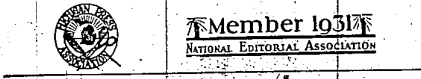


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Editorials

Stern Tests Of Citizenship.

Not often does a small community in a county of nearly 200,000 have two of its citizens holding the two public posts that are foremost in the eyes of the people, for a time, at least. Farmington can claim this honor, however, with Arthur Lamb as new chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, and Harry N. McCracken as foreman of the first grand jury to be called under the 1931 statute.

Mr. Lamb reaches his place as the result of an unusually rapid rise during only four years as a member of the county's governing body, Mr. McCracken by virtue of a long career of noteworthy service as an upstanding citizen and public official.

Farmington did boast two men in equally important places thirty-odd years ago. Fred M. Warner was state senator then and his restless energy was driving irresistibly forward to the highest office in the entire State, James L. Hogle was county treasurer, having behind him service in several township offices, and before him other years as supervisor with ultimate election to the place to which Mr. Lamb has just been chosen, and to which position John Power of Farmington was also to be elected by his fellows.

Although their work will be of a totally different nature, the tasks faced by Mr. Lamb and Mr. McCracken will be similar in one respect—they will be guiding their respective bodies in the face of by far the greatest difficulties that have ever presented themselves to Oakland County. Mr. Lamb will be leading the supervisors in attempting to solve problems that appear to be all but insoluble; Mr. McCracken and the other grand jurors will be called upon for the use of rare discrimination and judgment in the conduct of their inquiry, and upon their handling of it may depend more than might appear on the surface.

Stern and trying tests of citizenship and ability, these.

Money In Closed Banks

Not many of us can claim to be better off financially than we were in 1929. Nearly all people have money tied up in various places and are wishing it was elsewhere. But at that, most of us would have to admit, after thinking upon it, that there might be much worse places to have our funds bottled up than where they are now. Practically all will suffer losses, no doubt, but they might be greater. Those who will lose a part of what they had accumulated may reflect that if they had turned their assets into cash in the "happy days," they might have put the money right back into "investments" which now, instead of being worth something on the dollar, are worth absolutely nothing.

On this point, the Michigan Investor, commenting recently under the heading of "Money in Closed Banks," said:

Money in Closed Banks

"Many bank depositors make the mistake of feeling, and saying, that the money they have in closed banks is lost; gone forever. Another fallacy is the saying, 'My money is locked up in a failed bank.' The truth is that if their money, and other depositors' money, was 'locked up' in the bank, the bank would not have closed," says The Arkansas Banker. In most cases that money is out-tied up in loans to customers who cannot pay, or frozen in heretofore good bonds or other investments that, because of world-wide depression, have temporarily depreciated in value and cannot be realized on fast enough to meet the demands for cash.

"As a matter of fact, it is going to turn out, indeed it is already turning out, that losses in closed banks are no greater than in many other investments. Here is the true story of a man who got scared and then did some hard thinking. 'I have come to believe,' said he, 'that I'm better off with my money tied up in that busted bank than in anything else. It has paid me five ten-per-cent dividends since it busted and I reckon I'll get it all in time. I don't know anything else that has paid as well as that. Two years ago one would have thought United States Steel the best investment in the country. Folks who put their money in United States Steel a few years ago are now holding paper that is worth only 15 cents on the dollar. And look at real estate; people who invested in real estate have seen their investments shrink to a third or fourth of their former value. I have just reached the conclusion that money even in a busted bank is worth more than money in stocks and bonds and real estate.'"

"If everybody adopted this man's way of thinking there would be no more bank failures. Banks thrive on confidence; banks are destroyed by fear and distrust. Even the U. S. Treasury itself would have to close its doors if all of Uncle Sam's creditors should demand a settlement. People who listen to every whispered rumor and withdraw their money from strong and carefully mapped banking institutions are unwittingly pulling the props out from under the roof that covers them with every likelihood that it will crash upon their own heads."

The Editor's To Blame

Yes, "the Editor" is to blame. Often it is asked: "Who writes the editorials?", sometimes, we think, with a look of vengeance in the eye. As a confession is good for the soul, it must be admitted here that for everything which appears in these columns of opinion, unless someone else is specifically accused thereof, "the Editor" is responsible. The inquiries and the scornful looks seem to have multiplied since these columns, a few weeks back, stooped even unto rhymes about elephants and donkeys.

Blame it on the Editor. He ought to know better, anyway—than to be an editor.

'A Fatal Run'

A flock of sheep in pasture green,
Were grazing in content,
And thru the bank they river clean,
Bubbling merrily went.

Two good strong banks contained the stream,
The sheep were without fear,
But then a distant rumbling seemed
To animate the car.

For years and years the banks had held,
Although depressions were
Close to life the bank they welled,
When freshets did occur.

The flocks milled round, uneasy grew,
Then started on a run
Right for the bank that each one should
Have been the first to shun.

This sudden strain on weakened banks
Caused them to give away.
The torrent, caught them on their flanks
And all were washed away.

'Twere better had they onward grazed
Nor panicky become.
Just common sense, not action crazed,
Would have forestalled the run.

If banks were Banks not river banks,
And sheep were Men not sheep,
Depression, water on the flanks,
The story were complete.

HARRY J. MERRITT,

Royal Oak, Mich.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

English Worship, 10:15.
Sermon subject: "The School of Life."
The Boy Scouts of Farmington and Clarenceville will be our guests.

Sunday School, 11:30.
Quarterly Board meeting at church hall Thursday evening.
The sewing circle will meet with Mrs. Henry Evert Wednesday April 20.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. John Adams, Pastor
13332 Grand River, Redford

10:30 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning Worship. The Pastor has a special message for every member of the church.
11:45 Bible School. We welcome all to come for this hour of study.

8:30 Senior and Junior Young people meetings.
7:30 Evangelistic service. The Pastor will preach the second sermon on the Prodigal Son, the theme being, "A Resolution Put into Action."

Always welcome are those who are seeking fellowship with Christian people.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Grunauer, Pastor

10:30 Divine Service.
The first and third Sundays of the month, the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Calvin Coolidge recently said, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problem of the human race." And it is the very thing which brings to one the rich rewards of religion. It was Paul who first said "I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The church services are planned to inspire and help you "Press on!"

The talking pictures which have been given each Saturday evening will be discontinued until further notice.

Universalist Church
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor
Services at Universalist church, Dr. Adams will preach.

WEST POINT PARK
Mrs. William Zwahlen
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The next silver tea of the Women's Association will be given April 28 at the home of Mrs. Adams at 22333 Grand River Avenue.

April meeting of the P. T. A. Monday evening, Rev. Brown from Detroit gave a talk, Betty Wilson of Detroit danced, Gladys Smith of Detroit sang two solos also Emerson Ault sang two solos with June Johnson of Farmington as accompanist.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bergin from Howell were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis.

Miss Marjorie Heichman, an eighth grade student was the winner from Perison school in the spelling contest her opponent missing the word "interested." Mr. and Mrs. John Aittama spent Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Whitmer at Chelsea.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter and family from Redford were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Mrs. Marvin Addis and Mrs. Emerson Ault attended the P. T. A. council of School of instruction at Livonia center school Tuesday afternoon.

Miss June Johnson of Farmington was the guest Sunday afternoon and evening of Mrs. Emerson Ault.

Mrs. Cecelia Heller is ill with a severe case of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert had as their guests Saturday afternoon Mrs. Anna Smith and Ralph Harter, Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Layman all from Detroit.

Mrs. L. E. Gilbert Sr. is nursing Mrs. Fred McVillie in Detroit who is ill.

Mrs. Ray Foreit, Mrs. Russell Voorheis, daughter Doris, son Morris, and Mrs. William Griffith, daughter Barbara and son Raymond from Detroit were guests Friday afternoon of Mrs. Ralph Voorheis.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Owen and Miss Grace Wood of Detroit were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

Mrs. Lena Harrau of Chesaning is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heichman.

Mrs. Lucille Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Shier, son James of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mrs. E. M. Rowe.

John Rowe of Detroit was the Sunday guest of his three daughters Albert Owen, Mrs. Austin Ault, Mrs. Ralph Voorheis, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith of London, Canada, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Heller.

Mr. Norman Gedig of Detroit was the week end guest of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hogg of Ferndale were guests Saturday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.

Miss Esther Middleton of Caro was home over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Livrance.

Miss Dorothy Gerge of Detroit was the guest Saturday afternoon of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierpont, Marjorie and Leslie were guests

Sunday in Detroit.
The girls of Pierson school age 10 and over are trying to organize a girl scout troop. They meet each week Thursday at 3:30 in the Pierson School. All girls eligible to join are invited.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oulette were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. August Heliger in Detroit.

Historic Volume
An old Latin composition book, published in 1550, is in the possession of William and Mary college, a gift from Justice Robert F. Thompson, of the New York Supreme court. Across the title page is the inscription painted in ink: "From the library of Chief Justice Marshall, obtained at Richmond.—J. K. P. J. K. P. was James Kirk Paulding, American author (1779-1860)."
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