

Opposition Grows To Grant Street Improvement

The future of Grant street improvement, like the present condition of the street, is to be rough.

That was indicated at the City Commission meeting Monday night when Melvir McCracken, 687 Davis street, declared that he was making an effort to get the improvement property owners to oppose the measure.

Wahad Cost \$6,000

The project, to cost about \$6,000, would be charged in part against Grant street property owners but also against residents on cross streets who would be likely to use about 850 assessments; thus far from the street would be charged as little as 45 cents per lot.

McCracken told the Commission that very few of the people affected had seen the original petition. He added that some he had talked to had commented at attending a Commission meeting to protest, on the grounds that "What's the use of going up? It's all cut and dried anyway."

"Do you believe that a committee," McCracken asked him, "We try to give all these matters a complete hearing?"

McCracken admitted that proceedings were not "cut and dried."

Several of the Commissioners appeared to hold the opinion that the cost to side-street residents of such small assessments in comparison to the benefits an improved Grant street would bring.

Commissioner Ray A. Palmer, a real estate man, and Commissioner Luther Hancock, a builder and land appraiser, both opined that the value of all property in the vicinity would be enhanced far beyond the actual cost of the improvement. Hancock cited also the value of better accessibility by means of fire departments.

McCracken stated, also, that he did not care for through traffic on Grant street.

"When I send my children to school I know they don't have to cross any busy streets," he declared.

He promised to bring out a crowd of people to the hearing which has been set for Feb. 10.

What Your School Board Is Doing . . .

Regular meeting of the Board of Education, January 28, at 8 P. M.

Miss Fisher and the Detroit Edison warder contract to furnish and install equipment for lighting the gymnasium. Field for the sum of \$1180.19.

Harry D. Onogard & Co. awarded contract to appraise the school property for insurance purposes for the sum of \$150.

Treasurer Roso authorized to borrow \$5,000 for a period of three years pledging the Athletic equipment on the Pierce field.

Resolution adopted requesting State Land Office Board to develop in Brightleaf Sub. to the Board for parking and playground purposes.

Resolution adopted extending a vote of thanks to John H. Roso for the splendid work accomplished in securing additional land for the school district.

Roso and Randall directed to negotiate for quit claim deed for six lots adjacent to the Pierce School.

Action confirmed in calling 20,000 in bonds for March 2, 1914, redemption.

It was confirmed in the amount of \$81,220.01 and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$480.95.

Accounts approved in the amount of \$620.95.

Payment of dues for 1914 to the Birmingham Community Council in the amount of \$2 authorized.

Mrs. Otto Kern Fetes Garden Group Mond

The Bloomfield unit of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association meets Monday afternoon with Mrs. Otto Kern, Mrs. David Dunlap, of Detroit, will talk on table arrangements.

Mrs. G. W. J. Linton and Mrs. Frank W. Shull will preside at the table.

One Explanation

Hiller says he never undertakes anything he can't put through. He explains quite a bit about the invasion of "British" Kansas City Star.

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What's A-Head in Spring Bonnets



Sane styles in spring headwear can abate this season, as previewed by three New York models. Green and white striped turban, top; pink and white striped turban, left; and black velvet bow hat with chin tie, right, are among many new numbers bound to be seen on sunny days.

From the Women's Angle

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

We wonder how many have given any serious thought to what this war doing to the acts, how many generations it will take before the world will be again be back on its cultural feet.

Two or three years back Deems Taylor, eminent American author-composer-musicologist, made a startling analysis that should, in the light of everything that is happening in this fulfilled, upside-down world, bear close scrutiny.

For a number of years Taylor, who once served as music critic for the now unappreciated New York World, had traced considerable disturbance at the lack of comparatively young composers to whom the world can look to be the Beethovens, Wagners and Debussys of tomorrow.

It is pretty generally agreed that most men of genius show unmistakable signs of power in their late thirties or early forties, for it is at this time that the promise of their younger years begins to be fulfilled.

And now for the statistics. After studying biographical dictionaries and programs, Taylor collected a list of 14 living European composers who might be called distinguished. Of this list, amazing as it may seem, only seven were found to be under 25 years of age. Of these seven only three were under 20 and of the entire number only 10 were under 30 years of age.

In other words the burden of creative music in Europe today is being carried by men between the ages of 50 and 80 years. This statement naturally enough leads to the question, "Rather than seven why aren't there 50 distinguished composers under 25 years of age?"

On analysis the answer is a simple enough one. A boy with musical talent who was 18 years old in 1914 would under normal conditions have been in a music conservatory. Today at the age of 45 he would be coming into the most fruitful period of his creative activity. However those boys' women's in a conservatory in 1914; they were in the army. Not many 18-year olds lived through that four year war period.

What became of an entire generation of potential composers, writers, sculptors, painters? Visit the battlefields of Europe and the cemeteries of any foreign country and stare in the rows of graves you will find what is left of those who should have been our geniuses of today.

And now that some thing is going on again, Europe's youth is once more being snuffed up by this bloody, imbecile business called war. It seems fairly reasonable that the world may have to give up hoping for great art and great artists until our civilization has given the idea of a war event 20 years or so.

Social Briefs

Mrs. Charles J. O'Connor, of Avon Lane, has just returned from a week in New York City.

Mrs. H. H. Gardner, of Aspen road, will be in Lansing Wednesday to attend the state board meeting of the Michigan Federation of Music clubs. She will stay with Mrs. Christian Herrmann.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Estes are in Mexico on a trip. At present they are in Acapulco where they expect to do some deep sea fishing. They have spent some time in Mexico City and intend to visit Toluca and Oaxaca in February.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Blanchard, the C. Theron Van Dusen and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Dusen were in Grafton last week end for skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Atkins, Jr., of Pierce street, entertained Thursday at a dessert luncheon honoring Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

Betty Cozzens returned Sunday from a week's visit in Washington, D. C., and now that she has caught her breath again she is off for Akron, O., for a week-end visit. The occasion which draws Miss Cozzens this time is the wedding of Marjorie Baker, of Akron, and James Postels, also of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Shock, of Charming Green road, are leaving Sunday with their seven-year-old daughter, Lorna, for the West Coast. They will spend a month visiting Mrs. Shock's sister and brother-in-law, Judge and Mrs. Frank M. Ogden of Fremont, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Westcott, of Oakland avenue, are in Fort Lauderdale for the winter months.

Sawdust Excels Ashes On Slippery Sidewalk

In mid-winter slippery steps and sidewalks are the major causes of serious accidents for which the home owner is responsible.

1. Do not allow snow and ice to accumulate and harden. It is much easier to remove immediately after the snow ceases to fall.
2. Use sawdust on slippery surfaces. Sawdust clings to ice better than ashes, and is a better non-skid material, less messy, and far more effective. It can be used in vestibules, and near hallways.
3. Never pour hot water on icy steps. Ice should be dissolved by sprinkling salt liberally on walking surfaces on which ice has formed.
4. Remove icicles from roof eaves before they fall. Do not permit drain leader discharges to freeze upon the walls.

Vendors of Vanilla Not Sponsored Here

Mrs. Wylie Pearson, president of the American Lector Auxiliary, was quoted Wednesday morning as saying that neither the legion or the Auxiliary is affiliated with the disreputable vendors organization operating in Birmingham and southern Oakland County to sell vanilla extract to raise money to build a home on the Fourteen Mile road.

It is an organization, from outside of Birmingham, she said, and has no connection with the legion groups.

This is the organization the doughboys died to save—Bismont Enterprises.

Community House Election Feb. 6

Special meeting of the Community House association is to be held at 7:30 p. m. on Feb. 6 for the election of officers.

Four new board members will be elected at this meeting to fill vacancies left by Walter Moreland, Peter Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Herndon Wiley and Mrs. Rufus H. Jones.

Mrs. Julia K. Lally, press of the House, will give her personal account of the trip and all the interesting things she saw.

The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Candlelight Vespers At Christ Church

A candlelight vespers service, commemorating the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, will be held at Christ Church, Granby, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The service will be arranged so that all the children's choirs of the city will sing. All the parish and the community is invited to attend.

BIRMINGHAM WILL FARE

This will be the late H. Kenneth Bingham, insurance man, who passed away Jan. 10 at St. Joseph Hospital, has been buried for the funeral. A brother, Captain C. Bingham, is named beneficiary of the \$10,000 estate. One other beneficiary was the gift of an antique mahogany chair to Mrs. F. Bingham of Woodbury, W. G. Bingham possessed many heirlooms from the old family home on Bingham road.

A Fair Bargain

At the beginning of a political campaign, Chancery M. Dewey changed to meet one of the leading men on the other side. The political adversary said to Mr. Dewey, "I can't see how you can win this campaign without my staying."

Mr. Dewey replied, "What's a good word. I'll tell you what I'll do. If you will tell me how I will win, I will give you my name. I will promise not to tell the truth about your party. Will you agree?"

Gardeners' Corner

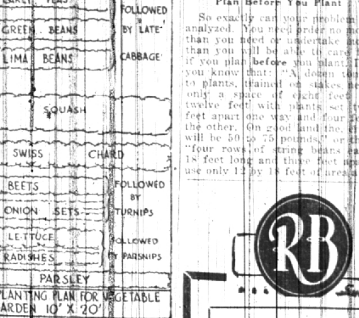
The first steps toward next year's vegetable garden will be taken now. There will be many more vegetable gardens this year than before, because of the home production of food and the immediate possibility of profit and satisfaction. If you have never had a vegetable garden before, you may want to get started now.

A great deal about what size garden will fit what size family as well as telling how many vegetables the one plot you have should yield.

For example, "For a lot garden to supply fresh and preserved vegetables, except potatoes, for approximately year round use, the space necessary is 1,000 square feet for each adult or minor of more than 12 years. In case of this size, it will be necessary to spend a total of about 40 hours in preparation, tilling and harvesting. A garden for five can be planned for about nine or ten dollars.

Plan Before You Plant

So exactly and so important to analyze. You will get more than you need or waste less than you will be able to care for if you plan before you plant. Do you know that "A dozen vegetable plants, trained on stakes, need only a space of six feet by twelve feet with plants set two feet apart one way and four feet the other, will produce 100 bushels of 50 lb. potatoes? That's four rows of string beans each 18 feet long and six feet apart—use only 12 by 18 feet of ground.



Want to do your reading and planning? The Gardener's Library has a \$1 booklet "The Vegetable Garden by Edward H. Ferguson. Several excellent plans are included as well as advice as to which variety of each kind is preferable for your purpose. The "Rabbit House Beautiful" and an illustrated booklet on "Soil Department of Agriculture Farm Bulletin No. 1122 is about Permanent Fruit and Vegetable Gardens. Massachusetts State College Leaflet No. 17, will tell you

produce two bushels. This space can be planted to eight rows of peas or carrots after the beans are done will produce 75 to 100 bushels. The production of crops on the truck about getting the most of your plot. Study several plans and you will surely see what plants are used to succeed earlier than, radishes, lettuce and the like.

Study Spraying Now. Two Michigan State Extension Bulletins No. 117, "Control Methods for Insects of the Kitchen Garden" by E. H. Potter and No. 134, "Chewing Insects Affecting Garden Crops" by Ray Hutton are worth your attention if you wish to be prepared for next summer's onslaught of bugs and pests.

Fruit for the Home

Another U. S. Department of Agriculture Farmer's Bulletin No. 391 is "Growing Fruit for Home Use."

New Vegetables

New this year is the Rhubarb Chard. A new straight neck squash, called "The Wonder." Have you tried "Coke Lettuce" or "Eagle" or "Sultan" or "Curled Mustard"? They are so surprising good and satisfying vegetable. Look, select and shoo! are not always found in markets and not difficult to grow for your own use. Plant your garden to suit your family's table and you will be surprised how better eating than you dreamed possible. Scientific classifieds pay!

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