

Six Months Stay Given In Ending Freight Service

Shipments To Be Continued Until Spring Over Grand River Trolley Tracks

A stay of six months has been obtained in the threatened termination of freight car service between Detroit and Farmington over the tracks of the D. U. R. The service will continue without interruption through the winter.

Farmington business-men, particularly those who have depended on the freight service which has been in operation for 30 years, were jubilant when word was received Monday of the extension of time. The report was confirmed Tuesday, one day before the date on which freight service was to have been ended.

The decision that street-car service would be continued came as the result of the Detroit Department of Street Railways' ending track-replacement work for the year. The D. S. R., which has been repaving between rails on Grand River in Detroit, plans to use lighter rails farther out also, which would prevent the operation of freight-cars. However, the approaching end of the construction season brought about the decision that work west of Meyers road be left until next Spring.

There is no indication that any further respite may be obtained after the construction season of 1929 opens. If the proposed change is carried through, only the proposed route from Orchard Lake south to Farmington would remain for local receivers of large freight shipments. The tracks between Farmington and Northville are torn up for a considerable distance and the trolley-wire, it is understood, is being baled and sold.

It was believed that the last freight-car to come into Farmington had arrived on Saturday night at the Farmington Mills, and a picture was taken of the car as a memento.

NEW LEAGUE TEAM WILL BE AT WEST POINT PARK SUNDAY

Fast Oxford Squad, Conquerors Of Pontiac, To Be Opponents On September 16

A new team in the Inter-County League and one of the fastest in this section, will be seen in action at West Point Park baseball grounds Sunday, September 16th, when the Oxford aggregation comes to clash with West Point Park.

Oxford recently replaced the Lake Orion team in the League, and celebrated its entry by downing one of the league-leaders, the Pontiac squad, 7 to 6. A hard battle is expected Sunday.

Holly avenged itself for an earlier defeat at the hands of West Point Park on Sunday, conquering the home team 7 to 3. West Point Park was unable to get its batting under way, and faltered at times when a hit or two would have brought in several scores.

Carl Goers will be on the mound for West Point Park Sunday. The game starts at 3:00 o'clock.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS ABOVE TOTAL OF LAST YEAR; 141 REGISTERED

Enrollment in Farmington schools this year is larger than last year by 22, according to figures issued this week by Supt. of School Ralph B. Baker. The opening of the grade school early this week revealed the increase.

In the eight grades and opportunity room, 309 students were enrolled. They were distributed among the various grades as follows:

Kindergarten	26
First grade	41
Second grade	28
Third grade	33
Fourth grade	39
Fifth grade	33
Sixth grade	32
Seventh grade	31
Eighth grade	33
Opportunity room	6

This total of 309, plus the 135 enrolled in the High School last year, gives a combined total of 444. Last year's enrollment was 422.

School work got well under way this week and the students started their studies in earnest.

Rev. Dunlavy To Get New Pastorate At Methodist Conference Now On



REV. E. F. DUNLAVY

Signs Still Are Puzzle For City

To Enforce Or Not To Enforce—Commission Debates; State Law Read

Renewed debate on enforcement of the City of Farmington's sign ordinance Monday evening by the City Commission resulted in no further progress toward a decision. After nearly half an hour of discussion the matter was left where it had been before, awaiting consideration at a session at which all members of the Commission are present.

Mayor Wells D. Butterfield opened discussion of the ordinance by reading from the State law, which is similar to the City ordinance passed some time ago, as follows:

Act 108—Public Acts 1925
State of Michigan
33rd Legislature
Regular Session of 1925
Senate Bill No. 216
Senate Enrolled Act No. 64

Section 5. No person, firm or corporation shall erect or cause to be erected on or along any highway any sign, guide post, marker or advertising device without the approval of the commissioner or commissioners having jurisdiction over such highway; and no sign, marker or advertising device shall be painted upon, attached to, or made to form a part of any fence, building, rock or other surface that marks, or is on the line of, the highway right of way, except to advertise a business conducted upon the property abutting on the highway at the place where the advertisement is situated.

Section 6. In no case shall any sign, marker, or advertising device, except signs and guide posts erected by or with the approval of the proper highway commissioner or commissioners be erected, painted or maintained within five hundred feet from any highway intersection or on or along a railway crossing, or so as to obstruct the view of any such intersection or crossing or of a turn or sharp change of alignment in the highway, or in any manner dangerous to the public.

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The dilemma faced by City officials was apparent when Commissioner Clarence Bickling asked why there should be any question whether the ordinance is to be enforced, since it is "the law of the City" to which Commissioner Leo Gildemester replied, "Because there would be 'war' if we tried to enforce it."

The Commissioners decided against allowing any further extension on taxes, and that the penalty to be exacted for non-payment before September 1 should be maintained.

Mayor Butterfield asked that three important questions be considered at the meeting to be held next Monday night, namely, the condition of the City's funds, the enforcement of ordinances on nuisances, and the City's account with the justice of the peace.

LOCAL MAN IN MISHAP

Max L. Stewart, Route 2, Farmington, was reported to be the owner of a machine which struck W. H. Cook, 70, of Pontiac, in that city Thursday morning. The extent of Cook's injuries is uncertain. Stewart took him to a hospital.

Farmington is to lose within a few days one of its most esteemed citizens, Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, pastor of the Methodist Church, who will next week take up a new assignment in the Methodist ministry.

Rev. Dunlavy is now at the district conference at Sault Ste. Marie. The conference will continue in session until next Tuesday night, and not until then is it expected to be known where Rev. Dunlavy will take up his work and who will succeed him in Farmington.

Rev. Dunlavy assumed the Farmington pastorate three years ago, at the request of a committee from the Church. The committee journeyed to Flint, where the conference was held that year, to ask Rev. Dunlavy to accept the pastorate in Farmington. Prior to that time, Rev. Dunlavy had been at the Methodist Church in St. Clair, Mich. His departure from St. Clair was attended by deep regret among the members of his church in that community.

Similar sentiment was expressed this week by a prominent citizen and member of the Methodist Church of Farmington, concerning Rev. Dunlavy's departure.

"Rev. Dunlavy's leaving is deeply regretted by the Church," he said. "He has steadily grown in the estimation of the members of the Church. He leaves many friends, not only within the Church, but in the community outside."

Rev. Dunlavy advised the members of the Farmington Methodist Church several weeks ago that he would accept another assignment at the conference, which started Wednesday.

WHO ORDERED DIRT TAKEN AWAY FROM BROOKDALE DRIVE?

Commission Unable To Find Out, But "Deal" Is Made And "All's Well"

Who hauled away the top-soil of the south end of Brookdale Drive, or rather, who authorized its being taken away? That question occupied the attention of the City Commissioners for nearly an hour Monday evening, and it is still unanswered.

Half a dozen officials and one private citizen were mentioned as possible sources of authority for dirt removal, which came to a sudden halt on orders from Mayor Wells D. Butterfield. The matter was amicably settled when Arthur Lamb, of the Board of Education, explained that the top-soil of the lower end of Brookdale Drive is excellent for surfacing for a lawn, but less useful as road surface, and that the Board of Education would be glad to replace all the loam-soil taken with good gravel.

A short time later, a petition from residents of Brookdale Drive was brought in by P. D. Fleming, whose name had been mentioned early in the evening in connection with the dirt-removal, denied that he had given anyone authority to haul away the soil, and said that so far as he knew he had no authority to give such orders anyway. So the mystery became more obscure and still remains.

The petition submitted by Mr. Fleming asks that the ravine at the south end of the street be filled and the sidewalks and street be lowered and graded. Superintendent George Grant was directed to "run a line" on the street to indicate what the grade should be.

A petition asking that Macomb street be opened to permit through traffic, submitted by residents of the street was referred for investigation.

MEYERS, BOND, DELEGATES

Bernhard Meyers and Isaac Bond were named delegates to the Republican State Convention from Farmington at the Oakland County Convention at Pontiac, Mich., Wednesday. Mayor Wells D. Butterfield was named as alternate delegate.

Death Comes To Three Residents Of This Section

Last Civil War Veteran Passes On; Wm. Graham, Mrs. Pangborn Die

Three well-known residents of this section were taken by death early this week, and another, Carl Hutton, 75, lies in a critical condition at a sanitarium in Mt. Clemens.

Monday marked the passing of the last Civil War veteran in this section, Osmond Johnson, who lived on the Thirteen-Mile road in Farmington Township. Mr. Johnson, who was 84 years old, had not been ill and died suddenly Monday morning of apoplexy, while returning home from a visit to neighbors.

Osmond Johnson was born January 4, 1844, at Waterbury, Vt. When but a child he came to Michigan with his parents but soon after moved back to New York State.

He enlisted in the New York 98th Volunteers and served during the Civil War. Some time after the War he moved to Michigan and made his home here.

He is survived by a widow, Carrie, aged 84, one brother, Melvin Guppli, and two daughters, Mrs. Judson Jones and Mrs. Geo. Grohner, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, followed by interment at West Farmington Cemetery. Rev. Elmer W. Palmer of the Farmington Baptist church officiated.

William Graham Dies

William John Graham passed away at his home in West Farmington Tuesday morning at 7:00 o'clock at the age of 64 years, 9 months and 14 days, due to paralysis.

Mr. Graham had been in poor health for the past two years. He was born in West Troy, N. Y., December 31, 1863, and of four years came with his parents to a farm in West Farmington Township, not far from where he resided until his death. His father died when he was but seven years of age.

The deceased leaves to mourn his death the widow, one son, Starr Graham, of West Farmington; and four daughters, Mrs. Marley Bachelor, of Walled Lake, Mrs. L. W. Glegher, of Hartland, Mrs. Irvin Knapp and Mrs. Chas. Heliker, of West Farmington; 21 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. George Heliker, of North Farmington and Mrs. John Grace of Clarencville; three daughters, Mrs. Jay Graham, of West Bloomfield, Joseph Graham of Farmington, and Charles Graham, of Keego Harbor.

The funeral has been arranged for Tuesday afternoon at the home, with Rev. A. C. MacRae of Walled Lake officiating. Interment following at North Farmington Cemetery.

Mrs. Pangborn Dies

Mrs. Mary Philip Pangborn, 80 years old, died at her home on Shiawassee street, Farmington, Tuesday morning after an illness of four weeks, caused by a stroke. Mrs. Pangborn passed her eightieth birthday on August 20 last.

Deceased was born in Ontario. Her husband died 16 years ago. Five children had been born to her. Only two sons survive, William A. Pangborn of Oakland avenue, Farmington, and Alvey, of Ann Arbor. Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

A short funeral service was held Tuesday morning, following which the body was taken to Bad Axe for burial. Rev. Elmer W. Palmer of Farmington Baptist Church officiated.

Signal Broken Too Often; To Be Raised

Breaking of the traffic signal light at Grand River and Division street in Farmington several times within one week has caused City officials to consider raising the signal.

One truck driver whose vehicle smashed the light on Tuesday night, was out of Grand River, but was pursued by E. B. Grovener, Detroit Edison Co. manager, who had heard the crash.

Tempted By Apples, They Fell—\$25 Worth

Temptation proved the downfall of a number of Detroit men and women motorists who attempted to pick and take home from this section apples and elderberries they found along the road last week end.

Three men were arrested Sunday and on Monday were fined \$25 each by Judge John J. Schulte, of Farmington, for theft of elderberries. Another party of two men and three women were apprehended Saturday picking apples at the farm of Albert Sulkowski, West Farmington, but settled for their picking in the sum of \$4.25, and were released.

Three Men, One Armed, Arrested

Trio Captured In Machine On Base Line Road; To Be Arraigned Friday

Three men, one of them armed, were captured on the Base Line road near Grand River, in Clarencville Wednesday morning and are being held at the Oakland County Jail for investigation. They are to be arraigned Friday morning before Justice John J. Schulte.

One of the men is suspected by police to have been a member of the notorious "Purple Gang" of Detroit.

The three were picked up after residents of the section had seen one of the men leave the Nash coach, which they had parked at the side of the road, and go into a nearby yard. A revolver was seen in the man's pocket.

Both Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes and Bernhard Meyers were called from Farmington by the frightened residents, Hector MacGregor, 18, 14517 Birwood, Detroit, William Newman, 20, of Clarencville, and Clarence Lang, 18, of Clarencville, were taken into custody.

Deputy Stokes said that he found in Lang's possession a .45 caliber revolver and cartridges. The men were locked up in the Farmington City Jail until early afternoon, and then taken to Pontiac.

Detroit police are investigating MacGregor, who is said to have been just relieved of probation, following a charge of breaking and entering. He is said to be the owner of the car.

The appeal for police aid was received about 7:30 Wednesday morning. Police had not decided Thursday morning what charge be brought against the men.

FRAUD ALLEGED IN ROAD BOND FILED FOR TOWNSHIP SUB

Court Action Possible By Township To Enforce Bond; Surety Company Denies Liability

Statements that a signature to bonds for improvement of roads in a subdivision in Farmington Township had been obtained by fraud, held the interest of the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday night. The Township is seeking to have the bond forfeited or renewed before the expiration date, which is in the near future.

The bonding company, replying to the Township's notice, has declared that it believes that the signature of one of the signers of the bond, a prominent Plymouth business-man, was obtained by fraud, and that therefore the bonding company is not liable.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that the former owner of the property, a Township resident, expects to have it returned to him soon because of probable non-fulfillment of the contract of sale. He also desires the road improved.

That a court battle may develop for enforcement of the terms of the bond is quite possible. Township officials have been advised to proceed with care to fully protect the Township's rights in the matter.

The bond is for \$6,000. Improvement of the roads covered by the bond, officials say, would cost \$5,000, which would be the amount of the Township's loss if the bond were not enforced.

10-Mile Decision Said To Be "Up To People" Here

Approval By Road Commission Considered Unlikely Without New Hearing

That the project of extending the Ten-Mile road into Farmington via the McGee Hill is not likely to receive favorable action by the Oakland County Road Commission, unless citizens of Farmington clearly manifest a majority opinion in its favor, is the inference obtained from conversation this week with men close to the Road Commission. In the absence of definite action, however, there is also some opinion to the contrary, and those holding this view declare they believe the petition filed against the improvement at the hearing last week will have little effect.

From a source close to the Commissioners themselves, however, it was learned that approval of the road without another and favorable hearing, is improbable. None of the Commissioners has committed himself for publication.

Those who believe that the chances of carrying through of the project were not seriously affected by the petition and objections at the hearing, declare that they believe the Road Commission "pays little attention to such petitions." They point out also that "there are always objections."

On the other hand, a member of the Department told the Enterprise that while no formal step is now before the Commission, in his opinion there is little prospect that the Commissioners would approve the plan without another public session. He also said he believes that nothing will be done this year, if ever, on the project.

Following the meeting, a question arose in the minds of some citizens as to the distribution of two clear this up, County Engineer Belknap was asked by the Enterprise regarding his statement at the hearing last week that the whole of the City of Farmington and part of the Township would be included in the assessment district. Many believed this was an error.

Whole City Included

Mr. Belknap re-affirmed this statement, saying that the entire City would be included. Asked if it was not the case that only half a mile in each direction from new roads are assessed for benefits, Mr. Belknap replied that this is not a rule, but merely a custom usually followed in the case of section-line roads. The question of how much territory would be benefitted, rather than distance, governs, Mr. Belknap said.

Mr. Belknap was asked if it would be possible to determine just how much the improvement would cost each taxpayer. He replied that in the case of assessments for benefit, which comprises 50 per cent of the total, this would be a very involved task, requiring knowledge of the total number of lots, their exact location, etc.

In the case of the City's general assessment for 20 per cent of the cost, the calculation is simpler in rough figures. Estimating the total cost as roughly \$100,000, the City's share would be \$20,000. Mr. Belknap stated that the owners' would extend over ten years, and that six per cent for five years would give roughly the total interest. This would be \$6,000, or in all, \$26,000, as the City's share.

The City tax rate this year is \$16 per thousand, or a valuation of about \$3,000,000, the amount being raised by taxation being \$48,000. Adding \$2,600 to the amount to be raised each year would add 86 cents, plus a fraction, to the City's tax rate, for assessment. The 50 per cent to be assessed for benefits would be levied directly on the taxpayers by the County.

Because Mr. Belknap stated that while he could not predict the action of the Road Commission, he believed two years would be required to finish the road, if it is approved, because in a case where a large "bill" is required, it should be graded a year before pavement is laid.

MAPLE PAVING BEGUN

Laying of concrete on the Maple road west of Orchard Lake road has been started. It is planned to pave four miles this year.