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## City Is Abreast Of the Times in Work on Street

Semi-Hard Surfacing of Farmington Road Similar to Detroit Effort

Farmington City is abreast of the times in its project of improving the two blocks of Farmington Road from Grand River north to Shiawassee. Michigan's largest municipality is at the moment in the midst of undertaking the same sort of effort—a method whereby dirt roads can be treated with a semi-hard surface that will eliminate dust without the greater expense of paving.

Farmington Road has long been a problem for the City, as many of the side streets have been for Detroit. Solution of the problem will be an achievement in street betterment and economy for both municipalities.

A review of what Detroit is doing reads:

"Although Detroit has approximately 1,800 miles of paved streets, it has another 800 miles of unpaved streets. The best of these unpaved streets are bumpy, hard on car and driver. Many of them become impassable in spots in the spring and all of them, in the summer, are dusty. Clouds of dust hover in the air, seeping into adjacent houses, soiling clothes hung out on washdays, and causing despair among housewives.

"Although there are houses on about 500 of these 800 miles of unpaved streets, there is small likelihood that the abutting property owners will be able to pay for the permanent paving of much of the mileage for years to come. In the meantime, maintenance of the unpaved streets is a heavy item of expense in the budget of the Department of Public Works. During the last fiscal year this work required 700,000 man hours. Most of it was put in by relief workers. If it had been paid for at the rate of 25 cents an hour, the labor cost alone would have been \$175,000.

"And when you get through with this maintenance work you have nothing to show for your money. Laurence G. Lenhardt, commissioner of public works, said, 'The following year it all has to be done over again.'

"To meet the unpaved streets problem, Lenhardt and Carl Warner, in charge of unpaved street maintenance, are experimenting with various types of semi-paving or hard surfacing. Small stretches of a dozen different types of hard surfacing totaling seven miles in length, are being laid in several different parts of the city. The costs of these types of surfacing range from \$900 to \$15,000 a mile as compared with a cost of \$35,000 to \$50,000 a mile for permanent paving."

## Hamlin's Still Lead In Soft Ball League

The soft ball game between Morticians and Hamlin's Market Monday was called off after 6 1/2 innings of play and was declared "no game." This game will be played off at a later date.

Morticians defeated F. L. Cook and Co. Wednesday by a score of 2 to 1.

Standings:

Hamlin Market	3	1,750
Morticians	3	2,600
F. L. Cook & Co.	3	2,000
Earl Vivier	1	200

## Miss Grimwade Gives Party Honoring Bride

Miss Olive Grimwade entertained at a Treasure hunt, Friday evening, June 15, in honor of Mrs. Irving Lancaster. Games were played and a hunt for gifts which were hidden in different places in town. Dainties and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were Alice Parker, Eileen Lapham, Shirley Zwanlen, Adaline Wixom, Iola Stewart, Viola Walters, Virginia Adams, Doris Shepley, Dorothea Talbot, Arlene Pink, and Louise Perry.

## TO ENTERTAIN HOSTESS

Mrs. J. R. Walters and daughter Miss Viola will be hostesses at a bridge, for the benefit of the O. E. S. at their home, 3398 Grand River, on Friday, June 22, afternoon and evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Noted Journalist Visits Farmington



MRS. FAYE BEALS LIPPMANN WALTER LIPPMANN

Farmington has many distinguished sons and daughters of its town—far more than most small towns—but on Sunday the community was also host to a noted guest who might be called a "home town son-in-law." He is regarded by many as the outstanding newspaper man in America.

Walter Lippmann, who is the husband of the former Faye Beals, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Beals of Ardmore, arrived in the Oaklands, was in Michigan to deliver the commencement address at the University of Michigan on Monday. He and Mrs. Lippmann arrived Saturday evening at the Farmington Township home of Mrs. Lippmann's parents, and remained until early Monday morning. This was not, however, his first visit to Farmington.

Mr. Lippmann, who is regarded by many qualified critics as possessing the clearest mind of any journalist in the country, writes articles which appear several times a week in leading daily newspapers of the United States. He has been called "The Great Flashlight Man" and "The Man Who Was World Editor."

The New York World is now defunct, having failed as its publisher said, "between two stools." But during the closing years of its existence, while Mr. Lippmann was its editor, the World's editorials were read and followed by a faithful circle of readers with an almost religious devotion. It was a journalistic following that harked back to the "personal journalism" days of Dana and Greeley.

From the "liberal" World, Mr. Lippmann went to the ultra-conservative Herald-Tribune and its syndicate, but it is generally accepted that his writing arrangement calls for complete freedom of expression.

During the stay of the Lippmanns at the Beals' home, Mr. Lippmann came to Farmington for an extended call on Mrs. Henry Paulie, whose son, El Owen Paulie, occasionally is a visitor at the Lippmann home in New York.

Lippmann met and married Faye Beals, daughter of his Farmington host, when he was at Harvard

and she was attending school in Boston. They have no children. They have a home in New York, but spend most of their time at their place at Wading River, Long Island.

He hates noise and his studio in town is sound-proofed.

Away From New York Wading River is 60 miles out of Manhattan. There are not more than a dozen homes in the colony—all rebuilt farmhouses. Life there undoubtedly has influenced him some in his belief that ultimately cities will be decentralized.

"It seems absurd that people should live huddled together," he says. "The only reason for congestion is lack of transportation and inability to move power. Now we have both. In due time the whole countryside is going to be replanned." (By a coincidence, the proposed site of the first U. S. "subsistence homesteads" project in Michigan is within a few hundred feet of the place where Mr. Lippmann sat when he made the remark—at Orchard Lake and 13-Mile Roads.)

## Harvard Graduate

At Cambridge he organized the Harvard Socialist Club, along with the late Alan Seeger, of Rendezvous with Death fame. At graduation he got Phi Beta Kappa honors. He was editor of the New York World when the Pulitzer prize was given to him.

It takes him three hours of actual writing to prepare his stint. He has been doing it for syndication for three years and says it seems like 20. When he writes on money, he is deluged with mail from persons with panaceas. No other subject excites them as much as money.

## To Quit Writing

After another month, he's going to sit down at Wading River for a while and quit writing. He may go to the Far East, with Japan the chief object. He doesn't like the situation in the Far East, he says.

## FROLIC NOW ON

An outdoors frolic, with all the attractions of a carnival, is being held in Farmington this week end, under sponsorship of the American Legion. Merry-go-round, ferris wheels, and the rest are present, in the lot east of the Kroger Store. The carnival will continue Friday and Saturday evenings.

## Lots of Water For All Lawns In Farmington

Drought Need Make No Difference In Sprinkling—No Shortage Here

"Get all the water you want to," is the message of Farmington City officials to residents of the City who are interested in watering their lawns and keeping them green throughout the summer. The extreme drought has resulted in receipt of many inquiries as to whether water could be used for sprinkling.

There is no likelihood of any shortage of water, regardless of the extended dry period, city officials say. The City's well are regarded as exceptional, and capable of furnishing practically an unlimited supply of water. Consequently there is no need for curtailment by any resident.

In many communities limited hours have been established for sprinkling lawns, and in some towns sprinkling has been restricted entirely, because the officials fear that a serious shortage for drinking and washing might develop. This is more widespread this year than ever before.

While a bit of trouble developed with the automatic pumping outfit, in operation of the mechanism which turned the pump on and off, this has been overcome by manual throwing of the switch and the pump is functioning perfectly. Farmington is assured of all the water it needs and citizens are encouraged to keep their lawns green and attractive, rather than letting them be burned up through lack of moisture.

## FARMERS UNION MEETS NEXT WEEK IN FARMINGTON

South Oakland Local No. 72 of the Farmers' Union will meet in Farmington this Thursday evening, June 28th. During the past two months meetings have been held at West Bloomfield, Wixom, New Hudson and Novi.

All over the state the organizing of locals, getting new members, talking over of common interests goes on increasingly despite farm work, heat, drought, and political din, according to a local member. Lenawee County has distinguished itself with 800 members and the promise of 1000 by the 4th of July, he said.

Since Congress has adjourned, it is expected the national president and secretary of the Farmers' Union will be in Michigan in the near future to assist in the setting up of the state organization, which, leaders say, will then be "the strongest farm organization in Michigan."

## James C. Hogle Gets Engineering Degree

Among graduates of Michigan State College this Thursday evening was James C. Hogle, son of James Carl Hogle, son of Carl Hogle. He received the degree of bachelor of science in civil engineering at the commencement exercises.

His attendance at Michigan State followed study at Illinois Military Academy, from which he was graduated. He has become connected with the Ann Arbor printing establishment at Ann Arbor where another Farmington young man, Henry Otis, was employed for some time.

## Postoffice Lobby To Be Open Until 8 p. m.

Postmaster Norman C. Lee announces that the lobby of Farmington Post Office will remain open until 8:00 p. m. each day, including Saturday instead of closing at 6:00 p. m. The change was effective Monday, June 18.

The extension will enable box-holders to get their mail later in the evening instead of requiring them to be there before 6:00 in order to obtain their mail.

## MEETING IS HELD

Sixteen members of the Past President's Club of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, met with Mrs. P. A. Glidden, Wednesday. A pot luck luncheon and a social hour preceded the business meeting.

## Receives Degree



LEE H. HALSTED

## Named To Grace Hospital Staff

Farmington Young Man Begins Work July 1

A native of Farmington, Lee H. Halsted, will join the staff of Grace Hospital, Detroit, as an interne on July 1. Mr. Halsted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted of West Farmington, received his M. D. degree from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor Monday. He will spend the remainder of the month at his parents' home 2902 Halsted Road, awaiting his new hospital duties in Detroit.

Mr. Halsted enjoyed an unusual honor among his classmates, having been president of the class in his junior year. He is a member of Theta Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mr. Halsted attended school at West Farmington and Pontiac High School, and received an A. B. degree from the University in 1930.

Mr. Halsted is of the third generation of his family to reside in the same house, and the fourth generation to live on the Halsted farm. His father is the noted grower of apples.

## HOME FURNISHING IS ANNOUNCED AS TOPIC NEXT YEAR

At the annual committee meeting held at the home of Mrs. Glen Buffmyer of Walled Lake on June 15 Mrs. Leona McLeod, County Home demonstration agent announced that the project for the coming year would be "Third Year Home Furnishing." This is a local leader project of five legislators and will be given in all the districts, and in addition there will be a co-operative project of five lessons each, consisting of a different subject.

The training center will be at Pontiac. Chairman, Mrs. Roy Pittenger of Milford; Mrs. Charles Roselle of Holly; Mrs. Jerome Arnold of Oxford; Mrs. Catherine Osborne of Royal Oak; Mrs. Mark Donaldson of Pontiac and Mrs. Henry Moss of Walled Lake were all present. Other guests were Miss Elizabeth Weld, former County H. D. A. now of Jackson; Miss Edna V. Smith of Michigan State College; Mrs. Mark Hagerman of Leeward; Mrs. Joseph Hubbard of Clarkston; Mrs. Frank Blair and Mrs. Morris Wadles both of Troy; Mrs. Morris Belford of Holly; Mrs. Scott Lovejoy of Pontiac and Mrs. Ira Carnes of Walled Lake.

During the meeting Miss Smith presented Mrs. Glen Buffmyer, county chairman, with a grateful gift from Miss Grace Frynsinger of Washington, D. C.

## O. E. S. MEMBERS WILL ATTEND M. E. CHURCH

Members of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. have been invited to attend the morning service at Farmington M. E. Church, Sunday, June 24th.

The members are requested to meet at 10 o'clock in the Masonic Hall.

A large attendance is hoped for.—Gerrit W. Webster, W. Matron.

Callers at the Glen Green home Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shafer of Northville.

## Reported OK of Homestead Site Stirs Interest

But Story of "50 New Homes Soon" Meets Skepticism In Township

Farmington Township citizens, particularly in the north end, have manifested interest in reports that on certain acreage along Orchard Lake Road at Thirteen Mile, "50 homes may be started within three weeks of a subsistence homesteads unit under sponsorship of the Federal Government. But along with their interest goes a considerable amount of skepticism.

The reports go so far as to involve definite parcels of land, but so far as the land has been earned, the lands still remain in the hands of their present owners, with the likelihood that they could not be bought at the prices the Government is understood to be willing to pay.

Nevertheless, a good deal of surveying and examining has been going on, and it is reported that one Government representative has been atop the Bond School building to take pictures.

## Three Parcels

The 120 acres that are reported to be included in the approved project consist of 40 acres at the northeast corner of Orchard Lake and 13-Mile Road, owned by Isaac Bond; 40 acres at the southeast corner, also owned by Mr. Bond and 40 acres immediately south of the latter piece, owned by Frank Nicks.

The latest report appears to be the outgrowth of activity on the part of Harry J. Durbin, Detroit building contractor, who presented the scheme to Farmington Exchange Club some time ago.

The report from Detroit says: "Within three weeks the first unit of 50 subsistence homesteads may be started on a tract of 1,000 acres on Orchard Lake Road, between Twelve and Fourteen Mile roads, under the sponsorship of the Northwest Detroit Lions Club.

"Recommendation that the Federal Government acquire the land for the project already has been sent to Washington by Dr. William E. Zeuch, specialist in co-operation in the division of subsistence homes of Department of the Interior, who has been in Detroit to investigate the project.

"The first unit recommended consists of 120 acres, to be divided into 20 three-acre plots and 30 two-acre plots. Each is to have a modern comfortable home built on it.

"Should the total cost reach a price of \$4,000, the Government is expected to contribute a down payment of \$1,000 in cash or labor. Principal payments, with interest at 4 per cent, would be \$100 a year, and mortgage and life insurance payments \$30 a year.

"Successful applicants must have some agricultural experience, the intent of the development being that they raise enough food to supply their families. They also must have the ability to assist in building the houses, if they cannot contribute the down payments.

"Dr. Zeuch said in all his investigations throughout the country he has found nowhere land more suitable for subsistence purposes than the tract optioned by the Lions.

"Accessible over a number of well-paved roads leading to the industrial centers of Detroit and Pontiac as well as to downtown Detroit, it has an excellent water supply and can be connected easily with either of two modern sewage disposal systems" he said, "in addition, it has electricity, and a gas main passing the property will supply gas to the homes to be erected.

"If Washington approves his recommendation, the project will follow an appraisal of the land as to its agricultural value by a representative of the Federal farm loan bank, and approval of this investigator will result in immediate purchase of the land. Then the interior department will appoint a 'project manager' who will be in charge of the erection of the homes.

Dr. Zeuch recommended the project be called the "Greater Detroit Homesteads."

The whereabouts of the "excellent water supply" and "two modern sewage disposal systems" nearby has not been disclosed.