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Outlook Appears Discouraging For Stop Lights Here

Must Be Approved By Two State Departments Before Installation

Little encouragement appeared for the efforts of Farmington officials to install stop lights at the Grand River intersections of School street and Power avenue, at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night when Mayor Arthur Lamb reported on his findings. Mayor Lamb had revealed that state officials had been advised of the situation and had promised action in sending representatives here to inquire more fully into the situation.

According to the information received by Mayor Lamb, the granting of this proposal falls under the jurisdiction of two state departments, the State Highway department and the State Department of Public Safety.

The city's action in this matter was prompted by the approaching school term which opens September 14 and the hazard that exists to school children in crossing Grand River avenue. Passengers cars average around 40 miles per hour in passing through Farmington and the need for one light at School street is thought imperative while another at Maple or Power avenue is thought advisable by members of the City Commission in view of the excessive rate of speed maintained.

Many citizens of Farmington have questioned why the State should hesitate to allow one or more additional stop lights here, while in Brighton, Howell, Farmington and other towns west on Grand River are adequately protected. This is explained by the fact that these towns had their lights installed before the passage of a state law requiring sanction from the Highway department and Department of Public Safety of the state.

Another factor which lends strength to the city's contention is the absence of sidewalks on the south side of Grand River avenue, the replacing of which is indefinitely held up due to pending injunctions against the state by property owners, who maintain that their property rights have been encroached upon by the widening on Grand River.

Chief Of Police Explains Method

Goes Into Detail To Clarify Operators On New State Law

Chief of Police Lee Doyle has had so many calls for information regarding details concerning the new State law in respect to renewal of automobile operator's licenses that he is again making a detailed statement to the public in regard to the matter.

All operator's licenses issued between 1919 and January 1, 1925 must be renewed on or before October 31, 1931.

Licenses issued between January 1, 1925 and January 1, 1928 must be renewed before May 1, 1932.

All licenses issued after January 1, 1928 have 18 months to renew after the State law was enacted. This law went into effect May 1, 1931, giving persons who licenses were issued during this period until September 1, 1932.

All applications for renewal must first receive the endorsement of a police officer. In Farmington this endorsement may be obtained from Chief Doyle, persons living outside of Farmington, but in Farmington Township may receive endorsement by applying to Deputy William Tamm at Farmington Junction.

Chief Doyle emphasized the necessity of notifying the examining officer in case of change of address. If this is neglected by the license holder, his license is liable to revocation or suspension.

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson Is Returned To Farmington Church



REV. FLOYD CHAS. JOHNSON

Possibility Seen For State Aid

Indications Are State Will Pay In Part, At Least For Sidewalks

Possibility of the State of Michigan either paying in full or in part the cost of rebuilding sidewalks on Grand River avenue was seen Monday night at the meeting of the City Commission.

Commissioner George C. Gilde-meister reported to the commission that he had written letters to Grover C. Dillman, State Highway Commissioner, and Henry Oakes, engineer in charge of the Plymouth office, and received replies stating that surveyors would be sent to Farmington to determine the centerline of Grand River avenue and that they were hopeful that the matter would be smoothed out without difficulty.

The State, it is declared encroached upon individual property rights in the construction of the widened pavement through Farmington.

Hearing was scheduled for Thursday in the suit of Stephen Tredway, property owner at 32821 Grand River avenue, who obtained an injunction against the Highway Department. Other property owners are watching the outcome of his suit against the State.

It was reported this week that at least four owners along the south side of the street will be satisfied if the sidewalk is replaced property and would not seek damages from the State. Two others, however, are said to have declared that should the Tredway suit result in damages being paid to the plaintiff, they also would ask payment.

POLICE STATION WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT LOCATION

Commissioners Indicate Opposition To Placing Headquarters In The Log Cabin

Farmington's police headquarters will probably remain where it is, rather than being moved to the Log Cabin in Town Hall park. Absence of any action by the City Commission, although the matter was discussed at the meeting Monday night, indicated that the sentiment of the governing body was against a change.

Remarks by commissioners were to the effect that they did not consider the shift advisable. Commissioner Fred Stammann opposed the removal to the cabin, declaring (Continued on page four)

Farmington Young Man—Detroit Girl, To Wed

A marriage license was issued this week in Detroit to Harmon Boice, 23, Farmington, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Boice, and Miss Irene Applin, 27, of Detroit. Miss Applin is a sister of Arthur Applin, leader of the Farmington Methodist Church Choir, and sings in the choir. It was through her choir work that Miss Applin met Mr. Boice.

The date of the wedding has not been announced.

Pulpit Supply Committee Votes Unanimously To Invite Him For Five Years

At the annual meeting of the Farmington M. E. Church conducted Monday evening by Dr. J. A. Martin, District Superintendent, the pastor, Rev. Floyd Chas. Johnson, was unanimously invited to remain as pastor of the church for at least five years. The motion submitted by the pulpit supply committee was as follows, whereas during this last year the Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson has successfully and efficiently administered the affairs of this church and has constantly and acceptably preached the Gospel and,

Whereas it seems appropriate that this quarterly conference should go on record as appreciating the splendid work done by our pastor

We hereby recommend that an invitation to return to this pastorate be extended to him and that District Supt. Rev. John Martin, be requested to return Rev. Johnson to this church at the coming annual conference and,

Further we believe it to be the wish of this church that the conference send this invitation, to be tendered for an extended pastorate of at least five years.

The annual reports submitted showed a very healthy growth and activity in the various departments of the church. Many new friends and members have been added also in the past year.

Rev. Johnson remained for six years at his last previous pastorate, Lincoln Park, where a ten-year invitation had been extended to him. He has been in Farmington one year.

The committee which recommended the long-term invitation to Rev. Johnson consisted of S. D. Harger, Wells-D. Butterfield and the late Charles Talbot, whose death occurred in Detroit Tuesday morning.

Commission Sets Deadline Ahead On July Taxes

Time Is Extended To September 30 Without Penalty Monday Night

Deadline for the payment of summer taxes was extended one month more at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night. After having already extended the time to August 31 without penalty, the Commission voted to fix September 30 as the final date taxes may be paid without the usual four percent penalty.

The commission devoted itself to some discussion before finally acting on the matter. The extension beyond September 1 establishes a precedent in Farmington and a few voiced fears that the extension of time would have an ill effect on the collection of taxes in future years. It was brought out that once this precedent was established, future commissions would either find themselves obliged to extend the time through public demand or, that through the precedent itself, laxness in payment of taxes would be encouraged.

Commissioner Emory Hatton, who made the majority of the opinion that many who would be unable to pay their taxes in August might be able to do so in September, and that being relieved of the four percent penalty would "ease things up" for them. Commissioner Hatton's motion was supported by Commissioner Hamlin and passed with one dissenting vote.

One commissioner expressed the belief that some who could pay now will delay as long as no penalty is imposed.

It was reported by Hiram G. Nichols, city treasurer, that 33.57 percent of the summer taxes have been collected, which compares favorably with more prosperous years. The City Treasurer will continue to receive tax money on Saturday.

Prominent Banker Buried In Detroit



CHARLES R. TALBOT

Charles R. Talbot Buried Thursday

Prominent Farmington Resident Died Tuesday Morning—Held Many Offices

Funeral services were held for Charles R. Talbot, 53, for years one of Michigan's foremost bankers and a resident of Farmington, Mr. Talbot died Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at his apartment, 3250 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, of a heart attack. Funeral services were held from the William R. Hamilton chapel, Detroit, Thursday with interment at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. Talbot had been in ill health for two years, and a number of months ago it became apparent to his friends that he could not recover. After some time in Harper hospital, the family took an apartment in Detroit, where Mr. Talbot's death occurred. Previous to going to Harper hospital Mr. Talbot had spent some time in California. In the search for health he had been away from his Farmington home for practically all of the past two years.

Services Sought Previous to the beginning of his ill-health, Mr. Talbot's position in the banking world was so outstanding that at one time two financial institutions, one in Detroit and the other in Pontiac, sought his services to direct their affairs. For a time he served both concerns, going to one place in the morning and then hastening to the other during the lunch-hour. This proved too much, however, and he was forced to continue (Continued on page four)

THREE INJURED IN TUESDAY CRASHES NEAR FARMINGTON

Two Automobile Accidents Occur Less Than 30 Minutes Apart On Grand River

Three persons were injured, one perhaps seriously, in two automobile accidents which occurred less than 30 minutes apart on Grand River avenue Tuesday night west of Farmington.

Fred Stinette, 40, 14885 Strathmore avenue, Detroit, suffered a possible skull fracture and lacerations of the scalp and chin when he was thrown from the car he was driving when it collided with a Hudson driven by Andrew McReynolds, Route 2, Farmington. McReynolds, together with Mrs. McReynolds and S. E. Wallace of Howell, who were riding with him escaped uninjured.

Stinette was taken to the Redford branch of Receiving hospital Detroit. According to Lee Doyle chief of police, Stinette was on his way to Kent lake and when in front of the Farmington cemetery, his car skidded, crashing into McReynolds's car.

A half an hour earlier a car driven by Charles Tiede of Grand Rapids, plunged over a 12 foot embankment and turned over. Tiede was cut and bruised while his companion, John Ballas, also of Grand Rapids, was cut and bruised and taken to the Redford branch of Receiving hospital, Detroit.

Largest Survey Project Started In This Section

Chaos In Property Titles Necessitates Survey of Hundreds Of Lots

What will probably be the largest job of property-surveying ever carried on in this area is to be under way soon in Farmington Township, when engineers will begin a survey of many hundreds of lots along Grand River, the Cut-off, and Eight Mile road. The survey, authorized by the Township Board Tuesday evening, is necessitated by the widening of Grand River road. A number of weeks, perhaps months, will be required for the task.

The George H. Ruhling Co., of Detroit, has been engaged for the work which is expected to start within a few days.

Widening of Grand River avenue and other road projects in Farmington Township have left titles to property in such a state of chaos that the only means of establishing title and assessing for taxes by the township is to complete a survey of the affected area.

To Rush Work Members of the Board hoped that a survey of the disturbed area can be completed in time to place the property on the tax roles for the year, but this is doubtful.

The board members agreed that all haste is necessary in securing legal description and title to the land. If legal title is not secured before the annual assessment, the full quota of the tax will have to be distributed over the remainder of the Township.

Under State law property cannot be sold for taxes that is not legally described. Inasmuch as a great part of the property to be surveyed is behind on taxes, the Township treasurer stands to suffer losses that might reach thousands if title is not cleared.

State Holding Titles The State has made arrangements to replace to the owners of property taken over for highway improvements land directly in the rear of the properties so used. In some cases the State has obtained title to these lots but the transferring of title to the original owners (Continued on page five)

Volunteers Bring Up Own Pay Cut

Chief Banfield Makes Offer And Commission Accepts Fire Fighters' Offer

In contrast with most measures presented to the City Commission which usually call for an expenditure of money, a proposal of Fire Chief Bernard C. Banfield Monday night fell almost as a bombshell among members of the Commission.

The members of the Farmington Fire department are not only willing, but go as far as to propose themselves that a ten percent cut in their pay go into effect September 1. This move on the part of the Volunteers was entirely unlooked for.

Chief Banfield, representing the members of the department, told the Commission that "all the boys and myself feel that we are willing to accept a ten percent cut in view of present conditions. We deeply appreciate what the Commission has done for us and this is our means of showing our appreciation."

Chief Banfield, when asked by a commissioner if the cut was intended to apply to all phases of the volunteer's pay, Banfield signified that it was.

The present pay of the volunteers is two dollars for the first hour or less and two dollars for each additional hour. The reduction, as proposed by Chief Banfield, is to cover not only the first hour, but also overtime, and includes township calls.

The proposal was accepted unanimously by the commission, the decrease to become effective September 1.

Surplus Oil Could Be Used To Smooth Barber Shop Situation

Call for Mr. Fuller! Call for 20 percent reduction in men's work, making hair cuts 40 cents and shaves 20 cents, with children's hair cuts remaining the same, 25 cents. It was contended that the reduction from 50 to 35 cents for men's hair cuts would greatly benefit the man who had frequent shaves and that raising children's hair cuts to 25 to 35 cents would not be advisable at this time.

The "peace" that Mr. Fuller patched together with such infinite patience a few months ago proved to be just a temporary truce after all. And the smooth new Grand River pavement may not be so smooth a few days hence, if Mr. Fuller can be induced to tackle the job again, for he was zig-zag paths in the old concrete when he persuaded the barber to arbitrate their previous battles.

Bulletin: Mr. Fuller is reliably reported to have declared he was "all through," and would have nothing whatever to do with the latest "scrap." But hope has not been abandoned.

A New Skirmish The war broke out again in full fury last week, with complications sufficient to harass the most experienced diplomat. One shop wanted a reduction of men's hair cuts from 50c to 35c, at the same time raising children's from 25c to 35c, which would mean a uniform price for all hair cuts. Shaves would remain at 20 cents. To this scale another shop was willing to agree.

A third shop, however, opposed the raising of children's hair cuts, and favored them at 25c, through agreeing with the proposed reduction of men's trims to 35 cents.

Its Complicated The three shops thus favored two different schedules on hair cuts, but agreed on leaving shaves at 25 cents. This was not such a great discrepancy, but along came the fourth shop with a declaration in favor of a straight

Put Warning Sign At Gd. River And Cut-Off Attention drawn to the danger at the intersection of Grand River and the Cut-off, east of Farmington Junction, resulted in action this week by the State Highway Department.

A sign larger than the usual type, about 4 feet high and 8 feet long, with a huge arrow, points the way for eastbound traffic. The sign is illuminated at night with powerful lights. The large black lettering on a white background is visible for a sufficient distance to warn motorists travelling at high speed.