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Speaker Predicts American Farmer Will "Carry On"

Professor Henderson Points Out Change In Conditions Since Origin Of Tax Laws

That the American farmer, in the midst of the machine age and confronting disastrously shrinking prices of farm produce, will "carry on and get through somehow," was the conviction expressed by Prof. A. C. Henderson of the Michigan Milk Producers Association in a talk before Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon.

Prof. Henderson, formerly of Michigan State College, is a student of agricultural problems. Prof. Henderson laid the background for his address by quoting statistics regarding the distribution of population in this country. In George Washington's time 97 per cent lived on the farm. At the time of the Civil War, 75 per cent still lived on the farm. Now less than half of the population is rural, the speaker said, the industrial era having brought this change.

Less Feed Required

There are 8,000,000 fewer horses and mules in this country than there were 30 years ago. Prof. Henderson stated, and 64,000,000 less acres are required to raise feed for stock. This alone accounts for a large surplus in produce. The speaker declared that one of the great grain-raising areas of the West, a man who utilizes modern machinery on a huge scale, grows his grain on land rented from the federal government, at the rental of 15 cents an acre. Prof. Henderson said that a generation ago this would not have been possible, but now it is and it provides a competition that the tax-paying farmer cannot meet.

In regard to taxes, Prof. Henderson said that when the tax laws of this country were devised, 150 years ago, they were drawn on the theory of the ability of the land to pay them, and on its future prospect. These conditions have not changed, but the old plan places burden upon the land which it cannot carry. While taxes have been rising, prices have been dropping, the speaker citing the instance of onions bringing only 40 cents a hundred pounds, loaded on the car. "They were so cheap," he said, "that it was said that a man dropped a forkful, he couldn't afford to stop and pick them up—it was cheaper to let them lay."

Average Reduction Fails

Turning to Michigan problems particularly, Prof. Henderson related the experience of beet-sugar growers, who gathered in 1922 and determined to unite in a program to maintain the price at present value, he said, to cut down their acreage 20 per cent in the coming season, which would keep up the price. But each grower apparently figured, after the meeting, that since the price was going to be high, he might as well put in just a little more than his quota under the 20 per cent arrangement and make a little extra money on the high-price market. That year, said Prof. Henderson, there was more acreage in sugar-beets in Michigan than ever before in history.

In regard to the milk situation, Prof. Henderson said that there are 350,000 fewer people to feed in the metropolitan area around Detroit than there were two years ago. If that 350,000 were still in the area, he said, the milk business would be in good shape. Under present circumstances, some adjustment has been necessary, and the problem has been solved, at least in part, by dairymen agreeing to share equally the shrinkage in market.

Prof. Henderson was the guest of Howard Warner.

Thirty members of the Trinity church of Highland Park attended the evening service Sunday at the M. E. Church and afterwards were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wells T. Butterfield. Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson were also included as guests.

To Add To Fruit Growers



PROF. V. L. GARDNER

Ready For Fruit Growers' Event

Plans Completed By Exchange Club For Luncheon And Address Next Wednesday

Arrangements have been completed for the luncheon and address next Wednesday noon, when members of the Farmington Exchange Club will host to the leading fruit-growers of this area.

Assurance has been received from Prof. V. L. Gardner of Michigan State College that he will be present to speak to the business men and farmers. An attendance of at least 50 is anticipated; each Exchangeite to be host to one or more fruit-growers.

The luncheon will be served at Methodist Community Hall, the usual Exchange Club meeting place at 12:15 p. m., and Prof. Gardner's talk will follow. The speaker is said to be one of the State's most interesting speakers on agricultural subjects.

To Attend Minstrel

A number of Farmington Exchange Club members are planning to attend a minstrel show to be given next Wednesday and Thursday evening at Public Redford Theater, under the auspices of Redford Exchange Club. The show is for the benefit of Redford welfare work, and Redford Exchangeites will participate. The show is to be at 9:15, immediately following the conclusion of the first run of the feature picture, second showing of the main feature will follow the minstrel show. The general public is invited and urged to attend to aid the charity work.

Some of the Exchangeites of Redford who will take part are well-known to many Farmington people.

NEW STOCKS ARE PLACED IN HAMLIN STORE THIS WEEK

Twice-A-Day Delivery Service Will Be Provided By Farmington Merchant

Complete stocks of Red & White products will be placed in the Delos Hamlin store at this week. A large advertisement announcing special prices in meats and groceries appears in Mr. Hamlin's opening advertisement of the Red & White products on page eight in this week's Enterprise.

Mr. Hamlin says in his advertisement in describing his new line: "This store has become a member of this national co-operative group which enables us to give the people of Farmington and surrounding territory a home-owned store offering a complete stock of meats and groceries at lowest possible prices." Fresh vegetables and fruits are also in stock.

A delivery service that will provide service twice each day, is also announced by Mr. Hamlin.

The slogan of the Red & White store is "Operated By The Man Who Owns It," meaning, of course, that the only connection Mr. Hamlin has with the national concern is through the co-operative buying plan whereby standard products are sold at lower prices.

Public Protest Is Made Against Welfare System

Charges Of Poor Food And No Medical Aid Voiced At Mass Meeting

A protest against the quality, kind and quantity of food distributed to families receiving public welfare aid is expected to go to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors this week from Farmington and Southfield Townships. Two hundred and fifty men and women on the welfare lists in the two townships met last Thursday evening at Southfield Community Hall and for three hours joined in firing questions at the supervisors and in denouncing the system and its workings.

Supervisors Arthur Coe of Farmington and George Bingham of Southfield were present and patiently answered the seemingly endless stream of questions directed at the two officials, both of whom opposedousting the former poor commission to make way for the present one.

Much of the speaking and asking of questions was done by two visitors, one from Berkley and the other from Royal Oak, and before the meeting was over a considerable part of the program for action had passed into their hands. One of them called upon all present to rally at a meeting scheduled for Monday night of this week at the Unemployed Council headquarters at Berkley.

Will Appeal To Board

It was decided to protest to the Board of Supervisors. The two supervisors present stated repeatedly, in answer to questions, that a committee would have much better chances of being heard than a general turn-out, and after wavering back and forth between the two ideas for some time, it was finally determined to select a committee of five or six to place the matter before the Board.

It was stated that a large delegation of welfare list people from other parts of the county, trying to see the Board previously, had been met at the City of Pontiac limits and turned back. Supervisor Coe assured the gathering that he would see that the committee "would not be thrown out," and Supervisor Bingham concurred in this.

"No Medical Service"

At an hour was taken up in attack on the lack of medical services for indigents. Speakers declared that it is practically impossible to get prompt and adequate aid for the sick. Discussion brought out that there is a doctor at the County Poor Commission office in Royal Oak who is supposed to care for this area, but several reported that they had failed to obtain satisfactory aid from that source.

The basket distribution system inaugurated by the new Poor Commission was the subject of caustic criticism. In answer to a volley (Continued on page eight)

FARMINGTON O. E. S. CHAPTER COMPLETES PLANS FOR MEETING

Members Of South Lyon Chapter Will Exemplify Initiatory Work

Farmington Chapter O. E. S. has completed plans for a special meeting to be held Tuesday evening, January 26. A special dinner with baked potatoes and Virginia baked ham will be served at 6:30 o'clock in the Masonic dining room with a silver collection at the table.

At 8 o'clock matrons of Entropy chapter of South Lyon, dressed in costume will exemplify the initiatory work of the Order. January 27 Whiting Chapter of Milford will entertain members of the Order in honor of Mrs. Winifred Beam of Milford, president of the Oakland County Association. Dinner will be served at 6:30 at the Presbyterian church and entertainment offered later in the High School auditorium. Reservations must be made in advance.

Man, 54 Years Old, Convicted Of Stealing Papers From Boy, 12

A 54-year old man was convicted this week in Farmington Justice Court for stealing newspapers from a paper rack on Grand River Avenue, the property of a 12-year old boy.

Fred Crowe, who lives on Nine Mile road, southeast of Farmington, was caught Saturday morning by Lee Doyle, chief of police, in the act of taking a newspaper from the rack in front of Panborn's pool room—without paying for it. Doyle had watched Crowe the previous day take a paper without paying for it but refrained from making an arrest, anticipating that Crowe might claim having paid for his papers in advance.

Crowe was arraigned before Justice John J. Schulte and pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny. Judge Schulte sentenced him to 30 days imprisonment in the County Jail but later suspended sentence and placed him on six months probation, ordering Crowe to make restitution to Howard Ruette, the owner of the newspaper, by paying him \$1.50, the equivalent of 50 papers.

Crowe was given until this week Thursday night to make the payment.

Theft of newspapers in Farmington has gone so far that newspapers are suffering severe losses in profits. One newsboy kept accurate account of his business for a definite period and learned that he is suffering a 25 per cent loss which can be accounted for only by the fact that thieves are taking the papers.

There are others in the community, Chief Doyle believes, who are making practice of taking papers from the racks on the street. He said this week that from now on he was waging a campaign of his own against such petty thieves.

Judge Schulte condemned the practice severely after hearing the Crowe case.

Father And Son Banquet Planned

Grand Tyler Of Michigan Masonic Lodge Secured As Speaker For Event

Dr. A. A. Hughes, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, State of Michigan, F. & A. M., has been secured by Joseph Himmelspach as the principal speaker for the annual Father and Son banquet of the Salem Evangelical church which is to be held February 10. Dr. Hughes is a Detroit man.

According to Mr. Himmelspach, Dr. Tyler is a speaker of much ability and the Evangelical church is fortunate, in the opinion of Mr. Himmelspach, to secure such a man for a banquet.

As a special entertainment feature for the young men and boys who will attend Mr. Himmelspach has secured the services of Mr. Mathews of Detroit, a magician, who will give a 50 minute program. Joseph Himmelspach will be toastmaster.

Tickets will go on sale early next week and may be obtained at the Farmington Mills, Farmington Dairy, and Fred L. Cook store.

ATLANTIC & PACIFIC ANNOUNCES SPECIAL FARMINGTON SALE

Special Prices On Groceries And Meats Announced In Full Page Advertisement

On page five of this week's Enterprise is a full page advertisement of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. which announces "the most startling and sensational sale in the history of Farmington." B. J. Whitlock is manager of the Farmington store.

As a special inducement the A & P is offering a free package of breakfast sausage with each one dollar purchase in the meat department.

Among the special offerings announced this week are string beans, flour, scratch feed, egg mash, beans, peaches, pineapple, coffee, sugar, soup, pancake flour, rice, rolled oats, peas, corn, tomatoes, tea, ketchup and cocoa. Many special prices are announced in the meat department on hams, lard, loin roasts, veal roasts, pork loins, fish and several others.

All prices announced, according to the advertisement, are in effect without reserve. All orders placed are guaranteed to be filled, regardless of the quantity.

This special sale is effective only in the Farmington store and does not effect those in Clarendonville, Walled Lake and other nearby communities.

CHANGE MEETING DATE
The date of the Farmington P. T. A. has been changed from January 28 to February 2. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the high school.

Township Board Picks Date For Spring Primary

Present Supervisor And Clerk Seek Re-election; Roberts Candidate For Treasurer

Spring elections for officers in Farmington Township begin close with petitions for nomination beginning to circulate throughout the Township and the setting of the primary election date by the Township board.

Monday, March 7, is the date set for the primary in Farmington Township.

Indications are that several heated battles will take place between now and March 7 as more petitions appear each day. Thus far no contest has developed as most of the petitions being circulated at present are for incumbents. Voters have until March 12 to file petitions for nomination.

Officers to be elected this spring are supervisor, clerk, treasurer, constables, justice of the peace, highway commissioner, board of review member and overseer.

Petitions appeared this week for Arthur Coe, Farmington supervisor, for re-nomination for that office. No other candidate for the office has entered the field. Supervisor Coe was opposed last year for the nomination by Ward Eagle.

Willis T. Roberts, justice of the peace, is a candidate for the office of township treasurer to succeed Mark T. Bachelor whose term expires this year. Mr. Roberts is at present unopposed.

Petitions are also being circulated for the nomination of Willard Campbell for township clerk, Clayton Goers, for highway commissioner and Ernest Blanchard for justice of the peace, present incumbents.

Three names have thus far appeared in the field for constables. They are Henry DeHenke, William LaForge and Fred Menke. The present constables in the Township are Fred Menke, William Gregor, Cleo Weatherbee and Ed. Grim.

Petitions are being circulated for the nomination of Louis Smith for overseer.

UNUSUAL LECTURE CONCERNING AFRICA GIVEN AT CHURCH

Mrs. C. VanRooyen Of Lincoln Park Reviews Social Conditions Of South Africa

At the Methodist Community Hall Tuesday evening an unusual lecture was given by Mrs. C. VanRooyen of Lincoln Park on her native home in South Africa.

Mrs. VanRooyen held the interest of her audience for almost two hours as she reviewed the history, social conditions, modes of living and education of that remote land.

Her pictures also portrayed this picturesque and interesting country.

Mrs. VanRooyen will also address the W. H. M. S. at the March Auxiliary meeting to which all women are cordially invited.

Petition Signed By 225 Asking State Amendment

Approximately 225 signatures were obtained by circulators of a petition in Farmington asking for an amendment to the State Constitution which would prevent taxes going above a certain percentage of the property valuation.

Those who circulated petitions in the Farmington area were Stephen Tredway, Horace Durham, Harley Gibson, Clarence Aldrich and Charles Irving.

The petition would provide for an amendment whereby total taxes on property for a year could not exceed one and one-half per cent of the assessed valuation, except for taxes to pay interest and principal payments on obligations previously incurred.