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Grand River Road Survey Started

Begins New Probe



JUSTICE JOHN J. SCHULTE
Schulte Acts as Jury
In Royal Oak Township

A survey to relieve traffic congestion on Grand River avenue will get under way, soon, according to Murray D. Van Wageningen, State Highway Commissioner. Engineers will study the feasibility of widening at least part of Grand River. Limited access highway—shutting off all cross traffic either by elevating the roadway or by some other means.

Van Wageningen said the state has been making engineering studies for a proposed Harper-McGrath cross-town superhighway will make the new survey and that the Federal Government will help finance the work.

"Grand River is the only one of the four main radial state trunk line streets in Detroit not included in the street widening program," he said. "The street, between Wyandotte and downtown, carries an average of about 50,000 vehicles daily. One of the heaviest traffic concentrations in the country occurs at Grand River and West Grand Boulevard."

Widening Not Necessary

"Development of these limited access express ways does not necessarily call for widening or otherwise revising the present facilities. They are something that Detroit has never had before and more than anything else they are the type of development which must ultimately solve the more difficult traffic problems of metropolitan areas."

"These roads are called limited access because vehicles can enter them only at certain points."

They would have separate drive ways where vehicles entering would have an opportunity to pick up speed to a point where they could enter traffic streams without causing interference. Other lanes would be provided where vehicles could slow down before leaving the express highway without endangering through traffic.

No Intersections

The commissioner pointed out that limited access highways have no intersections. They are elevated on either overpasses or viaducts. There are multiple lanes for traffic in either direction divided by a parkway or some other device.

In order to make sure that vehicles or pedestrians do not enter the traveled portions of these express highways and to facilitate separating grades at intersections, such highways are either of the elevated or depressed type. The former is built above the street level. The depressed type is built sunk down several feet below the street level.

"Which type should be built in Detroit is one of the questions our study will answer," Van Wageningen said. "Many factors must be considered. Parking needs and how they would be affected by either type of construction is but one of the questions. We must also consider how these projects would affect utility facilities now in existence."

May Be Off Grand River

"The Grand River study will also take into consideration the property values of the area. It is possible that the express highway will be located other than on the present Grand River avenue. We will study blighted areas near Grand River with the idea of possibly building a new highway through them. This procedure has the triple advantage of eliminating the undesirable area, reducing rights-of-way costs, and encouraging new development."

Other factors that will be studied for their possible bearing on the Grand River proposal are proximity of industrial concentration, origin and destination of vehicles now using Grand River, relation of proposed location to mass transportation facilities, proximity to areas of recreational development.

Van Wageningen predicted that Congress will pass the pending Hayden-Curtwright bill providing funds for an interregional highway system and permitting local governments to borrow from the RFC to finance highway condemnation.

RECEIVES HEAD INJURIES

Jack Ffioot, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ffioot, 2849 Sunner, received painful injuries Sunday when he was struck on the head with a hammer by a plavmate, Burke Martin. The injuries were not serious and young Ffioot is able to be up and around.

Moore Enlists Aid of Clubs To House Delinquents

In his final article in the series dealing with the problem of juvenile delinquency in Oakland County, Judge Arthur E. Moore, Probate Judge of Pontiac, describes how clubs may aid in helping unfortunate boys and girls live like normal American boys and girls.

Judge Moore's article follows:

HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN HELP

In the last article, I pointed out that we want the community to assume the problem of boys or girls in trouble. I stated that we want, in each case, a committee from the community to assume the responsibility of each boy or girl. This committee consists of teachers, the church, some individual who has been summoned to court, who will be a real foster parent, to the child, and some local club to assume the financial burden in helping the boy or girl.

We wish the committees to meet for an hour or so with the Court.

Graduation Plans Complete

Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises will be held at Farmington high school on Sunday, June 2, and Wednesday, June 12, respectively. Programs for both 12th and 11th graders will be held on the same dates.

According to Superintendent Orville E. Duckel, both the Baccalaureate and the Commencement will be held in the school auditorium.

The Baccalaureate program, beginning at 8 p. m., will be as follows:

Processional
Invocation, Rev. Gilbert Miles Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" by the congregation
Address, "Build Three More Stately Mansions" by community choir
Address, by Rev. Carl Schulte Song, "God Bless America" by the congregation
Benediction, Rev. D. C. Stubbs
Recessional, congregation seated

The Commencement exercises will be held on the following Wednesday evening, and Dr. Marshall R. Reed, Methodist minister from Detroit, will give the address. The program:

Processional
Invocation, Rev. John J. Larkin
Music, by high school band
Presentation of diplomas, by James Barrons, president of Senior Class, Salutatory, by Robert Currie, Salutatory

Address, "Marching to Dream" by Dr. Marshall R. Reed
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Purpose of "21ers" Club Defined by Members

The following article, describing the aims of the Citizenship Day program, which will be held Sunday, May 19, in Pontiac, was written by two members of the Farmington "21ers" club, Robert Currie and Paul A. Farr, Jr. The article follows:

Citizenship Day having been first inaugurated in Wisconsin several years ago, and having been very successful, it is being celebrated in many different states.

Oakland County has taken the lead in introducing this movement into Michigan. Other counties are expected to follow.

The "21ers" club, composed of young men and women who have recently reached the age of twenty-one.

The Club's purpose is to point out to the members of the club that it is a privilege; to show them that the law actually of many people who "just can't be bothered" to vote is defeating the very purpose of our democratic form of government.

The groups are studying from a textbook prepared by Harold Dorr and Edward Litchfield of the Department of Political Science of the University of Michigan. The book includes all the important

Eighty-Six Students To Graduate

The largest graduating class in the history of Farmington high school will receive diplomas this year at Commencement exercises Wednesday, June 12. Eighty-six seniors are expected to graduate, an increase of seven over last year. Unusual allowance was made in the case of Keith Johnson, who will be given a diploma despite the fact that he has been out of school since the end of the first semester of 1939, because of sickness. It was felt that because of Keith's unusual ability, as well as his unflinching loyalty to the school, it should be given a chance to graduate with his classmates.

The following students will receive diplomas:

Lee Allen, Ormund Auten, Thomas Bacon, Frank Barber, James Barrons, Helmut Bayer, Loraine Beckwith, John Bedway, L. B. Bell, Betty Billings, Elmer Born, Doreen Bothwell, Maxine Bowers, William Brigham, John Brooks, Joyous Brown, Mary Patricia Butler, Virginia Byrnes.

William Campbell, Marion Champagne, Phyllis Caplin, Elmer Crook, Kathleen Chatham, Robert Currie, James Davis, John Denton, Tom Dwyer, Joseph DeVriendt, Gladys Edwards, Ruth Esch, George Francis, Marian Gestler, Doris Gilbert, Bryce Greenman, Glenn Griffin, Letha Griffin, Arthur Grisleda.

William Hardwick, Mary Himmlersbach, Robert Hinger, Carl Hite, Margie Husted, Zora Husted, Keith Johnson, William Kargetta, Wilfred Kaufman, Arlene Kollogg, Wanda Kellogg, June Keyes, Donald Koebel, Thomas Koebel, John Koss, George Karl, Edna Koss, Martin, Phyllis Martin, Bernard Matreux, Donald McIntyre, Beth Merritt.

Lois Nelson, Sarah Nelson, Charles Oldenburg, Betty Pagel, Henry Parent, Norman Parent, William Pelto, Frances Plonchik, Louise Plonchik, Samuel Price, Betty Ready, Mary Redding, Myrtle Replogle, James Rice, Russell Rosenboom.

Maida Scanlon, James Scholtz, Gladys Sculland, Helen Schulz, Richard Shultz, Geraldine Slusser, Earl Strelling, Charles Trickett, Janet Vance, Frances VanSlyke, Glenn Waack, Thelma White, Betty Yewersford.

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

A public hearing on the "Annual Budget" will be held Monday evening, May 27, in the Farmington State Bank Building. All residents are invited to attend the meeting to offer any suggestions on the various items.

Straw Hats and Gardens Mean Spring Has Come

The Fred L. Cook Co. doesn't believe that they are rushing the season one bit when they advertise special offerings of straw hats. As far as we know the first straw hat hasn't appeared in public yet, but it won't be long before they will be blossoming forth, so you men had better visit Cook's and be ready to buy a new one. You'll find all the latest styles and varieties.

Speaking of straw hat time it's also the right season of the year for gardeners. Whether you're a dyed-in-the-wool man of the soil, or just one of these persons who like to putter around, you'll find the best of garden supplies at Hatton's Farmington Hardware.

Have you ever longed to sit out on the porch and enjoy a drink instead of going into a hot kitchen? Well, thanks to Detroit Edison Company you can do just that now. We could go into great detail about their new electric meal-cooker, but we'll let you put it to the Edison office and see for yourself.

When you see somebody coming gliding down the street in a 1940 Ford, don't envy them. You can own a Ford too. Easy payments have been arranged for a generous trade-in allowance will be given for your old car. For particulars see Curt Hall Ford Sales.

With a Duo-Therm hot water heater in your home, you can be in the water in less than five minutes. Cost of only four cents a day. Duo-Therm is handled in Farmington by Dickerson Hardware.

Bank Passes 6-Year Mark Sunday

Six years of continued service to residents of Farmington and the surrounding area will be celebrated Sunday by the Farmington State Bank. It was just six years ago on May 19, 1934, that the Bank first opened its doors and welcomed its first customer. Since that time the Bank has achieved a place of extreme importance in the daily life of the community, filling the needs of its customers.

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The Bank offers to the people of all the surrounding area the facilities and features of a banking institution which matches in type of organization, and soundness the large banks of Detroit. Like these big banks, one-half the stock is the Farmington State Bank is owned by the Federal Government. Deposits in the bank are kept in cash and in Government bonds only, assuring liquidity and financial soundness.

In addition to these guarantees of security the bank is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which insures deposits of all customers, both firms and individuals, up to \$2,500.

With one exception the same board of directors serves now as when the bank opened. The five who have been on the board since 1934 are Howard M. Warner, President; Floyd G. Hutton, Floyd H. Nichols, Jr., R. Aschenbrenner, M. D., and Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier. Bruce Dickie, the remaining original member retired this year.

Another indication of how the bank has forged ahead is seen in the fact that it has paid off \$5,000 of the \$25,000 advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for preferred stock at the inception of the institution.

\$2,000 has been set aside for this purpose.

EXCHANGE CLUB TO VISIT HIRAM WALKER COMPANY

Members of the Farmington Exchange Club will take a tour of inspection through the Hiram Walker Co., of Walkerville, Ontario, next Wednesday. They will leave for Walkerville immediately after their regular luncheon.

Two movies, "The Big Parade" and a comic movie, were shown at the Exchange's meeting Wednesday by Bayard Tupper. The movies were secured by President H. D. J. W. Norton, president of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; and Rev. Gilbert Miles, president of Detroit Baptist Ministers' Association.

In the club contest for membership, attendance, etc., the Chiefs are leading the Tigers. Points are given for attendance, guests, renewal of membership, and new members, and the losers are required to give a dinner for the winners.

MASQUERS TO HOLD MEETING WEDNESDAY

The Masquers, Farmington dramatic organization, will meet next Wednesday evening at the Copeman home, Nine Mile and Haledale. All members are urged to be present.

To Head County Bankers



HOWARD C. KNICKERBOCKER
Cashier of the Farmington State Bank will head the Oakland County Bankers Association for the coming year. He was elected president at the meeting of the Association held recently. The Bankers' group meets each month and consists of all officers and directors of Oakland County banks.

School To Give "Tom Sawyer"

"Tom Sawyer," Mark Twain's beloved story of boyhood along the Mississippi River, will be presented as an opera by members of the Farmington grade school Friday evening, May 17. Children from all grades will take part in the performance and an evening of good entertainment is promised to all who attend.

The opera will be presented on the stage of the new auditorium, and will start promptly at 8 p. m.

The title role will be played by Billy Conroy, with Sally Gidensley as Becky Thatcher. Jerry Heeney will appear as Becky Thatcher. Elbridge Duncley as Huck Finn, and Joan Aschenbrenner as Amy Lawrence.

Others who will take part are: Billy Duncley as Tom Sawyer; Ernest Tyler as Muff Potter; Helen Mac, Donald as Widow Douglas; Nancy Smith as Mary; Alan Warner as Rev. Walker; and Bobby Weaver as Judge Thatcher.

A large number of other students will appear in the chorus. Appropriate costumes will be worn by the young actors and singers.

Mrs. Della Young, Mrs. Ruth Young, Mrs. Roy Livingston of Detroit, and Mrs. Lillie Parker of Dola, Ohio, were called at the Floyd Mitchell home on Oakland avenue.