

Music School Is Near Completion

Work on the new "music school," in addition to the Farmington school system, is rapidly nearing completion as workmen this week finished decorating the walls and began finishing the floors. It is expected that the newly remodeled structure will be ready for use next week.

The new addition, formerly occupied by past superintendents of the Farmington school system, has been remodeled inside to provide a large hall in which the band and orchestra and individual students may practice without disturbing students in other classes. Prior to this year the band and orchestra have been practicing in the large, semi-basement room on the north side of the grade school building. Because of the lack of any "sound proofing" the sound was transmitted to all parts of the building through the ventilation ducts and through the ceiling to the floors above.

The room formerly occupied by the band and orchestra will be turned into a kindergarten room. The kindergarten classes, for the past two years, have been crowded into a room much too small, to accommodate the number of children beginning school, but with the moving of the band room to a separate building ample space will be provided for kindergarten classes.

It is believed that not only will work in the academic classes be improved, but that greater interest in music will be gained by development of the band and orchestra due to the fact that the music department is to have a building of its own.

SALE OF SEALS AIDS IN COMBATING TUBERCULOSIS

Of inestimable value in the modern combat against tuberculosis is the legislative relief recently provided for Michigan counties whose local funds are inadequate to care for their tuberculosis sick. This is the part of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association in securing the new laws was described by Theodore J. Werle, executive secretary of the Association, as "another of the anti-tuberculosis actions made possible by Christmas seals." The legislation was jointly sponsored by the Association, the State Department of Health and the Michigan Sanatorium Association.

Introduced during the regular 1937 session of the Legislature, the three new laws are expected to greatly accelerate progress in anti-tuberculosis work. Mr. Werle declared, "The group which sponsored the legislation in the House and Senate cannot be too highly commended for its enthusiastic efforts in behalf of public health."

Of primary importance in the new legal machinery is the provision for increased state aid to counties hospitalizing tuberculosis patients. The increased subsidy—raised from seventy-five cents per patient per day to one dollar and a half—relieves the many counties that heretofore have been obliged to curtail and refuse hospitalization because of lack of funds. Immediate hospitalization upon diagnosis is now available.

Other portions of the laws also provide for earlier care: The tuberculosis person who prefers to spread his disease to others rather than take advantage of the generous care given by the state and county can now be committed to the sanatorium by the probate judge. Inter-county disputes over residences and patient responsibility are arbitrated through the State Department of Public Welfare. Also, free hospitalization for state employees contracting tuberculosis in the course of duty is provided.

"Briefly," Mr. Werle declared, "the new laws reflect early the broad scope of anti-tuberculosis campaigns and the wide variety of work made possible by the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals. The generosity of Michigan people has afforded this means many valuable improvements in the state's tuberculosis situation. Continued purchase of the fine, colorful seals will insure a vigorous program during 1938."

ROYAL OAK OFFICE OPENED BY DONDERO

Rep. George A. Dondero has opened his Congressional office at 527 Washington Square Building, Royal Oak, and this office will be maintained until Congress again convenes. The telephone number is Royal Oak 6425.

Holiday Auto Record Good In This Area

With the state's traffic toll reaching 38 during the holiday week end, including two deaths in Oakland County, no injuries from automobile accidents were reported in the Farmington area for the first time in nearly a decade.

Only a minor accident occurred late Monday afternoon in which two automobiles collided at the intersection of Farmington road and Grand River avenue served to mar an otherwise perfect safety record.

The persons dead from crashes in Oakland County are George Barnes, 35, 19332 Exeter avenue, Detroit who was killed in a crash at 11th Mile road and Huron avenue Sunday, and Walter Young, 30, 2724 McDougall avenue, Detroit who died following a crash at Nine and One Half Mile road near Dequindre road.

Apple Crop Presents Problem

"Five million extra bushels of apples on trees in Michigan this fall present a problem for growers but an opportunity for housewives who seek low cost foods."

Combined with another crop of 200 million bushels of apples which is 72 per cent greater than last year, apples will be plentiful and low in price, it is pointed out by H. D. Hoodman, horticulturist at Michigan State College.

Members of state and national apple stabilization committee. Other committee members in Michigan include L. H. Spicer, Grand Rapids; Carl Sietema, Southfield; Arthur Seal, Benzonia; Edward Lyman, South Haven; C. C. Taylor, Albion; Edward Payne, Fennville; R. A. Byrce, Bangor; R. L. Edwards, Metamora; George Friday, Coloma, and R. J. Martin, Bangor.

When the national crop is larger, the state committee had a meeting. That was June 10 and the apple crop within the state appeared to be about equal to the national crop. Then rains and other weather factors boomed the crop and the trees are loaded with quality fruit.

Hoodman and members of the committee are trying to stimulate increased interest in apples. Using in cooking is recommended. Cider making is another process for using up the crop. Housewives also are encouraged to use apples in preserves and to can apple sauce for use during late winter and early spring months when storage supplies begin to dwindle.

Selection of Mr. Spicer on the Farmington area as one of the chief apple-raising sections of the state and nation. It is also recognition of Mr. Spicer's work as an individual. He has been especially active in all efforts of recent years aiming to unite fruit-growers into an effective, collective organization.

Other growers of this area have also been active in the work of recent years to build a strong organization among horticulturists of all this portion of the State.

Mrs. Eldora McCaskill and Mrs. Doris Green of Milford were joint hostesses at a bridge luncheon at the latter's home on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mary Dotson, daughter of Mrs. Jay Button, has returned to California to enter college there.

Growing banana and orange trees, all bearing fruit, will be seen at San Francisco's 1939 Exposition.

Farmington Merchants Ready With "School Days" Specials

With the opening of Farmington schools but a few days off, Farmington merchants this week are again offering a number of "school days" specials. The various things needed to start the school year. The Fred L. Cook and Company urge you to bring your child in for a complete outfitting in school clothes, their stock includes a wide variety of dresses, skirts, shoes and sweaters.

School days always require an added amount of readily available hot water. The automatic gas water heater which the Consumers Power Company will install in your home for a few cents a day will always assure you of a plentiful supply.

Thieves Enter Two Places Monday Eve

Striking again, the second time in the past few weeks, burglars broke into two Farmington businesses establishments Monday night and escaped with nearly \$400 in cash and merchandise.

Wacker's Beer Garden, just east of Middle Belt road and Grand River, was broken into by burglars who escaped with cash, including state sales tax receipts amounting to about \$12, and a purse belonging to a woman employee. A short time later the Sunco Service Station, Turner road and Grand River avenue, was broken into, the burglars escaping with over \$30 in cash and merchandise. Approximately \$45 in cash was taken and large quantities of cigarettes and accessories.

Attempts to break open cigarette vending machines and electric phonographs proved unsuccessful, although the burglars, in their previous entry to the Wacker establishment, succeeded in breaking open a cigarette machine.

According to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, finger prints left on tables and other equipment in both places revealed that both burglaries were the work of the same gang. Several weeks ago were committed by the same parties. Numerous fingerprints were found on rear windows of the buildings when the burglars first opened to gain entrance. Both the stores and members of the community are covered by theft insurance.

Efforts are being made by local authorities to apprehend the criminals and it is likely that arrests may be made in the near future.

Soil Erosion Regulated By Surface Cover Used

Soil erosion and floods are largely regulated by the surface cover on any farm, comments J. S. Cutler, regional head of the federal soil conservation service. He recommends immediate planning for cover crops on fields which would otherwise be bare this winter.

Where natural vegetation is undisturbed by fire, grazing, or cultivation, the natural soil openings are not clogged, Cutler declared. When the cover is disturbed, the openings become too small because of the packing effect of rain, and infiltration of rain becomes more difficult. County agricultural agents, including Karl D. Bailey in Oakland county are prepared to recommend suitable plantings.

"Winter rain soaks into the soil or runs off, carrying topsoil with it, depends largely on plant roots," Cutler said. "Decaying roots leave channels that conduct water only into the topsoil but into the subsoil as well. On the other hand, the removal of trees and grasses eventually destroys the root channels and those left are filled up with soil. Soils cling together, thus contribute to the flood and erosion menace."

Cover crops serve a double purpose of protecting the soil against erosion and increasing the fertility of the soil, he said. When turned under, the green manure adds to the humus content and enables it to absorb more water.

Winter cover crops, recommended by the Michigan State College extension agronomists to provide protection against winter rains, include available small grains grown on the farm, such as Rye and Alfalfa.

Farmington Merchants Ready With "School Days" Specials

The Farmington Hardware Company is offering a host of specials this week. Their advertisement on page five lists a few of the many useful items on sale this week. The Farmington Mills again offer a new item in the list of Larro Peas which they carry.

Olga Russell, Inc. urges you to "get behind the wheel" of the 1937 new Ford V-8, the car that consumes miles instead of gallons. The Farmington Lumber Company offer to rebuild, repaint and repair your home on their new finance plan. Stop in at their offices for details of their easy payment plan. The Penman-Allen Theatre at Northville is presenting an unusual program over the week end.

Commission To Act On Liquor Sales

Two important questions, that of liquor by-the-glass and the awarding of severer construction contracts, are slated for discussion and possible action when the Farmington City Commission convenes at its regular meeting Monday night.

With only one more week in which to take action on the liquor by-the-glass question before the commission automatically loses all power to act on it, some definite action, either approving the resolution or rejecting it, will be required. The commission is concerned, as the commission is concerned, will undoubtedly be read. Petitions filed with City Clerk Harry Moore, and signed by over 100 voters, requesting that no action be taken on the resolution will probably be read.

Should the commission decide to take no action on the question, "on sale" licenses could only be renewed after a favorable referendum by the voters of the city. This election to be effective, must be held before May 1, 1938 at which time the present licenses expire. While the commission has no power to actually grant licenses, should they approve the resolution, they do have the power to make recommendations to the Liquor Control Commission at Lansing who have the power to grant licenses throughout the state.

The second of the two questions slated for action at the Monday meeting is the awarding of contracts for the furnishing of over 2,500 feet of pipe and other material for the construction of the three extensions to the city's sewer system, which is expected to begin this month. Bids on the project were advertised for last week and it is likely that there will be sufficient number of bids received to allow the awarding of the contract. The sewers are to be built by the Buchanan, Inc., of Pontiac.

Tuberculin Tests Save Hundreds of Lives

"Hurled against the intangible forces of tuberculosis, the tuberculin test and the X-ray continue to save hundreds of Michigan lives each year," Dr. Bruce H. Douglas, president of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, stated this week, stressing the value of Christmas seal tuberculosis clinics. "In these two modern weapons, deflected by science to man's aid, lies the power to wipe out the disease. As long as tuberculosis deaths continue to occur, we must continue to look for some undetected loophole through which the germ enters the body. It is creeping," he declared. "The germ is easily caught by the Association leave no doubt that Michigan's loophole is the tuberculosis contact—those who have been exposed to a case of the disease."

Unbanned people unwittingly expose themselves to tuberculosis every year, swelling the number of tuberculosis contacts in the state," Dr. Douglas said. "They in turn may become unsuspecting carriers of the germ—doubtless they are because they are unsuspecting. A tuberculin test will show whether or not infection has occurred," he reminded. "The magic eye of the X-ray will then ferret out any possible lung damage."

"Every person who has tuberculosis is capable of spreading it," Dr. Douglas emphasized. "Every case must be traced to its very source if we are eventually to eliminate the White Plague as a cause of death. Bringing into active play the tuberculin test and the chest X-ray, tuberculosis cases, breaking as many links as possible in the chain of tuberculosis infection," he said.

The value of this dual contribution to humanity is inestimable," Dr. Douglas repeated. "Through funds from the tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, the work of modern diagnostic facilities is extended yearly to reach more of the unknown sources of infection—the contacts. More than 30,000 reactors among 125,000 Michigan people have been tested by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association since 1931."

Miss Alma Weston of Clarenceville is teaching at St. Louis, Michigan. She has been named as teacher in the Clarenceville school for the past few years.

Miss Ida Steele, who is ill at her home with undulant fever, is improving. Her niece, Mrs. Frances Sharpley of Bedford, is helping to care for her.

Farmington Schools Will Resume Classes Tuesday



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Highway Work Hits New Peak

Construction activity on Michigan's trunkline highways is now at the highest peak of the year.

Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner, said this week that contracts for \$6,549,057 worth of construction were awarded up to Sept. 1 of this year. Of this amount, \$3,207,850 was placed under construction in August.

Contracts awarded during the first eight months are on two of the five construction programs planned by the department for the current fiscal year—the normal \$10,000,000 program for surfacing gravel trunklines with dust-proof oil aggregate.

No contracts had been awarded during the period from January to September on the grade separation and state bridge programs. Much of this work can be done next winter. Likewise, the department has not yet reached the construction stage on the secondary road program, 73 per cent of which will be carried out on county roads. This money must be matched by the counties.

Construction work this year is under that of last season when the department had the advantage of millions of dollars of Federal funds for road-building without the necessity of matching the money. With the return of industrial recovery, however, the Federal government has virtually returned to its pre-depression policy of requiring these funds to be matched.

This matching requirement also contributed indirectly to the late start on construction. Commissioner Van Wagoner pointed out that these funds could not be matched unless more money were appropriated to the department. He was reluctant to go ahead with the department's program pending the outcome of legislation appropriating \$5,000,000 a year for this purpose.

NEW BUS SCHEDULE

According to the new bus schedules released this week by Arnold Stolz, operator of the Farmington-Bedford division of the Eastern Michigan Bus Lines, an extra trip has been added to leave Farmington at 7:30 a. m. and to arrive at Seven Mile road at 7:45 a. m. The new schedule goes into effect Friday, September 10.

Band Practices Long Hours But Reward Is Worth It

(By Mrs. Imogene Bickling)
(Editor's note: The following are the impressions Mrs. Bickling has of the new band, which is the Farmington High School Band during their trip to the Michigan State Fair Wednesday.)

"The opportunities and experiences that come to the members of the Farmington High School Band about repays them for the long hours and hard work that comes with a day's performance. The latest and perhaps their most spectacular appearance was when they occurred when the band, nearly 50 strong, journeyed to the State Fair Wednesday. It was Governor's Day at the fair and they were the official escort of the Governor's party from the entrance through the main where thousands of spectators were watching. The official announcer in announcing the Farmington band remarked that they were 'one of the best bands in Michigan' and, certainly, with their brand new uniforms they were a very distinctive looking group."

Work On Grand River Progressing

With the work on the widening of Grand River avenue extended to both sides of the highway, all traffic formerly passing through Farmington is now being routed over the Cut-off as the Highway Department this week blocked off Grand River avenue from Farmington road west to the Cut-off.

Two-way traffic is now allowed on the "cut-off" and stop signs have been installed on each end to control traffic. A speed limit of 35 miles per hour is being strictly enforced and signs posted the length of the temporary two-way traffic lane prohibit lane changing in the same direction to pass one another. The regulations governing traffic on the Cut-off were made by the highway department in an effort to curb any increase in the accident rate which might result from the greatly increased traffic load.

The Frank J. Knight Construction Company of Detroit, who are doing the widening work under contract let by the Highway Department, have nearly completed the breaking up of old paving from Farmington road west to the intersection of Grand River and Oakland roads. Large sections of concrete, brought in to Farmington by the company Wednesday, will begin removing the broken concrete immediately. The project is scheduled to be completed July 1, 1938.

FINAL APPLICATION DATE NOW NEAR FOR ACADEMY ASPIRANTS

Rep. George A. Dondero announces that the United States Civil Service Commission will conduct a competitive examination on Saturday, November 6th, that he may determine 17th district principal and alternate nominees for admission to the U. S. Naval Academy, and that all applications to take this examination must be made on or before October 1. Rep. Dondero has two vacancies for the class entering in 1938.

Candidates who have reached their 16th birthday on April 1, but must not have reached their 20th birthday on March 31, of the year of entering the academy. For this examination they must also have their education completed within the 17th Michigan district, which includes all of Oakland County, and the 22nd Ward of the city of Detroit, and Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, and Redford townships, in Wayne county.

Walled Lake Girl Is Married to Detroit Man

Miss Clara Wiles, daughter of Mrs. C. Wiles of Walled Lake was married Saturday to Frank Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Callahan of the Farmington Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Delmore Stubbs led the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Wadsworth attended the couple.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's sister, Miss John Voorhees. Following a short wedding trip the couple will be at home to their friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and children, Charles, Mary and Anne, of Bedford are house guests of Alvin and Mrs. Abull and family.

Michigan May Have Lowest Forest Fire Loss

Michigan faces the normally hazardous fall months with a good chance of finishing the year with one of the lowest forest-fire losses on record.

Forest-fire has been held to small gains by the state detection and suppression force this year. As of Sept. 1, Michigan's fire losses exclusive of national forest lands, covered a total of 114,052 acres. The total number of fires recorded on that date was 1,033.

Last year on Sept. 1 there had been 2,344 forest fires and the total area of forest lands burned was 51,585. Authorities regarded the 1936 season, however, as being the worst in the past 15 years.

The all-time low forest-fire loss in Michigan was compiled in 1935 when only 15,319 acres of land were burned.

Normally, early fall months are a period of high fire hazards in northern Michigan, because of drying vegetation and the presence of large numbers of hunters in the woods. Fire prevention authorities ask the cooperation of hunters in keeping the fire losses down this fall.