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EDITORIAL

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 8, brings to men and women throughout America the opportunity to unite in paying tribute to that most constant of lifetime's friends, Mother.

To most mothers, no doubt, Sunday will bring new evidence of an unchanging affection and constant thoughtfulness. But to how many will it bring but an easily secured token of passing remembrance?

No more beautiful thought was ever conceived in the mind of man than that of Mother's Day. But it will reach its highest significance only as men strive more and more to make every day a Mother's Day in their hearts and thoughts.

A DETOUR FOR GRAND RIVER

Not only the people of Farmington, but every citizen who uses Grand River avenue to go to and from Detroit, has a vital interest in the proposed cut-off from the Eight Mile road to a point between Farmington and Novi. A road built on this plan would obliterate Grand River for miles, and deprive thousands of people of the opportunity for prosperity which they have awaited patiently for years.

Such a road would be a death blow to the hopes for development of Farmington, the largest town in the Grand River section in a stretch of many miles beyond Detroit. It has been stated that only 300 feet of paving would be saved by the proposed cut-off.

Whenever super-highways are to be built, it seems, there appear influences whose object is to benefit one section at the expense of another logically entitled to the benefit. The people of Birmingham faced a similar situation in regard to Woodward avenue. Woodward avenue as a part of the super-highway was saved to Birmingham only when the people of Birmingham arose and in a united voice that demanded to be heard, insisted on the abandonment of all plans for the cut-off.

Farmington citizens can expect no more consideration from advocates of a "southern" cut-off than was shown Birmingham at first. But Farmington's voice can be as strong and insistent as was that of Birmingham. If the people will it so. If the voice is not audible soon, traffic and prosperity are likely to pass right by Farmington -- too far away to benefit any but a few.

What might be needed to avoid congestion in Farmington, even after the widening of Grand River, is an auxiliary highway through the city, for through traffic. Such a road starting at Farmington Junction and meeting Grand River avenue near the cemetery, would actually benefit the city. With only a few hundred feet between the roads, business would develop from highway to highway. Michigan avenue in Wayne was built in this manner, and has proven a great boon to the town as well as eliminating congestion.

It is not necessary to wipe Farmington from the map to avoid congestion on Wider Grand River.

WHAT OTHERS ARE THINKING

"You know the Six Mile road west from Grand River avenue is to be paved this year and that there are other paving projects under way in this part of the state, but is there any highway anywhere in Michigan that should be improved and widened before Grand River Farmington between Redford and Farmington is a completed job? When the enormous traffic that moves day and night over this narrow ribbon of concrete is considered, the wonder is that accidents are not more numerous than they now are and the number of accidents are plenty.

Buses, trucks, automobiles and other four-wheeled vehicles fill this thoroughfare day after day and on Sunday all the joy of motoring is knocked into a cocked hat by the long lines of motorists who

come out into the country for fresh air only to breathe refined auto exhaust. A lung full of that stuff dampens any motorist's ardor and next Sunday he spends the day on some highway where there is less traffic and more fresh air. This neglect of Grand River avenue is regarding the growth of this entire community and it seems as though the widening of the avenue between these two towns would be one of the most important projects the state could undertake this year."—Redford Record

A Chicago man was sentenced to jail for a space of 25 seconds for opening a letter addressed to his wife. Now if the judge will let the ladies not to search their husband's pockets we're willing to call it a closed incident.

The University of Pennsylvania has a sound amplifier that makes the heart beats sound as loud as a drum. We'd hate to see one of the natives down in Philadelphia use it to tell what he thought of the late lamented Sesqui.

Seven members of an Illinois family were arrested charged with stealing a revolver from a neighbor. Meanwhile Chicago crooks are able to get machine guns through the mail and nothing is said about it.

Commissioners Proceedings

Regular meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington held May 2, 1927.
Called to order by Mayor Butterfield at 8:08 p. m.

Commissioners present: Stannan, Gildemeister, Hogle, Johnson and Russell.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following bills were read:

George Grant	\$100.00
Harvey Blough	\$7.50
Jessie Peasley	\$2.00
William Maas	\$4.00
Eugene Brown	\$4.00
William Chamberlain	\$8.50
James Quinn	9.00
Frank Hedgcock	\$8.50
John Nelson	\$5.25
Howard Catheman	8.80
H. Kreager	\$7.50
George Grant	109.00
Harvey Blough	\$7.50
Herman Kreager	\$8.35
Eugene Brown	\$5.00
William Maas	\$5.00
Jessie Peasley	\$5.50
John Nelson	\$3.20
Eugene Edwards	\$17.50
Kenneth Anderson Co.	\$25.39
Wells D. Butterfield	9.05
Detroit United R. R.	.50
N. H. Power, Salary March and April	70.00
Bell Telephone Co.	3.40
Mich. Highway Imp. Co.	9.00
Western Oil & Gas Distributing Agency	23.60
Detroit Edison Co.	653.19
W. N. Miller	28.75
A. C. Wallbank	30.06
Good Service Station	14.26
Henderson & Albright	23.87

Moved by Russell, seconded by Gildemeister that bills be paid as read. Carried.
The Clerk reported the receipt of \$292.93 by his office since April 21.

A communication was received from Farmington Woods Co. Moved by Hogle, seconded by Gildemeister that be referred to the Board of Review. Carried.
It was moved by Gildemeister, seconded by Hogle that the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Farmington be authorized to borrow money for payment of bills and expenses of the City in anticipation of 1927 taxes. The sum loaned not to exceed \$10,000.00 Carried.

Motion made by Hogle, seconded by Johnson, that the Detroit Edison Co. be charged \$7.50 a day for use of the Hall to demonstrate their products. Carried.

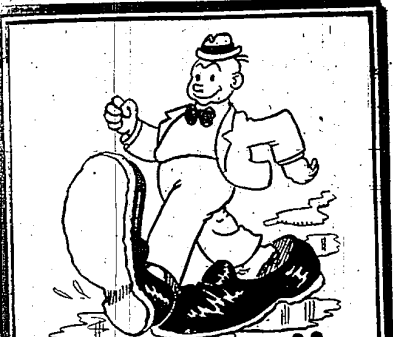
The Mayor appointed Gildemeister and Stannan to consider the water bill of Mr. Delling and report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Russell presented a communication from Pelton & McGee, attorneys, relative to establishing a street line on Grand River avenue. Received and placed on file.
A communication was received from City Treasurer Nichols and placed on file.

The following men were named as firemen: Harvey Blough, chief; Harold Oldenburg, John Mahaney, Edward Thayer, Norman Lee, Waters Lee and Claude Lee.
Commissioner Gildemeister was named as a committee to report a plan for a police booth.

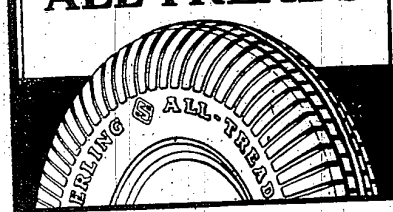
Street Commissioner Johnson was asked to report a paving plan for next year.

Recessed subject to call.
N. H. POWER,
City Clerk.

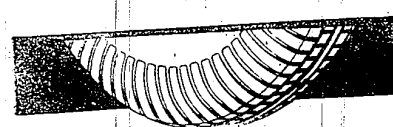


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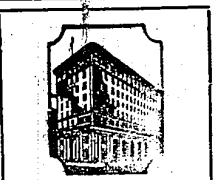
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