

NEW PAVING TO FIVE POINTS IS READY FOR USE

State Highway Department Plans Call For Improvement To Farmington

The new 40-foot pavement on Grand River road from Redford to Five Points is to be opened to the public today, which will greatly relieve traffic congestion on that road. When completed this section of the road will consist of two 40 foot strips of concrete paving separated by the D. U. R. car tracks.

The work of widening Grand River from Redford to the Seven Mile road has been carried on by the State Highway Department as part of a program which calls for the widening of Grand River avenue to 80 feet from Redford to Farmington, a six-mile stretch.

According to W. W. Lavers, district engineer for the State Highway Department, in charge of the work, the 16-foot road from Redford to the Seven Mile road will be widened to 40 feet in the near future. Until this road is widened, northbound traffic on Grand River avenue will travel on the new road to be opened Thursday, while southbound traffic will continue to use the old road.

Immediate plans, Mr. Lavers said, call for the extension of the new road three quarters of a mile past the Seven Mile road to the point where the D. U. R. tracks cross the road from the east to the west side. Work on this extension has been held up by difficulties arising out of the State's effort to obtain a right-of-way through two buildings situated close to Grand River at the Seven Mile road. This short extension will be completed about September 15, Lavers said.

The department has only tentative plans for the widening of the remainder of the road to Farmington. Obtaining a right-of-way through the farm and subdivision property which borders the present road north of the D. U. R. crossing is expected to take at least a year, Lavers said.

C. G. COLLINS OF FARMINGTON, DIES IN HIS 93rd YEAR

Was Brother Of First White Child Born In Farmington; Owned Large Part Of City

Farmington lost one of its oldest and best known residents last Friday when Constantine G. Collins, 93, died at his home after a short illness. Death followed soon after the deceased was stricken with pneumonia.

Mr. Collins was one of four nonagenarians living in Farmington. His older brother, John Collins, was said to have been the first white child born in Farmington.

Mr. Collins had lived in Farmington practically all of his life, and at one time owned a large portion of the land now in the center of the city. Gradually the land was disposed of by Mr. Collins and his son, Gate Collins, who is well known in Farmington.

Burial took place Monday in Oakwood Cemetery. Rev. Elmer Palmer officiating at the funeral services.

Mr. Collins was long regarded as one of Farmington's foremost citizens, and one of the city's pioneers.

BAPTIST CHURCH OPEN AIR MEETINGS DRAWING MANY FROM OTHER TOWNS

The meetings being conducted in the Town Park each Sunday night at 7:45 are drawing from not only Farmington but towns all around. Car loads have come from Novi, Franklin, West Point Park, New Hudson, Detroit and other places. This type of summer meetings is becoming quite popular.

This coming Sunday the sermon subject will be, "The Signs of the Times or Are We Living in the Last Days?"

Advertise in the Enterprise.

Fitzpatrick Slowly Recovering From Illness; Suffers Attack Of Pleurisy



JOHN FITZPATRICK

PROSPERITY SEEN IN THE SUCCESS OF EDGEWATER PARK

Management Of Amusement Center Finds Business Exceeds All Expectations

A record that demonstrates the value of this section to investors in amusement enterprises, and at the same time shows the prosperity of the community, is that of the Edgewater Amusement Park. Although the park has been open less than a month, it has been crowded night after night with visitors, and the management has been forced to greatly enlarge its parking space for automobiles bringing crowds to the park.

"The big park has been a tremendous success from the opening date, H. P. Egert, the manager, said yesterday. In fact the number of visitors was so great, according to Mr. Egert, that for a few nights last week, scores of motor cars were turned away from the gates, because there was no room to park them.

"Success Beyond Expectations. "We planned the park to give this section the finest in amusement," Mr. Egert said. "With its beautiful surroundings and convenient location, we know that it could not help attract great numbers of people. Frankly, though we have been surprised and almost taken off our feet by the popularity of the park and the crowds that have been coming.

"We started expanding our facilities almost immediately, and are now accommodating all of the hundreds of motor cars that are driving up to our gates every evening. Our amusement facilities have also been increased to take care of all our guests.

"The new park is the first large outdoor amusement center to be located within a short distance of this section, northwest of Detroit's downtown, and it is expected that the success of Edgewater Park will result in bringing other large investors in amusement enterprises to this vicinity.

Mr. Egert believes that the success of Edgewater Park is a tribute, not only to the management of the park but to the prosperity of this entire section. "While other amusement places in general have been doing less business, or at least no more than in other years," Mr. Egert said, "our park has gone beyond our hopes. We believe that it demonstrates the prosperity in this vicinity, and that this section is one which feels scarcely, if at all, any effect of 'depression' reported in other communities."

HOBO AUTO RACES AT MILFORD SUNDAY

The hobo auto races on Denny Butler farm, northwest of Milford, are attracting considerable attention and each week sees an increased crowd of spectators there. The races close promptly at 1:30.

Mrs. Lena Manzel is in a serious condition at Harper Hospital. Detroit, where she was taken last Friday for an operation for the removal of gall stones.

Friends of John Fitzpatrick, cashier of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington, have been following with much concern reports of his condition since he was taken ill several weeks ago. Mr. Fitzpatrick was progressing nicely toward recovery, but during the past week suffered a slight setback, and is still confined to his bed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was taken ill on July 2, shortly after having returned from a trip north, where it is believed his illness originated. He had not been feeling well for several days, and was advised to remain in bed by his physician, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner. His condition showed steady improvement until last week, when he suffered a slight attack of pleurisy.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is not yet able to sit up or receive much company, but it is hoped that he will be able to do so within a short time. It is likely that he will be confined to his home in the Valley View section for some time, however.

Although a resident of Farmington only about three years, Mr. Fitzpatrick has won a host of friends throughout this section. Prior to coming to the Peoples State Bank, Mr. Fitzpatrick was cashier of a bank in Lake City, Mich.

During the absence of Mr. Fitzpatrick his duties at the bank have been in the hands of George Gildemeister, assistant cashier.

"TYPHOID RUMORS ARE FALSE," SAYS HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. J. A. Miller Declares That Rumors Of Contagious Disease Are Without Foundation

There is no contagious disease in Farmington, and rumors of any such cases existing in the city are false, according to a statement made yesterday by Dr. J. A. Miller, city health officer.

"Reports of contagion have been circulated throughout the town, and in some cases have reached other communities," Dr. Miller said. "They are entirely untrue and it is regrettable that they ever were circulated. People living in other communities will hesitate to visit Farmington, perhaps, because of these false reports."

In one instance, Dr. Miller said, the rumors reached a state health official at Lansing. He called Dr. Miller on the telephone. "I hear that you have a large number of typhoid fever cases down there," he said. "I'm coming down to look over the situation."

Dr. Miller assured the official that he knew of no cases of typhoid fever, and that reports of a so-called "epidemic" were entirely without foundation.

Dr. Miller urged that all in this section do their best to lay low the rumors which he declared to be false. "We would not conceal the situation if there was contagion here," Dr. Miller said. "However, we have no laboratory tests showing presence of typhoid germs. Anyone having an illness and had nothing to do with such call a doctor, and if tests show any typhoid germs present, I, as health officer would be notified at once."

Dr. Miller said that he thought it possible the rumors of typhoid cases might have been circulated as a result of the finding of contamination in the city water.

Tests Begun Earlier. "The tests of the city water did not result from any rumors of contagious disease in Farmington, and had nothing to do with such rumors," Dr. Miller said. "I ordered the tests of the water soon after my appointment as health officer, and as one of the most important duties of that office. Just about the time we made the tests and found the contamination, the rumors of 'typhoid' were circulated."

The contamination, bacillus coli, as far from typhoid as anything could be. Yet the coincidence has given rise to all sorts of talk and rumors, all untrue.

REPAIR STARTED ON ORCHARD LAKE ROAD PAVEMENT

Highway Is Being Kept Open To Traffic; One Side Only Under Repair

Repair work has been begun on the pavement of Orchard Lake road from Pontiac to Grand River. The highway will be subjected to some delay and inconvenience for several weeks at least. The highway is being kept open along its entire length, however, only one side being under repair at a time.

The repair work has been undertaken just in time to save the road from going to pieces completely. Increasingly heavy traffic in the last year or two has placed a heavy burden on the pavement, and large areas of roughness have appeared. Within another year, it is probable that the road would have been ruined, had not the repair work been undertaken.

The bringing of the road repair forces to Orchard Lake followed the completion of repairs on Maple avenue, east as far as Birmingham. The Maple avenue highway was in an even worse condition than the Orchard Lake road.

Lower Stretch Rough. The latter highway is particularly bad south of Orchard Lake, although there is heavier traffic between Orchard Lake and Pontiac.

Removal of trolley service is believed to have added the volume of motor traffic along the Orchard Lake road since last fall. The road carries exceptionally heavy traffic on Sundays, and there has been some talk in favor of efforts to secure a wider road. It is believed that with the widening of Grand River avenue and consequent heavier traffic toward the Oakland county lakes on Orchard Lake road, a wider pavement will become imperative.

Twelve-Mile Being Paved. Pavement on the Twelve-Mile road is progressing rapidly, having been started at the Novi-Farmington Town Line road. Eventually, the pavement will reach Grand River avenue, the residents along the highway having petitioned for the paving of the five-mile stretch. It is expected that this road will form an important link across the lower part of Oakland County.

STEELE FAMILY HOLDS REUNION; THIRTY-FOUR GATHER AT REDFORD

The descendants of the late Carlos and Ed Steele, of which there are now thirty-four, met at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. LaRue Steele in Redford last Saturday afternoon.

Most of the members of the family together with their wives and husbands were present.

The party also included Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sprague, life-long friends and neighbors of the family.

The members of the Steele family from Farmington who attended the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyes Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wickson and family, and the Misses Ida and Zaida Steele.

A picnic dinner was served and a jolly time had by all.

FRANK J. SMITH NOW WITH GREENHOUSE LOCATED IN REDFORD

Frank J. Smith, formerly connected with the Farmington Greenhouses as manager, is extending to his friends in this section a cordial invitation to pay a visit to Leslie's Greenhouses in Redford. Mr. Smith having become manager at the latter place.

Mr. Smith was in Farmington for six years, and made many friends here. At Leslie's he is taking personal charge of all floral work for funerals, in which he is one of the largest greenhouses in this section, having over 40,000 square feet of floor space, and handling all kinds of flowers and plants.

PROPERTY ON GRAND RIVER AVENUE BOUGHT BY EMORY HATTON

A real estate transaction of unusual interest occurred recently in Farmington when 40 feet of Grand River avenue frontage near Division street, was purchased by Emory Hatton from Miss Amanda Collins, of Detroit. The price was not disclosed.

The property includes a frame building of two stores, one occupied by the Evans Tire Shop. The entire piece is 40x130 feet. Mr. Hatton said yesterday that he has formulated no plans yet regarding the property, but probably will allow it to remain in its present state for some time.

COUPLE RENDERED HOMELESS; CHICKS BURNED IN FIRES

Brunks Lose All In Blaze At Home Near Orchard Lake Road

Two fires in this section early this week caused the destruction of a large home, a barn a garage and a chicken house, a large number of chickens being burned in one of the fires. Volunteer workers could do little to extinguish the flames, but in each case saved nearby buildings from destruction.

John Brunk and Mrs. Brunk, living in the Oakland Hills Orchards subdivision, near Orchard Lake avenue, lost their home and all their possessions, Monday afternoon when flames swept through the house. Mr. and Mrs. Brunk were resting when the fire started they told neighbors, and barely had time to run out of the house after being awakened by crackling of timbers.

As they fled from the burning house, Mr. and Mrs. Brunk stashed the most valuable small articles in their home and carried them outside. Neighbors hurried from all directions, but without water, were unable to do much.

Fire Truck There. The chemical truck from Farmington was called and hurried to the scene of the fire. They reached the blaze in time to prevent its spreading to other buildings. Absence of wind was believed to have prevented further loss.

Without possessions as a result of the fire, Mr. and Mrs. Brunk were aided by neighbors, who offered them the use of rooms in their homes. They have gathered what little is left to them in the barn which remains standing. The place was formerly known as the Coleman Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Brunk who lived in the house several years, were unable to save even their clothing.

Home In Danger. Another home was endangered and several score valuable chickens were burned to death Tuesday afternoon when fire destroyed a large barn on Grand River avenue one-half mile west of Novi.

The place is occupied by the family of J. Barrett. Mrs. Barrett aided her children being home at the time of the fire.

A bucket brigade of neighbors and passing motorists was organized and although the house caught fire several times, the volunteers managed to extinguish the blaze each time. A fire truck from Northville arrived as the fire was being brought under control.

Three Buildings Burned. The barn, a garage, and chicken-house, with a large stock of poultry, were burned down. The origin of the fire remains a mystery, although children playing with matches are suspected. Mr. Barrett was working in Detroit at the time of the fire.

EPWORTH LEAGUE FOLKS TO ATTEND AT DETROIT

The Epworth League invites all young folks to gather at the M. E. Church next Sunday evening at 5 o'clock to attend league services at the Metropolitan Church at Detroit. Cars will be provided for all who wish to attend.

Mrs. Eva Briggs and her niece, Miss Dorothy Ross, have returned from an extended visit with relatives in Hamilton, N. Y., and other eastern points.

WATER SUPPLY IN FARMINGTON MAY BE CHLORINATED

Chemical Purification Will Be Resorted To Unless Final Test Is Satisfactory

Farmington's water supply still shows traces of contamination, and unless further tests be made this weekend shows a clearing up, the water will probably be chlorinated. In the meantime, residents must boil the water before using it, in order to be safe.

Reports were circulated several days ago to the effect that the water had been cleared up and that no contamination remained. Dr. J. A. Miller, city health officer, reported yesterday that laboratory tests made of the last samples taken show the bacillus coli is still present.

Will Make Another Test. "We will make one more test of the water from various mains the end of this week," Dr. Miller said. "If the water still is polluted, I will advise that the entire water supply be chlorinated. It is a big task, but the water is absolutely unfit to use in its present state."

Dr. Miller emphasized that the contamination of the water is not of a nature likely to cause an epidemic or contagion, but that illness could result from use of the water.

Flushing Mains Failed. "After we had the mains thoroughly flushed a week or so ago," Dr. Miller said, "The samples taken showed an improvement over the previous tests. However, we made further tests a little later, and the results were unsatisfactory as before. I seriously doubt whether the water can be cleared of pollution without flushing the mains, but we will make one more test before ordering chlorination."

Advices Cleaning Tank. "Should the final tests show pollution, it would be advisable for the safety of the community to have the storage tank cleaned and painted, as well as having the water chlorinated. The contamination is undoubtedly in the mains, somewhere beyond the storage tank."

Asked as to the probable source of the contamination, Dr. Miller said that he could ascertain with certainty the nature of the contamination and what matter would cause it, but that it is difficult to tell just how it came into the mains. He said, however, that leakage of the mains, which would be accentuated by suction in the mains during times of low pressure, would permit the entrance of contamination. "It is necessary to flush the mains regularly and completely," Dr. Miller said, "in order to be sure of keeping out contamination."

Commission Meets Monday. It is expected that contamination of the water will be taken up at the meeting of the city commission, scheduled for next Monday night.

Dr. Miller said that he started his investigation into the water supply soon after his appointment as city health officer. He strongly urges all residents to boil the water before using it, and to disregard any reports to the effect that the water has been found safe to drink or use in cooking.

MANY ENJOY BASKET PICNIC HELD AT THE GUY H. COOK HOME

A basket picnic was held at Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Cook's home. Sunday, July 24. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, Warren Myron, Norman Watson, Mrs. Emma Peterson, Joe Rhine, Jack Smith, Mrs. Delia Davis of Detroit, Mrs. Amelia Rohde of Detroit, Mrs. Ida Jackson, Ted Cavell of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ostrander and family, Mrs. Beghun and Miss J. Beghun and Mr. Thompson of Highland Park. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Renfai and family, William Broom of Clarenceville and Mrs. Clara Pucasebal of Alberta, Canada. Indoor baseball, banyard golf and croquet were the sports of the day.