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**Two Big Blazes Occur in Downtown Business Section**

In its long history, Farmington has experienced two major fires in its downtown business section.

The first fire broke out on October 9, 1912, about 2 a.m. in a dry goods store owned by O. Smith. The fire was able to get a good start before it was noticed and quickly spread to adjoining wooden buildings. It destroyed at least five or six business establishments and several residential quarters above these shops as well as lodges and halls located at the second floor levels.

There were no fire departments in that day and the work of the volunteer bucket brigade was no match for the holocaust. There were only two wells near enough to draw water from and the water from them was used up quickly.

IT WAS ONLY due to the quick thinking of one of the volunteer fire fighters that at least some of the stores in the main downtown business section were saved. He ordered a house among the row of stores torn down thus creating a gap in the row of wooden buildings lined up along main street which the flames could not leap.

The second big fire occurred on January 23, 1947. The fire of undetermined origin started in the group of stores on the south side of Grand River Avenue west of Farmington Road in what was referred to as the Warner block.

THE FIRE was discovered shortly after 8 p.m. and the Farmington City and Township volunteer fire departments immediately responded to the call but they were greatly hampered in fighting the blaze due to sub-zero temperatures which prevailed that night. As the fire swept out of control, fire fighters from Bedford Township, Novi, Livonia, Northville and the City of Redford were also called.

**BACK IN THE EARLY 1900's**, what is now the Grand River-Orchard Lake Road intersection was known as Farmington Junction. The track, you see in the photo was the line running up Orchard Lake Road to Pontiac. In the upper left in this picture is the DUR power plant and in the left foreground the Farmington Junction DUR office. The building at the right is the DUR car barn.

**Early Farmington History**

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The one outstanding event that put Farmington on the map was the election of Fred M. Warner as governor of Michigan in 1906. Gov. Warner served three terms in Lansing.

Electricity came to Farmington toward the end of the 19th century, the old stagecoach passed away and the nearest railway stations were at Novi and Northville. Grand River Ave. afforded the only link with Detroit and the capital, but traffic still moved no faster than the horse. Then the Detroit and Northwestern Railway laid tracks to Farmington and the service began in 1900. There was no station at first, just a freight pick-up spot on Farmington Road as the cars swung around from Grand River to Northville. The railway had a power plant where the LaSalle winery is now, and across the street were the car barns. This was the connection place for the Orchard Lake Road line to Pontiac.

The telephone came to Farmington near the turn of the century, when several pay stations were set up in the stores by the Michigan State Telephone Co. The local exchange was operated by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Doherty.

Another fire threatened the town on July 8, 1909, the flames spreading to the roof of the Baptist Church before the fire department brought the blaze under control.

Starts Dairy Business

On Jan. 1, 1921 Joe Himmel-

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