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Commission Proposes New Drain Plan

As a result of the large delegation of objectors to the proposed laying out of the new drainage district, and the construction of a drain to take care of surface water lying in the low area to the north of Grand River avenue, just west of the intersection of Grand River and Gill road, officials of the State Highway Department and the State Drain Commission decided in favor of the plan proposed last week by City Commissioner Emory Hatton at a meeting of state officials and Farmington residents Wednesday.

The majority of the opposition to the originally proposed plan was voiced from property owners residing in the district through which the proposed drain would pass. According to various members of the group their opposition to the plan lay in the fact that they would be compelled to pay tax assessments for the project without receiving any of the benefits such a project would lend to several other property owners in the proposed drainage district.

The new proposed drain, if constructed, will follow the plan offered by Commissioner Hatton at the first meeting which was held August 18. At that time Commissioner Hatton showed that by building the drain along the north side of Grand River and Shiawassee avenues to connect with the city's sewer system, almost one-half mile of drain construction could be saved. While the city's sewer system does not at present extend to the intersection of Shiawassee and Grand River, the highway department has made arrangements to extend the drain to the present sewer extension.

The possibility of one drawback to the proposed plan lies in the fact that in order for it to be constructed no more than 25 per cent of the city tax roll can be delinquent. This is a matter which will have to be decided on report of Treasurer George Gildemeister. Although the present outlook for the payment of city taxes seems optimistic there can be no definite report until the tax delinquent list is turned over to the County Treasurer.

State Legislature Hits at Gas and Oil Bootleggers

Suspected bootlegging of gasoline and other kinds of taxable motor fuel, into the state of Michigan, is due to receive a blow, as the result of operation of one of the acts of the regular session of the 1937 legislature.

The statute makes it mandatory that all motor vehicles engaged in the business of transporting any kind of motor fuel, must bear permanently painted in a conspicuous place on its body, the name and address of its owner. Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, has notified all concerned, that these letters must be not less than four inches high. In the case of wholesale distributors, the trucks must also show the "gasoline tax license" number, indicated by the letters "G. T."

The purpose of the act is to make police detection easier in instances where it is believed an attempt is being made to bring motor fuel into the state without payment of the state's three-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, for sale at rates which recognized retailers could not meet.

Joseph Hadley, Director of the Gasoline Tax Division of the Department of State, points out that recognized dealers in all phases of the oil and gasoline industry, who have always cooperated with the state in observance of its gas tax collection law, will be benefitted by operation of the statute. The act was immediately effective, but reasonable time for observance is being permitted by the Department of State.

FARMINGTON MAN WINS SPECIAL MENTION

A picture entered in a recent Pontiac Photographic Contest by Floyd A. Bond, Route 1, Farmington, received Special Mention from contest judges Tuesday. The picture, a clear-cut silhouette of a young woman apparently teaching an old parrot new tricks, was taken at night with the aid of two 200-watt bulbs behind a sheet and on a line with the subject and the camera. The exposure was five seconds with the lens set at f 4.5.

The picture was published in a group of prize winning photographs.

Heads Amateurs

BETTY GOETZ

Walled Lake Schools Convene

The Walled Lake Schools will convene Tuesday, September 7 for the opening of the 1937-1938 school term, according to an announcement made this week by C. A. Hoffman, Superintendent of Schools.

The school district will operate two schools this year. Beginning enrollments are expected to exceed 800 students and total enrollments for the year are expected to pass the 1000 mark.

The construction of four new rooms at the Walled Lake school building will relieve conditions greatly the second semester. The C. E. Daniel Construction Company of Detroit are starting building operations this week and will have the additions completely finished by December 31. The second school of the Walled Lake district is the recently annexed Union School of Commerce Township, located at the corner of Commerce and Union Lake roads. This school is expected to provide accomodations for nearly 160 pupils of the first six grades and will be taught by four teachers. The seventh and eighth graders of that section will be brought to Walled Lake in order to have the benefits of the Junior High School organization.

Five Faculty Members Leave

Five members of the 1936-1937 faculty have accepted positions in Detroit and Grosse Pointe. The teachers going to Detroit include: Principal L. B. McLaughlin, Margaret Heinz, Commercial instructor; Kathryn Rubert and Margaret Tuttle, grade teachers. Helen Henrickson will teach Home Economics in Grosse Pointe High School.

The vacancy left by the resignation of Principal McLaughlin has not yet been filled, nor has the first grade position in the Union Lake building been contracted for. All other positions in the two schools have been contracted for. The faculty includes Iola Shipman, first grade; Bernice Lawrence, second grade; Dora Wood, third grade; Marion Everett, fourth grade; Freda Welsh, fifth grade and Margaret Seitz will teach the sixth grade. Instructors in the Junior High School are: Harold Noble, mathematics and science; Frances Laughbaum, English and history; Myrtle Sandstrom, Latin and social sciences; Evelyn Gray, art; C. A. Ridley, English; C. B. Guilford, social sciences; Irene Thaler, home economics; W. C. Proctor, agriculture; Frank Bach, music; H. W. Hursh, shop and athletics, and Lucille Malcolm, Commercial. The person who is selected to fill the office of prin-

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Home Talent To Feature Gala Days

The sixteenth annual Gala Day celebration, sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, to be held September 4-5-6, will open with the finest gathering of local amateur talent that has yet featured the annual event. In addition to the amateur show, 12 big acts from Detroit are being signed by Carl Smith, who is in charge of the entertainment program, to provide the very best in entertainment for the record crowds which are expected to attend this year's celebration.

One of the features will be Betty Goetz, a popular young dancer who last year won the Chrysler amateur show. She will be a feature of each night's entertainment.

The three Voltz brothers of Redford playing the accordian, guitar and harmonica will be another featured attraction. Betty Edgar will accompany the amateur entertainers at the piano. Helmet Bayer, another accordian artist will be featured on the program. Mr. Smith expects to have a number of other amateur acts signed up before the end of the week.

As has been the custom in previous years, cash prizes will be awarded the winners. The audience will serve as judges and the winners will be determined by their applause.

While no contracts have been signed to provide various forms of mechanical entertainment at the present time, there is some assurance that several rides will be installed before September 5, without the signing of contracts, by the Wade Shows with whom Erwin Plettenberg, Commander of the post is making arrangements.

Jean Hedley is the first person to qualify in the ticket selling contest sponsored by Vic Blakeslee who will award a new bicycle to the boy or girl selling the most tickets.

Duck Season Will Open October 9 In Michigan

The duck and goose hunting season will open one day earlier in Michigan and throughout the country this fall under the amended migratory waterfowl regulations made effective by the United States Bureau of Biological Survey.

The season this fall on migratory waterfowl, which includes jacksnipe, coots, rails and gallinules as well as ducks, geese and brant, will be from October 9 to November 7, a full 30-day open season. Last year the season ran from October 10 to November 8.

The state conservation commission at its August meeting formally made the state seasons and bag limits conform with federal regulations. It extended the open season on woodcock four days in the lower peninsula so as to make the season on that species coincide with the upland bird hunting season in the lower peninsula, which runs from October 15 to October 31, inclusive.

In the upper peninsula the woodcock season will be the same as last year, October 1 to October 12.

Among the minor changes in Michigan's conservation laws which become effective October 29 is a provision forbidding the hunting of all small game before the hour of sunrise on each day of open hunting season.

Farmington Merchants Offer Fair-Week Specials

Fair-Week specials are featured this week by Farmington merchants. While most persons think of a period of festivity in connection with the word fair, the original meaning of the term was entirely different. Webster gives its meaning as: "a gathering of buyers and sellers during a stated season." This is the "fair season" and Farmington merchants are displaying a large assortment of goods to be shown to value seekers throughout the fair-going area.

Fred L. Cook and Company are again offering a new supply of percales in the newest of fall colors and patterns. The Detroit Edison Company urges you to install an electric stove in your kitchen, acknowledged by many to be the best all-around method of cooking.

The Olin Russell Ford agency advises you to get behind the wheel of a Ford V-8 and "drive out the facts." The Consumers Power Company will install an automatic gas water heater giving constant service at a surprisingly low cost.

"Paint Up" is the advice of the Dickerson Hardware Company. A full line of the famous Lowe Paint products are specials this week at their store. The Blue Goose Bus Lines urge you to visit Detroit over Labor Day. By using their bus service you can do much to avoid traffic troubles on crowded highways. Farmington Mills are again offering a complete line of Larro feeds well known for the part they play in the raising of strong, healthy chicks.

The Bell Telephone Company in their ad on page four list the newest long distance rates from Farmington to various points in Michigan and without the state. The Penniman-Allen Theatre at Northville is offering a special program of entertainment throughout the week.

Non-Liquor Petitions Are Filed

Petitions requesting that the City Commission take no action toward continuance of liquor by-the-glass sales were filed with City Clerk Harry Moore Friday of last week.

Should the council decide to take no action before September 21, they automatically lose any power to act on the resolution and the question must be determined by a general referendum of the people. The special referendum election can be held only if petitions are filed with the City Clerk bearing the signatures of "20 per cent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state in the city. . . . at the last general election.

Because of the fact that present liquor by-the-glass licenses expire May 1, 1938, the election must be held before that date. If the referendum is delayed beyond that time no "on sale" licenses can be granted or renewed.

The petitions, said to contain the signatures of nearly 100 voters, were filed by Miss Merlah Andrews who has been active in the circulation of the petitions. They were prepared by Rev. Gilbert Miles of the Baptist Church, who is now, however, on his vacation.

The Farmington Township Board at a special meeting held July 2 have already voted in favor of adoption. The board has, since that time, approved four applications for "on sale" licenses.

Because of the fact that the effective date of the new amendment to the state law was passed July 21, or 19 days after the Farmington Township Board passed its resolution, the question has been raised whether or not a new vote may be necessary under the new amendment. The new law which went into effect allows the governing bodies a period of 60 days in which to act. Inasmuch as the Township Board passed the resolution by a unanimous vote, it is likely that there would be no difference in the final decision.

LAST RITES HELD FOR FARMINGTON RESIDENTS

Funeral services for Herbert A. Seeley who passed away Thursday, August 19, were held Sunday from the Seeley residence on Wilmarth avenue.

Mr. Seeley was born in Novi Township October 20, 1860. At the age of nine years the family moved to Wayne where he received his education.

On March 25, 1885 he was united in marriage to Lottie Shafloe at Wayne where he remained in business until 1902, when they moved to Pontiac living there for 14 years and then moving to a farm near Novi. Later he moved to Farmington where he has made his home for the past 12 years.

The deceased leaves his wife and many friends throughout the area in which he spent his life.

Interment was in Oakwood cemetery, Farmington.

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Goers, 72, who died following a short illness Monday, were held Wednesday from the residence at 22720 Brookdale Drive, Farmington. Rev. Carl H. Schultz, pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church, conducted the services.

Mrs. Goers was born in Germany November 25, 1865 and came to the United States with her parents at the age of five. She had lived in the vicinity of Farmington since her coming to America and had resided in Farmington for nearly 25 years, making her home with her son Carl, who is her only survivor.

Mrs. Goers was buried at the Clarenceville cemetery. S. J. Heeney conducting the burial.

EXCHANGE CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The Exchange Club will hold their first fall meeting Wednesday, September 1. At this time a film entitled "The City of Tomorrow", a 20 minute feature showing how traffic problems will be met in the future, will be shown. The voice on the film explaining the methods of traffic regulation to be used, is that of Dr. Miller McClintock, formerly a member of the Harvard Bureau of Traffic Regulation and traffic consultant to leading municipalities throughout the United States.

Every member is urged to attend the meeting and is invited to bring a guest if he so desires.

Send in your news items.

Clarenceville School Opens September 7

Tuesday, September 7 is set as the opening day of Clarenceville schools according to M. J. Beiser, Superintendent of Schools. It is expected that the opening of the fall term will see nearly 75 additional students to last year's enrollment.

One of the school board's weightiest problems, as in other communities in this area, is that of providing sufficient rooms for increasing number of students. Much planning has been done during the summer months for the erection of new buildings, but due to the new state laws regarding delinquencies in taxes, the board is now facing a problem over which they have pratically no control. Due to the new existing laws it is necessary that the Township Treasurer show at least 75 per cent collection of the 1936 taxes before any bonding can be done by the school board. Up to the present time this condition has not been met and the board finds it impossible to take steps to relieve the situation caused by the great influx of new students.

New Courses Added

Several new courses are to be offered this year. It has been decided to offer a course in General Mathematics in place of Algebra I for the coming year. Permission has been granted by the Department of Public Instruction to offer the course as an academic to be followed by Junior Business for those who are not planning to attend college after graduation. A course in Plane Geometry will be offered to those students who intend to continue in some college or university following graduation from high school.

The seventh and eighth grades will purchase new arithmetics to replace the old Standard Service Texts. The new mathematics books are a continuation of the new arithmetics which were introduced in the third to sixth grades last year. The new texts are the latest printed and probably the most up-to-date of any primary arithmetics printed at the present time, according to Superintendent Beiser.

Registration

As usual, the children living north of Grand River as well as those in Redford Township, will attend the Edgewood building through the first six grades. The remaining students will enroll at the Central school on Eight Mile road. Parents are urged to see that their children are enrolled in the correct school as due to crowded conditions, there will be no exceptions made this year.

Students are urged to purchase their books from previous classmates as far as possible. New books may be purchased at the office Thursday, September 9 after all former students have had an opportunity to dispose of their used texts.

New Faculty Members

Seven new instructors have been added to the faculty this year, bringing the total membership to 15, which includes both administrators and instructors. The roster of faculty members is as follows: M. J. Beiser, Superintendent; W. N. Willits, Principal; M. M. Mittlestat, Science and athletic coach; Vida Walker, Mathematics; Mary Beeny, English; Dorothea Hilliard, Commercial; Mildred Kircher, fifth and sixth grades; Charolette Brandt, sixth grade; Beatrice Norton, fourth and fifth grades; Etha Smith, third and fourth grades; Louise Bird, third and fourth grades; Margaret Cottrell, second grade; Marie Nielson, second grade; Mabel Walton, first grade and Janthe Morse, first grade.

Sets Date

M. J. BEISER

School District To Hold Election

The possibility of consolidating School District No. 4 Fractional, Farmington Township with Walled Lake agricultural school district No. 1 of Commerce Township is slated to be an important topic of discussion at a meeting of the voters of No. 4 Frac. district to be held at the West Farmington School House Monday, August 30.

The special meeting of the voters of the No. 4 district is being called to discuss and decide a number of important issues, which must be settled before the opening of the fall term. Another important subject to be discussed at the meeting is that of deciding whether or not new additions shall be built to the present buildings. As in almost every school district, the increasing number of new students has made the question of additions to the present buildings a vital one.

The third of the three problems to be discussed is the advisability of the school district building a portable, separate structure. The building of such a structure would enable the board to locate its position in whichever section of the district it is most needed.

That the building of the proposed additions would be handicapped by lack of funds seems improbable. The last financial report of the school district treasurer showed it to be in a good financial condition, with ample funds to construct any additions that the voters may deem necessary.

Clarenceville Girl and Midland Man Married

Miss Beatrice Frantz, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Frantz, of Clarenceville, and Kenneth Gallaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallaway of Midland were united in marriage Saturday, August 14 at the Clarenceville Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. H. G. Guin performed the ceremony.

Mrs. William Slinguland, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Misses Dorothy Fairbairne, Betty Mitchell, Mrs. Irene Vaughn and Mrs. Margaret Schneider.

Mr. Cecil Gallaway, brother of the groom, served as best man. Ushers included George Frantz, George Bailey, Leo Richards and Keith Gallaway.

Following the ceremony a reception was held on the lawn of the Frantz residence on Waldron avenue.

After a short wedding trip through Northern Michigan Mr. and Mrs. Gallaway will be at home to their many friends at 21213 Waldron avenue.

Miss Olive Grimwade spent Wednesday in Detroit.

$70,000 Post Office For Farmington is "Possibility"

A new post office building for Farmington reached the "possibility" stage last week as the United States House of Representatives' Appropriation Committee identified buildings throughout the country for proposed construction under a $70,000,000 public building program. Farmington was listed as a possible building site to the amount of $70,000. Other sites listed in the immediate area of Farmington are Northville, $75,000; Dearborn, $75,000; Highland Park, $300,000 and Milford, $70,000.

According to a letter received by the Enterprise from Representative George A. Dondero, of Royal Oak, the passing of the bill will undoubtedly mean a new post office building in each Congressional District in the United States. Mr. Dondero also stated that Birmingham has been in line for a building for the past three years, as the post office accomodations at that point are anything but satisfactory. It has been impossible to secure a post office at Birmingham prior to the present time because of an uncancelable lease.

According to Mr. Dondero no definite place has been chosen in this congressional district, but that the Post Office Department would designate that city where the need for a new building is greatest.

Work Starts On Gd. River Widening

Work on the widening of Grand River avenue to eliminate the "bottle-neck" just west of Farmington Road, and continuing to the Cut-off, is started. State Highway Department surveyors and engineers this week began preliminary work, consisting of laying lines and staking out the portion of the avenue which is to be widened.

While no trees have been removed from the boulevards on either side of the thoroughfare, the Detroit Edison Company have had men working during the past week shifting electric cables along the right-of-way. Although comparatively few trees will have to be removed, considering the distance to be widened, it will be necessary to remove a few trees along the portion that is to be widened to 40 feet. No trees will be removed where the avenue is widened to only 30 feet.

Actual paving work is expected to start sometime next month, depending upon when the preliminary work is completed.

According to figures released by the State Highway Department, nearly $100,000 will be spent on the widening project. The work is to be done by the Frank J. Knight Company, of Detroit.

The widening of the Grand River avenue and the planned widening of the Cut-off next year, is the result of a decision made by State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner who last year closed the so-called Farmington cut-off to west-bound traffic when he was confronted with a record of 45 deaths on the belt-line in the four years it had been open to traffic. At that time he announced that the west end of the route through Farmington would first be widened. After this is done, the commissioner plans to rebuild the dangerous sections of the Cut-off.

Southfield Township To Hold Election

A special election to determine whether or not the Southfield Township Board shall have the power to provide for the establishment of districts and zones within which they may exercise power to regulate the size and locations of buildings, regulate the light, ventilation, sanitation and protection of such buildings, and the regulation of density of population by ordinance in certain unincorporated areas, will be held Monday, August 30 at the Southfield Township Hall.

The district in which the board would have power to regulate the above conditions of property is described on the ballot as "... All the territory of Southfield Township, East of Lahser or Redford Road with the exception of Henry Winegar's Eco City Subdivision, Meadowlawn Gardens Subdivision, Frederick H. Gray's Southfield Woods Subdivision, Bonnie Acres Subdivision east of the centerline of Section 13, Meadowvale Subdivision and a portion of Supervisor's Plat No. 12."

The act, should it be adopted, gives the township board power to regulate the size and location of nearly all buildings within the Southfield School District.

Opposition to the adoption of the act have been organizing their forces during the past month and it is likely that the election may be a hotly contested affair.

ALUMNI CLASSES HOLD REUNION

Eighty members of the graduating classes of '36 and '37 of the Farmington High School gathered on Saturday, August 21, at 8 p. m., for a joint reunion. The two classes met at the M. E. Community Hall for a buffet supper which was served by members of the Junior Class.

Carl E. Smith, president of the '36 graduating class and chairman of the Alumni group acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening which included a short talk by Mr. Burns, Superintendent of Schools and introduction of Mr. H. A. Powell of the Powell Studios.

After a few songs were sung the classes each joined as a group and sang their class song. When the entertainment was concluded the classes agreed to the suggestion that they all meet at the Walled Lake Casino.

Fred and Mrs. Cook and daughter Miss Florence Alice Cook and Robert and Mrs. Cook returned Friday evening from a motor trip through Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Vermont and New York City.