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M. E. Home Near Completion; Turn Sod For Another

Ground Broken For Sisters Of Charity Home, As M. E. Dedication Nears

As construction of one beautiful and home-like orphanage near Farmington nears completion and dedication plans go forward, excavation is under way for another home for unfortunate children. June 1st is the date set for formal opening of the new. Methodist Children's Home on Six-Mile road southeast of Farmington, and by that time construction work will be well under way for the new orphanage of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, ground for which was broken Wednesday morning.

Both orphanages are located a few miles from Farmington, on wooded slopes, with the River Rouge winding through. Both will be built on the cottage plan, and after the English cottage type of architecture. Together they will house in this vicinity 250 fatherless and motherless children of the State.

Plans for the dedication of the Methodist Home will be ready for announcement soon, according to Miss Frances Knight, superintendent.

Formal ground-breaking ceremonies took place Wednesday morning at Twelve-Mile and Tibbits roads for the new Sisters of Charity orphanage, which will replace the Villa Marilac, destroyed by fire last November. Participating in the brief ceremony were Rev. James A. Callahan of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, Rev. Fr. Francis Van Atwerp of Grange, Ill., who presided, and Sarah Anne and Thomas Fisher, sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Fisher of Detroit. The gift of \$750,000 by the Fishers made possible the building of the home, which will house 200 children.

A number of Farmington residents attended the exercises, and nearby families held glad reunions with several of the sisters who had lived at the Villa Marilac before it was burned. The short exercises took place on the 80-acre site on the north side of Twelve-Mile road, across the road from the former children's home. It is expected that the new buildings will be ready by Thanksgiving. Children cared by the Sisters were brought out from Detroit for occasion and sang hymns after the sod had been turned. Motif pictures were taken of the event.

It is just a little more than a year since ground was broken for the new Methodist home, which will soon receive its children for care. The formal breaking of ground on that site took place on April 17, 1928.

THREE TRUCKS IN 'FREE-FOR-ALL' ON GRAND RIVER AVE.

Steel "Pan" Trailer, Motor Freight And Baby Truck Gather in 'Conjention'

Three large trucks with trailers convened at the bottom of the Smith Hill west of Farmington about three o'clock Wednesday morning. When it was all over the scene looked like "the morning after," and Grand River motorists are still wondering where all the "pans" came from.

The trucks were all eastbound. The first had two trailers carrying a heavy load of the "pans." The last trailer overturned spreading "pans" in every direction. The driver drove his truck to the top of the next hill and off the pavement, to avoid accident.

But the "pans" remained. And a motor transport truck, coming down the hill before the driver could clear the pavement, was thrown into a "jackknife" twist, halting at the bottom, cab facing east, trailer facing west. The body truck came. The driver threw on his brakes, but it kept on going. The truck slid into the soft dirt on the south side of the road.

One was hurt, so far as is known, but it was a long time before the road was clear—and the "pans" are still there.

New Deputy Sheriff Is Now On Duty Here

William Tamm, who has been deputy sheriff on duty at the Oakland County Cement Block Plant, near Pontiac, has been assigned to the Farmington police booth to work with Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle, by Sheriff Frank Schram.

Deputy Tamm took up his duties at Farmington Thursday morning.

City Offers Tax Cut And Refund

Payment Of 1926 Taxes By Former Owner Avoids Sale By State

An offer of reduction in taxes and valuation, on Farmington Woods subdivision by the City Commission, and payment of 1926 taxes on the property by the former owner, Charles Ely, were developments of the past week.

Mr. Ely's payment of the taxes forestalled sale of the property by the State next Tuesday, when all properties on which the taxes have not been paid for the past three years will be placed on sale at the courthouse in Pontiac.

At a special meeting called to discuss the situation last Thursday evening, the Commission voted to offer the Farmington Woods Corporation a refund of \$8,000 on the amount due the City. The same resolution contained a recommendation of a valuation of \$120,000 on the property this year.

Reply Is Awaited

To date no word has been received to indicate whether the Farmington Woods Corporation would accept the offer. It is somewhat below the Corporation's proposal, which was for a reduction of \$10,000 in the back taxes and lowering of the assessment to about twice that of surrounding property, which would make the valuation between \$500 and \$600 per acre.

The City's offer is for a reduction of \$8,000 and the assessment recommended is \$567 per acre, the property containing 160 acres. Seven additional acres, comprising the Our Lady of Sorrows Church property, is exempt from taxation.

Should the offer of the City be accepted, it would put into the City treasury at once about \$10,000. The amount of tax due the City for the past three years is \$21,473.72, including penalties of about \$3,000, which cannot be recovered.

The vote on the resolution was six to one, Commissioner Staman voting against it. A number of leading business men attended the meeting and there seemed to be general approval of the Commission's action to prevent the subdivision from going back into farm property.

"We must encourage these people and others as much as possible," said Commissioner Otis during the discussion. Building up of a good subdivision there, and a few other places in and around Farmington, is just what we need in Farmington.

CONSOLIDATION NOT UP FOR VOTE; MOTION WAS ON MEETING TO DECIDE

F. Wilkinson, director of School District No. 6, has written the Enterprise asking correction of a report in last week's issue, on the special meeting held April 25. Mr. Wilkinson states that the report of a vote of 21 to 5 against consolidation with Farmington is incorrect, the motion voted, on having been "as to whether a special meeting should be called for the purpose of voting on consolidation."

NORTH FARMINGTON

The Enterprise is desirous of obtaining a resident of North Farmington as correspondent for that section. Previous news-writing experience is unnecessary. Write or telephone the Enterprise, Phone 25F2.

Legion's Dream Of A Post Home Here Comes True

Groves-Walker Post Obtains Property On Grand River Avenue As Headquarters

The hopes of Farmington's American Legion post members for a post home, cherished for ten years, are near realization, as the result of consummation within the past week of purchase of a house and lot which will be the Legion home. Officers of the Groves-Walker Post received the transfer from Howard and Harley Warner of the property at 326 East Grand River avenue.

The house is occupied at present, and the Legion plans to continue the renting of it until funds are available to convert it into a home that will care for practically all Legion activities.

The transfer was consummated with the making of a \$2,000 (Continued on Page Eight)

May Re-Number On Detroit Basis

Change Suggested Would Continue Detroit Numbers Into Farmington

A proposal for numbering homes and business places in Farmington in conformance with the system and numbers used in Detroit and elsewhere in the Metropolitan area, has been the subject of discussion this week, and is reported to be favored by members of the City Commission who have considered it in an informal way.

It is understood that the Detroit-Edison Company, which has numbered streets in several towns nearby, would be willing to undertake the same in Farmington, adopting the Detroit basis.

On this plan, properties along Grand River avenue would have numbers which would be a continuation of Detroit numbering. The corner of Grand River and Farmington road would be about "36,000 Grand River" on this plan. Farmington road would bear the same numbers relatively to the north and south streets in the City of Detroit. The number at Grand River would be about 30,000.

It is pointed out that this system would make it much more convenient for all desiring to locate persons or places in Farmington. The Edison Company would perform the work without charge, as it has done at Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and rural Northville, with very good results reported.

It is understood that plans are under way for the numbering of Farmington and Livonia Townships in this manner, after formal approval by the Township boards.

CHURCHES PLAN THEIR MOTHER AND DAUGHTER EVENTS

Two Announce Dates Of Annual Dinners To Be Held This Month

Arrangements are under way for mother and daughter banquets to be held this month by churches in Farmington and vicinity. Two churches have announced the dates on which their dinners will be held. The Farmington Methodist Church Mother and Daughter banquet will be held on Friday evening, May 17. A fine program is being prepared for the annual event, which is awaited eagerly each spring.

Salem Evangelical Church will hold its mother and daughter banquet, always one of the Church's outstanding events of the year, on May 16. Tickets are already on sale, and may be obtained from Mrs. Kurtz, Mrs. Kahri, and Mrs. Maas. A splendid program is promised for the event.

DANCE POSTPONED

The Dance for benefit of the War Relief Fund, which has been postponed until next Wednesday night, May 8. Everybody Come!

Auto Overturned, Farmington Girl Seriously Hurt

Inez Weston Injured While Returning To School; Walter Nielson Unhurt

Seriously injured in an automobile accident while returning to school at Ypsilanti Sunday evening, Miss Inez Weston, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weston, is confined to her home on Base Line road, Clarenceville. Walter Nielson of West Point Park, in whose car Miss Weston was riding, escaped injury.

Nielson and Miss Weston were within a block of the latter's rooming-house when Nielson's light roadster was struck and overturned by another car. The other machine, traveling down a steep hill at a fast rate, caught the right rear wheel of Nielson's car when it had almost passed the intersection. The roadster came to rest with the top on the pavement.

Miss Weston and Nielson both remained conscious, although Miss Weston suffered a fractured pelvis.

Miss Weston was taken to an Ypsilanti hospital and remained there until Monday afternoon. She will be confined to her home, it is believed, for three months. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner of Farmington is caring for her.

Miss Weston, a student at Cleary Business College, is in her senior year there. Nielson is a student at the University at Ann Arbor.

The accident occurred at Washington avenue and Perrin street in Ypsilanti. Nielson's car was wrecked beyond repair. According to Nielson, the driver of the other car was unable to stop it before it had travelled a block from the spot where the crash occurred.

SAYS 'GROWTH' IS ONLY SECRET OF REAL HAPPINESS

'Being A Bit Ahead Of Last Year' Brings Joy, Says Exchange Speaker

Growth, "being a little ahead this year of where we were last year," was defined as the true secret of happiness by Lawrence Hart of Buffalo in a talk before the Farmington Exchange Club at its meeting Monday noon.

Neither large amounts of money, fame, knowledge, power, or "keeping up with the Joneses" affords lasting joy, the speaker said, but in each of these, a little more than we had last year brings us true happiness.

In addition, in order to be happy, Mr. Hart said, one must have faith, and we must share our happiness with others. "We must also make up our minds that there is only one time and one place to be happy, and that is 'here and now.' Saying to ourselves that we will be happy when we get so much, or can do certain things, or live some other place, is futile, because the man who has this view will never be content."

The most important thing, Mr. Hart declared, in attaining happiness, is balance, a diversity of interests which will enable all of us to enjoy living every day.

Mr. Hart was the first speaker to be brought to the Exchange Club by the new entertainment committee, of which Judge John J. Schulte is chairman.

The Exchange club will attend the Detroit-Philadelphia baseball game next Wednesday afternoon, losers in a "horse-race" entertaining the winners.

'The Family Upstairs,' Players' Next Drama

Farmington Players have announced selection of the next play. "The Family Upstairs" will be presented as the next offering.

The date of the presentation will be made public next week. The cast will consist of nine people. Selections for the cast will be announced within a short time.

School Bill Allowing Court To Change District Passes

Measure Is Amended To Give Jurisdiction Of Appeals To Circuit Court Instead Of Probate Judge; Goes To The Senate

The legislative bill introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives last week, arising, it is said, from the appeal of Pasadena Park residents from refusals of the Farmington Board of Education to set them over into the Isaac Bond School District, was passed by the House Wednesday afternoon. It did not get through in its original form, however, an amendment being made to give jurisdiction on such appeals to the circuit court instead of the judge of probate.

May-Day Program Is Postponed To May 8

On account of wet grounds the Farmington Schools May Day program scheduled for Wednesday was postponed until next Wednesday afternoon, May 8.

The entire program is scheduled to take place outdoors. The hour for starting the program is scheduled to start at 1:30 p. m., as there are many events.

Operate To Save Man's Right Eye

Fred Menke, Caretaker Of Clarenceville Schools, Hurt By Backstop Wire

Prospects were reported good for saving the eyeball and possibly the vision of the right eye of Fred Menke, caretaker of Clarenceville schools, who was injured last week when a piece of wire punctured the eyeball. Mr. Menke is at Harper Hospital, Detroit, the report having come from the chief of staff of Dr. Don Campbell, eye specialists.

Mr. Menke was engaged in moving a backstop on the boys' baseball diamond at the Clarenceville school grounds. A piece of the wire from the backstop went into the pupil, and some of the fluid escaped. Supt. A. A. Kelder rushed Mr. Menke to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner in Farmington, and the latter advised that he be taken to a hospital at once.

Mr. Menke was taken to Harper Hospital, where Mr. Menke was operated on at once. It was feared at first that he would lose the eye, but the report Thursday was that both the eyeball and the vision might be preserved, although the vision will be impaired.

It is reported that insurance is not carried on Clarenceville school district employees, thus making the district liable for the injury.

REV. E. F. DUNLAVY WILL APPEAR ON DE MOLAY PROGRAM

Public Initiation To Be Held At Plymouth Masonic Temple May 9th

Many residents of Farmington are looking forward eagerly to an event scheduled for next Thursday evening, May 9, when a public initiation of the Order of De Molay will take place at Plymouth Masonic Temple.

Among the attractions will be the appearance of Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, former pastor of Farmington Methodist Church, now of Detroit. He will occupy a leading place on the program. This will be Rev. Dunlavy's first participation in a program in this section since he left Farmington, his duties at Detroit having demanded his entire time.

The quartette of Farmington Methodist Church will sing during the evening. Card games will be held for mothers, with prizes to winners. It is urged that reservations be made early, by DeMolay members, or by calling Joseph Hummel, at Phone 135, Farmington 135. A cordial invitation is issued to all.

QUARANTINE IS LIFTED

After being in quarantine five weeks, James V. Erwin and his family have been permitted to leave their home, and the children have returned to school. The family had scarlet fever.

MENACE OF DOGS INCREASES; DEPUTY SHERIFF IS BITTEN

Warning Issued To All Who May Have Been Near Stray Airedale

The menace of rabid dogs in this section was increased during the past week with the running at large of a stray airedale dog which bit Deputy Sheriff Lee Doyle before it died of rabies and which may, it is feared, have endangered a number of residents of this community.

The dog was a black and gray airedale, any anyone who might have been exposed to this dog is advised to communicate at once with the City Health Officer, Dr. James A. Miller, or Deputy Doyle. The dog was reported to have bitten another dog at Farmington Junction last Friday. Deputy Doyle located the animal, but refrained from shooting it. Authorities at Ann Arbor had advised that dogs suspected of having rabies should be allowed to live rather than be killed, it requiring a long time to determine presence of the disease in dogs which do not die from it.

Deputy Doyle seized the animal by the throat, but it managed to get its teeth into his arm before he subdued it. The dog died Sunday, and on Wednesday a report was received that it had rabies.

Deputy Doyle and Dr. Miller once more have issued an appeal to residents of this section to help stamp out the epidemic, by keeping dogs tied up or muzzled at all times.

New Lights On Grand River Make 'White Way'

Brilliant new lights have been installed along the wide stretch of pavement between Fifth Points and Eight-Mile road. The new lamps, immensely powerful, are in the center of the highway yet throw a bright light over the entire road.

The new lighting has lessened the hazards which have prevailed the only lighting heretofore having been the lamps which were installed to light the old 22-foot pavement.

The lamps connected up recently are at about six feet higher than the old ones, and on new poles.