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Sidewalk On Maple To Be Replaced

Bidding is open for the contract to replace the sidewalk on the west of Maple avenue from Grand River south along the street 700 feet to the Carl A. Goers property. Sidewalk Commissioner Leo Gildemester says he will keep the bids open about two weeks. He was authorized by the City Commission at the regular meeting Monday night to take steps to build a new sidewalk after residents along Maple presented a petition requesting it.

Divide Cost 50-50
Cost of the project, which will depend on the bids, will be divided equally by the City and the residents along the site of the proposed improvement. About 2800 square feet of new walk will be constructed.

Residents who signed the petition, declared the walk was in a bad state of repair, x x x broken, damaged, and crumbling away and has become unfit for safe and proper use.

The present grade is "irregular and out of harmony with the adjacent properties," the residents said in the petition, and asked the City to "improve and supervise the construction" of a new walk.

Signers of the petition include Roy Plunton, Byron E. Lapham, Leo Henry, Manley Newman, Harley A. Schroeder, Carl J. Goers, B. F. Whitebeck, Walter J. Durham, Miss Anna Richardson, C. G. Thear and H. M. Warner, trustee of the estate of Fred M. Warner.

Commissioner Gildemester says the first step in the construction will be to establish a uniform grade. He said this will be done soon and that actual construction of the new walk will begin as soon as the bids are closed.

Farmington Student Receives National Scholastic Honor



FLOYD BOND
Floyd Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond of Farmington, received recognition for outstanding scholastic achievement in the senior class of the College of Literature, Science and Arts at the annual Honors Convocation held at the University of Michigan Friday.

Recognition for outstanding scholastic achievement in the senior class of the College of Literature, Science and Arts at the annual Honors Convocation held at the University of Michigan Friday. Bond also has been accepted into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, regarded as the highest scholastic honor a student can attain, and Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity at the University.

He wrote his mother that he at first decided to join only Phi Beta Kappa, but said University officials urged him to join the local organization also because the campaign will mean more on the campus.

Membership into Phi Beta has been one of Bond's main ambitions, his mother said. The Phi Beta key is worn by famous persons throughout the world; President Roosevelt is one.

Bond will graduate in June.

Site of Camporee Priest Compares May Be Changed Germany, Italy

The camporee site for the Boy Scout Camporee to be held in Farmington June 10, 11 and 12 may be changed, Scoutmaster Homer Arnett of Troop 45 and several members of the Committee making plans for the Camporee will go to the Girl Scout grounds Saturday to look over the possibilities of moving the Camporee there from the high school athletic field.

Possibility of the numerous Camporee camps harnamg the athletic field is the reason for the survey, Scoutmaster Arnett says, and the Girl Scouts have offered their ground.

To keep from harming the athletic field, the Scoutmaster says, trenches can be dug for the patrol fires and filled after the Camporee. If that is not done, arrangements must be made to have the fires along the bank of the creek, and this may not allow enough room.

Trenches would not be necessary if the Camporee were held on the Scout cabin grounds, and the seven acres there would give plenty of room.

Also the moving of the site would not necessitate the preliminary arrangements which have been made for toilet facilities.

John W. Hunt, who has been appointed general chairman of the Camporee committee, says that C. Friend, Oakland field representative, has approved all plans arranged for the Camporee.

Mr. Hunt, who is Neighborhood Scout Commissioner, has been in Scouting 17 years in England, Canada and the United States. He organized the first troop in northern Pennsylvania, and it was a high honor troop the two years ago when he was Scoutmaster. He was a member of the King's Guard Troop in England, a group of selected boys who are stationed at Westminster abbey for 20 days and given an audience with the king.

Another committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the basement of the Farmington State Bank.

BASEBALL TEAM WHIPS MILFORD HIGH 13 TO 3

Showing a complete reversal of form over its first encounter, the Farmington high baseball team whipped Milford 13 to 3 Friday on the home diamond, and it was a high honor trophy for the two years ago when Scoutmaster. He was a member of the King's Guard Troop in England, a group of selected boys who are stationed at Westminster abbey for 20 days and given an audience with the king.

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Local hardware stores participating have confined their merchandising plans strictly to quality products, and price reductions or special merchandise offered will not be "sale merchandise," Mr. Hatton says.

Comparing the psychology of the peoples and the philosophy of the governments of Germany and Italy, Dean Kirk D. O'Ferrall of St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit, told members of the Exchange Club, who with their wives at a luncheon spent two days at those countries he could make no more accurate a prediction of the eventual outcome of the present European turmoil than could his listeners.

It may end on a lonely island, said a disillusioned man as it did for Napoleon, Dean O'Ferrall said. It may end with assassin's bullets in their backs, or in bloody revolution. It may end some day, if they get their wish, in turning their energies into real world peace.

Both dictators have made wonderful changes in their countries, Dean O'Ferrall said, and the Dean told his audience, however, of the improvements are for the best. But, he said, the people of the United States should be thankful they live in a land where they can speak, write and worship as they please.

Dean O'Ferrall came to the Exchange Club as guest speaker on the invitation of Ed Ecker, chairman of the program committee.

A virile, two-tisted man, with a dynamic personality, he held the attention of his listeners from the moment he started. He came to Detroit eight years ago to be a service in St. Paul's.

Speaking of the characters of Mussolini and Hitler, Dean O'Ferrall said that the "sheet psychology," a magnetic vitality, and a certain analytical understanding of the needs of their people, they have taken in their persons that symbol of authority which millions of men longings and the countries crave.

But, the speaker warned, when the adoration of a human being grows to the point of god-worship, believing other nations are inferior, the world is next another war. The democracies of the world must stand together if they are to survive.

That point, Dean O'Ferrall said, has been reached.

Gordon Hogle to Appear In College Concerts

Gordon Hogle, freshman from Farmington, is a member of the Michigan State College concert band, which will present a series of spring concerts at East Lansing beginning Wednesday evening, May 11.

Three concerts will be presented on three successive Wednesday evenings, May 11, 18 and 25. The concerts, which are open to the public without admission charge, are a traditional part of the M. S. C. spring program, which is climaxed with the senior week activities in June.

The M. S. C. concert band of 80 pieces recently was heard from coast to coast over the National Broadcasting Co. network. The marching band composed of members of the concert band and 20 additional students, is a feature of football games and other athletic events.

Mrs. Homer Arnett and son Jack have returned to their home after spending the past two weeks with relatives in Kalamazoo.

To Install Lights Thru Farmington

Reflector lights will be installed from Farmington Road to the west end of the Cut-off when work on the shoulders along the highway is finished, Harry C. Coons, Deputy Highway Commissioner, says. Work on the shoulders probably will be finished shortly as the workers, who have completed the driveway and the concrete curbing, expect to begin on that phase of the "finishing touches" on Grand River next week.

East End Lights Installed
The lights along the highway Wednesday began installation of the reflectors from the east end of the Cut-off to the 20-20 light on Farmington Road and probably will finish this week end, they have.

The line of lights from Detroit to Lansing is a pioneer road improvement sponsored by the State. Following trials at the General Motors proving grounds, they were tested the night of April 6 when 40 carloads of Michigan and outside state officials rode the distance and pronounced them successful.

When the men now working on the highway finish the shoulders, they will gravel Tack Road. While the work on Grand River is not a part of the proposed highway improvement program throughout the state, Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner says that program may not go through unless the Department obtains the \$4,000,000 balance of its legislative appropriation.

He voiced this warning at the first annual banquet of the Michigan Good Roads Federation Thursday night at Grand Rapids. The banquet was held at the Hotel Pontiac and was attended by 600,000 people and placed in a sinking fund, the Commissioner said that not one of the tentative 706 miles would be improved this year, without the rest of the appropriation.

Other changes meant better service between points north of Grand Rapids and from points south of Grand Rapids, and between points north of Lansing to and from points west, south and east of Jackson.

MRS. LILY BLOOMER, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES IN LANSING

Funeral services were held Sunday in Sparta for Mrs. Lily D. Bloomer, 82, formerly of Farmington, who died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Helen Fyfield, in Lansing. She suffered a stroke of paralysis April 22 from which she failed to recover. Burial was in Sparta Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Bloomer, who was born in Farmington May 30, 1856, was the wife of the late Edgar B. Bloomer, founder of The Enterprise. They were married in Farmington March 1878. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Bloomer's father, who was pastor of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Bloomer was active in the Lady Macabean organization and one chapter was named in her honor. She was record keeper for several years.

She left Farmington in 1900, for Sparta, where Mr. Bloomer died October 9, 1909. She lived in Sparta until three years ago when failing health made it advisable to live with her daughter.

She was a member of the Farmington Baptist church many years. Survivors include Mrs. Fyfield and another daughter, Mrs. Florence Jerome, Benton Harbor; two sons, Walter Bloomer, Sparta, and Lee Bloomer, Travers City; a daughter, Clarence T. Armstrong, Highland; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Her youngest son Tracy Bloomer, died in January this year.

Turn Child's Urge Into Practical Trend

Barre fret and toy shovels seem to attract youngsters in the spring. So why not turn the urge to dig into the earth into a practical and little gardening, suggests Catherine G. Miller, director of the nursery school at Michigan State College.

A set of small garden tools helps get the interest started. Too much supervision will ruin the idea. Miss Miller finds, for the small boy or girl ought to be able to go ahead with the help of the garden.

Barn Destroyed By Fire Was Built In 1835 As A Church

The barn that burned on the John Palackey farm Tuesday night was built as a church in 1835 and was one of Farmington's oldest landmarks. The barn was struck by lightning during the storm about 7:30 p. m., but although the rain was heavy in the City at that time, it was not falling in the vicinity of the barn.

Surrounding rapidly, the flames enveloped the building before firemen could arrive. The best they could do was to use chemical equipment to save nearby buildings. With the help of neighbors, Mr. Palackey saved his live stock, but lost all his tools, hay and grain. Insurance covered most of the loss, estimated at about \$10,000.

Called Again
Firemen were called again to the Palackey farm about 10 p. m., but found no fire.

As a precautionary measure, the family had put in an alarm, fearing the few remaining sparks blown by the wind from the remains of the ancient structure would set fire to the house.

Built as a Baptist church in 1835, the building occupied a spot in the cemetery at the corner of 12 Mile and Halsted Road where it stood until 1857 when it was moved about a quarter of a mile to its present site on the Altono Sprague farm, now occupied by Mr. Palackey.

Mrs. William Irish of Grand River avenue worshipped in the church as a girl and her brother sang in the choir in 1857. The parents were among the first members.

Mrs. Irish owns a large book containing the history of Oakland County from 1817 to 1877. The story of the church is included in the book. In the year 1827 a remarkable series of protracted meetings was held in the new church, the history relates. These were held under the leadership of Reverends Barrett and Wever, and "so great was the membership of the church that the membership of the church was increased to more than 100. Other revivals followed this, but none equaled it in the number of souls brought to the shelter of the Saviour's fold."

Abandoned
Because of its remoteness from many of its residences and in the central village, the history says, the worshippers began to decline, and little by little it fell into disuse, and at last was abandoned as a place of worship.

The new organization of the Baptist church in the City of Farmington was effected August 19, 1857.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

Members of the Farmington Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Bertha Steele for their next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 18. The program will feature a health talk, either by Dr. J. W. Norton, or a speaker whom he will name. Mrs. Laura Holloway will give a review of "Middletown," the book which has been used as a study this year.

Mrs. Frances Way was hostess to the club at her home on Bond boulevard at a pot luck luncheon, Wednesday. Tables were decorated with spring flowers, and provided quite a festive atmosphere for the occasion. Mrs. Rosier of Pontiac was a guest at the luncheon, and Mrs. Herbert Todd, attended the first meeting since her return from California. The regular meeting was followed by the annual meeting. Officers, as announced for the coming year, are as follows: Mrs. Mabel Leonard, president; Mrs. Gertrude Webster, first vice-president; Mrs. Alice McDonald, second vice-president; Mrs. Ida Worsfold, recording secretary; Mrs. Frances Way, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCallum have returned to Farmington and are temporarily making their home on Brookdale avenue with Mrs. Dora Thompson. Mrs. McCallum was formerly Miss Ardis Euryart of Grand Rapids.

Donald Hogarth of New York City spent Saturday as his guest of his brother, William Hogarth.

Summer Playground Program Is Planned For Students

A playground program, planned as a safety measure to keep students away from the streets by giving them something to do that they will enjoy, is scheduled for this summer by the Farmington city schools.

Superintendent Robert Burns says county PWA officials are assigning two special supervisors to superintend playground activities. It is expected that another will be sent later to help fix the tennis courts, but he will stay only for about a month, Mr. Burns says.

Paul Shoemaker, high school instructor and athletic coach, will be supervisor in charge of the playground. The two PWA supervisors are Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton and Harold Knapp. Mrs. Hamilton will have charge of the girls and smaller children and Mr. Knapp

will supervise the older boys.

Playground equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive soon, the superintendent says. This equipment includes soft balls and bats and an oval basketball. The basketball court and soft ball diamond will be behind the school buildings and will be used by both boys and girls. The older boys will play basketball on the school diamond below the cliff.

Two sandboxes behind the high school will provide entertainment for the younger children. One box already has been built by high school boys under the direction of Clarence Bell. It is made of telephone poles fastened by bolts. Sand and construction material was furnished by the City. The second box probably will be of similar construction.

Plans for the six WPA projects proposed by the Commission at its meeting last month were mailed for approval by the government. The proposals must be approved at Flint, Michigan, by the WPA Administration, D. C., before they can become effective.

Bruce Buchanan, consulting engineer, told the Commission that WPA was short of jobs for its workers, and submitted 11 projects that could be done in the City of WPA labor.

The Commission authorized Mr. Buchanan to prepare plans and WPA project proposals for six of the jobs. The six projects the Commission selected are:

1. Thomas street lateral sewer.
2. Shlawassee Road lateral sewer.
3. Shaw street interceptor connection.
4. Southeastern trunk extension.
5. New 6-inch water main on the south side of Grand River from Flower to Chicago streets, extending main east of Upper Rouge.
6. Widen or rebuild the Shlawassee bridge over Rouge.

CAR TITLES ISSUED HIT HIGHEST POINT IN NINE YEARS

The volume of motor vehicle titles issued by the Department of State in Michigan hit the highest point since 1929, according to figures just released. The total was 86,237 titles.

Of the total number of titles issued, 61,344 were for six of which were for titles transferred from other states. The volume of used car titles in the State, the great bulk of such transfers gives an indication of the success of the recent drive by automobile dealers of the state to reduce their used car stocks. Transfers of title in January totaled 25,062; for February, 31,828.

In March, 1937, the total number of titles issued was 81,303. Officials of the Department caution purchasers of used cars, the titles of which bear liens on their faces, to obtain discharges of liens from dealers for their protection. It is pointed out that while original purchase liens on new cars are noted on the faces of titles, proof of discharge of liens is limited to original owners' statements to dealers when they assign titles.

A dealer may, in good faith, sign the title when selling the car, indicating that no liens are against it. A first mortgagor, however, may recover the car if the original lien has never been discharged. While a chaser may have recourse to the dealer for his representation as to the absence of liens, there is no remedy if the dealer has in the meantime gone out of business, instances of which have occurred.

Robert MacNeill returned from Harper Hospital, Wednesday. Although he is slowly improving, it will be some time before Mr. MacNeill is able to return to his work.

Miss Eleanor Cavanaugh spent the week end with her parents in Lansing.