

START WORK MONDAY TO BUILD THIRTY HOUSES

ARE ASKING FOR BIDS ON BUCHANAN ROAD

EXPECT TO GET JOB COMPLETED BY EARLY FALL; PLENTY OF MATERIAL IN SIGHT BUT TRANSPORTATION BOTHERS.

Deputy Probate Judge Rex E. Lamb, of St. Joseph, was in town Saturday night and informed the Record that the proposed plan to build the strips of road connecting the Niles road and the Buchanan paving and thence westward to connect with the Galien stone road, is sure to go through, that the county highway commissioners have decided to ask for bids on June 3rd and if possible to get the roads built and ready for traffic by early fall. The Galien end of the system is now nearing completion with the other strips built in Berrien county will have a continuous paved way across the county, adding much to the joys of traveling. The completion of this road is held to be vitally necessary at this time, since with the congestion on the railroads, it may become necessary to establish motor truck lines to get freight and war material in and out of the several towns along the line which extends across the state.

It is probable that the paving in the village of Buchanan will be covered by the same contracts that will cover the county's portion of the road. This plan will tend to expedite the work and minimize the expense to an appreciable degree since one contractor and one outfit of men and machines can work to better advantage and faster than two outfits.

An investigation shows that plenty of the proper kind of road making material is available, the only question bothering the commissioners is getting it shipped to Buchanan and hauled to the places needed.

In many localities the federal government has asked that no new road work be started during the duration of the war but those in authority in the county do not believe that restriction will be placed on the building of these sections because of this road being a main traveled thoroughfare across the state.

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WORK OF IMPROVING NEW ADDITION WILL START MONDAY; HOUSES TO BE BUILT AT ONCE.

The Buchanan Land Co., with a capital stock of \$50,000, all of which is owned by the Clark Equipment company, has completed its organization and received the charter from the state. The officers are:

Eugene B. Clark, president
M. L. Hanlin, vice-president
N. M. Carleton, Sec'y-Treas.

Frank Habicht, General Manager—

The company has completed the purchase of the Chas. Pears farm and the C. B. Treat plat known as Highland Park. The land has been surveyed, platted, broad streets laid and plans perfected which will make it by far the prettiest sub-division in Michigan.

No more suitable location could have been found than this. Nature has given it a charm unsurpassed; level, with an elevation that gives perfect drainage, high above the town proper and the farthest lot not over four blocks from the heart of the business section.

Each section of the new subdivision will be restricted as to the quality of houses to be built there. The company is determined to make it such a home district that any person will be proud to reside there. The better class of houses will be given the preferred location while the more modest houses will be located farther back. There is not an undesirable lot there.

Operations to improve the addition will be started Monday morning. The streets will be graded, sidewalks, gutters and curbs built, water mains laid, the expense of which will run into a big figure.

The company will immediately erect 30 or more houses, of many styles of architecture and size, to be finished complete to the smallest detail and after their completion they will be offered for sale to employes of the Clark Equipment Company on terms of payment satisfactory to the purchaser and at actual cost.

The Buchanan Land company is a non-profit organization, planned for the sole purpose of solving the housing problem in Buchanan and to make it possible for the men employed here but living in adjacent towns, to bring their families to Buchanan and become permanent residents of the best town on earth.

CAR CRASHES INTO LAMP POST TO AVOID COLLISION

To avoid a collision with a car driven by Calvin Bachman, who was driving west on Dewey avenue about one o'clock Tuesday, Mrs. A. M. Brown, driving north on Main street, drove her car into the ornamental lamp post on the corner, breaking it off at the base. Mrs. Brown did not see the approaching car in time to complete the turn west on Dewey avenue and was compelled to go over the curb and into the post. No one seems to know who was at fault. Mrs. Brown's car was only slightly damaged.

PROCLAMATION

To the People:

Berrien County Record
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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Special meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Buchanan, Mich., was held in the council chambers Tuesday evening, May 21, 1918.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by President Leiter.

Trustees present, Babcock, Cassler, Rehm, Kelling, Adams and Chubb.

Meeting called for the purpose of viewing the paving proposition.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Kelling, supported by Trustee Adams:

Resolution determining the necessity for paving a portion of Front street from Terre Coupe road to end of present pavement near Oak street.

Resolved that the Common Council of the Village of Buchanan, that it is a necessary public improvement and does hereby determine to improve Front street, in said village by paving a portion thereof, said portion being defined as follows: From Terre Coupe road to end of present pavement near Oak street, and to defray the cost and expense thereof by special assessment on the several lots, parcels of land and premises fronting on that portion of said street above defined as shown by the plat and diagram heretofore caused to be prepared by the council and now on file in the office of the village clerk, and to defray the expense of paving the intersections of streets and other costs from the general funds of said village.

That for the purpose of defraying the portion heretofore mentioned of the cost and expense of said improvement to be borne by said lots, parcels of land and premises, fronting on the said portion of said street to be improved and designated in the aforesaid plat and diagram are hereby constituted a special assessment district for the purpose of levying a special assessment and tax on the lots, parcels of land and premises therein according to frontage, unless on account of the shape or size of any lot an assessment for a different number of feet would be more equitable.

Resolved further that the village clerk be and he is hereby instructed to prepare and cause to be published in the Berrien County Record for two successive weeks a notice of said proposed public improvement, and of the deposit in the office of the village clerk of said plat and diagram, and of a statement of the estimated cost and expense of said improvement heretofore prepared for the inspection of the public, and that said plat and diagram and statements of estimates will be on deposit with said clerk at his office from the date of this notice to and including the 29th day of May 1918, for public examination. And further notice that on the 31st day of May, 1918, the council of said village will be in session at the council rooms from 10 o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock noon and from 2 o'clock p. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. to consider any objections that may be made in the premises.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Adams, supported by Trustee Babcock:

Resolution determining the necessity for paving a portion of Front street, from East line of Day's avenue, east 1704 feet to line of Redden property.

Resolved that the Common Council of the Village of Buchanan, that it is a necessary public improvement, and does hereby determine to improve Front street in said village by paving a portion thereof, said portion being defined as follows: From east line of Day's avenue, east 1704 feet to line of Redden property, and to defray the cost and expense thereof by special assessment on the several lots, parcels of land and premises fronting on that portion of said street above defined as shown by the plat and diagram heretofore caused to be prepared by the council and now on file in the office of the village clerk, and to defray the expense of paving the intersections of streets and other costs from the general funds of said village.

That for the purpose of defraying the portion heretofore mentioned of the cost and expense of said improvement to be borne by said lots, parcels of land and premises, fronting on the said portion of said street to be improved and designated in the aforesaid plat and diagram, are hereby constituted a special assessment district for the purpose of levying a special assessment and tax on the lots, parcels of land and premises therein according to frontage, unless on account of the shape or size of any lot assessment for a different number of feet would be more equitable.

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Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Cassler, supported by Trustee Rehm.

Resolved that the village clerk be and is hereby instructed to cause to be published in the Berrien County Record in issues of May 23rd, 1918, and May 29th, 1918, the following notice:

Public Notice Paving Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the village of Buchanan, having determined to pave a portion of Front street in said village, will from the date of this notice to noon, May 31st, 1918, receive bids for the letting of the contract, at which time the bids will be opened bids are to be filed in writing with Phil B. Boone, village clerk and all bids are to be accompanied with a certified check for \$100.00 as a guaranty of the good faith of the bidder, to be forfeited to the village in case the bid is accepted and the bidder fails to enter into a contract, the plans and specifications for the work will be on file at the clerk's office for inspection, the council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kelling, supported by Trustee Adams, that the chair appoint three special assessors.

Motion carried.

The president appointed as special assessors, Henry F. Kingery, Charles Matthews and Fred W. Howe.

Motion by Trustee Adams, supported by Trustee Babcock, that the council adjourn.

Motion carried.

Council adjourned.

PHIL B. BOONE,
Village Clerk.

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