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OAKLAND CO. IN DRAINAGE PROJECT

Cost of Drain to be Borne by Seven Counties—Outlet Saginaw River

According to the Sanilac County Times a thorough test of the practicability of the new State Drainage District Law which became operative Sept. 1, is to be made by seven counties of the Thumb district, if plans hatched in Saginaw are brought to fruition. The Saginaw Valley is a natural catch-basin for the flood waters of a vast watershed which extends from Lake Huron on the east to Shiawassee county on the west. The only outlet for this vast depression in the basin is the Saginaw River, which flows through the cities of Saginaw and Bay City. This condition has come down from the time when the vast forest lands in the Thumb district were laid waste. David A. Nicol, drain commissioner of Saginaw county, wants to redeem a lot of land in Saginaw county, and his proposition is through straightening of the channel of the Flint river about five miles from the city of Saginaw. The whole project comes under the purview of the new state law, since it will affect in some degree seven counties, each of which must bear a proportionate cost of straightening the Flint river. The counties affected are Saginaw, Tuscola, Lapeer, Genesee, Oakland, Shiawassee and Sanilac. The new channel will be about three miles long and possibly 200 feet wide, with a depth of 10 feet or more. The matter will affect the west half of Sanilac county that is drained by Cass river as this is a part of the watershed that reaches Saginaw, and no further drainage can be made that takes water to the Saginaw river as the Supreme court has issued an order restraining Sanilac county and the other counties in the district from such action. The cost of the new scheme will be tremendous, but it seems that Sanilac must join the other counties in the movement if the greater portion of the county is to be properly drained, or that portion that is drained by Cass river. Work on the new project is well under way, according to reliable information.

The North Branch Gazette says: This undertaking made mean a withdrawal of the court proceedings instituted by Saginaw county, still pending, which put a stop to the dredging of the north branch of the Flint river immediately after contracts were let a few years ago for the completion of the project—an improvement in drainage which would be of inestimable value to this section of Lapeer county, redeeming as it would a vast area of fertile bottom lands and adding greatly to the efficiency of the many lateral streams and drains for which the north branch of the Flint is the only outlet, and which extend through a wide watershed.

AUCTION SALE DATES

Ed. Conroy will sell horses, cattle and tools at the Conroy farm northeast of Farmington on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Sale commences at 1 p. m.
On Monday, Dec. 3, Arthur C. Spaller will sell a herd of cattle at the Spaller farm three miles northeast of Farmington.
On Tuesday, Dec. 4, D. M. Dingman will sell 36 head of cattle, hay and grain at the Carl Hutton farm one mile west of Farmington.

DROPS THREE AND A HALF MILES

From an altitude considerably higher than Pike's Peak, Corporal Dewey Webb, of Selfridge Field, landed safely in a parachute drop near Pontiac. Officers at the field consider it a remarkable stunt. The exact height of the ship when Webb jumped is given at 19,600 feet.

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones who lectured at the Methodist church on Sunday evening on Ireland brought a unique message from that land, and delighted the audience that assembled to hear him. Both the lecturer and lecture were among the finest heard in Farmington in a long time.

TOKIO CALLING FOR FORD TRUCKS

Ford trucks will play an important part in the reconstruction of the devastated sections of Japan and in furnishing transportation for the thousands of inhabitants in the affected regions.

This is indicated by orders coming into the Ford Motor Company. The first of these was from the city of Tokio and called for 1,000 Ford one-ton truck chassis.

The entire transportation system of Japan's capital city was destroyed by the earthquake and fire which followed, leaving the city helpless. In a move toward quick recovery the municipality ordered 1,000 Ford trucks and within a short time will have a great fleet of motor busses in operation.

The Tokio order, placed with Sale & Frazer, Ltd., Ford distributors for Japan, was received October 10th. Shipments, made from New York, began at once and the final consignment went out last Wednesday, October 31.

Monthly truck orders from Japan, running usually between 400 and 500 continue to come in, further indicating the demand for the Ford truck.

The Ford assembly plant, parts stock and show rooms at Yokohama were completely destroyed by the earthquake and headquarters in Tokio was damaged to a considerable extent.

A temporary assembly plant has since been established in Kobe and is now in operation. Work of re-building the plant at Yokohama is being rushed in order to care for the needs of Ford owners in that district.

FROM HOOTCH TO HOSPITAL

Vincent Adamzek, living on the Tuck road, is in a hospital at Pontiac with a fractured leg and various other injuries as the result of disputing the right of way with an auto last Sunday. Hootch is credited with being responsible for the mix-up. Earl Ransier, who was passing along the Tuck road saw ahead of him a man making a sharp turn to the right, but Adamzek made a lurch directly in the path of the car with disastrous results to himself. He was taken to Pontiac that night by Deputy Sheriff Myers.

On October 29th Mrs. Adamzek met with a similar accident on the Tuck road. An autoist swerved to one side to avoid hitting her but she was knocked flat by being hit by an oil can which was being carried at the side of the auto by an occupant.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
10:30 Dr. Harry Felton.
11:45 Sunday School.
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 "Boys will be Boys," by the Pastor.

Clarenceville Community
M. E. Church
Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.
10:30 Morning service.
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 Evening service.

First Baptist Church
C. W. Townsend, Minister.
10:30 Communion meditation.
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson.
7:30 "Power of the Early Church."

Universalist Church
A. B. Beresford, Minister.
10:30 Worship and sermon.
Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "Measured by our own Measure," being a discourse in the series on "What Christianity Means to Me."

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor.
10:15 Services in English.
11:45 Sunday School.
7:30 Services in German.

P. O. HISTORY DOWN TO DATE

John W. Collins, Civil War Veteran, Held Record for Length of Service

Warren P. Selby, who on the 27th day of April 1853, succeeded Mark Arnold as postmaster, had the office in his jewelry store on Grand River avenue. He built and lived in the house now owned and occupied by John Mersoll on Rogers street. He was a successful business man and well known to the townspeople. I am unable to set any facts in regard to the man who succeeded him, E. S. McClain, who held the office until Nov. 4, 1859 when Alex. Watkins was appointed. He conducted the office in his drug store which stood on Shiawassee street near the site now occupied by Talbot's greenhouse. His wife was Edna Arnold, daughter of Mark Arnold, a former incumbent of the office. Abraham Lincoln became president March 4, 1861 and on the 29th of that month he appointed John W. Collins to the office. He filled the place under three presidents and held the record for length of time in the position. George W. Drake or Major Drake, who was a soldier in the Civil war, was made postmaster Oct. 3, 1865. His term of office was a short one; less than a year. Why so I am unable to say. Perhaps he did not satisfy Andrew Johnson who was president at that time. August 5, 1867 Thomas Francis was named to succeed Drake. He kept the office in his grocery store which is now the meat market of Herman Schroeder. He held the position a little over two years and gave way Nov. 8, 1869 to Collins, who began his second term on that date. Wesley Horton was the successor of Collins March 20, 1873. He conducted the office in his store which was located in the building now used by Page's restaurant. Four months afterward having sold his store to A. L. Poyer he resigned the office and Collins took hold for the third time; June 21, 1873. Mr. Collins was a stalwart republican which fact he was not ashamed of. His party was in power at Washington and he continued in office until July 17, 1885 when he was succeeded by Dr. Woodman, a democrat. The doctor was a well known citizen with many friends. He established the office in his drug store which stood on the lot now occupied by the People State bank. T. H. McGee, our present postmaster, was his assistant. Ben Harrison was elected president in Nov. '88 and took office in March '89. A short time prior to this the office had become vacant by the resignation of Dr. Woodman and Mr. Byron Pierce was named for the place Feb. 25, 1889. Grover Cleveland twice president of the United States began his second term March 4, 1893 and on May 22 of the same year appointed Edward C. Grace to succeed Mr. Pierce. The new appointee was a successful business man of the town, in good standing and a resident since his boyhood days. His office was in the store now occupied by Fred Pauline. He held the office a few days less than four years and was succeeded by the former postmaster Mr. E. Pierce May 4, 1897. Mr. Pierce came near breaking the record of Mr. Collins for length of service. He held the place until May 29, 1913. His two terms of office combined make a period of 20 years, 9 months and 21 days. He was an efficient officer and popular with the patrons of the office.

The successor of Mr. Pierce was Mr. T. H. McGee, our present well known and competent postmaster who was appointed Nov. 29, 1913, ten years ago Thanksgiving day of this year. N.H.P.

HUNTERS COMING HOME

The deer hunters are returning home with game. Norman Lee, Howard Elwood and Roy Fisher who joined a Fowling party, got one buck between them. They were in Crawford county where they say game is quite plentiful, but as there had been no snow the hunt was an uncertain one.

COMING EVENTS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday night there will be presented stereoscopic pictures of "How We Got Our Bible," which will be well worth seeing from an educational and religious standpoint. The pictures will include reproductions of the earliest manuscripts, translations, versions and like illustrations. The leading translators will be thrown on the screen.

We also are expecting to have with us the third Sunday night Rev. L. E. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church of Detroit. He is a well known, successful pastor and will bring a timely message. Watch for further announcements.

PRESERVE LOCAL HISTORY

N. H. Poyer is writing some interesting articles reminiscent of early days in Farmington which are being published in The Farmington Enterprise. It would be a fine thing if each of our older residents would preserve some of the early local history, so much of which has already been lost with the passing of the pioneer.

FARMINGTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Farmington Women's club met Wednesday, Nov. 21st with Mrs. Local Robinson. Nineteen members responded to roll call quotations from Scott or Byron. One guest was present. Romantic poetry was the subject of study for the afternoon.

"Biography of Scott"—Mrs. Florence Heenev.
"Biography of Byron"—Mrs. Elsie Arish.

Poetry of Scott and Byron—Mrs. M. B. Pierce.
Miss Esther Boynton recited a few selections from Scott.

Miscellaneous, in charge of Mary Kennedy, who read a short sketch of the life of our state librarian, Mrs. Spencer, who died last August. Club adjourned to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Mary Johnson on December 5th.

Marj Peterson of Detroit, took dinner Tuesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Hiles.

SMALL POX IS ABROAD

Need of widespread vaccination against smallpox once more in evidence. An epidemic at Hudson, and this is one of many sporadic outbreaks being reported the state over to the Michigan department of health. Unless people protect themselves by vaccination smallpox will find a fertile field for reaping a grim toll in Michigan this winter.

The Hudson epidemic started mildly enough, but in a short time the entire community was threatened. An epidemiologist was accordingly dispatched to the scene by the state department of health, but when he arrived there he found a rigorous program of vaccination already under way. School children were treated thus, then the factory population. Those concentrated in groups were vaccinated. All known cases were quarantined, reported cases were investigated, and local motion picture houses rendered aid in spreading advice of what to do.

Too much praise cannot be accorded a community for taking hold as Hudson did in her time of emergency. A few days of prompt and vigorous repressive measures on the part of the health officer and local authorities marked a change for the better, and the disease under control. For all the medical inspectors had to do, he might have been no more than a casual visitor. Hudson's smallpox spread here as a progressive community by others may do well inimitate.

This epidemic shows the worth of vaccination, as a smallpox preventive. American leadership stamped out the disease in the Philippine Islands in 1898. Only with the coming of foreigner generations has smallpox been returning to the islands. Periodic vaccination practiced everywhere would obliterate smallpox from the earth.

The W. H. M. S. will meet next week Thursday at 2:30 with Mrs. F. L. Coy.

COUNTY P. T. ASS'N IS ORGANIZED

Event Marked by Banquet at Pontiac Last Week—Officers Elected

A county council of Parent-Teachers was formed last week at Pontiac when a number of interested persons assembled for that purpose. Mrs. Edgar W. Kiefer, state president of the Parent-Teachers association, was present and presided at this meeting and remained for a banquet in the evening at which she gave an address. The questions of dress, evening entertainment and quiet study rooms in the home for school children were discussed by her.

Emile J. Lederle, county commissioner of schools, also gave an address and spoke of the need of more efficient teachers in the rural schools. He said that rural schools should have the best instructors for they must cope with a more difficult problem than the public city schools.

Officers for the new council were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. W. H. Sanderson of Pontiac; first vice-president, Wm. Snushall of South Lyon; second vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Gordon; recording secretary, Mrs. Huntley of Keego Harbor; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Roy McCutchen of Birmingham; treasurer, Mrs. Glenn L. Power of Royal Oak.

JUDGE LINDSEY COMES HERE

Judge Ben Lindsey comes to Farmington next Monday. That announcement in itself is sufficient to create an enthusiasm to hear and see this famous man. Judge Lindsey is known throughout the entire world and his work in the interest of children has inspired movements in all parts of the civilized world for the protection of childhood.

He is heard by thousands wherever he lectures, and his message brings facts and truth every parent should hear.

The lecture is the third number of the Community Lyceum course and will be given in the Methodist community hall. Judge Lindsey will begin to speak promptly at 8:15.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLE

Athletics

Last week Tuesday a league meeting was held to decide what was to be done with Northville vs. Plymouth game in which Northville entered an ineligible man. It was decided that the game be forfeited to Plymouth. This put Northville out of the race for championship. This left Plymouth and Farmington with one game against each other, and the fought it out on Redford field last Friday. The game was a hard one for Farmington on account of the absence of Quinn who is ill with the mumps. In spite of the fact that Quinn could not play Farmington held them until the last half minute of the game when a Plymouth man got away and with no one to stop him carried the ball over the goal line for a touchdown. The extra point was not made. Score: Plymouth 6—Farmington 0. The game was over and Farmington had the chance to make up for the touchdown. Farmington has one slim chance left to win the championship. Plymouth has yet to play Wayne. If Wayne beats Plymouth or ties the score, then Farmington will get the championship.—Robert Cook.

News

Small paper basket filled with nuts and carefully made cranberry jam, were served at the kindergarten children's party for their mothers, which was given Wednesday. The party was a splendid success. Last week they gave a party and entertained the second grade children. The kindergarten is very proud of the pretty room they occupy, and enjoy entertaining there.
George, Chamberlain, Robert Davis and William Fleming built a bungalow out of the building blocks. It was made large enough for several to occupy.

MRS. DAISY LATHRUP SEEKING DIVORCE

Daisy Lathrup is seeking a divorce from John W. Lathrup of this township. They were married but four months ago. The complainant secured an injunction which tied up his funds in 20 different banks. On Tuesday counsel for Mr. Lathrup filed a motion in the circuit court asking for the dissolution of the injunction.

Lathrup denied that his income was \$1,000 a month as his wife alleged, but admitted owning 900 acres near Novi and Farmington, which he valued at \$220,000.

In his motion Tuesday, Lathrup said the injunction made it difficult for him to meet a large payroll of employes, and that dissolution of the injunction would not interfere with settlement of his wife's divorce suit as he cannot dispose of much of his property without an accompanying signature of his wife.

DR. FELTON TO BE HEARD

Dr. Harry Felton will speak at the Methodist church on Sunday morning on the Monte Mario, the eighth hill of Rome. For many years the Methodist church has maintained a college in the city of Rome for Protestant young men of southern Europe. Recently the hill of Monte Mario which overlooks the vatican was secured for the new college. The purchase of this property has caused some apprehension at the vatican. The acquiring of the property, however, and the work of the college are in no way carried on to defy the Roman church. Dr. Felton will speak at the Methodist church on Sunday morning when he will tell the interesting story of Rome and the plans of protestants in that city.

STATE BOYS' CONFERENCE

The State Older Boys' conference which is an annual event of some importance to boys of Michigan, will be held at Ann Arbor this year beginning Nov. 30 and continuing to Dec. 2.

Farmington is to be represented at the conference by seven boys who will join the Oakland county delegation on Friday morning and together go to Ann Arbor by special busses.

There are a number of buds on the narcissus plants. Each morning the children look for a blossom.

First Grade—

Emily Moss can escape the mumps for a few more days she will have come to school for three months without being either tardy or absent.

The students of the penmanship class are learning to write their name and address. On Thursday evening some of the results were on exhibit.

A wonderful Thanksgiving dinner has been made by the first grade, but alas, it can not be eaten. Why? Because it is all paper. The table is one sheet of large drawing paper. The food is paper pictures and is fastened to the table with paste. Its flat top looks delicious.

The A class in arithmetic can write the numbers to 100 without a copy. They are slow but very sure.

Second Grade—

Anybody that hasn't seen the table in the second grade room should see it. Perhaps you'll never see it, so I'll tell you about it. On the left end of the table Holland is built; The dikes, windmills, and cut-out people are very realistic. From Holland to the other end of the table there is a stretch of blue paper representing the ocean. At the right of the table, America, in the time of the Indians is built. A large paper boat, The Mayflower, is at anchor near the shore. Cotton is spread over the land for snow. Indians, cut from paper are hidden in a forest made of twigs. Wigwams are plentiful. A log cabin is now under construction for the Pilgrims. This is a very interesting way of holding the interest of the children to school.

A boarder of Indian, Dutch and Pilgrim dolls, cut from paper, and colored extends the entire length of the black board.

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