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## Farmington Bank Gets Best Report In County Quiz

### Officers And Directors Completely Cleared By Judge Doty In Statement

In the most commendatory report yet issued regarding any bank in Oakland County, in the investigation of ten financial institutions by Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, the Farmington Savings Bank was cleared of any improper action, and officers and directors were praised for their devoted and unselfish efforts to prevent closing of the bank.

Judge Doty's statement, issued this week, is viewed as especially complimentary in view of the fact that he has not hesitated to censure, severely when circumstances have warranted it, the handling of funds in other banks by those entrusted with depositors' funds.

Judge Doty lauded particularly the personal effort of the Warner brothers, Howard M. and the late Harley D., to save the bank by borrowing over \$100,000 on their personal security and putting this amount in the bank in cash, taking mortgages in return. The fact that they made this attempt to prevent closing of the bank has been known in Farmington since early last summer, but Judge Doty's statement revealed it to the public at large for the first time.

Only one unfavorable factor appeared in Judge Doty's statement, this being a technical question involving about \$1,500. It is represented by withdrawals made by three employees and two others on the day of the closing of the bank. Judge Doty stated that these amounts should be returned.

The report follows in full: "At the time of its closing the Farmington State Bank had a capital of \$40,000 and surplus of \$30,000.

"The officers of the bank are: Howard M. Warner, president; Byron Pierce, vice-president; Edgar S. Pierce, cashier; Hiram G. Nichols, assistant cashier.

"The directors of the bank are: Howard M. Warner, Harley D. Warner, deceased, Floyd H. Nichols, M. B. Pierce, Harry M. McCracken, Clinton McGee, Isaac Bond, George E. Stuckey, Edgar S. Pierce, Emory O. Hatton, Olin Russell, G. Gale Collins.

"The employees of the bank are: Lucile Harmon, note teller; Marguerite C. Moore, teller; Winifred E. Walling, teller; H. Louise Porter, teller; Helen B. Kuhn, bookkeeper.

"At the time the bank closed the officers and directors had on deposit in cash \$69,232.25, and of this amount \$36,691.07 was money of the Warner Dairy company. On this day Hiram G. Nichols withdrew from his savings account \$599.50, Lydia T. Nichols, his wife, \$500, Lucile Harmon, \$85, Nichol Brothers, \$300, and Winifred Walling, \$228.

"The Grand Jury is of the opinion that the circumstances under which the accounts were withdrawn amount to a preference and should be repaid.

"A short time previous to the bank's closing the Warner Dairy company declared a dividend and this was used by Harley D. Warner, Howard M. Warner and Edgar S. Pierce in paying their obligations to the bank.

"The latest transfer of stock was on October 23, 1930, at which time J. C. Buffon transferred one share to Howard M. Warner. We find that none of the officers, directors or employees exceeded the statutory 20 per cent borrowing limit and no loans were made to any employee of this group that in our judgment were open to criticism or censure.

"One matter that has engaged our attention by reason of statements alleged to have been made in the community is that of the first and second mortgages covering the so-called Harger Farm. We find that this property was at one time sold for \$140,000, that

## Rev. A. A. Schoen Of Evangelical Church Accepts A New Pastorate



REV. A. A. SCHOEN

Farmington will lose a pastor of one of its churches and a highly esteemed citizen within the near future. Rev. A. A. Schoen of Salem Evangelical Church having accepted a call to another pastorate. Rev. Schoen will go from Farmington to Dexter, a community of about the same size, near Ann Arbor.

Rev. Schoen's resignation, which has been tendered to the church governing body, is expected to be accepted within the immediate future, possibly on Sunday. It is to take effect the latter part of April, if acceptable to the board.

Rev. Schoen came to Farmington a little over four years ago. During the pastorate of Rev. Schoen, the Sunday School especially has shown a marked growth, both in attendance and in the interest shown in the work.

## Accredit School 3 More Years

### Farmington High School Again Placed On Approved List By University

Farmington High School was continued on the accredited list of the University of Michigan for another three years by action of the University Committee, according to notification received Thursday morning by school authorities.

Notice to this effect was received in the following letter, sent to Supt. John Dalrymple:

February 20, 1932  
Mr. J. A. Dalrymple,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Farmington, Michigan.

"At a recent meeting of the University Committee on Accredited Schools, the report on your high school was submitted. The Secretary was instructed to notify you that the Committee voted to continue your school on the Accredited list of the University for the three-year period, ending June 30, 1935.

The Secretary wishes to commend you and the Board of Education for maintaining a school which satisfies the requirements for this highest recognition extended by the University Committee on Accredited Schools.

Very truly yours,  
George E. Carothers,  
Secretary, University  
Committee on Accredited Schools.

## NEW PRINCIPLE IS TRIED AT EPWORTH CONFERENCE HERE

### Students Provide Own Curriculum And Question Lectures; Attendance Good

A new method of study, one which may have a far-reaching influence in future gatherings, marked the Epworth League Division of the Ann Arbor District held at Farmington last week-end. Although the meeting was highly successful from every standpoint, the new study principle made it unique among gatherings of the district and State.

The Institute calendar was based on a "quest" program, the first time it has been attempted in Michigan. Instead of a previously prescribed course of study, the students elected their own program and then carried it out by quizzing their teachers on the subjects they selected.

Registrations at the Farmington meeting reached a figure 50 per cent higher than last year's meeting at South Lyon, 65 having been registered as delegates. About 100 were present at the banquet Friday evening. Twelve churches of the district were represented.

Miss Betty Hart of Marygrove Academy and her week end guest, Miss Peggy Stevens of Cross Pointe, attended a party given in their honor at the Dearborn C. C. Saturday night.

## Farm Residence Saved By Firemen

### Farmington Department Responds To Call At Seelye Home; Roof Damaged

A favorable direction of the wind and prompt work in fire fighting saved the farm residence of Clyde Seelye at 29837 Four Mile road from destruction Wednesday, when the roof of the house caught fire. Damage was estimated at several hundred dollars.

A large hole was burned in the roof, which the firemen were forced to attack with axes in their work. Two bedrooms were damaged.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Seelye's mother, Mrs. Jane Houldershaw, who had stepped out into the yard. Glancing toward the roof, she saw it burning. Mrs. Seelye called the Farmington Fire Department.

While the truck was on its way, water was thrown on the roof by occupants of the house. Mrs. Seelye highly praised the firemen for their quick arrival at the scene and their efficiency in putting it the fire.

The wind was blowing away from the house, toward the part of the roof that was on fire. How the fire started is unknown.

Fire At Shaw Home  
A small hole was burned in the roof of the home of William Shaw at Clarencville on Monday. Damage was slight. Farmington Fire Department was called.

## 600 County Boy Scouts May Hold Round-up Here

Farmington may be host to 6,000 or more Boy Scouts of Oakland County for a week-end in May. At the suggestion of Joseph Himmet, special District Commissioner of Scouts for this area, the Farmington Exchange club has voted favorably to extend an invitation to the County Scout organization to hold their annual Spring Round-up in Farmington.

It is expected that an invitation will also go forward from the City Commission. Between 600 and 700 Scouts attended the 1931 Round-up at Rochester last spring.

## SHOWS HOLY LAND PICTURES

Rev. Walter Hetzel of Royal Oak displayed motion pictures of a trip he made to the Holy Land, before members of Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. The pictures were highly interesting and revealed many facts about the Holy Land not commonly known.

Rev. Hetzel was the guest of Leo Gildemeister.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

A special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151 F. & A. M. will be held Monday evening February 29th, at 7:30 o'clock for work in the first degree.

By order of the Worshipful Master.

## School Board To Save \$7,000 In 1932-33 Budget

### Three Departments To Be Eliminated, Payrolls Cut Next Year

Plans which will result in a saving of over \$7,000 in expenditures for Farmington Schools next year have been completed by school district authorities.

A lack of sufficient school funds has forced the Farmington Board of Education District No. 5 to a curtailment of the present school schedule for next year. At its February meeting the Board unanimously voted to eliminate the Music and Art, Kindergarten, and Health Departments next year. This will effect a saving of \$4,725 in salaries and a considerable saving in supplies necessary to carry on these three departments.

French will also be dropped from the High School curriculum, due to lack of interest in the subject and the few who have been making the course.

Save On Salaries  
An additional saving of practically \$2,300 will be made by a reduction of present salaries. The salary of each teacher given a contract for next year will be determined by a plan used elsewhere and approved by the Board because of its fairness to each teacher. The plan calls for the base salary of \$1,000 and a 20% reduction on the amount of the present salary in excess of the base salary.

A teacher receiving 1,300 would thus receive a reduction of 20 per cent of \$300, or \$90. The salary of a teacher now receiving \$1,500 would be reduced 20 per cent of \$500, or \$100.

## FARMINGTON MAN ON BOARD WHICH DECIDES BATTLE

### Howard Warner, County Sanitarium Trustee, Votes On Warner Contract

Of interest to residents of this section particularly, because of the part played by a Farmington citizen, was the battle which came to light this week at the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, between the superintendent and members of his staff.

Meeting Tuesday afternoon, the Board of Trustees, of which Howard M. Warner of Farmington is a member, voted to re-engage Dr. Walter I. Werber, superintendent, for another year. It was reported in newspapers Wednesday that the other six members of the medical staff of the institution were determined to resign unless Dr. Werber was ousted when his present contract expires April 1.

The Board of Trustees, consisting of Mr. Warner, Dr. C. J. Sutherland of Clarkston, and Mrs. O. W. Dawson of Ferndale, considered the matter Thursday, following a discussion of it last Friday afternoon. While the trustees made no statement in reference to the threat of the medical staff to resign, which was not before the board formally, it is believed that the carrying out of many economies considered necessary by the board and accordingly put into effect by Dr. Werber, may have led to the discussion.

The present board of trustees began functioning about a year ago. In a statement issued Thursday, they showed that they had reduced the payroll, which was \$136,971.91 in 1930, to \$90,104.62 for 1931. Gross operation cost was only \$102,321.05 last year, as compared with \$276,732.75.

The trustees meet about twice a month, and serve without pay, other than mileage compensation.

Five members of the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club attended the birthday dinner of the Rochester club at Rochester Monday night. Those attending were Miss Ida Nelson, Miss Leola Ike, and Mrs. Ethel Middlewood.

## Epworth Leader



Dr. Weldon Crossland of Pontiac led the opening session of the Epworth League Mid-year Institute in Farmington last week-end.

## Bank Nears Goal Of Signatures

### Depositors' Committee Reports 87 Per Cent Of Deposits Signed

Depositors' Committee of Peoples State Bank of Farmington approached nearer the goal of signatures for the depositors-stockholders agreement this week, with a report of 87 per cent of the deposits accounted for Wednesday was reported as a banner day, with several large depositors affixing their names to agreements.

One factor of consequence, but not a determining one, that is temporarily holding down the percentage is the circumstance that a number of deposits are those of estates, in the hands of executors or administrators. It is necessary to obtain consent of the Probate Court before those in charge of the estates can sign. It is stated, and some delay is unavoidable in this connection. This is not regarded as a serious handicap, however.

The committee is gradually completing its rounds of the depositors, and Mayor Arthur Lamb, chairman, said Thursday that it is anticipated that the bank may resume normal business under the agreement by the fifteenth of next month.

## THREE MEN FINED BY JUDGE SCHULTE IN JUSTICE COURT

### Two Laingsburg Men Draw \$40 Fine For Driving Without Utilities Permit

Three cases were heard in Justice John J. Schulte's court recently, all defendants pleading guilty. Three men drew fines and one a suspended sentence.

Joseph Chirco, 644 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit was arraigned on complaint of Deputy Joseph DeWand for driving without a chauffeur's license. He drew a suspended sentence.

Herbert Warner, 14441 Robson street, Detroit, was charged by Scott Sturevant, with driving a truck without the name of the firm on the truck and lacking a drivers license. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$7 which was paid.

R. A. Hamilton and J. C. Colby of Laingsburg were arraigned on a charge of driving without a Michigan Public Utilities permit upon complaint of Scott Sturevant, Jr. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$40. The case was continued to February 23.

## PICTURES TO BE SHOWN AT M. E. COMMUNITY HALL

New entertainment for Farmington and vicinity will be offered each Saturday evening beginning this week; February 27, at Methodist Community Hall. High grade sound pictures, similar to those shown in Detroit churches, will be exhibited.

The pictures are to be under the direction of George Wortman, Charles Wiggle and Ange Lorenzo, radio performers, are to appear on the Saturday night program.

## Challengers To Be Present At Primary Mar. 7

### Floyd Howard and Eva LaFevre Named By Taxpayers' Association

For the first time in many years, if not in its entire history, Farmington Township will have challengers watching the conduct of election, at the primary to be held in the Township on Monday, March 7.

Township Clerk Willard Campbell was formally notified Thursday that challengers would be present at the election, by written notice from the Taxpayers' Association of Farmington Township. Two challengers were named, Floyd Howard for Precinct No. 1, the Bond School, and Mrs. Eva LaFevre, for Precinct No. 2, at Clarencville.

The notice filed with Mr. Campbell was signed on behalf of the Association by A. C. Stran, as president.

Last year an attempt was made to place challengers at the election booths, but the move was declared illegal because notice was not given of the challengers nominated at least ten days before the election, as the law requires.

## Election Boards

Election boards for the districts will be headed by veteran chairmen, but there will be some new members on both boards. In Precinct No. 1, Ward Eagle, chairman, will have as his assistants John Clappison, Susie Seelye, Bessie Brooks, George Schuklin, and Charles Damon. In Precinct No. 2, Walter Headerle is chairman, with Mrs. Mattie Spies, Francesca Billings, Heras Jones, Elza Forsythe, and Clifford Campbell assisting.

Activity Increases  
Candidates for all offices swung into greater activity this week, with the primary only ten days away. A number who had done no active campaigning before made starts in their vote-getting efforts, while others who have been out previously, redoubled their energies in canvassing the voters.

## Farmington Young Man Held For Investigation

A Farmington young man is being held for investigation at the Wayne County jail, having been taken into custody Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeWand, on orders from the Sheriff's office at Pontiac, which had received a request from the Wayne County authorities.

It is understood that his detention results from investigation of a holdup. Two Northville young men are also being held at the Wayne County jail for investigation in the matter.

## BUSINESS-WOMAN SAVES THREE AUTOS IN A DAY

Three times in one day last week Mrs. Lyman Farrand, rushed out of her place of business on Grand River avenue at the edge of the business section, to halt driverless automobiles which had left their places at the curb and were rolling eastward down the avenue. She broke wind from the west started the cars, on which the brakes were either not set or were loose. In each case the machine was well out upon the pavement and serious smash-ups might have occurred. At least one car rolled eastward as far as Warner avenue before it was halted, after Mrs. Farrand had called attention to the runaway.

Cars very frequently get loose on Farmington Road as well as Grand River. In each case, the pavement is deceiving to the eye, and there is much more of a grade than realized by most drivers. Motorists are advised to set their brakes carefully, or better still, to back one tire against the curb, when parking.

## STUNT NIGHT MARCH 15

The Farmington Business and Professional Women's club have definitely decided on March 15 as their "Stunt Night".