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Committee Of Six Will Study Traffic Problem

City Commissioners and Citizens Appointed To Consider Methods Of Safety.

Farmington's traffic hazards problem is to be studied by a committee of Commissioners and business-men, with the object of preventing serious accidents threatened by conditions along Grand River avenue. Following appearance of members of the Farmington Exchange Club before the City Commission Monday evening, Mayor Arthur Lamb appointed six men to consider the situation and make recommendations.

Howard Warner was appointed chairman of the committee, other members being Dr. G. F. Weaver and Spencer Heene of the Exchange Club and Commissioners Carl Hogle, Leo Gildemaster and Carl Goers. The committee was requested to report in two weeks, at the Commission's meeting on July 15.

Those representing the Exchange Club were the men named to the joint committee, President Edgar S. Pierce, and Secretary Elmer W. Palmer. Mr. Pierce presented the matter to the Commission. He suggested that signal lights might be placed on Grand River at Oakland or Wilmarth, to reduce speed and break the flow of traffic which travels at high speed down the grade from the city limits to Farmington road.

The problem was discussed at length by the Commissioners and citizens. Commissioner Emory Hutton said that if lights were placed, he believed that they should be located at School street and at Oakland avenue. Mr. Warner pointed out that the towns between Farmington and Lansing use lights at short intervals in the busy sections to control speed, mentioning Williamson and Fowlerville.

The turning south from Grand River to Farmington road at high speed by many drivers figured prominently in the discussion. Many, it was declared, make the turn at 35 miles an hour and faster, and adults are in almost as great danger as children.

Mr. Pierce said he believed that expense should not be a consideration when the safety of children is involved.

RESTRICTION ON PARKING IS AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

All-Night Storage of Cars On Streets Said To Hamper Employees.

Restriction of parking on Grand River avenue in the business section was discussed by the Farmington City Commission Monday evening. All-night parking particularly created discussion.

According to Mayor Arthur Lamb, parking of automobiles through the night handicaps the city employees in that it makes difficult the washing of streets and other cleaning work.

A two-hour parking limit was suggested by Commissioner Amos Otis. Commissioner Carl Hogle expressed the opinion that an ordinance would not be necessary, that the present police ordinance empowers the Commission to make whatever traffic regulation is necessary. He suggested that a two-weeks trial be made of any new regulation, before being formally adopted.

No action was taken on the parking question.

DISCUSS NEW TRUCK

Action was delayed by the City Commission Monday evening on suggested purchase of a new truck for City work. One of the city's machines has been considerable service.

WILL PLACE NEW LIGHT

A new street light will be placed at the corner of Shawansee street and Power avenue, following approval of the proposal by the City Commission Monday evening. Commissioner Carl Goers, in charge of lighting, recommended the light after he had investigated a request made some time ago.

Frank Bradshaw and family have moved into the house on West Grand River, owned by G. R. Switzer.

'Literary Union' Was Center of Interest In Farmington 30 Years Ago



Thirty years ago, the Young People's Literary Union of Farmington was the leading organization of the community. Members of the organization, shown in the above picture, which was taken during a picnic at Orchard Lake, are:

Front row seated on ground, left to right: Clarence Utley, Myrtal Utley, Will Walters, Bertha Crosby (now Mrs. Frank Steele), Myrtle Sowles,

(now Mrs. Walter Overholt, Royal Oak); Floyd Nichols, Gouverneur Drake.

Second row, seated in chairs, left to right: Ed. Moore, Luck Severance, (now Mrs. Ed. Moore), Perry Lamb, (now in Colorado); Emma Hinkley (now Mrs. Andrew Moore); Harry N. McCracken, Hattie Steele, (now Mrs. Orton Ewart), Andrew Moore, Nora Drake (now Mrs. Mark Sowles, Claire

Mich.), Mark Sowles.

Back row, standing, left to right: Arthur Green, Ida Steele, Glen Power, Nellie McCracken, now Mrs. Arthur Green, Orton Ewart, Francis Drake, William Kyle, Enos Barbour (deceased), Essie Drake Barbour (deceased), Mary Green, Will Green (deceased), Myrtle Smith, now Mrs. Stephen Tredway.

Photo, courtesy Clarence Utley.

'Home Run' Won Thrilling Contest In Heyday Of The Literary Union

Young people nowadays probably wonder what their predecessors of many years ago did for excitement and amusement, before the days of the never-ending round of sports, athletics, and the like. Possibly they think it must have been a pretty dull time to be young.

But it wasn't. There are plenty of indications that the young people who are now parents and grandparents had interests and events just as absorbing as football and baseball games are to the youth of today.

Evidence that the youth of thirty years ago had their good times is seen in a picture which was brought to the Enterprise office recently by Clarence Utley. It was taken while

the young people were enjoying an outing on the west shore of Orchard Lake. The spot was on the "Cummings yard," famous for its many good times enjoyed there.

But picnics were not the only activity of the Young People's Literary Union, in fact, but a small part of the organization's interests. Throughout the fall, winter, and spring, the Union carried on a series of programs for the thrilling climaxes and keen interest were not inferior to the most exciting battle on the gridiron. Their exercises, however, were mental rather than physical.

At the meetings, members and groups would vie with each other in reciting and reading literary masterpieces, poetry, and "gems of thought." At times the competition would become so spirited that the "sides" would recite back and forth for long periods of time until members of one or the other would fall.

There were "stars" in those days, just as there are in athletics today. On one occasion, it is recalled, a meeting was to be held when the interest in the Literary Union was at its height, and competition the keenest. Members of one group felt confident of victory at the meeting, which was to be held one evening in Spring in a home in the east end of Farmington Township.

The reason for their confidence lay in the fact that the "star" members of the opposing side were at school in Ypsilanti. They reckoned, however, without their opponents, and they underestimated the importance of the struggle in the minds of the other side. For while they were comfortably and contentedly sitting in the farmhouse, smilingly certain of victory, and with the meeting just getting well under way, the young men from school in Ypsilanti were driving a horse and buggy madly over the muddy roads to the scene of "battle." At times they feared they would never be able to get through the mire—at other times they dreaded the thought that they might come just too late—as did their waiting colleagues.

But fortune favored them. And just as their comrades needed them most, they hurried up the farm driveway, leaped from the buggy and strode to the door. Beggared with mud and tense with excitement, they entered the house and jumped into the contest, to the intense joy of their colleagues. With memories and voices smilingly certain of victory, and in time, they quickly turned the tide, and victory rested with them that day—or night, for it was not until late in the evening that the other side, disappointed but not dismayed, finally yielded and acknowledged defeat.

Mr. Utley, through whose courtesy the picture is reproduced, remembered nearly all in the photograph. Supervisor Harry McCracken of Farmington Township, who has a similar picture on the walls in his home, remembers each one and was able to supply the names Mr. Utley did not recall.

Mrs. M. E. Wilber is visiting friends in Plymouth.

Girl Falls From Car Is Treated For Burns

Miss Leah Specht, of Iowa, a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hagnie, Power avenue, was the victim of a peculiar accident this week, suffering burns about one ankle and leg when two wheels of an automobile passed over one ankle and leg.

Miss Specht was riding on the fender of the car and fell off, directly in front of one wheel. Dr. E. F. Holcomb, who attended her, said that the tire passing over the injured parts had had the same effect as burns. Miss Specht is improving.

Farmington Men In Lake Rescue

Howard Otis and Fred Maas Saved Fisherman Who Fell From Canoe.

Two Farmington men played leading parts in the rescue of a man in danger of drowning at Forda lake Tuesday afternoon. The men were Howard Otis and Fred Maas, who ran from their work to effect the rescue.

The Farmington men were engaged on a house being built when they heard cries from the lake. A man who had been fishing in a canoe had stood up, and fell into the water. He was unable to swim.

A boy who had been fishing in the canoe with the man managed to get the craft to him so that he could catch hold. He had the presence of mind not to attempt to get into the canoe, and clung to it while he screamed for help.

Maas and Otis hastened to the shore, procured a boat and rowed out to the spot, where they pulled the man out of the water.

Another boat was also rowed out, but reached the place after the man was saved. Howard Eisenlof of Farmington witnessed the rescue.

Additional Work On Streets Planned Soon

A second cartload of oil has been purchased for use on the City streets, was reported to the City Commission by Monday evening by Street Commissioner Amos Otis.

Levelling of rough spots in various parts of the city will be done as soon as city employees, now busy cutting weeds, complete their present tasks, according to Mr. Otis.

Gravel recently spread on Shawansee street between Power avenue and Prospect street is being worn down by traffic and this stretch of road, which had been very bad in wet weather, is now in excellent condition.

Citizens and motorists express considerable satisfaction over the improvement effected on Grand River by placing of crushed stone between the new tracks and strips of pavement, from the lumber-yard to the street terminal. The work was done by County employees, as the result of efforts of Street Commissioner Otis.

Reward Is Offered

A reward is being offered by the Board of Education of School District No. 6, Farmington Township, for capture of persons who broke into the Noble School last Saturday night and stole a wall-clock, baseball gloves and a mask, and other articles.

The intruders were particularly destructive, breaking into book-cases and scattering supplies. They departed through basement doors, which were left open.

Farmington Men Have Prominent Place In Redford Bank History

A twentieth-year celebration is being held by the Redford State Savings Bank of Redford, and in a souvenir booklet commemorating the anniversary, residents of Farmington have a prominent part that is mentioned in the history, but which takes on new interest in its further details.

It is recalled by older residents that Redford citizens and business men interested in starting a bank there had been unsuccessful.

One day, however, the late Governor Fred M. Warner, while in the executive chair at Lansing, telephoned to Mr. Byron Pierce at Farmington and said he "thought it would be a good time to get a bank started at Redford." "Get a couple of fellows and meet me at the seven o'clock car from Plymouth," said Mr. Warner, "and we'll go down."

In those days travellers used to take the train to Plymouth from Lansing and then board the trolley-cars which ran from Plymouth through Northville and to Farmington. Mr. Pierce, a director of the

Annual School Meetings To Be Held Monday Eve

German School May Vote on Joining Bond District; Is Report.

Annual school meetings will be held throughout this section next Monday evening, July 8, in accordance with the new law passed by the Legislature at its last session. In some the matters to be taken up will be mere routine, while in others interesting events may develop.

Interest centers to a large extent upon School District No. 6, Farmington Township, where an entire new board of education is to be chosen, the present five members holding their positions for the filling of vacancies. The problem of seating space for the children of the district, which is rapidly growing, is acute in this District No. 6, which recently rejected a proposed bond issue for new/schooling facilities. Proposals may be made at the annual meeting for taking care of the situation.

Of equal interest is a report within the last few days that the "German" school district, in the northeast section of Farmington Township, may have placed before it a proposal that it become a part of the Issac Bond School District. Whether the proposition would have sufficient support to carry is a matter which only the annual meeting can determine.

Pierston School in Livonia Township will choose its members of the school board this year for the first time by nominating petitions. Notices of the change were posted some time ago and a large attendance is expected at the annual meeting.

Farmington School district No. 5 is to elect one member of the Board of Education. The term of Lloyd Gullen, who has been filling a vacancy, expires at the annual meeting.

PROPOSES MAKING ASSESSOR'S PLATS FOR FARMINGTON

Plan For City Outlined By Birmingham Man; Cost Would Be \$3,000.

Proposals for the making of assessors' plats and a map of the city were laid before the Farmington City Commission at its meeting Monday night by representatives of McAlpine, Starr, Inc., of Birmingham. Cost of making three plats, adjudged necessary to bring property descriptions in the City into proper shape, was estimated by Mr. McAlpine at \$3,000.

The Birmingham company has made a survey of the city and drawn a rough map of the city. According to Mr. McAlpine, the property in the city which it is now impossible to describe properly in assessing, could be handled in three plats. Property in this area is now described by meets and bounds, and the State refuses to accept descriptions of this kind for tax purposes.

Return of a large volume of the taxes with consequent cost to the city of several hundred dollars each year was pointed out as indicating need for making of assessors' plats and a map.

Mayor Lamb appointed Commissioners Amos Otis and Leo Gildemaster a committee to consider the matter and report at the next meeting.

FARMINGTON WOMEN AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

A number of Farmington women were present at sessions of the Fourth National Convention of Evangelical Women's Union, held at the Masonic Temple, Detroit, last week, attended by more than 2000 women from all states of the Union, one from Honduras and two from India.

About 20 of these delegates were offered lodging in Farmington. Mrs. O. C. Pokorny of Detroit was elected president of the organization. Dr. Lehman, president Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, and Mrs. Edith Melick, a missionary from Honduras, attending the mission services at Selma church Sunday, gave some inspiring messages.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis spent Saturday and Sunday in Flint, in honor of Mrs. McGlinchey, and Mr. Henry Hayes' birthday, both of Flint.