that period someone entered the station, opened the drawer and took the currency. When Mr. Reining came into the station to get change for a ten-dollar bill, he found only silver in the drawer.

Mr. Reining came to Farmington from Southfield, and Seven Mile Roads, where he conducted a similar business. He is handling "Cassio" Oils, with special inducements offered to customers this week-end, as a "get-acquainted" offer.

It was very much alive. It had been buried about two and a half feet deep, for three months.

When the boys released the turtle, turning it loose in the River Rouge, it swam quickly away, apparently not at all handicapped by having its head nearly shot off.

Town Hall Value Placed At \$79,400; Seek Settlement

Final Effort To Arrive At Agreement Planned By Township Officials

Results of the first definite effort to determine the value of the Farmington Town Hall property were reported this week to the Township Board, when a committee appointed by the Board announced the results of its inquiries and study. At the same time, the Township officials determined to make one more effort to reach a settlement regarding ownership. Should this attempt fail, it is expected that the question will be taken into the courts for determination.

P. R. DeLeuil, real estate broker and Charles Heise, the committee reported at the Board's meeting that they had decided the Town Hall property is worth \$79,400. The figure was arrived at after interviewing Farmington business men and gathering data on recent transfers of real estate in the business section.

The value placed on the Town Hall property by Mr. DeLeuil and Mr. Heise is not a speculative one, nor is it one which is dropped below what it should be due to depression, in their opinion. Their valuation was made from the standpoint of prudent investment with a fair return in normal times.

The committee presented to the Board a sketch showing how the property might be laid out in business lots to good advantage. Under this plan, there would be eleven lots, all advantageously located.

The property has a frontage of 167 feet on Grand River. In the drawing, the corner lot at Grand River and Farmington Roads would have a frontage of 67 feet on Grand River and 100 feet on Farmington Road. The worth of this lot is estimated at \$500 a foot by Grand River frontage, or \$33,500. The 100 feet remaining on Grand River, which would make five 20-foot lots, is estimated at \$300 a foot. The average of the Grand River frontage is \$380, 24 a foot.

Lots on Farmington Road north of the corner lot are estimated at about \$100 a foot, with the corner of Farmington Road and Oakland Roads valued at \$125 a foot.

The dividing of the property in this manner would leave a lot nearly square in the northwest corner of the property. Alleys are laid out to serve all lots.

Following receipt of the report it was decided that Supervisor Arthur Coe should endeavor to arrange a meeting of City and Township officials and officers of Farmington Masonic Lodge. It is hoped to have this meeting within a few days.

In case of failure of negotiations for settlement, it is understood that the Township, through its attorney, James H. Lynch, is prepared to take steps at once to have the matter of ownership decided in court.

East Novi School Has Its Seventh Reunion

The seventh annual reunion of the East Novi School was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stillwell on Saturday with about 80 present. Former pupils were present from Detroit, Lansing, Pontiac, Clare, South Lyon, Northville, Farmington and other towns.

Miss Lulu Becker was elected president and Mrs. Harry Bogart secretary for the ensuing year.

BUSINESS WOMEN MEET

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington will have breakfast on Sunday morning at Middle Straits Lake leaving from the postoffice at 7 o'clock. Reservations may be made by calling 223F3. Breakfast 60c.

Plan First Contest On Athletic Field

Farmington High School's athletic field in Waterworks Park will be used for an athletic contest the first time on Labor Day, permission having been given by the Board of Education Tuesday night to the Farmington American Legion post, to use the field for a baseball game on that day. The field will be cleaned off and put in shape for the diamond contest, and after Labor Day the gridiron will be laid out for the high school football season.

Trustee Arthur Lamb was appointed a committee to put the field in condition.

Tuition Rate Is Lowered To \$90

Farmington School Board Reduces Fee To Northville Figure; Drop Is \$10

The rate for tuition in Farmington High school was reduced this week by the Board of Education, at a special meeting Tuesday evening. The reduction brings the rate down to that of Northville.

Hitherto, the fee has been \$100 for high school students, Northville's being \$90. Officials of the Novi School had reported that about 15 pupils from that school would like to attend Farmington High School, but that the difference in rate was an important factor.

On motion of Trustee Lloyd Gullen, supported by Trustee Mrs. Roos, the Board voted unanimously to lower the rate. Farmington's new rate is \$85 below that of Redford High School, \$125, and \$10 below that of Walled Lake, which has been \$100.

Trustee Gullen, who was appointed to confer with Superintendent John Dalrymple as to possibilities of retaining A. R. Crawford as principal of the high school, reported that progress in the matter had been delayed by the absence on a vacation trip of R. C. Burns, appointed by the previous Board. Mr. Burns is expected to return later this month.

The Board will hold its regular meeting next Thursday evening, August 14.

THREE GIRLS ARE ENTERED IN 1930 POPULARITY RACE

Virginia Adams, Mary Ellen Fink and Lois Murphy Named As Contestants

The names of three girls have been entered in the 1930 popularity contest sponsored by Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington, in connection with their annual Gala Day celebration on Labor Day.

Virginia Adams, Mary Ellen Fink and Lois Murphy are the girls whose names have been entered by friends in the popularity competition. Others are expected to be entered within the next few days. The award to the winner is a diamond ring, and to the winner of second place, a wrist watch.

Entries may be made in the ballot-boxes which have been provided at the Farmington Drug Co. Hardware Co. An entry coupon was printed in the last week's issue of the Enterprise, and will be reprinted in next week's issue. The coupon is good for 100 votes for the girl named, but no one entrant is credited with more than 100 votes on the entry coupon, although several may be put in the ballot-box for her.

PUBLISH ANNUAL REPORT
The annual report of Farmington School District No. 6 (Practical) known as the Bond School District, is published on page 7 of this issue.

Township Unable To Pay Schools; Plan Conference

Officials Of All Districts Called To Discuss Situation; Suit Expected

After months of continuous effort to obtain money with which to pay the school districts of the Township tax money due them the Farmington Township board at its meeting Tuesday evening came to the conclusion that no further hope remained of getting the money. Accordingly, Supervisor Arthur Coe was authorized to call a meeting of officials of all the school districts at an early date, advising them that the Township has no means of paying the money.

Lawsuits by the school districts to secure the funds due them have been discussed for some time, but none were started, pending the endeavor of the officials to raise the money. It is anticipated that the various districts will at a conference, arrange to start the lawsuits jointly, in order to simplify the matter and effect a saving in time and money.

The situation arises from the fact that money received by the Township, which should have been paid to the school districts, was used for the general expense fund, in anticipation that the usual Township loans obtained in the Spring would be available, and that the money could then be paid the school districts. This year, however, the Township officials learned that they could not obtain the loan, and that, in fact, previous loans had been without sanction of the law.

The total of tax money due the several districts is about \$45,000, and there is no source from which the money can be obtained, so far as Township officials can learn, without binding the Township to such terms as could not be accepted.

OLD FIRE TRUCK MAKES TWO RUNS; CALLS NUMEROUS

Home And Orchard Of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele in Path Of Grass Fire

Farmington's old fire engine "came in handy" in the midst of many calls for grass fires Sunday afternoon. The old truck which had not been used for many months made two runs while its larger companion was busy elsewhere.

One farm home, that of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele northwest of Farmington was threatened, but the volunteers managed to control the blaze. The orchard at the Steele place was also endangered.

Calls were so numerous that it was difficult to keep record of them. They came from all directions. In one instance a grass fire was reported to have swept over a square mile within a short time.

A special warning, and appeal is issued to all to use extreme care to see that grass fires do not start. It is urged that all refrain from starting bonfires, and use the utmost care with matches while in the open.

New Superintendent Will Move Here Soon

Superintendent John Dalrymple of Farmington Public Schools expects to take up his residence in Farmington with his family about August 18.

Improvements to be made in the superintendent's residence were authorized by the Board of Education Tuesday evening. Trustees Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Roos being appointed a committee to supervise its work.

Chicago Judge: "Going 60 miles an hour huh?"
Ganster: "Had to Judge, it was a stolen car."