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Farmington May Gain Round Trip Rates Here Soon

General Manager Of Blue Goose Lines To Give Matter Attention

Immediate steps will be taken by the Eastern Michigan Bus Lines to investigate placing a bus station in Farmington so that residents here may avail themselves of the 15 per cent reduction for round trip tickets. It was learned late Thursday afternoon, P. L. Radcliffe, general manager of the line, will take the matter under consideration at an early date the Enterprise was advised by T. Crane, of Mr. Radcliffe's office.

The announcement by this line last week that round trip rates would be granted at regularly established stations ignored Farmington. Attempts made here to buy round trip tickets were futile. This oversight was called to the attention of Detroit officials, by the Enterprise who have promised action on the matter.

It is understood that the round trip rates are only installed temporarily by the company and that the duration of time which they may exist depends upon the volume of business.

The letter calling the oversight of the company to the Farmington situation follows: August 29, 1931

Mr. P. L. Radcliffe,
Eastern Michigan System
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

We believe that the people of Farmington and vicinity read with a great deal of satisfaction the announcement in this week's issue of the Enterprise that fares on the Detroit-Lansing buses have been substantially reduced, making the Farmington-Detroit tariff 50 cents instead of the former charge of 75 cents. It seems to us beyond question that within the very near future if not immediately, the lower rate will bring to you a greatly increased volume of traffic, more than sufficient to make the gross return equal that obtained at the previous rate. It cannot but bring you also a very considerable measure of good-will throughout the community.

It is a matter of some disappointment, however to learn that thus far there is no means whereby Farmington people may benefit from the special round-trip offered, because no ticket-office has been established here. The saving in purchasing tickets, which makes the round-trip fare 85 cents instead of \$1.00 is enough of an item to substantially affect traffic volume, and Farmington people can scarcely help feeling that inability to purchase tickets here puts them under considerable handicap, although it is not of course, intentional discrimination.

As a servant of the community may we urge upon you the making of an earnest effort to obtain in Farmington a ticket-agency by which the lower round-trip fare can be made possible. We would be glad to offer our services, without charge of course, in this respect but we understand it is quite essential that a ticket-agency be open throughout the evening, and our office is not open evenings. However, if we can be of any assistance in this regard, we would be pleased to have you call us at any time.

Thanking you for the consideration you may give this matter, we are

Yours very truly,
The Farmington Enterprise
Hyman Levinson - Publisher

SURVEY CUT-OFF

State engineers were at work Wednesday surveying in the vicinity of the proposed extension of the Cut-off, west of Farmington road, in the neighborhood of the C. F. Smith estate. Some reports were heard that grading work would be started this fall, but they were not confirmed. Some surveying was done somewhat to the south of the original route it was reported.

OAKLAND IS LEADING LIST

Oakland county had more conservation law violators during the month of July than any other county in the state, according to a report released by the Department of Conservation this week.

For the period of July 1 to July 31 inclusive, the report shows that there were a total of 212 convictions in Oakland County with a total of \$3,072.69 paid in fines and 360 days spent in jail by the several violators. Twenty-nine of these were charged with taking undersized fish, ten for illegal possession, while the others included non-residents without license and fishing in closed season. The penalties ranged from \$20 down to suspended sentences.

American Legion Plans Completed

Legionnaires Promise Full Day For Farmington People Labor Day

Plans are practically completed for the Tenth Annual American Gala Day celebration which will take place in Farmington Labor Day, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. Legionnaires promise that there will not be one moment of the day in which something of interest to old and young alike will be taking place. The day will be climaxed at 9:45 at night by the drawings for the prizes offered.

The park at the corner of Farmington and Grand River roads will be the principal scene of the day's activities. The only events scheduled for elsewhere will be two ball games which will be played at the high school field in the rear of the high school building.

The Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will serve two meals during the day in the park, one at noon and the other at 5 o'clock. Two band concerts are also planned by Legionnaires, one in the morning at 10:05 and the afternoon concert at 4 o'clock.

Thirteen contests with appropriate prizes are offered. Included among them is a ping pong tournament, dashes for fat men, boys and ladies, an egg race, wheelbarrow race, pie eating contest, three legged race, pop drinking contest, and a sawdust scramble. Both ball games are features of the day. In the morning game, of a team composed of former stars who played in Farmington will meet the Novi Independents. This game is expected to prove of great interest. West Point Park will meet the strong Plymouth Hagerly at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The West Pointers, fresh from a victory over the league leaders in the Triple A Circuit, will prove great drawing cards at the high school field.

The outdoor moving picture show, the title of which has not been divulged, together with the drawings for prizes will climax the day.

City Besieged By Job Seekers

The Enterprise office has become an information bureau for a Detroit newspaper.

It would seem as if that were the case on Wednesday six calls were made at the Enterprise asking the whereabouts of certain men who had a classified ad in the metropolitan paper, stating that he could give employment to one or two men.

Although the Enterprise had not been advised by the Detroit paper that a small amount of cooperation in the fraternity would be needed to aid the advertiser, the personnel at the Enterprise was pleased to offer such assistance.

A few telephone calls and one or two inquiries about town did the job.

Town Board Cuts \$10,000 More Off 1932 Fund Levy

Total Savings Of Townships Over Last Year Will Be \$17,000.

The Township board pared \$10,000 off the 1932 township general fund Tuesday night, which with the \$7,000 reduction in the road repair fund for 1932, brings a total reduction in township taxes to \$17,000. The total levy is \$38,000. In 1931 it was \$55,000.

Members of the board unanimously favor strict economy in township finances during the period of depression but the feeling was general that it would be hazardous to reduce the levy below the figure now set. Rather than reduce the budget more, other means were discussed whereby expenses of the township would be greatly reduced.

Only one difficulty bars the way to a much lower tax for the Township this year. That is the 1929 school money deficit, which must be made up in the future. It amounts to over \$30,000.

The Circuit Court has not given a final decision on the matter, but undoubtedly it will be decreed that a substantial percentage of the money due the school districts be included in the levy for 1932. Board members hope and believe that the Court will allow the Township at least three years and perhaps more to make up the deficit. They believe that if the court will allow a liberal period of years, the economies that have been effected will make it possible to clear up the school deficit without serious difficulties.

Recent Verdict To Be Appealed

Estimates Place Sum Which May Have To Be Returned At \$75,000

An appeal will be taken by County Treasurer Albert W. Wilson from the decision last week of Judge Glenn C. Gillespie in favor of the Waterford township, holding the townships do not have to pay their Covert road-tax until it is collected, it was indicated this week. Although no action in that direction has yet been taken, it is thought probable that the county will appeal within the time limit allowed.

The Waterford action was a test case in which practically all the townships of Oakland county are involved, although only ten of them shared directly with Waterford in its action against the county. It is estimated that close to \$75,000 is involved in delinquent tax moneys which the county may have to return to the townships. Royal Oak and Southfield townships would receive the greatest returns although Farmington township is interested to the extent of \$11,000 or more.

The appeal will probably be carried to the Supreme Court on a writ of certiorari in order to get immediate action.

Many of the townships of the county are badly in need of delinquent tax moneys.

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FORMER STARS TO COMPETE MONDAY

Old time baseball stars will again scintillate on a Farmington diamond Monday.

As one of the features of the American Legion Gala Day, a team of former baseball players has been organized by Carl Goers to play Novi Independents Monday morning at the high school field.

In looking over the list as prepared by Goers the names of many former college stars are recognized. A few of them include H. Warner, former Michigan shortstop; the Catherman brothers, who a few years ago were diamond stars at Alma college; Tredway, another Alma luminary of former years; Dr. Z. R. Aschen-Brenner, who was at one time a second baseman at the University of Iowa; Earl Wolfe, former Ypsilanti Normal athlete; and Pierce, a former outfielder at Detroit Central.

Others who may play Monday include J. Latham, H. Oram, Wilmer Johnson, Dr. G. F. Weaver, H. Moss, Olin Russell, J. Clark, V. Smith, Carrie Coe, Norman Lee, and H. Wolfe. Carl Goers will probably do the pitching for the "All Stars" but R. Catherman may see some mound duty.

Mayor Arthur Lamb will umpire the game, it was revealed Wednesday morning.

Recovering After Auto Accident

Harley Warner Is Confined To His Home With Injuries

Harley Warner is recovering from injuries suffered late last week while driving in his automobile. Mr. Warner is confined to his residence at 3405 West Oakland road, Farmington. Although his injuries proved more serious than apparent at first, it is expected that he will show rapid improvement.

The accident occurred when Mr. Warner was forced to apply his brakes quickly, one of the brakes apparently locking and throwing the car sideways. The car went into a ditch and thence to a field, but did not turn over. Mr. Warner, however, was bruised and suffered a cut on his head.

Despite his injuries, Mr. Warner drove the car home immediately after the accident. He is under the care of Dr. Z. R. Aschen-Brenner.

The car was not much damaged. Several broken spokes in the right rear wheel were the only loss and Mr. Warner was able to bring the car home under its own power.

P. O. CLOSED MONDAY

Farmington post office will be closed all day Monday as well as several of the places of business here. There will be no rural deliveries of mail on Monday.

Residents are warned to get their mail into the post office by 1:30 P. M. Saturday or else their mail will not go out until Tuesday morning as the post office is closed Saturday afternoon.

Community-Wide Movement Planned For Farmington

Farmington Business And Professional Men To Meet Present Conditions With A Definite Plan

Farmington business and professional men are going to meet every year to follow a community-wide project far-reaching in its scope and effect, the biggest project Farmington has ever engaged in. With the co-operation of every business and professional man, farmers throughout

this vicinity and residents of the entire section, they propose to make Farmington known through out the State and an even greater area with whatever results in development and financial benefit may occur.

The proposal centers on taking advantage of this section's outstanding product, for which the Farmington area has been famous many years—apples. It is planned to "put Farmington on the map" as the home of the finest apples, just as other communities have exploited the particular products for which they are widely known.

Announce Judges For Annual Show

Committees And Judges Announced For Event—Mrs. Armstrong Chairman

Judges and committee members of the Third Annual Flower Show which is to be held at the Farmington Methodist church Friday, September 11, were announced Wednesday. Bruce Starr of the Bomb Floral Co. of Detroit, Mrs. D. H. Roberts of the Wardell Flower Shop of Detroit, and Maurice W. Haven of the Woodward Gardens, Birmingham, are the judges selected.

The committee members working under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, general chairman, have been announced as follows:

Decorations, Mrs. Carl Harrison, Miss Emma Gildemeister, Mrs. Andrew Salow, Mrs. William Slocum, Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Mrs. Albert McDonald and Mrs. Elmer Switzer.

Arrangements, Mrs. Clarence Bickling, Mrs. Albert Netter, Mrs. Edna Kroger, Mrs. Forest Dickerson, Mrs. Leo Henricks, Mrs. Will Richardson, Miss Merlah Andrews, Mrs. Emory Hatton and Mrs. Will Moss.

Dining room, Mrs. A. L. Ross, Mrs. Lew Thayer, Mrs. A. R. Ollahan and Mrs. Ed Tamm.

Supper, Mrs. Adolph Nacker, Mrs. George Nacker, Mrs. Herman Moss, Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mrs. Lee Doyle and Mrs. Schinjeck.

Classification, J. L. VanVolkenburg, Miss Merlah Andrews and Mrs. Clarence Bickling.

Several organizations have not as yet named their committee members but expect to do so late this week.

The supper will be served at 5:30 and prices of 35 and 50 cents will be charged.

CHANGE OF CLASS SCHEDULES MADE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Arrangement Thought By Officials To Be More Satisfactory Than Former

Reorganization of class periods on a more satisfactory basis, was announced by J. A. Dalrymple, superintendent of schools, this week. The plan, as outlined by Mr. Dalrymple changes the eight 45 minute and one 30 minute period to six 60 minute periods. The reason as given by Mr. Dalrymple is that it provides for more teacher-student contact. The same school hours will remain with a single exception at noon when school will begin 15 minutes earlier. School hours will be 8:30 to 11:45 to 4:00.

Under this arrangement a student will be under direct supervision of a teacher 300 minutes instead of 390 minutes as formerly but it is thought by school officials that this arrangement will be much more satisfactory.

Grades one to six will not participate in this new schedule, it is said.

Superintendent Dalrymple announces that the first teacher's meeting of the year will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday, September 12.

All To Have Part

The plan embraces an all-year program of work and publicity, on the part of not only those most directly interested, but every man, woman and child in the community. It has met with the enthusiastic approval of everyone with whom it has been discussed, including a few growers besides the business-men.

The plan had its inception at the meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Dr. G. Frank Weaver told other members of the club that he believed the hour has come when an organization founded upon service to the community is most needed, that go better time would ever come for the club members to join with each other and the remainder of the community to improve conditions.

He suggested the adoption of a program requiring continuous effort over a considerable period of time, upon which the club could concentrate its effort.

Hyman Levinson suggested that an effort be made to select some outstanding feature for which Farmington might be made widely known, as had been done in the instance of Holland, Mich. with its tulips and Traverse City with its cherries, the feature to be exploited in every way possible to draw attention of the metropolitan area and the State to Farmington.

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson suggested inasmuch as Farmington and vicinity grow very large quantities of fine apples that there be planned an event centered around the apple, similar to the Romeo Peach Festival and the Traverse City Cherry festival, which have been highly successful in attracting attention of those communities.

Attention was called to the unusual beauty of the apple blossoms in orchards around Farmington last spring. The opinion was also expressed that the effort of everyone in the community, not only the apple-growers and the businessmen, but all residents, would be needed to make the project a success.

It was also suggested that Farmington could not only have a big apple event each autumn when the apples are at their best, but also in the spring an apple-blossom festival could be arranged which would attract larger numbers of people from Detroit and elsewhere.

It is believed that with the enthusiastic co-operation of everyone in the community, the movement can be made highly successful with very little expense, the idea being that with everyone lending a hand and displaying enthusiasm, results could be achieved which would otherwise be impossible without considerable outlay of money.

The movement is predicated on the idea that agriculture is "the backbone of the community," that the community's prosperity depends largely upon the welfare of farmers, and that anything which helps them will benefit also everyone else. It is believed that prosperity of the farmer is essential to improved economic conditions, and that much can be done in this direct-

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What Is Your Idea?

Elsewhere on this page there is reviewed the beginning of an effort to promote the reputation and prosperity of this community as an apple-growing section, one of the finest in the country. Although the idea was brought forward only Wednesday, already a large number of original, effective and practical ideas have been suggested in connection with the project.

It is emphasized that the movement is one in which the entire community can and must share. The Enterprise is interested in expressions of opinion from its readers regarding the plan. Doubtless there are many more—probably the best—are yet to be developed, and may come from a wide variety of sources.

What is your idea or opinion? What suggestions can you offer that might make the plan more successful? What do you think of the project in general—its prospects of success good, or are there obstacles which occur to you that do not appear to have thought of thus far? How can they be anticipated and overcome? What features could you suggest particularly that would enlist the aid and co-operation of every person in the community?

The Enterprise welcomes comments from anyone.