

Construction Of A Tunnel Under Avenue Unlikely

Commission Favors Man-Protection At School St.; Will Not Leave "Gap"

Building of a tunnel under Grand River avenue at School street for school children crossing the avenue appears to have been practically abandoned this week, following extended discussion of the problem Tuesday evening by the City Commission.

A majority of the Commissioners appear to regard protection of the children by means of a man capable youth, aided by a signal light, as a better and more economical safety method.

As a result, it is probable that re-paving of the south side of Grand River will continue until October. Orders had been issued to the contractor by the State Highway Department to leave a gap at School street, so that the tunnel could be built without tearing up new concrete. The idea of leaving a gap in the pavement, which has already been under construction for over a year, was not regarded with favor by the Commissioners.

State Has Plans

Plans for the tunnel are still in the hands of the State Highway Department, Commissioner Hatton reported Tuesday evening. It is understood that the State officials contemplated considerable revision. Commissioner Hatton stated that he had advised the Highway Department that under no circumstances should the plans provide for a tunnel which would cost over \$2,500.

Commissioner Carl Goers argued strongly for the subway, declaring that the saving of one child's life is worth many times the cost of construction. Commissioners opposed to the tunnel take the view that the subway would not be a positive guarantee of saving any lives and that there are many drawbacks to the plan. They believe there would be considerable difficulty in making the children use the tunnel every time they cross the street. With indications that the majority of votes needed to build the tunnel would be lacking, it is anticipated that the instructions for leaving a gap will be revoked.

WEST POINT NINE DEFEATS RISDON BY LATE RALLY, 4-3

Meet Skrzyzki Pie Team Sunday At Seven-Mile And Farmington Roads

The Skrzyzki Pie team of Detroit will furnish the opposition Sunday afternoon for West Point Park, holders of second place in the Triple division of the Detroit Baseball Federation. The game will be played at the West Point grounds, and will be called at 2:30 p. m.

The Skrzyzki team is one of the late entrants in the league, having played but three games, winning once and losing twice. Joe Truskowski, former University of Michigan star, will be behind the bat for the visitors.

West Point firmly entrenched itself in second place last Sunday at Northwestern field, by staging a late rally to defeat Gaby Riddell 4 to 3. A run in the ninth decided the contest in favor of West Point.

Carl Goers started his second game of the season at West Point Park, and was relieved by Hartner in the sixth after Risdon had taken a three run lead by scoring once in each of the second, third and fourth innings. The Parkers scored twice in the sixth and evened the count with another tally in the seventh. In the ninth they pushed over the winning marker. In the meantime Hartner, who relieved Goers, held the Risdon team safe, allowing but two hits in the four innings he toiled.

Hopper, Risdon moundman, struck out ten batters, but allowed his opponents to bunch their hits.

C. Willrom led his team's attack with three hits, one a double.

NOTICE

The finder of two safe-deposit box keys, marked No. 101, will earn a reward and the gratitude of the owner of the safe by returning them to the Farmington State Savings Bank or the Farmington Enterprise. Return of the keys means a great deal to the owner, but they are of no value to anyone else.

Free Movies Start Saturday Evening

Showing of free movies in Farmington will start Saturday evening, to be continued each Saturday night through the summer. Music will be furnished by the Farmington High School Band. The project is sponsored and paid for by the Farmington merchants.

The movies will be shown in the park north of the hall, instead of in Farmington Road, as was done last year. In case of bad weather, there will be no showing.

Youth, 17, Steals Auto -- Is Caught

Detroit Boy Stopped Because Of Lights; Leaves Jail Cell And Takes Car

Robert McLean, 17-year old Detroit boy, gave Farmington officers a merry time in the small hours of Saturday morning, stealing a car, escaping, and then being caught. He might have evaded capture if he hadn't been so eager to rejoin his companions, well at the county jail, awaiting sentence next Monday morning on a charge of stealing an automobile. He has already paid \$5 costs for driving without a license.

Robert was driving on Grand River avenue, bound for Walled Lake, with three other boys and two girls, all about his age, last Saturday morning, when he was advised the party to have the light fixed before proceeding.

Had No License

Repairing the light was a simple matter, but while the party was at the garage, questioning revealed that McLean had neither a driver's license nor owner's registration card. Also, Robert became rather obstreperous, so much so that Constable Pettibone decided a little while in a cell would do Robert some good. An odor on his breath indicated that the youth had been drinking.

The officer took McLean to the city lock-up and put him in a cell, but did not hold him there. A few minutes after Pettibone returned to the garage, a car was backed out of the driveway of Collingwood apartments and driven away. A moment later, Robert Terry, residing in the apartment house, came running over to the garage and notified Pettibone and Officer Thomas Armstrong that his rooster had been stolen. Terry had been preparing for a holiday trip in the car, and were ready to leave when it disappeared.

A few minutes later, a machine swung around a nearby corner and headed toward Grand River. Mr. Terry got the license number and told officers it was his car. They gave chase and caught the machine near the west limits of town.

Runs Into Field

McLean, who had been driving the rooster, jumped out and escaped into the fields nearby. The officers turned the machine over to its owner, and returning to the garage, took the members of McLean's party to the police booth.

McLean reappeared back of the booth a short time later, but dropped out of sight again before the officers could catch him. Suspecting that he would try to get back to Grand River, Constable Pettibone concealed a trap behind a pole at Grand River and Grove street. In due time McLean came along and was captured.

Pleads Guilty

The youth was arraigned Saturday morning before Judge John J. Schultz on the charge of driving without a license. He was taken to the County Jail and on Monday morning pleaded guilty to larceny of an automobile. Sentence was deferred until probation officials in Detroit could be consulted. Police say he was charged with larceny of a machine some time ago.

STEP LIVELY, PLEASE!

Be "on your toes" and get your ticket for the J-Op, at Northville Country Club next Friday night, June 12, given by Junior League. Some music, dancing from 9:30 to 1:00. \$1.50 a couple. INFORMAL! A good time for everybody.

Honor Banquet To Be Held Next Week; 72 Named

Head of Northville Schools Will Deliver Address; Record Number On Roll

Seventy-two boys and girls of Farmington High School will be guests at the annual honor banquet to be held next Thursday evening, June 11, at Methodist Community Hall.

The number on the honor roll this year is the largest in the history of the school. Nearly one-half of the entire high school enrollment of 138 is on the honor list. Last year 67 students were named.

The principal address will be delivered by Supt. T. J. Knapp of Northville Schools. Supt. Dalrymple will act as chairman.

The following have been named for proficiency in English or athletics, some being included in both lists:

- Hedwig Schoen, Thelma Garlick, June Johnson, John Lapham, Victoria Bass, Carl Lehman, Char. W. Lester, Pierson Ross, Dorothy Owens, Bob Hunter, Marion Ervin, Esther Fenninger, Stella Lamb, Lewis Maas, Jean Storms, Helen Borchart, Margie Otis, Kenneth Nelson, Margaret Lehman, Charlotte Reogier, Dorothy Smith, Irma Regentick, Harster White, Frances Schmidt, Wayne Wikom, Norine Ervin, Zella Sholtz, John Lester, Catherine Storms, Beulah Gullen, Dolores Reavette, Margaret Reogier, Lena Shepko, Arlene Fink, William Hamilton, Leroy Eggart, Otis, Harold Westfall, Francis Drake, Edward Messell, Ivan Cox, Owen Lancaster, Frank Kerr, Fred Brooks, Roy Parker, Emily Maas, Carol Harger, Magdalen Gamsbach, Marjorie Hunt, Betty Adams, Dorothea Blum, Cully, Jack Glassford, Harry Lapham, Elsenia Nelson, Margaret Webster, Beatrice Auten, Robert Russell, Betty Nielson, Betty Edggar, Lucille Brydon, Gladys Krumm.

- The program is as follows:
- Invocation Rev. Johnson
 - Chairman J. A. Dalrymple
 - Music Orchestra
 - Two-Minute Talks
 - Honor Group Carl Lehman
 - Football William Cairns
 - Girls' Basket Ball, Gladys Krumm
 - Base Ball, Lewis Maas
 - Girls' Tennis Roberta Russell
 - Boys' Tennis Elmer Catherham
 - Golf Kenneth Graham
 - Baseball Ray Fendt
 - Student Council Marian Ervin
 - Vocal Duet Roberta Russell
 - Virginia Otis
 - Address Supt. T. J. Knapp
 - Northville
 - Orchestra
- Tickets for the event are on sale at the Lee Hardware and Farmington Cleaners.

RE-SET POLES; TO NARROW SIDEWALKS ON GRAND RIVER

State Highway Department Orders Cutting Back Of Curbs West Of Corner

Preparation for cutting back of the sidewalk on the south side of Grand River, west of Farmington Road, began Thursday morning. About four feet will be cut away from the walk, from the west end of the Lee Hardware store to the corner.

Acting under orders from the State Highway Department, employees of the Detroit Edison Company set a new high tension electric light pole and moved back a boulevard lamp pole. These poles, according to the State officials, would be in the highway after widening if not moved back.

Further cutting-back will be done on the north side. It is understood that the signal light pole, flag-pole and others will have to be taken out, and possibly one tree. The northwest corner curb will be cut back to reduce the sharp turning angle.

All of the area affected is regarded by the Highway Department, it is understood, as part of the Grand River-Farmington Road, and it must be made to conform to standards for intersections. The cutting-back is also described as necessary in order to "line-up" the curb with that of adjacent Farmington Road.

The changes now being made are necessitated, it is said, by faulty laying-out of the highway originally.

Annual Meetings To Be Held By 4 School Districts

Trustees To Be Chosen By Electors Next Monday Evening At Schools

Annual meetings of four school districts in this section will be held next Monday evening, June 8. Clubs of board members, whose terms expire, will be the most important part of the sessions.

Comparatively slight interest has thus far been shown in the meeting and election in School District No. 5, Farmington City, in contrast to the situation a year ago. Last year's gathering was the largest in the district's history. The attendance Monday evening is expected to be good, but not to approach that of last year, when a large number were unable to get into the auditorium and were forced to stand in the hall outside.

Two trustees are to be elected at the meeting, the terms of Mrs. Florence Lee and Mrs. Blanche Ross expiring this year. Mrs. Lee is secretary of the board.

Bond School Meets

District No. 6, Fractional will hold its annual session at the Bond School with the terms of Arthur Ruby, treasurer and Robert McCrumb, trustee, coming to an end.

The West Farmington School District, which is District 4, Fractional will meet at the school. One officer will be elected, the term of Charles Roggenkamp, moderator, ending this year.

Electors of District No. 2

Nichols School will elect two at their annual meeting. The terms of Amassa Grace, director and Stanley Drake, treasurer will expire. Mr. Drake is an appointed trustee, having been named to fill a vacancy.

The following school districts will hold their annual meetings in July: Clarenceville District No. 5, Fractional; Pierson district in Livonia Township; Noble district No. 6; Eagle district No. 1; Thayer district No. 3, Fractional; Walled Lake Consolidated district No. 2, Fractional; Novi district No. 1, Fractional; Fairview district No. 4.

It is expected that petitions will be circulated soon for candidates for the offices in the Pierson district, Livonia Township. That district is held in large part by the school board. The secretary of the board, it is believed, at least 50 names, 15 days before the election.

SAYS CRIME DUE TO MATERIALISM, REPRESSION IDEA

Exchange Club Speaker Talks On Causes Of Modern Wave Of Law-Breaking

An interesting address on the crime problem in this section was delivered Wednesday noon before Farmington Exchange Club by Dr. Newton Riddell of Chicago, who is conducting a series of meetings at Farmington Baptist Church this week.

A large proportion of all crime is committed nowadays, Dr. Riddell said, by young men from the better homes of the country, whereas in earlier generations it came from sources, where less fortunate conditions prevailed. College graduates in large numbers are in prison for crimes which until recently were regarded as the acts of an entirely different type of person, he said.

The number of crimes which have been brought this about, Dr. Riddell stated. He said that "the modern temperance movement has nothing to do with it," because states which had prohibition laws for many years, like Kansas today, have the same crime problem as other states. He referred to motion pictures showing actual commission of crimes, but indicated that the great notion of our crime problem is due to "the new morality."

"The new morality" developed Dr. Riddell said, as a result of the theory advanced mainly by Freud, that all unnatural acts result from repression put upon the individual at some time or other. The consequence of this is the spreading of the idea that to restrain a child is wrong, with the result that young people act without a check of any kind.

(Continued on page five)

Township Citizens Help Check Welfare

Three well-known Farmington Township citizens are serving on a volunteer welfare committee, to aid Supervisor Coe in checking up on cases where poor relief is being extended.

Charles Heise, Leo Fendt, and Claude Wilson, are the committee members. They serve without pay. Mr. Coe is one of the few supervisors in the County to have acted on the authorization last April by the Board of Supervisors, approving appointment of citizens' welfare committees.

Hearings Held On Assessments

Citizens Show Increased Interest In Valuations; Some Changes Are Indicated

Hearings held by the boards of review sitting in this section on Tuesday and Wednesday attracted more than the usual number of taxpayers. A reflection of economic conditions was seen in the increased numbers of citizens who came to inquire about their assessments. In former years, a dozen inquiries was a normal amount.

Comment of the citizens attending the hearing indicated a general feeling that valuations should be reduced throughout this section of the State.

Frequently-expressed opinion was in the direction of less emphasis on the tax-rate, rather than of criticism of assessing officers. It was held, however, in general that a definite principle of valuation, in relation to actual cash value, should be determined upon and adhered to, letting the tax rate be whatever would prove necessary to raise the amount needed. Hitherto the major attention has been directed toward keeping down the tax rate, with valuations soaring to the accompaniment of "boom" times in real estate.

Although a straight reduction of 20 per cent was made in Farmington City valuations, more than the usual number of inquiries as to the basis of the valuations. Some reductions will be made, and also a few increases, but the total will probably be approximately as set by Assessor James L. Fogle.

May Double Reduction

In Farmington Township, where reduction averaged about 10 per cent, requests for lower assessments were numerous, both from farm and built-up sections. It is probable that the board of review will make further reductions, so that the decrease in valuations will reach 20 per cent.

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, who sits as a member of the board of review, said that he favors the additional reduction. In making his assessment rolls, Supervisor Coe stated, he felt that the reductions should have been greater. He believed it would be much more effective, particularly with the higher governing bodies if part of the reduction was made by him and the remainder by the board of review.

The Township board of review will be in session again next Monday, and will spend considerable time looking over property on which a lower valuation is requested.

Few In Livonia

Only a few inquiries were made by taxpayers in Livonia Township at board of review sessions this week. A reduction in total valuations from about \$2,500,000 to approximately \$1,000,000 was made by Supervisor Jesse Zelger. The board will be in session again next Monday and Tuesday.

Church Will Give 400 Seats

An important addition to church building of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, has been planned and is under way. The addition will hold more than 400 people in capacity of the present structure.

The church has now a seating capacity of 150, which is far from adequate for its needs. When the new portion is completed, the church will seat 400 people.

County Yields To Townships On School Tax Funds

County Treasurer Sends Township Delinquent School Tax; Prepare Court Fight

The first round in a battle over delinquent tax money, between ten Oakland County townships and the County treasurer, has been won by the townships, among which is Farmington. Preparations are now going forward for a contest in circuit court regarding other phases of the dispute.

The townships gained one important point without going into court: regard to money received from payment of delinquent taxes. A large amount of taxes, heretofore delinquent, were paid to the County Treasurer during the past two months, by township owners desiring to save their property from being sold at tax sale. The County treasurer, in accordance with a previously announced policy, has held these funds, instead of turning over to the townships and cities of the county their respective shares of the taxes paid.

Claims Set Off

The basis of the County treasurer's claim to withholding the money has been the fact that the townships and cities have failed to pay the County in full the County Road-at-Large and drainage assessed against the townships and cities. The County treasurer contends that he has the right to set off the money he receives from delinquent tax payments against the amounts due the county, even to the extent of holding back school taxes.

The ten Townships, including Farmington Township, have contended that the County treasurer has no right to withhold delinquent tax payments which would ordinarily come to the smaller governing units. They claim that the County cannot hold the townships and cities for any more of the road or drain taxes than are actually collected, and that for the townships and cities to endeavor to make up for all the road and drain taxes would be a financial impossibility.

Claim School Funds

Particularly acute has been the matter of school funds, inasmuch as school district officials have supported the townships and cities in their contention. The recent airing of the whole question of handling of school funds by township and city treasurers, with resultant rulings that school funds are "sacred" and cannot be touched for any other purpose, has served to bring this phase of the question into the foreground.

Pay Township \$2,200

Township Treasurer Mark Bachelor reported to the Township Board Tuesday night the receipt a few days ago of a check from the County Treasurer for delinquent school funds amounting to \$2,268.55, indicating a concession on the part of the county officials that school funds cannot be held back from them. Accompanying the check was a statement that other funds have been received and are being held because of road and drain tax obligations.

Prepare Suit

With the situation clarified, attorneys for the ten townships are preparing their suit to force payment of the other money collected. Farmington Township board Tuesday night approved expenditure of \$20 as its one-tenth share of a fund to start the litigation, which is expected to reach the Michigan supreme court.

Police Refuse To Let Scouts Attend Meeting

Boy Scout meetings are not usually held at one o'clock in the morning. So when four boys walking along the street in Farmington early Wednesday told Constables Marl Pettibone and Thomas Armstrong that they were on their way to a scout meeting, they hesitated to accept it at full value.

Their "church" was a good one for a moment late five boys, clad like the others in quilted cotton clothing, came into sight. The officers decided an investigation would be in order. They discovered that the boys were on their way from Ford Republic at Fourth Gate Road.

All of the boys were returned, except one, who managed to make his escape.