

Bad roads and mail service were concerns of the past

70 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK — This certainly should sound familiar to area residents even though it appeared in the Farmington Enterprise in 1913. The story is headlined "Oakland County Lags on Roads."

"Oakland County is rated as one of the best counties in the state and one of the most progressive. It has advantages of soil, location and topography not enjoyed by many counties. It should and usually is, a leader in everything progressive. But we are backward in roadmaking. Oakland County already is several years behind many less favored counties in Michigan in the matter of good roads," said the article.

Looks like some things never change. But then again...

"Every acre of good land in Oakland County ought to be worth \$200 and is but won't bring it because of the lack of decent roads."

Whoa, \$200? It's been a while since

anyone around these here parts paid \$200 an acre for a parcel of land.

One C.E. Ramsey advertised that he would help anyone who wished to sell their farm. "I have a customer now waiting for a small place on, or near Grand River Road. See me about it, if you have something good at a fair price," he told the readers.

MERCHANTS WERE warned in a front-page editorial that the birth of the parcel-post system would endanger their businesses.

"The measure has been fought savagely by the country newspapers and country merchants on the supposition that it would be an aid to the big mail-order houses and department stores and would work detrimentally to the country merchants," said the editor.

But he urged his business readers to accept the realities of the new system and "by judicious local advertising, en-

ergic country merchants can forestall the mail-order houses and the department stores and get a larger and better trade than ever."

THE OWEN HOUSE, the "leading hotel" was charging from \$1.50 to \$2 a day for a room with "steam heat" and "livery in connection."

SO YOU THINK this drug problem situation is new stuff, do you? Here's another informative article from the first week of January, 1913.

A physician with the Department of Agriculture released a report which said, "drug using has increased by 100 percent in the last 40 years" and that American medical men were not discriminating enough in their use of opiates. Their overindulgence to their patients is creating thousands of drug users every year.

50-YEARS-AGO THIS WEEK —

Farmington flashback

Here we are in 1933 and right off we are hit with another case of "haven't I heard this some place before."

The lead article tells us that "Cooperative Plan of Police Work Meets Difficulty." Seems the officials from Farmington and Farmington Township were trying to work out a deal for police officers from each town to work together.

"The plan of coordinated police work in Farmington Township and the City apparently has struck a snag during the past week and it is thought likely now that the suggested cooperative effort will not be undertaken," said the article.

Seems officials still are trying to work out that little snag.

PUBLIC WELFARE payments and who should or shouldn't receive them was on the mind of township officials back in January of 1933 as Clyde Seely was appointed by the township as an investigator. Seems "Township officials began to receive a series of denials of welfare cases from other communities, and necessity for much investigation developed. These denials are from other townships and cities who have people on their welfare lists whom they claim should be cared for

by Farmington. Seely was to be paid \$25 a week for his duties.

GET THESE PRICES — A three-

pound bag of coffee just 77 cents. Floating app went for 16 cents for five bars. A one-pound box of Hershey's Cocoa cost 1 cent and two boxes of 2-pound salween for 9 cents. Bananas were 19 cents for four pounds. If you wanted the groceries delivered all you had to do was call Delos Hamlin at his phone number — 5.

Ski marathon will fight lung disease

Downhill skiers, novices and experts alike, are invited to participate in the second annual Ski Free for Charity on Sunday, Jan. 23 at Alpine Valley for the benefit of the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan (ALASEM).

The fund-raiser is sponsored by the General Motors Men's Club.

Interested skiers can participate by signing up sponsors to pledge an amount for every run they'll make between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the 23rd. A minimum of \$20 in pledges is required for participation.

Awards will be presented for the most pledge money collected, as well as for the most runs taken. Top prizes are a three-day ski weekend for two at Crystal Mountain near Cadillac, includ-

ing three days' lift tickets, two nights' lodging and meals and a Boyne Mountain three-day ski weekend for two including the days' lift tickets and deluxe accommodations for two nights at the Boyne Mountain Lodge. All participants will receive ski pins and patches.

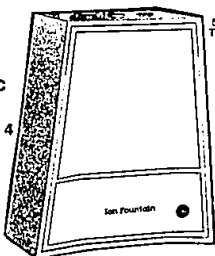
Sponsor forms are available at all Bavian Village and Herman's ski shops or by calling ALASEM at 961-1697 or Gilmers' Club Chairman Mike Harrison at 455-1935. Participants are asked to bring their sponsor forms to the event on Jan. 23; then collect pledges as turn in contributions by Jan. 31 in special envelope provided the day of the event.

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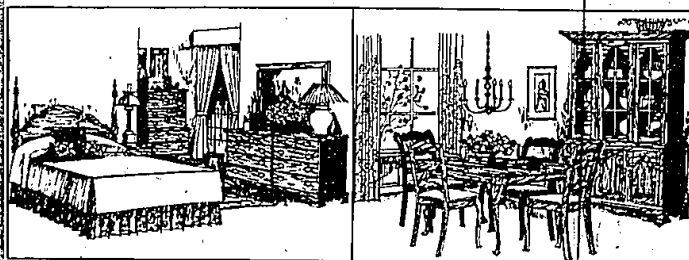
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