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Music School Home Is Planned

Plans for broadening the scope of activities and improving the entire school system of Farmington are moving on apace, as the Board of Education is developing new plans for enhancing the service and efficiency of the school.

Newest among the plans is that for a "music school" apart from the rest of the institution and avoiding interference between the teaching of music and the academic courses.

The house at Grand River and School street, owned by the district and in years past occupied by superintendents of the school system, is to be remodeled inside to provide a large hall in which the band, the school orchestra, and individual students may practice without interruptions and without interfering with the other classes. Partitions are to be taken out of the first floor, and an "L" beam set in, affording a large room in which the entire band will be able to practice together.

Sounded Thru Building
Heretofore, the band has practiced in a fairly large semi-basement room on the north side of the grade school building. The sound was transmitted through hot-air ducts and the ceilings to the floors above. Band practice between 9 and 10 in the mornings could be heard throughout much of the building, with consequent disturbance to other classes. Individual members of the band also took their lessons in the same room throughout the day, with similar results. This will now be eliminated.

It is believed that not only will work in the academic classes be improved but that interest in the school has been so heightened by the development of the band, will be made even greater by the fact that the music department is to have a building of its own. It is believed also that this will mark a most attractive feature of the school system for parents considering establishing residence in Farmington, who are keenly interested in musical education for their children.

Kindergarten Moves
A second advantage of the new plan will be providing more space for the kindergarten. The kindergarten, which in the past two years has been crowded into a tiny room only a fraction of the size needed. Kindergarten teachers have struggled along without any of the equipment which is essential for effective work in this class. The kindergarten will be moved into the room vacated by the band, and formerly occupied by the kindergarten. It will now be possible to provide equipment for a well-equipped and managed kindergarten.

Will Save Coal
Economy will be still another advantage of remodeling of the house for the music department. Heretofore, whenever the band or orchestra wished to practice after hours, it was necessary to heat up all one side of the building in order to provide warmth in the band room, thus entailing a large heating cost for the benefit of a small group. It is planned to install a small stoker in the furnace of the house, and when heat is required, the cost will be much less than for firing up one of the large boilers in the school building.

It is expected that remodeling of the house, to be done by Arthur Lamb, will be completed well before the school term opens early in September.

Girl to Daredevil Stunt at Northville

Leaping through a solid board wall in an automobile traveling 60 miles an hour may sound like a sure way to commit suicide. To the ordinary person it probably would be. But not to beautiful Margaret McLean, a member of the Mary Wiggins troupe of Hollywood girl stunt stars who will appear at the Wayne County Fair, Northville, Wednesday afternoon and night, August 25.

What makes McLean's way of earning her daily bread and butter, and what makes the pretty young lady's stunt all the more daring is the fact that she does not use a specially built automobile. She takes her leap in defiance of death with a stock car, the kind you buy when you walk into the sales room of an automobile company to purchase a new car.

Grass Cut, Band Stand Built, With Boards' Kind Consent

City of Farmington owns the athletic field "below" the runs along the south side of Shawagaw street, west of Power avenue and east of what used to be known as "The Methodist hill," now more specifically called Warner avenue. The City has title to the property, but when the City Commission wanted to locate a new band stand there, they couldn't do anything about it—until they asked the Board of Education. The grass needs to be mowed regularly, and should be mowed with a power mower, but while the City has a power mower (the School District has none) and so despite the fact that the City and School District are mostly the same people, the City could not do the mowing on its own property with its power mower, even though the School Board wanted it done—until formal arrangement was made between the governing units.

It all seems like a complicated and unnecessary mass of red tape, but in actuality it is not, although it is an interesting situation. In observing meticulously the requirements, members of the two bodies are in fact carefully carrying out their duty to the people and complying with the law, although the people for the larger part are the same in both governing units.

Bank Continues Business Gain

Farmington residents are apparently enjoying a period of increasing prosperity. The report issued by The Farmington State Bank for the fiscal period ending June 30 shows that both deposits and assets of the bank have increased sharply in the last three months. From assets listed as \$62,600 at the opening of the bank's doors to the citizens of Farmington in 1934, they have now risen to a point just short of the million dollar mark. This year's statement of assets issued on March 31 and June 30 shows that assets increased from \$49,224.71 to \$930,593.35, or an increase of approximately \$88,000.

Deposits, both savings and commercial, show an upward trend during the three-month period. Savings deposits rising from \$268,361.63 to \$337,228.07 set an all-time high. Commercial deposits increased \$7,672.67.

The reason for the Farmington State Bank's success in black and white, the fact that business is returning, and more particularly, in this community. Undoubtedly the success of the bank is due to its excellent management and the assistance given by the people of Farmington.

FARMINGTON AND BIRMINGHAM—AT IT AGAIN!

Such an enjoyable time was experienced by Farmington's "Shoreland" business men at golf and bridge Wednesday afternoon that another event of similar kind is being planned for some time in August. At that time the Birmingham men will be hosts. Farmington having been the host on Tuesday at Glen Oaks Country Club.

Ray Bond demonstrated how golf should be played for the benefit of the guests, by turning in a card of 76. Apparently content with this demonstration of Farmington superiority, the "Shoreland" group showed themselves perfect hosts by allowing their guests to walk off with match honors, 19½ to 12½.

Robert Napoleon Allen, irrepressible Birmingham golf fellow, showed that he was a "Shoreland" prize winner, by winning the prize for best tee shot. The prize dispensers overruled a protest which had called Mr. Allen's victory into serious question. Mr. Allen responded to presentation of the award with remarks that were all present paused in their enjoyment to pay a tribute to two participants of Birmingham-Farmington golf of years ago, who have passed on, Harley Warner and Olin Russell.

Following dinner, bridge was played in the evening.

STARTS THIRD YEAR

Bill White, operator of the service station on Farmington Road next to the Enterprise office, is starting his third year at the station this month.

It all comes about this way. Some years ago the idea was conceived by Archie G. Leonard, of Farmington, then superintendent of schools and now an attorney in Pontiac, that the natural amphitheater formed by the hillside and large level stretch of ground, with the creek flowing through it, would make an ideal athletic field. When he brought before the City Commission a large sketch in colors, he had little difficulty in convincing the governing body that his plan was worth while. The only hitch was that the land is owned by the City, whereas it would be used by the school district. But Mr. Leonard had the City to thank for that, too. It was that the city should lease the property to the school district, which would proceed to make the field usable. The lease was duly signed, without it, the Board of Education could not legally spend money on the field.

Now, Situation
Recent two interesting situations have developed. One was occasioned by the City's plan to locate the new band stand on the field. But the Board of Education is legally in possession of the property, and the City thus could not locate the band stand there without permission from the School Board.

Even more interesting are circumstances regarding the apparently simple matter of mowing the grass. When the City bought the field, one of the chief uses suggested for it was mowing the athletic field, the largest area of grass in the community, and a very large one to cut by hand-mower. But the City could not utilize the mower there regardless of how much the Board of Education might desire it—unless a "deal" was made. The governing bodies are as separate as Cuba and China as far as finances go.

District Pays City
In order that the mower might be used to good purpose on the field, money efficiently, it has been arranged that the School District shall pay the City for the gasoline and the operator's time consumed in mowing the field, and in addition \$25 a year to cover depreciation on the machine.

Incidentally, the circumstance that the boundaries of the school district and municipality are not identical, the school district including all of the city and some additional areas (the Farmington Township), is not what makes all this arranging necessary. The same would still be true even though the boundaries were exactly the same. The two governing bodies have separate financial interests, and even in cities where boundaries of the two units are identical, the same procedure would be required.

Meanwhile, however, the band stand will be built and the grass will be mowed, and now there are even plans to locate the band stand on the field so that next year the grass will be as thick and soft as that on the finest athletic fields, by applying treatment next autumn.

Fred L. Cook and Company are featuring their "lay away plan" of purchasing the blankets you will be needing in the post-graduation future. Dickinson Hardware Company is offering a new method of cleaning furnaces to insure the 100% functioning of your heat-in-plants.

If you are thinking of buying a new car, it will be well to stop at the Blakelee Motor Sales and look over the new Chevrolet, still "the only complete car priced so low." They also have a number of used cars on hand so, "see them first before you buy."

The Pennman-Alten Theatre at Northville offers a first-rate picture over the week-end. And if you don't usually follow to think of the proverbial "rainy day," Farmington State Bank's steadily increasing volume of business indicates that many wise people realize how important it is to save money. One dollar starts a savings account.

Farmington Residents in Two Crashes

Mrs. Fred Maas, cut by flying glass when the machine in which she was riding with her husband collided with a car driven by Hugo Kalsow, 1719 Trinity, Detroit, is improved. Kalsow was arrested on a charge of drunken driving. In court he was sentenced to pay a \$100 fine or accept a 75-day jail term. His license was revoked for a period of one year.

Mr. Maas, driving east on the Grand River road Saturday night, saw Kalsow's car coming down the wrong side of the road. Swinging far out to the left side of the highway he was unable to avoid the collision. Mrs. Maas' mother and daughter, who were also occupants of the car, escaped injury.

Another "Farmington resident," Ralph Auten, was the subject of a crash Sunday night, when his car was struck from the rear by an auto driven by Alex Holowicki of Lansing.

Holowicki failed to see Auten's signal for a right-hand turn as he turned onto Tulaue avenue and in trying to avoid the accident crashed into the rear right side of Auten's automobile. Both cars were damaged but neither of the men was injured.

Three other accidents, occurring over the week-end near here were reported. Frank Zolich, a passenger in a car driven by Daniel Carr, 21431 Wendell, Detroit, was in Redford Receiving Hospital suffering concussion of the brain and possible skull fracture as the result of an accident on the Grand River road Saturday.

Attempting to avoid a crash with a car driven by George Udell, Buena Vista, Detroit, Robert C. Griffith, 14133 Joyce, Detroit, lost control of his machine as it skidded on the wet pavement and crashed into the auto driven by Carr. Udell left the scene of the accident immediately, but following a police broadcast was picked up in Detroit. He was released after investigation.

A truck driven by Samuel Turk, 7512 Burlington, and owned by the Wallace-Candler Roofing Co., side-swiped a car driven by James Gatt, 8631 Military and tore off mail boxes for 1200 feet along W. Grand River avenue. Turk's truck top-heavy with a load of shingles, lost control of the machine as he attempted to pass the car driven by Gatt. He finally gained control of the truck after losing his load of shingles. Both occupants of the cars escaped serious injury.

Driving south on the Novi-Walkway road, Emerit Long, 8556 DeSoto, Detroit, was side-swiped by a car driven by a drunken driver who fled immediately after the accident. A warrant has been issued for the still unidentified man's arrest.

NEW ELECTRIC SIGN

A brilliant new neon electric sign now marks the place of business of Farmington Dairy, Inc. The large sign, visible far down Grand River avenue, is of modernistic design, done in bright colors for maximum visibility and attractiveness.

"Be Prepared" is Ad Theme Of Merchants During Week

A host of other useful equipment are "special" this week.

A full line of Larro feeds is offered by Farmington Mills. Turn to page two for the complete list. While it's so hot, why not walk down to the Farmington Dairy and get a quart of their quality ice cream? It will help a lot, and the children will enjoy it.

Whether you are planning a trip or just using your car in town, go to Burnett Brothers Service Station and tell them to "fill 'er up" with Sinclair Opaline. It will save you money and assure the best performance of your car. And if you don't own a car why not let the Blue Goose Bus Lines plan your vacation trip? Take their advice and "see Michigan first."

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School Board Officers Continue Long Tenure

Enjoying to an unusual degree the confidence of both the school district and his fellow trustees on the Farmington Board of Education, Spencer J. Heeneey is beginning his fifth year as president of the school governing body. Records of even longer duration are held by Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary, and Arthur Lamb, treasurer of the board. Each has served more than ten years in the offices which they hold.

The three were re-elected at the organization meeting of the board last Thursday night, following the annual district meeting.

Mr. Heeneey, who was elected to the Board as a trustee in 1932, was selected by his colleagues the following year as president, and has held the office since that time, having been re-elected trustee by the electors of the district in 1935.

Seek 'Big Top' For Gala Day

An "important" innovation in the Gala Days celebration sponsored by Farmington's American Legion Post this year appears as a possibility, as members of the Post swing into their preparations for the annual event held the first week-end in September.

If plans at present being considered are materialized, the Gala Days and Homecoming celebration will take on a new atmosphere, with all the attractions centered under a "big top"—a huge canopy that will provide protection from the elements and acts as a useful factor in the celebration. Negotiations are under way with a company which supplies not only the canvas but also the booths and other requirements, all set up ready for use. Heretofore the Post members have spent several days in the celebration, simply building booths and other facilities for the event, and several days afterward taking down and disposing of what they had built.

A decision is expected within the next few days as to whether the "big top" can be secured.

Celebrate Three Days

The major part of the celebration will, as last year, take place on the grounds between Grand River and Farmington roads. The event will cover three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 4, 5 and 6.

Various members of the Legion post have taken up the task assigned to them in voluntary activity will increase. As arrangements are made for the numerous athletic events, amusements and other features which are being planned.

JOHN DALRYMPLE LEAVES SCHOOL FACULTY

John Dalrymple, former superintendent of Farmington Schools, will not return to teach on the Farmington faculty next year, as had been planned earlier, when his resignation as superintendent was announced last Spring.

Mr. Dalrymple has returned his resignation to the board of the Farmington board, indicating that he does not expect to return to Farmington. While no definite word has been received, it is believed that he has accepted another position. One more year of school work will give the former superintendent eligibility for a teachers' pension.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple are now vacationing at Alden, Michigan.

MISS LOUISE BOLLENS AT CAMP ON PERRY LAKE

Miss Louise Bolleens, formerly of Farmington is engaged this summer as dietitian at Camp Nahela on Perry Lake, near Ortonville. Miss Bolleens has had wide experience in numerous places in various parts of the state where she has at present comprises 140 boys and girls and two score counselors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ross have returned from a two week's motor trip through northern Michigan.



SPENCER J. HEENEY

Band Stand Building Begun

Construction of Farmington's band stand, along lines which will also make the structure available for other community activities such as graduation exercises, is under way, preliminary work having been started Tuesday morning. It is expected that not over two weeks will be required for completion.

A new idea incorporated into the plan was that the new band stand of wider usefulness to the community than was at first anticipated. The platform is to be built "up there," so that some parts of the band will sit on higher levels than others. During the last discussion before final approval, the suggestion developed that the higher levels all be made movable. Thus it will be possible also to have all of the space on one level, as might be desired for such an event as graduation exercises, simply by removing the platforms which form the higher levels. The idea met with unanimous approval of the committee.

Parking Plan

One of the problems to be met in connection with the building of the stand at the west end of the athletic field, is that of automobiles. While there is ample parking space for all who might want to attend, some concern has been felt lest the cars be driven upon the baseball or football fields. The committee plans to protect the field by installing rows of posts, about four feet apart, and protruding above the ground just enough to prevent the bumpers of cars from passing over them. These posts will be placed around the edge of the playing field. Visitors at contests will thus be able to drive their cars up close enough to see the games, and face the diamond, but none will be able to drive near enough to cause damage to the field.

The stand is being constructed by Lyman Farrand, whose bid was accepted on the labor. Farmington Lumber and Coal Company is providing the materials. Marcus Burrows, Detroit architect, has been engaged to prepare the plans, and the committee of the City Commission, of which Delos Hamlin is chairman, is in general charge.

The stand will be solidly anchored on concrete footings to withstand the sharp winds that often blow across the field.

The final step in approval of the project came when the Board of Education voted its assent, upon recommendation of the City Commissioners. While the City owns the land, it is under lease to the school district, and thus the school board's permission to locate the band stand on the field was necessary.

FARM WEEK TICKETS

All women who plan to attend Farm Women's week at State College, July 25th to 30th are reminded that it is necessary for them to have reservation tickets in order to register.

These tickets may be secured from Mrs. Leona MacLeod, Home Demonstration Agent, whose office is in the Post Office Bldg., Pontiac.

Miss Marvel Audette, Miss Atkins and Miss Miller, all of whom are nurses at Grace Hospital in Detroit, were Sunday guests at the home of the former's parents, Ralph and Mrs. Allen.

Cut-off To Be Route 16; Gd. River 16-a

That the Cut-off around Farmington is to be the main traffic route, and Grand River through Farmington an alternate or "A" route, in the ultimate planning of Highway No. 16 in this vicinity, has been definitely established through contacts with engineers of the State Highway Department.

The Cut-off will eventually be Highway No. 16 and Grand River through Farmington will be designated and marked as "16-A." All through traffic will be routed over the Cut-off, by that time widened and with hills and curves cut down.

This plan does not eliminate the project of widening Grand River from Farmington Road west to the west end of the Cut-off. This is still on the program and will precede the improvement of the Cut-off. Grand River will be widened to 40 feet and will serve as the temporary highway for traffic both ways while the Cut-off is being rebuilt. However, after the latter job is completed, the Cut-off definitely will be the main highway.

Whether the Cut-off will be made a boulevard with two traffic lanes such as now exists from Redford out to the Cut-off, engineers are not now prepared to state, although the thorough widening of the Cut-off is definitely on the calendar. However, it is considered logical that eventually the construction of the boulevard along the Cut-off and even beyond will be carried out, because it is known that engineers have in mind the construction in years to come of such a double highway all the way from Detroit to Lansing.

Went Stay in Lanes

Experience has proven that the only safe road is a one-way road, in which drivers cannot cut into each others' path to cause head-on collisions. Single strips of pavement, even as wide as 40 feet, appear to provide no safety, because research shows that, when drivers are in a situation, motorists will, in their impatience to pass other cars, get over into the right-of-way of opposite-bound traffic, unless restrained by a curbing or other barrier.

In the building of the two-way Detroit-Lansing highway, while engineers visualize, in the future, the Cut-off is now regarded by the engineers as the logical route past Farmington, over which the road should pass. Not only in regard to Farmington, but in the entire view, but it is said to be in the minds of a number of engineers that there will be some day a cut-off around every town between Detroit and Lansing. With increasing distances covered by motorists every day, it is constantly growing volume of tourist and other through traffic, engineers have come to adopt the principle of the cut-off around not only small but large towns, as an integral part of modern road-making technique. An example of this is the Telegraph Road cut-off around Pontiac for motorists travelling between Detroit and Flint.

In widening of Grand River west of Farmington Road, there will be some cutting down of the hills to provide greater safety, but probably not to the extent that would be undertaken if the road was ultimately to be considered as a through traffic route.

Widen Grand River First

The present arrangement, so far as is known, of one-way traffic on the Cut-off will be continued as a safety measure until the Cut-off widening is begun. First Grand River will be widened and when this is completed, the Cut-off will be closed and all traffic will be routed over the Cut-off through Farmington while the Cut-off widening is under way.

Surveying for the Cut-off widening is still going on and will probably require several more weeks.

Clarenceville Has New Business Building

A new business building is under construction at Grand River and Eight Mile roads, Clarenceville. The structure, of modern design and to have macotta and chromium steel front, will comprise two stories. One will be occupied by hardware, but the other tenancy has not yet been arranged.

P. R. DeLoell, Clarenceville real estate broker, handled the arrangements for the development. The building is on the north side of Grand River, just a few feet from the intersection of Eight Mile Road.