

Plan Dinner Meet For New Teachers

There will be approximately 62 new teachers in the Farmington school this fall. It was the decision of the school board Monday night to tentatively set for September extend them a cordial welcome.

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More Students Will 'Hoof It' To Schools

Approximately 100 more Farmington senior high school students will be walking to school this year than last as the result of a new busing policy established by the school board at its regular meeting Monday night.

In previous years students living more than a mile from the school have been bussed. Under the newly adopted policy, students living within a mile and one-half walking distance from the high school will be required to "hoof it."

ACTUALLY, the busing of students living within a mile and a mile and one-half is service provided by the local district at its own expense. State reimbursement is provided only for pupils living more than one-half mile from the school.

A state law to this effect dates back to September of 1937. Elementary students living north of Nine Mile just west of Middlebelt will also be walking to the Shawwassee school in the near future.

The four north-south streets in this subdivision dead-end at the south end. In order to get out by way of a road to go to the Shawwassee school it is thus necessary to go out to Middlebelt, thence south on Middlebelt to Nine Mile, west on Nine Mile a short distance to Shawwassee and then down Shawwassee to the school.

SINCE the round-about route makes walking distance to the school more than a mile, the youngsters in this area have been bussed in the past.

Placing of a culvert in the ditch between the south end of Middlebelt and Shawwassee Road and the clearing of a walking easement from the point where Purdue presently ends to Shawwassee Road have been called for by the board.

The administration has been instructed by the board to work with township and county officials in getting a culvert in place and to obtain bids for blacktopping a walkway.

APPROXIMATELY one bus load of children is involved in this area, it was indicated.

There is some difference of opinion on the part of administrators and members of the school board as to how much of a savings in bus transportation costs will be realized by these moves. All are in agreement, however, that there will be some saving and that every economy possible is needed in view of the present shortage of operating funds.

School Addition Plans Get Nod of Approval

The Earl Meyers architectural firm has been instructed to proceed with working drawings on a seven classroom addition at the William Grace school.

Preliminary plans were reviewed earlier by both the school board and members of the building sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee.

Minor changes proposed by the citizens committee will be incorporated in the working drawings.

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THIS CENTURY-old home in what is now the city of Farmington endured nearly 25 new owners from 1850 until the turn of the century. But since 1903 it has carried the same family name. It was sold recently, however. Located at 3304 Grand

River, the home was purchased in 1903 by Herman Schaeper and in 1932 was willed to his daughter, Elizabeth, who owned it until now. She has lived in the home since 1910. This photo was taken about 1900.

Public Letter Box

Letters submitted to The Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. No one, not even Mr. Herzog, is exempt from this rule. The length of the letter must not exceed 1,000 words.

Business Should Pay Parking

Dear Mr. Editor: I have read your editorial "Push Fairly but Firmly" and have just finished listening to last night from a person who attended. Parking in Farmington is desperately needed. No one, not even Mr. Herzog, will deny that, but it is needed at the expense of 11 families, who it evidently will not benefit and who can not afford the assessment. Is it worth causing one man to lose his home—I wonder?

The problem seems to get back to the old adage, "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer." If the business men in Farmington want parking why can't they pay for it? It is simple as that.

Mr. Herzog, I respect, and I imagine in their hearts, a lot of "thinking business men" are one man who is not afraid to speak out for something he believes is morally right. It seems to me he's got nothing to gain and everything to lose from this position.

Every paper, big or small, needs a crusade—especially the Farmington Enterprise, so why not be a little enterprising and look into the situations of those families on the south side of Grove street.

If this is printed, and I hope it will, please with a bold my name.

Editor's Note: Madam, we are withholding your name, but we would like to point out that we do not usually run letters which do not also include an address. Inasmuch as you are not listed in the phone directory, we really have no way of knowing that you are a bona fide resident of Farmington. It might be assumed you live on Grove or have some interests there.

There are a couple of points I'd like to make. First, the meeting to which you refer was not of the city council, but of the Downtown Business Ass'n. We'd also like to make it clear we have given a lot of study to the general plan proposed, which is naturally subject to change, and are very sincerely in favor of the general plan. We can see nothing unfair so far as Grove and Orchard streets are concerned. If their property becomes more valuable as the result of any improvement, naturally they should pay more taxes. That's the cornerstone of our taxing system. If they lived on the South side of Orchard, and the property was not acquired and paid for by the parking improvement, their property would improve greatly in value. There's no reason they couldn't continue to live there, or if they chose to sell to a commercial enterprise they'd get a darned good price. If it were rezoned to parking but not acquired by the city, they could continue to live there as long as they wished.

Statements about the city getting richer are obviously out of place if they refer to downtown business men. If some help isn't given them by plans under which they will pay a large share of the cost, more of them are going to be set of business and residential owners will be paying an even larger share of our tax load.

While we attempt to report such meetings in full, we would respectfully suggest that more people ought to attend them and get all details of these plans, rather than get their second hand information.

In Same Family Since '03

(Continued from Page 1) after living in the same place half a century.

Miss Schaeper, who has owned the home since her father died in 1932, has some trouble getting around the big old house these days. She's a bit lame with arthritis in one leg.

THAT WAS one of the reasons they decided to sell the house after it had been in the family 56 years. Then, too, Mrs. Bracken, who had done the housekeeping in the past few years, found it was quite a job keeping eight rooms tidy for just the two of them.

So Elizabeth sold the still stately residence, and the old West Gregg from Redford Township. Gregg will use the huge barn in the back for his carpentry, the Farmington Auto Trim company, an auto-seat reupholstering firm.

Gregg and his family will live in the old home.

Gregg plans to move in shortly. Already he has moved his business equipment in the barn.

Said Mrs. Bracken recently: "We've seen a lot of changes in the village." And it's understandable.

Miss Schaeper, resting comfortably on the sofa, recalled that she had moved in with her parents in 1903.

HER SISTER, Bertha, lived in the home from 1903 until 1916, when she married. Her husband died and in 1923 she returned after three years and moved away again. She was back from 1923-1932 and returned the last time in 1942.

The two sisters have been sharing the home ever since. Elizabeth, the older of the two, tells it this way:

"Bertha had been living all over with her children and one day I said to her 'Why don't you come live with me for a couple of weeks?'"

"That was in 1942 and she hasn't left yet," Elizabeth finished, with a smile.

Mrs. Bracken laughed. "That isn't so," she defended. "She tells that story all the time because it makes a good joke."

Elizabeth laughed, too. WHEN THEIR father bought the home in 1903, he and his wife had been running a general store across the road from Botsford Inn. Herman Schaeper sold his interest in the store and went back to house painting.

But a heavy wind one day knocked him off a tall ladder and he never recovered. Elizabeth took care of him until his death in 1932. He used to sit on the porch and watch the cars go by.

Elizabeth remembered paying a carpenter \$153 in 1931 to extend the porch and screen it. The gravel road and only about half its present width. A little later, when autos were becoming more and more common, Elizabeth and her folks would sit on the porch Sunday nights watching the traffic chug back into Detroit.

"THE CARS used to jam up something terrible," she said. "The cars just sometimes would get so bad from that old road, that we'd have to go inside and close the doors and windows."

It was the "normal week-end traffic" of families coming home from the lakes. Miss Schaeper went back just a few more years in her memory to recall the general store her parents ran on Grand River opposite Botsford Inn. She worked there helping them between 1898 and 1903.

Considerable Outside Work At School Sites Authorized

Work on grounds around school buildings already in use as well as those now under construction was the chief topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Farmington school board Monday night.

Several of the proposed projects were approved. At the new Longacre school site the board authorized necessary additional grading work to provide satisfactory drainage, including the installation of culverts, at a cost not exceeding \$500.

A grading plan for the new service and administration building site, worked out over the past two weeks, was likewise approved. Authorization was given for the contractor to start work immediately on the installation of necessary drainage culverts as well as the grading.

The board also instructed the administration to get prices on the cost of some type of hard surfacing for the drainage ditches running down the hillside adjacent to the service road.

In separate action an expenditure of \$375 was sanctioned to provide electrical services for the bus parking lot at the service building.

Plans for water and sewer lines laying work around the Ten Mile school and the running of lines to the new service administration building were finalized and authorization given to advertise for bids. August 20 was set as the date for opening them. Instructions were given by the board to obtain bids for improvement work on the school parking lot and surrounding grounds.

WHEN IED found this house up for sale 56 years ago, Herman Schaeper bought it from Albert Mann. The deed, which was drawn up by the county clerk in 1850, does not tell the actual age of the home.

The sisters think that it may have been built before that date.

The original lot was 117 feet wide and 200 feet deep. But a few decades ago, a fifty-foot wide parcel was sold. Today it's 67 feet by 200.

THE SISTERS sold the furniture to friends. Mrs. Bracken told how the bedroom suite was given to go over to Novi. The television was going to someone else. The new owner, Gregg, had bought the dining room set.

Bertha had to run down to the store for something.

Elizabeth Schaeper moved on to a more comfortable position on the sofa.

Elizabeth will live at 6700 West Outer Drive in Detroit. Mrs. Bracken will be at 18553 Grandview in Detroit.

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Parents of elementary school children are encouraged to purchase their children's books early, before the junior and senior high registration dates, to eliminate crowding in the book store.
Registration of junior and senior high students will begin Monday, August 24. More detailed information will be given next week.
Parents of elementary students who have not yet registered them for this fall are urged to do so immediately. Registrations will be taken at the various school offices during the regular office hours.
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