

SOUTH FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

Mrs. Kenneth Lord of Gill Road is seriously ill at her home with scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mowery, Jr. have moved to their new home in Detroit.

Misses Glenn McIntyre and Adeline Houtz of Farmington Road were Detroit shoppers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thumser and children, Dorothy and Lester, of Detroit, were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre and family.

Mr. Joseph Palmer of Dearborn called on Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mowery on Parker avenue.

Mrs. Harry Thornton and son, Harry Jr., and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre were Royal Oak callers Saturday.

Robert Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erickson, is slowly recovering from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George McNeal and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Young of Detroit were Easter Sunday dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Emma Deams.

Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson and family of Pontiac, also Andrew Carlson of Pontiac, were Easter Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Robinson and son, Sydney, of Orchard street, Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre, Donald and Glenna, Ralph Houtz, his sister, Adeline Houtz, and Alice Ferrante attended the reunion of the Kentucky Cornercracker old time dancing club in Detroit, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Palmer of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young and Mr. and Mrs. John Thumser, formerly of Farmington, now of

Detroit, attended the Club's reunion, Saturday evening, also.

Mrs. Fred Overton of Owasco, and son, Roy Overton and his son, from Royal Oak, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brough, on Base Line Road, Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Walker and sister, Mrs. Annie Fox of Berkey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Walker in Northville.

Mrs. Leon Butler of Nine Mile Road returned to her home Monday from the Pontiac General Hospital, greatly improved in health.

Mrs. Goodfellow of Randall avenue returned home from the Redford Hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Alfred Ducharme and Mrs. Hugh A. McIntyre called on Mrs. Chancy Smith in the Redford Hospital, Thursday.

Mrs. Richard Erickson attended a benefit card party for the underprivileged children of Detroit, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Irving of Nine Mile Road attended the funeral of Mr. George Heller of Fourteen Mile Road Tuesday.

Miss Glenna McIntyre is spending her Easter vacation with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Bantfield in West Bloomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cotton from Lyndoch, Ontario, Canada, spent Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss and family on Base Line Road.

Mrs. Ralph Becker of Clarenceville, and Miss Virginia Seebald of Edward avenue were callers of Mrs. Harry Thornton Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lily Johnston of Erie Beach, Canada, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Koss and family on Base Line Road.

SPRING HIGHWAY REPAIR UNDER WAY DESPITE STORMS

Preparations for reconditioning Michigan trunkline highways following the spring break-up were in full swing this week despite a heavy snowfall through southern central Michigan.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner said that the problem this year would again be most severe on gravel roads. He said that 300,000 tons of gravel would be used in patching these roads when the break-up is

over. He explained, however, that the surfaces themselves are not damaged by the break-up but the difficulty is caused by failure of subgrades.

Engineers explain that under normal conditions moisture drains down through the soil to its normal drainage channels. The moisture which results from surface thawing, however, has no way of escaping because the ground underneath is frozen. Ditches along the highways will drain some of this water.

To combat the effects of spring thawing, maintenance men are concentrating attention on keeping ditches open and free of obstructions. In some cases holes are bored down through the subgrade to permit more normal drainage.

TRAPPERS HOPE FOR ICE-FREE STREAMS

Ice-free streams are what beaver trappers are hoping for as they 1940 season in 13 lower Michigan counties opens March 20, five days later than last year. Trapping will continue until April 10. In the upper peninsula the season runs from April 1 to 15.

Last season nearly 2,000 trappers took 2,422 beavers. Trappers, who must be Michigan residents, pay \$2 for a special license which permits taking of up to eight beavers. Number and size of traps are not subject to regulation but traps must not be set nearer than 50 feet to a beaver lodge, hole or dam. Firearms may not be used.

To learn something of the nature and abundance of otters, after 15 years of complete protection, the conservation commission this year is allowing each licensed beaver trapper to take two otters, in 24 designated counties, in beaver season. Otter are believed to have been taken in beaver traps in Michigan and illegally disposed of.

Otter have proved difficult to study in the field because of their wide range and secretive habits. Carcasses of all otters taken in season must be turned in when the pelts are sealed, for use in scientific study. Among other things, alleged otter predation on trout will be investigated.

Girl Scout News

A meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, to organize a local Council in Farmington, to have charge of all activities of the Girl Scouts and the Brownies. A number of mothers and members of the Troop Committee have been invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. F. J. Nash, on Farmington Road. Mrs. Clarence Day, a member of the Detroit Council will talk.

At their Monday meeting, Troop No. 5 Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Warren Joy, went for a short hike, and returned to the Legion Hall where they enjoyed a lunch. Mrs. Arthur Lamm taught the girls an old time dance.

In general, the large pine stands of Michigan's primeval forests developed on the lighter soils, the sands and gravels, while the hardwoods grew on heavier lands like loams and clays, and "swamp" conifers flourished on peat soils. Thus the pattern of the original forest was determined by soil patterns left by glaciation.

EASEMENT SOUGHT FOR WAYNE COUNTY SEWAGE LINE

Rep. George A. Dondoro has introduced H. R. 8558 to grant to Wayne County an easement over certain land for a sewage disposal line across the property of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in Northville.

In connection with the establishment of the Wayne county sewage disposal system, a PWA project, it was necessary to construct a sewage line across the property of the Bureau of Fisheries in Northville. The only authority the county was able to secure for the placing of the line was a license from the Secretary of Commerce revocable at will and which provides that the license shall terminate not later than five years from the date of its issuance.

This sewage disposal line is a permanent project and is a part of the Middle Rouge Parkway Interceptor extending to the west to the Detroit "House of Correction and the Maybury Sanitarium. This system, together with the Detroit PWA sewage disposal system, is intended to completely eliminate the sewage pollution of the Detroit River.

Congressional action has been taken on a similar project, Public Act No. 47, approved February 11, 1935, authorized the Secretary of Commerce to grant to the state of California an easement over a twenty-foot strip of land on the Mill Creek, Calif., fisheries station. The Bureau of Fisheries has indicated its willingness to cooperate in this matter.

This existing license to Wayne county provides: "This license shall terminate not later than five years from the date of its issuance and the right of the licensee to maintain said sewage line across the station property shall then cease unless, in the meantime, the Congress shall have authorized its continued use by the licensee or shall have authorized the conveyance of an easement covering such area."

The Dondoro bill has been referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Truck Drivers Warned To Watch Loading Rules

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner today warned truck operators to keep informed of loading restrictions on state trunklines through May 31.

The state statutes governing road restrictions require that when severe weather conditions make normal truck load limitations a threat to road surfaces.

The department is furnishing all district offices and district telephone exchanges with limitation orders as they are issued. Contents of the orders is given newspapers for publication.

Van Wagoner said the first order probably would affect trunklines south of M20 only. Each order makes effective definite limitations for loads on specific axle construction. Roughly, the orders cut loads 25 per cent on concrete truckbodies and 35 per cent on roads without concrete surface.

Unless unusual conditions prevail, the commissioner said, restrictions would be lifted long before the final date set by the statute.

GOAT BREEDERS MEET

Recent meeting on the campus at Michigan State College of some of the state's leaders in goat breeding brought out some interesting facts about goats. The animals are exceedingly dainty eaters, despite their reputation for thriving on empty tin cans. The animals like alfalfa, clover or soybean hay. Their diet also includes carrots, corn, barley, oats, linseed oilmeal, bran, steamed bone meal, salt and appetizer pellets.

Annual Township Election

To the qualified electors of the Township of Farmington:

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual Township Election will be held on

Monday, April 1, 1940

For the purpose of voting for the election of the following officers:

VIC. SUPERVISOR
CLERK
TREASURER
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS
JUSTICE OF PEACE
MEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW
CONSTABLES

The Polls will open at 7 a. m. and remain open until 8 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall in their discretion, adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock noon, for one hour.

Precinct No. 1 will vote at Town Hall in City of Farmington.

Precinct No. 2 will vote at 28734 Grand River.

HARRY McCracken, Township Clerk, Mar. 21 & 28

PUMPS PROVE NO THREAT TO LEVEL OF STATE LAKES

Pumps used for irrigation of Michigan fields in general prove no serious threat to the level of lakes and streams used for water supplies.

Ask O. E. Robey at Michigan State College about any danger and that is his answer.

For proof he points out that in summer time the natural surface evaporation when no rainfall occurs is about 2 1/2 inches in a month. That is what happens to the water level on some of the state's inland lakes and ponds.

Where streams and lakes are spring-fed, the inflow of water often is as much as the evaporation even without rainfall.

But the pump used by the average truck farmer for irrigating a portion of his farm usually has little or no appreciable effect on the water level.

In some of Robey's studies he has found as much as five acres of a field being watered from a lake which had a square mile of surface. To put an inch of water on the five acres would lower the lake only one-hundred and twenty-eight of an inch.

Even a smaller lake covering 40 acres could be lowered but an eighth of an inch if a farmer drew off enough water to put an inch over five acres of land.

"Some day the problem may be serious, but not now," says Robey. He studied the question seriously in recent years to find any menace to the tourist and summer vacation value of the 5,000 lakes and 2,000 streams which dot Michigan.

Crop and Feed Loans Now Available in County

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Oakland County, and applications for these loans are now being received at County Agricultural Agent's office, Federal Building, Pontiac, by C. D. Burkham, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to the applicant's necessary cash needs in preparing and cultivating his 1940 crop.

Borrowers who obtain loans for the production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crop financed or, in the case of loans for the purchase or production of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

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Y. T. C. Members Enjoy Taffy Pull

The Youth's Temperance Council held a taffy pull Monday evening, at the Baptist church. Various games were played during the evening, and a fine time was had by the boys and girls attending.

The last regular meeting was held at the home of Jane and Edward Harper in Detroit. Plans were made for posters, and for a medal contest, and arrangements for a taffy sale. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8. The meeting place will be announced later.

"OPERATING ROOM" MEANT "HOSPITAL" TO THIS LAD

A group of school children was being taken through a telephone central office in Philadelphia recently. "And now," said the guide, "we're going to the Operating Room." A boy in the crowd looked up, blushed, and, with definite naivety, shouted: "Not me, Boss!"—and he flew with the wind.

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