

EXCHANGITES HEAR BELKNAP

County Road Commission Engineer Gives Talk On Highway History

Leon V. Belknap, engineer for the Oakland County Road Commission, as the guest of Exchange the Ed Watkins, local Graham-Paige dealer, spoke before the Birmingham Exchange club at Lone Pine Inn Tuesday noon, taking as his subject "The History of Oakland County Good Roads."

"Oakland County is unlike other Michigan counties, except Wayne, in that it is located in the center of a great automobile industry, and it thus naturally follows that it should take a leading part in producing the most essential need for an automobile, namely, good roads," stated Mr. Belknap. "And so, since the Legislature adopted the Covert Act method of paying for roads in 1913, Oakland County has forged ahead with other governmental units in the carrying out of proper highways for the motoring public. Without the aid of the Covert Act, however, I doubt if Oakland County and other counties in proportion, would have half of the good roads that now abound, for other forms of revenue would be insufficient."

Gives Woodward History
Mr. Belknap traced the history of Woodward avenue's first 16 foot pavement in 1916, at which time it was thought that the surface then laid would take care of motor traffic for many years, and then compared it with the modern 204-ft. highway that has taken its place. He said that the original plan of county highway development called for roads three miles apart, but that in Oakland County's case, and in that of many other counties, it was necessary to make them a mile apart in certain sections, due to heavy traffic. At present Oakland County has built and maintains 743 miles of good roads, 374 of them gravel, 369 concrete.

Mr. Belknap summarized the manner in which the Covert Act is applied, explaining that first a petition signed by 66 per cent of the property owners on the affected highway must be presented to the Road Commission, which in turn decides whether or not the project is warranted; the Road Commission then refers the project to the County Board of Supervisors who represent the county's portion of the cost; then a survey of the project is made by the engineers, and a public hearing is called when people in the assessment district are invited to appear to register objections or suggestions; the contract is let to build the road, and a hearing on the final assessment road is held, after which the bonds are sold to the highest bidder. Conditions of real estate activity usually determine the progress of road building, Mr. Belknap stated, since roads are used by people to get back and forth from their homes to their employment.

Taxing is Insufficient
He referred to two other means of getting money for roads, one being the direct tax, amounting to one mill in Oakland County, and entirely insufficient to carry on road progress, and the other being county bond issues, one of which for a million dollars was voted some years ago. The Grand Trunk overhead speedway, now under consideration in Detroit, to connect Detroit and Pontiac, was held by Mr. Bel-

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian: "The display of children's books at the library in observance of Children's Book Week attracted many more parents this year than previously."

William P. Lovett, executive secretary of the Detroit Citizens League: "Six counties in North Carolina and three in Virginia have adopted the manager form of government."

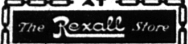
knep as a practical engineering project, providing it was financially profitable. He declared that the state and county road building units some day may have to resort to such methods to move motor traffic in and near metropolitan areas.

YOUNG FRIENDSHIP IS PASTOR'S TOPIC

Friendship between a girl and boy, was the topic on which the Rev. Henry S. Evans spoke at the second annual Girl Reserve and Hi-Y dinner and dance held in the Community House Wednesday evening. At this joint affair, held for the purpose of bringing about a closer relationship between the two clubs, a general report of the year's activities were given by each club followed by dancing.

Those on the committee to arrange the dinner and entertainment were Helen Strand, chairman, Vadine Scott, Ralph Schwarze, Derwood Harris, and William Sabom

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