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Expect To Start Work On Drain Within 60 Days

Only Three Property-Owners Fail To Sign Agreements For Right-of-Way

That construction of the new Farmington Drain may be under way in not more than 60 days, is the expectation of members of the County Drain Commission's staff, according to a member of the staff who visited Farmington Thursday morning.

George Scott, who has been in charge of obtaining right-of-way for the new drain, declared that only three property-owners thus far have failed to sign the requested releases. One of these, it is understood, is a taxpayer of progressive viewpoint who will readily agree to the crossing of his property as soon as certain details of the plans are straightened out.

The other two property-owners, however, are reported to have opposed every effort of the Drain Commissioner's representatives to complete the right-of-way. It is believed that condemnation will be required in order to cross their land, and that suits may be started some time in the near future.

It is pointed out that objections to the Drain would have to be of first importance to prevent carrying through of the work, because the necessity of the work has already been determined. Farmington citizens interested in the drain are well pleased with the assurance that nothing appears likely to prevent the realization of their aim.

Much of the time, it is anticipated, will be utilized now in starting condemnation proceedings, advertising for bids, and letting contracts. It is calculated that most of the work if not all could be completed this summer, even though it should be August before actual construction is begun.

DRIVES CAR FROM DEARBORN HERE AT POINT OF WEAPON

Motorist Escapes Man Believed To Be Bandit And Notifies Police

Farmington police are endeavoring to solve the mysterious actions of a man believed to be a bandit, following reports of a shooting in Dearborn, where he had been forced to drive from Dearborn to Grand River and Tuck road Wednesday evening, at the point of a gun, escaping when the man left his car for a moment to confer with another driver.

According to Shaw's statement to Doyle, the first he saw the man last week in Dearborn, when the man overtook Shaw's car, posed as an officer, and "cited" Shaw to court for passing a signal. Shaw appeared Saturday night as directed, met the man in Dearborn, and was ordered to drive his car toward Farmington ostensibly to the judge. Outside Dearborn, the man produced a gun and ordered Shaw to drive to Grand River. They turned west at Middle Belt and Grand River and at Tuck road, Shaw said, met another man, who was driving the supposed "officer's" machine.

The "officer" took the key from the switch in Shaw's car and went back to talk to his friend, whereupon Shaw, who had another key, switched it in the switch and drove to Farmington, where he told his story. A search failed to locate the roadster.

Fred Deck, of Farmington Junction, is in the county jail serving sentence for driving while drunk, after having been arrested Saturday morning between Farmington and Novi by Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes. He was sentenced to a \$50 fine and 60 days, or 90 days, and an additional \$10 or five days to having no operator's license.

Albert Jacobs, Lansing, and Howard McEwen, Detroit, were sentenced to four months and 60 days in jail respectively for passing liquor. Following arrests by Deputies Stokes and Merrick.

Many Of This Section Witness Air Tragedy

A number of residents of this section were among those who witnessed the death by parachute jump Sunday of Richard Baron, 19, of Detroit, at Seven Mile and Middle Belt Roads. Several jumps were made in the afternoon from the same field by others, and were seen by the crowd at the baseball game at West Point Park.

Mrs. Lena Strassberger of West Point Park was one who witnessed the tragedy not far distant, shortly after seven o'clock in the evening.

Ten-Mile Action Urged By Club

Exchange Club Passes Resolution Asking Early Start On Extension To City

A resolution urging immediate action upon the extension of the Ten-Mile road into Farmington was passed unanimously by the Farmington Exchange Club at its meeting Wednesday noon. It was addressed to the Oakland County Road Commission and will be sent to that body.

The resolution was offered by Judge John J. Schulte, and followed by a week five circulation of a letter of similar import, signed by individual citizens. In its original form it requested early action, and extension of the road in accordance with the letter of the previous week.

Discussion, however, developed opposition to the described location of the extension, and the resolution was amended to read that the road be extended into the City "so as to connect with Shiawassee at a point east of Division street. That part of the road which it is desired to have completed this summer, even though it should be August before actual construction is begun.

The past week brought no sign of further action by the Road Commission, in apparent confirmation of initial hopes that the route question has been a serious handicap.

The Exchange Club voted to entertain Birmingham Exchangees on the links at Glen Oaks on July 12th.

MANY MOURN DEATH OF MISS N. WARNER, FORMER TEACHER

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Retired Teacher; Built Home Here 11 Years Ago

One of Farmington's beloved residents passed away Sunday morning when death came to Miss Nina Warner, 70 years of age, at Detroit, following an operation performed Saturday morning.

Miss Warner, who was one of the first to build a home on Oakland road, was taken seriously ill last Thursday and died at the hospital. Funeral services Wednesday afternoon at her late home were largely attended. Rev. Edward F. Dunkley officiated.

Miss Warner had occupied the house in which she died for years, having, with Miss Ruth Carlisle, erected the home, after retirement from a long career as a teacher. Miss Warner, who was born in Farmington, was the organizer of the kindergarten in Alpena schools, which later was developed into a free kindergarten. She later taught in Fairbanks and Burton Schools in Detroit.

Miss Warner's father, Seth A. Lamoyne Warner, a resident of Alpena, for some time conducted a store on the present site of the E. C. Grace store. Mr. Warner built the store in the 1870s.

Surviving Miss Warner besides her father, are a sister, Mrs. W. H. Davidson, of Alpena, and a brother, William D. Warner of Tacoma, Wash.

The death of Miss Warner ended a companionship with Miss Ruth Carlisle of a quarter of a century. Together the two women built the home on Oakland road, and their devotion to each other was as deep as it was enduring.

State May Drop Widening Grand River In Town

Reluctance Of Few Property-Owners To Sign Releases Jeopardizes Improvement

That there is considerable danger of Farmington losing the proposed widening by the State of Grand River avenue between Farmington Junction and the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. office, has become apparent within the past few days, with reports of the reaction of a few property owners toward attempts to secure the right-of-way.

While Charles Newton and Supervisor Isaac Bond, who are at work trying to obtain releases, would not discuss the situation for publication, it is known that the problem of right-of-way within the City has taken a serious turn. While many have indicated their willingness to dedicate their frontage either without recompense or on reasonable terms, a few owners of large strips, it is understood, have held back and their attitude has jeopardized the entire project.

The situation east of Farmington Junction is said to be considerably more favorable, and it is believed that chances are fairly good for completion of one strip of new pavement as far west as the Junction this summer. It is regarded as quite likely, however, that unless a change of attitude is apparent soon among several of the large City property holders, the State may abandon all efforts in the City and widen as far as the Junction only, dropping the matter there.

Meanwhile, activity has increased along the Wayne County section of the highway. The south side of the new pavement, from the Eight-Mile road east, was opened to traffic for the first time Sunday, making available a double road as far as Redford.

State employees made an attempt to improve conditions between Farmington and the Eight-Mile road by filling in the washed-out shoulders and bringing them to the level of the highway.

The Seven-Mile road has been closed west of Grand River, to permit widening of the concrete from 20 to 40 feet. Traffic is being detoured along the Eight-Mile road.

SCHOLARSHIP WINS RECOGNITION AT HONOR BANQUET

Parents, Teachers And Students Gather At Annual Dinner; Mrs. Roos Honored

Excellence in every phase of high school activity was given recognition last Friday evening when more than 50 students of Farmington High School were the guests of the Parent-Teacher Association at the annual honor banquet in the Methodist Church dining-room. Nearly three hundred parents, students and teachers gathered for the event.

Representing each of the various groups whose work had entitled them to recognition was one student selected as the speaker. Principal A. R. Crawford acted as toastmaster, being introduced by Mrs. Norman Lee, president of the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Edward Roos, past president of the Parent-Teacher Association, was presented with a special pin, by Curtis Hall, of the school faculty, as a token of the esteem of the Association.

Edward Rozenboom represented the athletic group, being chosen as the athlete who had shown the greatest development during the past year. Katherine Banfield, called the "outstanding girl athlete" spoke for her group.

Howard Cathorn, president, represented the Student Council, and related the accomplishment of the Council in repaying a debt of \$700, reaching a clear financial balance this year. Barbara Moon, presented a piano solo, and Helen Otis sang several numbers, accompanied by Roberta Russell.

Those whose scholarship marked them clearly in the forefront of students and who had averaged "B" or better, were represented by Ellen Lapham. Those in the group were: John Lapham, Ellen Lapham, Barbara Moon, Virginia Otis, Hedwig Schenck, James Hoyle, Viola Jean.

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Now A 'Bridegroom's Breakfast' Is Latest

Something different in the way of entertainment for one about to be married was staged Wednesday morning in Farmington. Male members of the high school faculty were unable to understand why a bridegroom should not be feted as well as a bride, and exercised their ingenuity.

The result was a "bridegroom's breakfast," in honor of Fernando Brethour, athletic coach, who will be married Saturday. Those participating included Mr. Brethour, Supt. A. Leonard, at whose home the affair took place, Principal A. R. Crawford, and Curtis Hall.

Pass Ordinance On Sanitation

Approval Of Measure Concludes Long Study And Discussion; Effective June 1, 1929

Passage of an ordinance on sanitation, the first ever to be adopted in the City of Farmington, was effected at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night. The measure had been the subject of months of debate, and was adopted after a change in the date on which it would become effective, brought about agreement.

The new ordinance, which affords the City an opportunity to regulate sanitation and eliminate unsanitary conditions, is to become effective on June 1, 1929. With that date affixed, the vote in favor of the measure was unanimous.

That Farmington water is healthful and free from impurities was the report received from the State Department of Health. The report showed that a test had been made and no impurities discovered.

Indications are that the new fire truck soon to arrive will be housed in a part of the present City building. Upon receipt of a report that the building could be altered to accommodate the truck, Mayor Butler has appointed a special committee to carry through the work at once.

Preparation of the proposed amendments of the charter to authorize paving, and effect other changes, is expected this week. Discussion resulted in a finding that the charter amendments must be definitely stated before they can be voted on by the Commission, and then placed before the people. An amendment eliminating the present requirement of two candidates for each office is among those contemplated.

Plans for enforcement of the ordinance requiring cutting of weeds were discussed by the Commission. Notices are to be posted and where property-owners do not comply with the law, the City will cut the weeds and add the cost to the tax-bills.

The Commission voted \$300 to Deputy Sheriff Stokes for the maintenance of an automobile during the year, and also to join the League of Michigan Municipalities. The Church of Our Lady of Sorrows was voted permission to erect signs to advertise a bazaar.

DINNER FOR ALL EX-SERVICE MEN PLANNED BY POST

Legionaires Of Farmington Invite All Veterans To Dinner On June 28

A dinner at which all ex-service men of the community are invited as guests of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington, is planned by the Legion Post for the evening of June 28, in the "Log Cabin." The dinner will be cooked by the Legion members.

Two new members joined the post at its meeting last week, William Perkins and H. M. Goers. A display of trophies from the battlefields of the Great War is planned by the Post, which has received a number of the prizes. Plans for the seventh annual Gala Day to be held on Labor Day, will be discussed by the Legion at the meeting next week.

City Agrees To Fare Raise To Save Detroit Bus Line

Receiver Declares Loss Is \$1,200 Per Month And Shuttle Line Or Increase Of Five Cents In Fare Is Only Solution

An increase of five cents in the bus fare between Farmington and Detroit was agreed to by the Farmington City Commission at its meeting Monday evening, in order to assure maintenance of the service. The new rate of 40 cents will be in effect soon, it is expected.

The action of the Commission was the result of a communication from the receiver for the Peoples Motor Coach Company, in which it was stated that a loss of \$1,200 per month has been entailed by maintaining through service from Detroit to Farmington. The letter stated that a slight increase in fare was the only alternative to the establishment of a shuttle line between Farmington and Seven Mile road.

The Commissioners expressed the opinion that maintenance of the service was of first importance to the community, and voted to communicate to the Public Utilities Commission their acquiescence in the fare increase.

The letter from the receiver is as follows:

The Honorable Mayor and City Council, Farmington, Mich. Gentlemen: For some time past we have been operating in conjunction with the Department of Street Railways a through motor coach service between Farmington and Detroit. We have controlled the operation between Farmington and the Seven-Mile road and the Department of Street Railways have controlled it between the Seven-Mile road and Washington boulevard, Detroit.

We have made every effort to keep the through service intact so as not to discommode our residents by making it necessary for them to change buses at the Seven-Mile road. By so doing, we have incurred a loss in excess of \$1200.00 per month and it has become necessary for the Receiver to reduce this loss. To accomplish this result there are two methods open to us, one method being to discontinue the through service and operate a Shuttle Bus between Farmington and the Seven-Mile road, and the second method being to make a slight increase in fare. We believe the latter method to be the most acceptable to all concerned and we therefore desire to increase the rate between Farmington and Detroit from 35c which is the present fare, to 40c, or in other words, making a 5c increase in the present rates of fare.

To facilitate this matter, we would appreciate receiving from your Honorable Body a letter addressed to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission advising that body that you will not object to the filing of this tariff on short notice, under the conditions as set forth above.

Trusting that we will receive favorable consideration from you, at your meeting on Monday night, June 18th, 1928, we remain

Yours very truly,

Security Trust Company, Receiver

Peoples Motor Coach Company and Subsidiaries

P. L. Radcliffe,

Manager, Trans. Dept.

Scaffolding has been erected in front of the Farmington Methodist Church in preparation for work on the structure.

Parents Don't Object To Price Of Dresses

Whether or not it was in an endeavor to foster the sort of spirit which would make "Judy O'Grady and the Colonel's Lady, sisters under the skin," the girls of 1928 graduating class of Farmington High School found themselves on equal terms in one important respect as Commencement approached.

The reason was a ruling that dresses for Commencement and Class Night should not cost more than fifteen dollars. No objections from fathers and mothers were recorded, so far as could be learned.

West Point Park Hands Holly Team Its First Defeat

Previously Unbeaten Aggregation Gets Only Five Hits Off Carl Goers

Carl Goers

To the surprise of the largest crowd that has witnessed a baseball game in this section in some years, West Point Park decisively trounced the previously undefeated Holly team, 6 to 1.

Carl Goers pitched a splendid game for West Point Park, striking out 11 men and allowing only five hits. He received perfect support from his team-mates, who played errorless ball in the field. West Point Park hit the ball consistently, three of the nine hits being three-baggers.

Haritz started for Holly and was relieved by Hartner, the visitors star. He was unable to prevent West Point Park from scoring, however, a triple by Jayska scoring two men in the eighth and making the game safe for West Point Park. Holly made a strong effort to score in the ninth, two batters hitting sharply to Harry Wolfe at third, and the third to Goers. All were fielded perfectly, however, and the game was over.

West Point Park will travel to Lake Orion Sunday to play a return game. The game was first announced for West Point Park, but was later changed to Lake Orion. Lake Orion defeated West Point Park 8 to 7 earlier in the season.