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Oiled Roads To Be Built By State

Farmington has the distinction of being one of the first cities in the state to have its roads resurfaced with the type of material which is to be used by the state highway department in its road construction program for which a Federal grant of \$5,000,000 has recently been made.

Streets in Farmington were resurfaced in June according to a method which involved saturating the roads with oil and then spreading gravel over them. The oil and gravel were then mixed and rolled. This method has been found more satisfactory than the previous one in that it required giving the streets several coatings of oil a year.

Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner, said he had obtained tentative approval of this work relief grant upon his return from a recent trip to Washington. He also held out hopes of obtaining more than \$100,000 in additional work relief funds.

Home S. Cummings, U. S. Attorney general, may be the man to decide whether Michigan will receive a total of \$10,000,000 for oil aggregate roads. A request for an additional allotment of \$1,500,000 submitted by Commissioner Van Wagoner for oil aggregate road construction on Federal Aid routes has been sent to the attorney general for a ruling. Federal regulations governing the expenditure of work relief funds forbid their use on Federal Aid highways. Although the \$4,850,000,000 public works act itself makes no mention of any such restriction.

Costs Less Than Concrete
The entire grant of \$10,000,000 is not only a great relief to the state highway department but will be able to construct oil aggregate surfacing on 1,000 of the 3,000 miles of gravel trunkline highways. This type of road is not only a great relief to the state highway department but will be able to construct oil aggregate surfacing on 1,000 of the 3,000 miles of gravel trunkline highways. This type of road is not only a great relief to the state highway department but will be able to construct oil aggregate surfacing on 1,000 of the 3,000 miles of gravel trunkline highways.

The state highway department has submitted a \$12,000,000 program of tourist and pleasure road construction to be constructed north of Town Line 12. Although Federal authorities have said the cost-per-mile of this program are excessive, Commissioner Van Wagoner is hopeful of having the program eventually qualify. Southern Michigan will not be affected by these plans inasmuch as county road commissions are submitting independent projects in that part of the state on farm-to-market roads.

Commissioner Van Wagoner emphasized that the state highway department can have the projects ready for advertisement within thirty days after these pending programs are approved. They can be completed within a year, he said. Meanwhile the current \$20,000,000 highway relief program, which is entirely separate from pending plans awaiting approval, is far ahead of any in the country. The commissioner was informed in Washington that only one other state—Alabama—has had its program approved by the President. Out of a total of \$20,000,000 worth of highway work relief projects under construction in the nation to date \$2,000,000, or two-thirds of the total, are in Michigan.

CLARENCEVILLE MAN CELEBRATES 70th ANNIVERSARY

Surrounded by friends and relatives, George W. Van Wagoner, Clarenceville, celebrated his seventieth birthday Sunday, September 15, at his home.

Congratulations were received throughout the day. In the evening a dinner party was given by Mrs. Heaburn. The table was beautifully decorated, with a huge birthday cake in the center. Among those present were: Mrs. Lillian Whitford of Erie, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morris of Grace, Aram, Pa.; Mrs. Dorcas of Newcastle, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heaburn and family of Wyandotte; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dice, Wesley Heaburn and daughter Shirley of Detroit; M. R. Keen of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Vandenberg and family.

Miss Sadie Hickey visited friends in Detroit last week.

Announces Program



MURRAY D. VAN WAGONER

County Boosting Chance Is Lost

Reversing his decision made at a special meeting, September 3, when it had voted to appropriate \$500 for the creation of a tourist information bureau to advertise the county, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors voted Monday to rescind its former resolution and at the same time authorized the vice-chairman of the special Court House building committee to apply to Washington for a \$200,000 loan to build in addition to the Court House.

In commenting on the action of the Board, Arthur P. Coe, supervisor of Farmington Township and a member of the Board, stated that he had voted against the previous action taken by the Board "not because the idea was unsound but because there were other pressing matters more deserving of the Board's time and the appropriation."

Mayor Howard M. Warner of Farmington, also a member of the Board, defended the previous action of the Board and said that the original idea carried out properly would have indirectly benefited the county in the county. The plan to advertise the county was forwarded by a sportsman's organization of Pontiac. It is the same organization that is responsible for the building of the Drayton Plains fish hatchery which, when completed, will be one of the largest in the world.

According to Mayor Warner, the sportsman's club had anticipated that the advertising would bring tourists to Oakland County and that each tourist who stayed overnight spent at least ten dollars.

The proposed new office building would be located on the property owned by the county adjoining the Court House on West Huron street. The plans are that the loan would be secured from either the PWA or WPA and would be repaid from the savings made in the \$15,000 being spent yearly in acquiring the land. The building of space in the Court House makes it necessary to rent considerable space outside the Court House. The new building would take up the overflow and would be paid for with the money saved on rentals.

FIRE DAMAGES MARTIN HOME ON OAKLAND AVE.

One of the first fires of a disastrous nature here occurred in Farmington in some months broke out at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller on Oakland Avenue. It is estimated that damage to the amount of \$400 to \$500 was done by the fire which is believed to have started from a defective chimney. Firemen expressed the opinion that a bird's nest lodged in the chimney might have been the cause.

After the fire broke out the Martins recalled a smelly smoke Sunday. The home is owned by C. W. Chamberlain of Grand River avenue, Farmington.

A pedro party will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows School, on Grand River avenue, Wednesday, September 25, in the evening. The party is sponsored by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lyons. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Township Board Sets Tax Rate

Farmington Township will levy and collect \$20,882.99 sometime before December 1 in Farmington Township general taxes to be used as operating expense. It was decided at the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday.

In raising this figure, Township taxpayers will be paying \$3,152.73 less than in 1934. Last year, \$23,709.72 was levied. This substantial reduction was made in the debt service.

The total valuation of the Township was set at \$1,200,000. The tax divided into departments and according to mills will be general, \$2,241.31 or 22 mills; debt service, \$5,010.73 or 12 mills; road repair, \$2,160.31 or 6.5 mills; welfare, \$1,500.61 or 1 mill.

The Township Board is confident that in spite of the substantial reduction in the amount to be collected, it will finish the year within its budget. An unexpected source of revenue that has been helpful during recent months is the return to the Township treasurer of delinquent tax funds being collected by the County treasurer. During the month of May, June and July approximately \$1,000 was returned each month and it is expected that August will be the largest return of the three since September 1 was the deadline for paying back taxes without penalty.

SPICERS TO LIVE ON FARMINGTON ROAD AFTER TRIP

Following a wedding trip in Canada, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Spicer will return to live in Farmington where they will occupy the David Gray house on Farmington road, opposite the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodenough.

Mr. Spicer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Spicer of Detroit, and Miss Eleanor Goodenough were married by Rev. J. C. Johnson of St. John's Episcopal church of Detroit, in the garden of "Long Acres," the Goodenough home, Saturday afternoon in the presence of close friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

The bride wore a gown patterned from the wedding gown of her paternal grandmother. It was made of white tulle with quantity fitted bodice buttoning down the front with tiny covered buttons. The sleeves were long and fitted and the skirt, very bouffant, extended into a graceful train. Her long tulle veil fell from a tiny cap of lace. She carried a bouquet of white wild flowers.

Bridesmaids Choose Blue
Miss Mary Burrows, acting as maid of honor, Miss Adeline Wixom, both of Farmington, and Miss Estelle Spicer of Detroit, assisted the bride. They all wore gowns of aquamarine motif made with long full skirts and tight bodices with V necklines. The only contrasting note on their dresses were rhinestone buckles on the skirts. They all wore white gloves and carried peach colored gossamer ribbons. They carried peach colored African daisies.

Assisting Mr. Spicer were his brother, Charles P. Spicer, Jr., who acted as best man, and W. Goodenough, brother of the bride who came from Cambridge, Massachusetts for the wedding, and Edward Laylin of Columbus.

Mrs. Goodenough wore a gown of French blue lace trimmed in Kelly and a hat of blue felt, while Mrs. Spicer chose brown lace with touches of orange velvet at the skirt. Her hat was made of brown feathers trimmed with an orange plume. Both Mrs. Goodenough and Mrs. Spicer carried white orchids. The bride's table was covered with a Pointe de Venise cloth and centered with a silver bowl of white garden flowers. White tapers burned in silver candelabra.

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Gilbert A. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Farmington is planning a welcoming back program for the young people of his congregation whose absence for the past two weeks was requested by health officials as a precaution against the spread of infantile paralysis.

Special music and special messages will be featured on the morning and evening programs.

Several Route 2 Mail Box Owners Doubly Disappointed

Going to your mail box and finding no mail is a pretty sad predicament to itself, but going for your mail and not finding the mail box is a quandary which only a few people on Farmington route 2 can appreciate.

If you are accustomed to receiving your mail at the post office and have seen the triumphant nods of the clerks as they switch off the light about 5:30 every afternoon, identifying the fulfillment of their duties for the day, and if you have been waiting for a letter which did not arrive as you expected, you know what disappointment you have felt. From now on, if you are a postman, you will probably worry about your mail box as well as the letter which you expect, whereas if you are an optimist perhaps this will not bother you too much.

LaVerne Turner, Brookdale avenue, Farmington, while driving on

Grand River avenue near Orchard Lake road Saturday night passed an automobile and did not have the slightest idea that a car parked at the curb was about to make a U turn. Before he had time to think about it, the automobile swung out with the result Mr. Turner had the choice of driving his vehicle into it or of sticking the letter boxes a few feet from the curb. Mr. Turner chose the latter alternative.

The occupants of both vehicles escaped injury, but the front end of Mr. Turner's car was damaged considerably. The mail boxes, about five on each post, were knocked several feet from their original positions.

When the letter box owners came for their mail Monday morning they had to look for the mail boxes before they could feel their disappointment to which they are accustomed when they do not receive any letters.

Band Director Is Appointed

Ralph Banta, former music teacher at Romulus, has been added to the faculty of Farmington High School to replace Edward Eaton as director of the band.

Mr. Banta attended high school in Ypsilanti and Anna Arbor where he played in the band under the direction of Joseph Maddy who is now at Interlochen Camp. Later he studied public school music at Michigan State Normal where he obtained his degree. Recently, he won an "honorary" degree at the University of Michigan.

Before accepting a position at Romulus, Mr. Banta taught music at Riverview for five years.

Under the direction of its new leader will be playing at the football games the first of which will be held Friday, October 4 with Brighton high at Brighton.

Around The County

County Clerk Lynn D. Allen presented a silver loving cup to William Duncan who received it on behalf of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The cup was awarded to Mr. Duncan for his services as a volunteer at the County picnic at Walled Lake several weeks ago.

The deaths of Edward Taylor and William Hunter at Commerce Lake Sunday, being the people of Farmington who attend the shoots which are being held three times a week, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Spectators numbering about 60, saw in the marksmanship of Curt Hall and Harrison Johnson last Sunday an exhibition which resulted in each making a score of 21 out of 25, the highest score which has been made since the organization of the Skeet Club. Even these record-breaking scores are in danger of being surpassed if the accuracy of the shooting witnessed last Sunday continues to improve.

Attendance at Sunday's shoot was augmented by the presence of about 200 spectators who defied the cold in Wyandotte. It is estimated a total of 65 rounds was shot.

Officers of the Skeet Club urge people who want to attend the shoots to be cautious when they approach the range. While there have been no accidents thus far, the possibility is ever present unless spectators in automobiles will follow the signs which have been posted along the roads leading to the range on Maple avenue near the Cutoff. The signs are posted as warnings to prevent motorists from driving into the range.

Plan to Incorporate

Members of the Club are studying the plans of the Pontiac Gun Club in an effort to make a corporation of the Farmington Skeet Club.

Officers of the Farmington Skeet Club consist of the following persons: M. R. Burrows, president, Harrison Johnson, vice president, Curt Hall, secretary and treasurer.

Members in Class A (chartered members) are: Dr. Z. R. Achenbrenner, Vice President, Jay Burrows, Marcus Burrows, Carey Cox, Tracy Conroy, Walt Conn, Ed. Dickey, Walt Durham, Tom Edwards, Ray Feathers, Owen Foster, William True, George Gildemester, Curt Hall, Billy Hamilton, Spencer Heiney, Carl Hilsbrun, Harrison Johnson, Ken Loonis, Tom Moore, Edwin Olla, Ed. Pierce, Spencer Robbins, Ray Buckel, Ralph Smith, Howard Warner, Frank Weaver, and Fred Wellington.

Members recently added are Frank Labadie, David Prindle Lloyd Lusk, Dean Elsen.

While the original plans were to limit the membership of the Club to 30, it was recently decided to extend the limit to 40.

Mrs. David Prindle spent Monday in Detroit.

Will Speak Here



Melvin Lee, State representative from Royal Oak, will speak at the regular monthly meeting of the German Beneficial Union Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the American Legion Home in Farmington. Mr. Lee is a member of the Royal Oak Union.

Coming Events Feature Begins

For the convenience of readers of The Enterprise and the benefit of organizations in the community, The Enterprise will publish each week a "Calendar of Coming Events." The column begins with this issue.

Individuals, members of various social and fraternal organizations and anyone who has a public announcement to make, a letter to bring to the attention of The Enterprise notices of meetings, activities and events of public interest, up to and including Wednesday noon, may submit their items published in the column in that week's issue.

It is highly desirable that notices be submitted early, preferably Monday or Tuesday. Early copy helps promote accuracy.

Due to the fact that the column will necessarily include dates, names, etc., it is urged that notices whenever possible be written out carefully and sent to The Enterprise office. Whenever a date is given, the day of the week should also be mentioned, as further precaution against errors. Notices will be accepted by telephone, but it is noted that the possibility of errors with resulting inconvenience, is much less if the notices are written.

Secretaries and other officers of organizations are invited to advise The Enterprise at once of the regular schedule of meetings, that attention may be called to these, as well as special events in the community. It is not planned to make any charge for notices appearing in the column, but it is requested that those making use of the column keep in mind that the chief purpose of the column is the publication of notices of broad general interest to the community.

LEROY HAYWOOD DIES WEDNESDAY IN CHICAGO

Farmington friends will be sorry to hear of the death of Leroy Haywood of Chicago who died Wednesday, September 11. He is survived by his widow, the former Ed Elsenor of Farmington, a daughter, Mrs. Rose Ault and one grandchild.

The funeral was held in Chicago on Saturday, Mr. Haywood was well known in Farmington as a graduate of Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti.

Farmington High School Is Again Accredited

Announcement is made by John A. Dalrymple, Farmington superintendent of schools, that the Farmington High School has again been recognized by the North Central Association of Accredited Secondary Schools and will occupy a place on its list for three years as a high school which has passed tests and meets the requirements for being an accredited school.

Students who graduate from accredited schools are admitted to most colleges and universities throughout the country without being required to take an entrance examination.

Teachers Get Salary Increase

Teachers who taught in Farmington schools last year will receive an increase of 10 per cent in their salaries when they return to class Monday morning, as a result of a ruling made by the School Board. The salary increase will not apply to teachers who will enter the school system for the first time. They will teach according to the stipulations of their contracts. This is a somewhat unusual situation since not many months ago in most parts of the state and country, teachers were on half pay or, in some instances, were getting no pay.

In the opinion of the School Board the ten percent raise in salaries constitutes somewhat of a reward to the older teachers who were at Farmington and who "stood by" and taught when they were not at all sure of a pay check.

The reopening of schools in Farmington and in the Township was delayed two weeks owing to several cases of infantile paralysis which were discovered several days prior to the scheduled reopening, September 2. Although some of the schools in the Township closed at that time, they were promptly closed when the number of cases increased.

No additional cases of infantile paralysis have been reported thus far, and the cases which have been reported are said to show improvement with the aid of health officials' sanctioning the reopening of schools Monday morning, September 23. At that time teachers and pupils will make up for the time lost.

As an all-around precaution against the spread of infantile paralysis, Sunday schools were also closed for two weeks. They will reopen Sunday with most of the church officials in Farmington and in the Township planning to welcome the returning people back with special services.

VAN WAGONER OFFICIATES AT BRIDGE OPENING

With its formal opening held Sunday, the new Mortimer E. Cooley Bridge over the south branch of the Manistee River on M-55 in the heart of the Manistee National Forest is now in use. Murray D. Van Wagoner, State Highway Commissioner, officiated at the dedication ceremony.

In his dedication address Commissioner Van Wagoner spoke of his hopes for obtaining additional Federal highway relief funds which he said would permit the construction of much tourist road mileage. He paid tribute to Mortimer E. Cooley, dean emeritus of the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan and the present Michigan public works director, for whom the bridge was named.

"Wherever the principles of engineering as taught at the University of Michigan are practiced Mortimer E. Cooley will be remembered as a kindly, understanding, intelligent dean," the commissioner said. "Wherever in Michigan distinguished public service is appreciated, this man is remembered for his patriotic conception of his public duty."

The new \$200,000 bridge has no rival in the state for a combination of beauty and engineering accomplishment. Located in one of the most beautiful scenic spots in the state, the bridge has a clear span of 300 feet, the longest under the jurisdiction of the state highway department.

CLARENCEVILLE CHILD DIES OF FRACTURED SKULL

George Richard Armour, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Armour of Clarenceville died of a fractured skull which resulted from a fall.

The child is survived by his parents.

Burial services were held Monday afternoon with interment at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. David Gray of Santa Barbara, California, is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lunan W. Goodenough.