

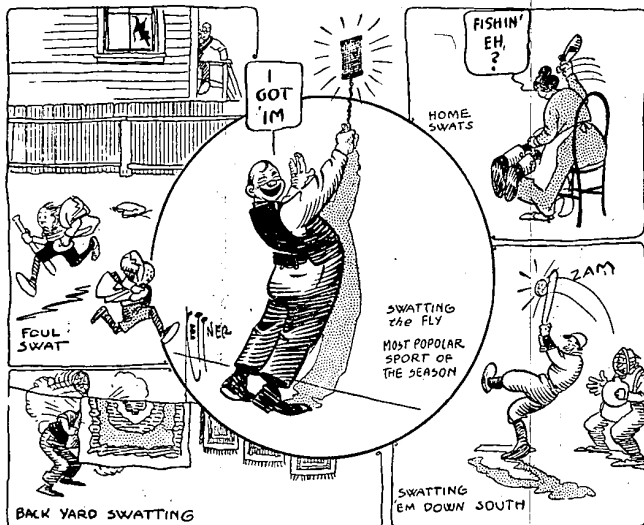
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SWAT SEASON OPENS



THE BONDING PLAN EXPLAINED

Taxes for Road Building Will Be Less Under the Bonding Plan.

Commissioner Thomas Lytle furnishes us with the following explanation of the proposed bonding of Oakland county for the system of good roads:

When schedule "B" under the bonding issue is completed there will be about 360 miles of connected highways, connecting every village with the county seat and all villages with each other.

At the present time there has been constructed about 47 miles of road, including about five and one-half miles of concrete road. The total mileage on the system, comprising completed roads and those proposed under the bonding plan, includes about 77 miles of trunk line (State—16 feet wide) and 233 miles of county lines.

Roads planned under the bonding system do not include roads already constructed, or those already laid out for 1916, the two-mill tax. For 1916, we have laid out about 33 miles of ordinary road and four and one-quarter miles of concrete. If it should be impossible to complete all these roads from the funds appropriated, then those not constructed are to be added to the roads proposed under Schedule "B" of the bonding issue. This will insure each township of securing its full quota of three miles as promised under the two-mill system.

In addition to new construction, the bond plan provides for repairing resurfacing, or rebuilding all roads which were built by the townships and upon which state reward has been paid, providing that these roads are on the lines for completion under the bond issue. A recent act of the state legislature (1915) makes it compulsory for the County Commission to do all work necessary on old township roads. No reward can be drawn upon new roads unless the old township roads are kept in a reasonable state of preservation.

Under the bonding plan, Schedule "B" (primary) calls for the building of about 265 miles of road, but this does not necessarily mean that that is all the road that will

be built. It was vitally necessary to lay out a connected mileage that could be positively assured, and which must be completed before commencing additional construction. The estimates were conservative and were based on experience secured under the two mill plan. The mileage given under Schedule "B" is approximately correct, the governing feature is to be the amount of money appropriated for use in each individual township. By allowing a definite sum for use in each township the construction will be confined to the roads scheduled and will also prohibit the use of money provided for one township from being used in any other township, provided however, that if sufficient funds have not been allowed to complete construction in any township then funds (surplus) remaining from the amount estimated for some other township after its scheduled construction has been completed can be used to complete the work in the township where the funds were insufficient.

Under no other consideration whatever can funds be transferred. This clause in the proposition makes it impossible to transfer the funds from one township into another, making it impossible to put in a higher type of road in one township at the expense of another.

A saving on the estimates can easily be made if the roads can be built continuously in stretches. This will induce reliable and competent contractors to enter the field in this county. Competition between contractors will result in lower costs of construction and will give more time for supervision, thus resulting in better and more satisfactory work. At the present time there is not a single contractor living in Oakland county, and the method of building under the two mill tax keeps contractors from other counties out of Oakland.

Bonding for a million dollars does not mean to put a million dollars into the hands of a few men and telling them to go ahead and build roads. Under the bonding plan the same condition will exist as is in existence at present. No more than \$250,000 is available at any one time, and the bonds for this amount are sold by the Board of Supervisors. Before any money is appropriated by them, estimates must be furnished and plans made showing what roads it is intended to improve and the cost for each.

Under this plan the bonds would

be issued in series, one series each year for four years, and each series calling for \$250,000. By this plan it will not be necessary to pay interest on any money which cannot be placed in immediate use. The bonds are not to be sold for over 4 1/2 per cent and accrued interest. In retiring the bonds it is proposed to pay yearly the accumulated interest on the principal and to pay off \$12,500 on each series in circulation. Payments per year under this plan would be as follows:

First year—Interest on \$250,000 and \$12,500 on principal. Total \$23,760.

Second year—Interest on \$437,500 and \$25,000 on principal. Total \$46,937.50.

Third year—Interest on \$712,500 and \$37,500 on principal. Total \$69,532.50.

Fourth year—Interest on \$925,000 and \$50,000 on principal. Total \$97,625.00.

Fifth year—Interest on \$75,000 and \$50,000 on principal. Total \$89,375.00, and so on, paying the interest each year on the remaining principal and in addition paying off \$12,500 on each of the series. Under this plan the yearly rate of assessment for county road taxes would be a little less than one mill, or less than one half of what is being paid at present. Figuring on an assessed valuation of \$68,000,000 for the county the tax would vary about as follows:

1st year, one third of a mill; 2nd year, four-fifths of a mill; 3rd year, one mill; 4th year, one and four-eighths mills. From the fourth year the rate decreases until the 23rd and last year, when it becomes about one-fifth of a mill. Taking an average of the yearly rates it will show that the average rate per year is just a little under one mill.

Explanations of Schedules, together with the resolution submitted to the question to the people. There has been submitted three schedules known as schedule "A," "B" and "C." Schedule "A" consists of a map showing the entire system of roads to be worked upon. Schedules "B" and "C" together with the specifications refer directly to what is proposed in the way of construction.

Under Schedule "B" which is assured of completion, there is a total of 265 miles of road. The amount included for rebuilding, repairing and maintaining of old township roads is figured to only one-half and less of cost of total and new construction.

It must not be assumed that this is all the construction that is to be performed, but this mileage must be completed throughout the county before any other work can be started.

Schedule "C" comprises the secondary system proposed for construction. All remaining bonding and reward funds are to be used in the construction of this schedule.

See Cook & Co. for Art Linens

School Notes

One new enrollment in grammar room this week.

Mildred Prindle absent this week with the measles.

Sixth grade examination in Arithmetic Monday.

Seventh and Eighth grade examination in History Thursday.

Primary children are enjoying the story "Little People of the Snow."

Vacation is here at last. School closes to night, March 24, and does not reopen until Monday, April 3.

George Gildemeister, Carl Goers, Leo Hendryx and Stanley are back in school after a week's illness with lagrippe.

About half of the school was absent Wednesday, because of the heavy snowfall Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Mildred Otis is absent this week on account of illness caused by pneumonia. She is convalescing nicely at this writing.

Seventh and Eighth grade will finish reading "Shimmell's Civil Government" this week, and will take up the study of "Birds of Killingworth," Monday after vacation.

Examinations in Agriculture, Geometry, General History, Latin I and Algebra I this week. These marks will help to grade the standing which go on the report cards. The report cards will be out this afternoon.

Mr. Williams of Chicago, gave a very interesting talk to the high school pupils about Portland Cement. He gave the pupils many useful facts concerning the manufacturing, composition, articles made from it, the mixing and durability of the cement. Mr. Williams, by the way, is an advertising agent for the Portland Cement Co. Here is hoping we get some more good advertising agents.

BOYS WIN FROM OXFORD

The F. H. S. boys played their last home game of basket ball last Friday evening, against Oxford, and again came out victorious. The game was as good an exhibition of basket ball as was ever seen in Farmington. It was played cleanly throughout, there being only twelve fouls called on the two teams in forty minutes of play. The O. H. S. boys are a fast, clean team of players, and are deserving of much credit for their playing, even though they were severely beaten. They had plenty of chances to make baskets, but luck seemed to be against them; thus the result.

Each one of the F. H. S. team played a star game in his position, and each easily outplayed his opponent. F. H. S. had their team work almost to perfection, and time after time the ball passed from player to player all the way across the floor and finally falling through the basket. Oxford failed to get the F. H. S. combination, and ball after ball was passed to Osmus who managed to cage twelve baskets, the most secured by any player this year. W. Lee made one very beautiful shot, shooting the length of the floor, and the ball passing through the basket without even touching the hoop. N. Lee easily outjumped Oxford center, who never once touched the ball on the jump up. Travis and Gildemeister each played a fine game.

Pos. H. S. POSITION O. H. S.
Stearns F. Travis
Hawkins P. Osmus
Whitcomb C. N. Lee
Whims G. Gildemeister
R. See G. W. Lee
Score—Final, F. H. S. 47; O. H. S. 19. First half, F. H. S. 22; O. H. S. 11. Baskets from field, Stearns 2; Hawkins 5; Travis 3; Osmus 12; N. Lee 6; W. Lee 1. Baskets from fouls, Stearns 2 in 3; Hawkins 3 in 5; N. Lee, 3 in 4. Score keeper, Hicks. Referee, Auten. Time

keepers, Lee and Sherwood. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

A preliminary game was played between the girls and second team of boys. The girls won by one point, the score being 14-13. This game was well played and created quite a bit of excitement. Several very good shots were made.

Both teams will play in Wyandotte Saturday evening, March 25th this being the last game for the season.

Local Five Wins Easily.

A match game of bowling was played at the Grace alleys last Thursday evening between Farmington and Redford teams, the local team winning by 242 pins. The score was as follows:

FARMINGTON-REDFORD.

Schroeder	133	117	162	412
Pauline	143	157	126	426
Grace	153	146	177	476
Maas	158	144	183	485
Heaney	113	113	113	339
Cox	135	166	301	502

Totals 700 699 814 2213

Schroeder, 3 strikes, 14 spares; Pauline, 5 strikes, 12 spares; Grace, 4 strikes, 16 spares; Maas, 7 strikes, 14 spares; Heaney, 1 strike, 2 spares; Cox, 6 strikes, 5 spares.

Shaw	137	124	101	362
Little	124	125	249	524
Chapman	120	120	120	360
J. Eady	131	137	148	416
Robison	135	135	160	430
Bosworth	138	135	121	394

Totals 665 531 757 1851

Shaw, 4 strikes, 9 spares; Little, 3 strikes, 2 spares; Chapman, 2 strikes, 2 spares; Eady, 3 strikes, 14 spares; Robison, 4 strikes, 13 spares; Bosworth, 2 strikes, 12 spares.

A return game was played at Redford last evening, but too late for us to get the results.

Dr. B. F. Baker Honored.

The present anti-tuberculosis movement in Michigan has served to call attention to the pioneer services along the line of preventive medicine in this state of Dr. Henry B. F. Baker, who, as secretary of the State Board of Health some twenty years ago, did such splendidly constructive work that it has served as the foundation for most of what has been done since. At a meeting of the Tri-county Medical association at Kalamazoo a resolution of appreciation of Dr. Baker's labors was passed and a copy sent to the aged physician, who is living in retirement on a fruit farm in Allegan county.

Dr. Baker has not been in public eye during the past decade or more, but the older physicians of the state remember him as the man who initiated great health movements that have since grown to large proportions. In those pioneer days when Dr. Baker was secretary of the state board of health the idea of preventive medicine had hardly penetrated even to the medical profession, and Dr. Baker met with much violent opposition in his work from some of the physicians of the state. But he succeeded in planting in the minds of some, the ideas that are today bearing fruit in educational movements such as the present campaign.

Dr. Baker today is forgotten, and he lives in retirement, making a living on a little fruit farm. By passing the resolution of appreciation the Tri-county Medical association, composed of members from Kalamazoo, Allegan and Van Buren counties, is attempting to call the attention to the state to what Michigan owes to one of its pioneers in the work of organizing the state for preventing disease.

Don't forget those liners.

Buy your Hardware of Cook & Co.

Farmington needs some houses. Every week we have inquiries as to where some person can rent a house in this village.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newsy Items Taken From Other Papers Over the County and Surrounding Territory

While in Detroit last Sunday evening Jay English had the misfortune to have his Ford stolen. He left it parked on Cadillac square for a few minutes and when he returned it was gone. To date he has heard nothing from it.—South Lyon Herald.

A "straw vote" taken at the Oakland Township democratic caucus, on the proposition to bond the county for good roads, resulted in 13 for and 3 against it, while at the Oakland republican caucus the fifteen present cast a clear vote favoring the proposition.—Orion Review.

Remarkable that she felt ill. Mrs. Geo. Porter, 19 years old, a bride of two weeks, started for her bed room to lie down, Thursday noon. Before she could reach the room she dropped to the floor unconscious. Her mother picked her up and laid her on the bed but before a physician, who had been summoned, could reach the home life had become extinct. Heart failure was given as the cause of death.—Oxford Leader.

Mrs. Alice P. Wixom died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Sibley at Pontiac, Friday morning after an illness of about a week with pneumonia. She had gone from her home at Wixom to Pontiac for a visit and was taken ill shortly after. Mrs. Wixom who was 67 years of age, was one of the most highly respected resident of this locality. She was the widow of the late Willard C. Wixom, and her whole life has been spent in Novi and Commerce townships. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Sibley of Pontiac and Mrs. Rush B. Cummings of Wixom.—Milford Times.

Dr. R. E. Watson, of Redford, located next to the moving picture theater with a full equipment for dentistry, and is in his Farmington office every Friday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. 1916

CHURCH NOTES

Methodist Church

"The Scape Goat" is the subject Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Coming April 14 and 15, Suffragette Convention and "Whiskers." The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church are getting ready.

There will be a special "Home Department" service Sunday morning 10:30, eastern time. The following is the program:

Singing	.....	Congregation
Prayer	.....	Rev. Stevenson
Antiphon	.....	Choir
Scripture Lesson, 23rd Psalm	.....	.....
.....	.....	Congregation
Announcements	.....	.....
Offering	.....	.....
Singing	.....	Congregation
"What is the Home Department?"	.....	.....
.....	.....	Mrs. Truscott, Superintendent
"Greeting to Home Department"	.....	.....
Recitation	.....	Helen Pauline
.....	.....	Ruth Prindle
.....	.....	Lucile Botsford
Song, "God Bless Our Sunday School"	.....	.....
.....	.....	Mrs. Way's Class
"Benefits of Bible Study in the Home"	.....	.....
.....	.....	Mrs. W. Hutton
Address	.....	Rev. E. R. Stevenson
Singing	.....	Congregation
Benediction	.....	.....

Salem Evangelical

Rev. Stage will preach in the Farmington church next Sunday, March 26th 10:30, at central standard time.

It's nearly time to fix up the Spraying outfits. Remember Cook & Co. have the repairs.

If you are contemplating buying a Ford you had better get your orders in at once, as the company is greatly behind in their orders at the present time. See Carl Ely at the Park Garage.