

Farmington Choir Which Won State Contest



Above is a picture of the Farmington Methodist church choir which won the State contest for choirs at East Lansing during Farmers' Week.

TRANSATLANTIC PHONE SERVICE AT ALL HOURS
Transatlantic telephone service was put on a 24-hour basis beginning September 10. This was done to meet the requirements of a constantly increasing demand. For the past year the daily service period has been from 6:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. New York time. Hitherto, due to the difference in time between points linked to

the overseas telephone, a maximum of six hours between Michigan and middle Europe and nine hours between California and the same old world territory, the service has not been available everywhere throughout the business day. The 24-hour service will remove that drawback. It is expected, also, that it will make the use of the service more convenient, although it cannot

eliminate the handicap imposed by the rotation of the earth, in consequence of which the business-men in San Francisco are reading their morning mail long after those in Vienna have gone home to supper.

The Anglo-Italian telephone service has now been extended to Turin and Genoa.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF COUNTY WILL BE BURIED FRIDAY

Funeral Services To Be Held For Charter Member Of Commerce O. E. S.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Frances Richardson, 72, for many years a resident of this part of Oakland County. Mrs. Richardson was the widow of Martin Richardson, who died in August, 1927.

Ill since last February, Mrs. Richardson became discouraged and Tuesday noon, while her nurse was taking the luncheon dishes back to the home of Mrs. Richardson's son, Albert Richardson, the aged woman left her bed and walked to a dock on lower Straits Lake, where she lived. She jumped into the water, the shock causing a heart attack which brought about her death.

Mrs. Richardson was born in Auburn Heights, and before her marriage was Frances Davidson. She was married to Martin Richardson in 1882.

Mrs. Richardson was a charter member and past matron of Commerce Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, which will have charge of the funeral. She is survived by her son, a sister, Mrs. Mary Hopson of Owosso and six grandchildren.

Burial will be at Richardson Cemetery, near her late home.

Mrs. Mark Richardson died Tuesday after an illness of about three months. Mrs. Richardson had resided for a long time on the south shore of Straits Lake.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and well known throughout this vicinity.

REV. EDE ASSIGNED TO METHODIST CHURCHES

Rev. Bert Ede has been assigned to the Methodist churches of Walled Lake, Commerce and Four Towns by the Methodist conference. Rev. and Mrs. Ede and their 11-year-old daughter will arrive in Walled Lake next week. Rev. Harris preaching here this Sunday. Rev. Harris has been assigned to Deerfield.

Rev. Ede comes here from Decker, Mich. He is a young man and has a reputation for efficient work among young people. He has been in the ministry for nine years. He was graduated from Garrett Institute at Evanson, Ill.

Importance Of Grand River Highway Shown

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diagonally across it.

Serves Other Sections

"This is not the only section dependent upon Grand River, because east of Livernois it passes through an area of even more intense development of which it is still the only trunk line leading directly into the heart of the city. Grand River, as a short cut to the center, serves almost 90 square miles of the city's total area of 139 square miles.

"Last year 12-hour traffic counts at Grand River and Grand boulevard showed 27,414 vehicles which may be compared with Park avenue at Fifty-seventh street, New York, 31,709. Park avenue is 140 feet in width, whereas Grand River is only 100, and is very close to a condition of saturation, if it has not already reached it.

"Grand River has no parallel streets to which its overflow traffic may turn for relief in the same way that the excess from Woodward is using Second, Cass, John R. and Brush. Grand River must, within its own right of way, meet all the needs of the great district that it serves.

Action Is Urged

"In our opinion the time had arrived when, in the interests of the entire northwest section of the city, your honorable body should give serious consideration to the establishment of setback lines throughout the length of Grand River avenue, from Cass avenue to Six Mile road, for the purpose of gradually acquiring an additional 10 feet on each side, so as to bring Grand River up to the master plan standard of 120 feet in width. Such setback lines could be established in sections, in accordance with their respective importance, each one having a different period to run, as for instance, six, eight, ten, twelve or more years."

HEARING ON ACCOUNTS HELD IN FARMINGTON

A hearing on accounts against the estate of Paulina Voigt, late resident of Farmington, was held in the Farmington State Savings Bank, Wednesday, with Supervisor Harry N. McCracken and Charles Heise of Clarencville as commissioners.

Henry Pauline was allowed a bill of \$500 for supplies furnished Mrs. Voigt over a period of years.

News items are always welcome at the Enterprise.

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP GETS LOWER STATE TAX

The tax rate in Commerce Township this year will be lower than in 1928, Supervisor Joseph A. Long stated on Thursday. The County and State taxes will both be lower and the budget for the Township will probably be decided next week.

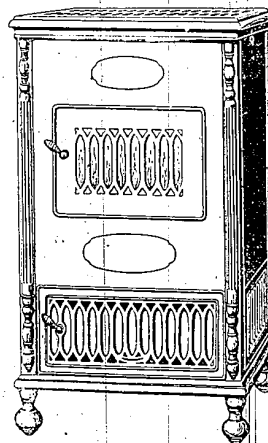
The hearing on valuations before the State Tax Commission resulted in an increase in the valuation of Commerce Township but the percentage of tax to be paid by the Township is lower than last year. The percentage last year was .01069. The percentage set by the Supervisors at the June session was .00900. The percentage was raised by the Tax Commission to .009889, but Commerce Township will have to pay \$1351.88 less State tax this year than last.

The County budget was cut several thousand dollars this year which will result in lower taxes here. One item eliminated is the County road tax. For each Covert road built, a certain amount of money is added for maintenance and a reserve has accumulated that will maintain the roads without a tax.

One section of both Commerce and Novi Townships are hit with a special tax this year. According to law an extra assessment can be made to take care of the odds and ends of building a drain. An extra tax on the Wixom drain of \$965.04 has been made and Supervisor Long has been ordered by the Drain Commission to spread \$717.54 against the property holders and \$247.50 against the Township at large.

The percentage of State tax to be paid by the Township of Novi was reduced from the June figures of .01116 to .010285. The Tax Commission gave Novi a valuation of \$5,039,100. The valuation as equalized by the Supervisors was 4,205,710. The valuation of West Bloomfield township was raised from 13,304,108 to 18,242,235, the percentage of tax going from .03531 to .037229. The valuation of Commerce Township was set by the Tax Commission as \$4,846,040, increased from \$3,390,900. The valuation of the County was set in June as \$376,692,984. The Tax Commission raised the valuation to 490,000,000.

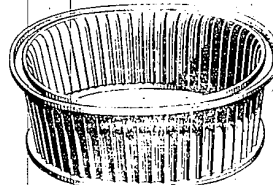
Township Road Commissioner E. G. Carey is meeting with the Milford road Commissioner to discuss a revision of the maintenance of the Milford Commerce Township line road. Since the County took over part of this road from Wixom to Milford, Milford has been maintaining the largest share of the remainder of the road and has asked to have it divided equally. Should the two Township road commissioners be unable to agree, they may call in a county road commissioner.



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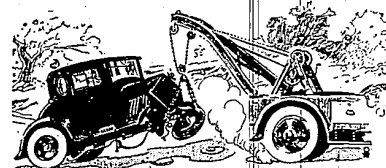
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