

Work Of County Sanitarium Told; Warner Praised

Superintendent And Trustee Of Oakland County Institution Are Speakers

An informative address on the work of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanitarium by the Superintendent, Dr. W. L. Warner, and a talk by Mrs. M. A. Dawson, trustee of the Sanitarium, according high praise to Howard M. Warner of Farmington for the excellent work he has achieved as a member of the Board of Trustees, formed one of the most interesting meetings held in recent years by Farmington Women's Club.

Supt. Warner's address dealt with the general treatment of tuberculosis in recent years, including new developments, and also went into a few details in regard to the Oakland County institution.

Mr. Warner was credited by Mrs. Dawson with having brought about many improvements and gains in efficiency well as well as originated and carried through economies which have saved the County thousands of dollars, although these achievements, Mrs. Dawson indicated, have not been realized by the public or by public officials.

Effected Savings
Mr. Warner, according to Mrs. Dawson, brought about a change in the electric current supply that has resulted in a saving of \$300 a month. He started last November, she stated, on a reevaluation in regard to insurance. As a result of this, Mrs. Dawson said, insurance agents have told her that there will be a \$7,800 refund. Mr. Warner also brought about a further saving of \$280 a month through suggesting that the bus running from Sanilac to the Sanitarium to transport employees be eliminated, and the employees take their own means of transportation. This has been done, she stated, with no decrease in efficiency. Another improvement for which Mr. Warner was responsible, according to Mrs. Dawson, was the taking over by the Sanitarium of its own engineering work, which has saved hundreds of dollars and increased efficiency through having a resident engineer at the institution at all times.

Mrs. Dawson expressed regret that Mr. Warner had refused to make any effort to bring about his reappointment to the Board of Trustees by the Board of Supervisors, who last week named another trustee to succeed Mr. Warner, when his term expires January 1.

Dr. Warner, in his address, outlined three primary objectives of the sanitarium, the prevention, the early diagnosis, and the care and study of tuberculosis. Some idea of the size of the Oakland County institution may be gathered from the fact that 710 meals are served there daily at 19 cents a meal.

The most interesting part of Dr. Warner's address dealt with the new developments. The greatest advance in the past 20 years, he said, has been along the lines of surgery.

Saturday evenings are not "off nights" for the staff at Oakland County's sanitarium, but rather the opposite. Staff meetings are held that night and new cases presented, treatment outlined, and all cases reviewed.

During 1931, 2,618 attended Oakland County clinics, 1,592 being new cases.

The present cost at the Sanitarium is \$2.52 per patient per day. This is an 49.3 per cent drop that in 1929, and a saving of over \$250,000 in two years, although more patients were cared for and efficiency increased.

One of the remarkable figures stated by Dr. Warner is the drop in the death rate from tuberculosis, from 47.2 in 1922 to 31.8 in 1931. "That means that last year no less than 82 residents of the county were saved from death. In terms of dollars, at \$5,000 a life, this saving amounts to \$160,000. The entire operating cost of the Sanitarium for the year was \$180,000."

Mrs. Pepper of Royal Oak spoke on "Woman's Place in Politics." She is prominent in Republican political affairs in southern Oakland County.

Mrs. Pickett and her son moved to Muskegon Saturday. Mrs. Pickett had been a resident here for many years.

Young People's Literary Union Holds Reunion After 35 Years

One of the liveliest chapters in Farmington's history was recalled from the dusty past when the Young People's Literary Union held its first reunion in 35 years Saturday at the home of E. M. Moore at Okemos.

Though it was organized for no ulterior motives, Harry McCracken, one of the former members, is able to pay the union the tribute that "few members ever missed a meeting." Begun as a secret society by four or five persons for some purpose now lost to memory, it grew into a strong literary and parliamentary organization.

As accurately as it could be recalled at the reunion, the first meeting of the Union was held 45 years ago at the home of Charles Button, father of Don Button, though no member of the Button family ever joined the Union.

The first step in the society's development after it began to take an interest in literary matters was its transformation to a debating organization. The members studied parliamentary procedure, holding stirring contests, with winners being sent the winners to supper.

P. T. A. Keeps Up Welfare Work

Special Committee To Make Up For Lack Of School Nurse; Clothing, Food Sought

Despite the absence of a school nurse, the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association intends to carry on as full a program as was done last year, with a welfare committee taking up the work.

Mrs. Emory Hatton will be general chairman of the committee this year, with Mrs. R. C. Burns as chairwoman, Mrs. Norman Lee as secretary and W. Allen Nelson treasurer. Other members of the committee are Mrs. William Eckler and Miss Evelyn Van Dyne.

The committee plans to serve hot lunches for needy pupils during the winter months, but no lunches will be sold.

The small lunch room at the school is not large enough to care for pupils who are buying their lunches in stores, in addition to the needy pupils, it was said, and as long as substantial hot lunches can be bought reasonably, the school officials and the committee believe that only the needy pupils should be fed at school.

A survey is being made to determine the number who will require lunches, and the committee will meet shortly to decide on means to finance the project. Contributions of vegetables suitable for use in soup will be welcomed, and will be called for upon notification of any committee member.

W. Allen Nelson and R. C. Burns will call at Farmington homes Saturday, October 7, to collect contributions. Outing flannels and children's clothing and shoes are particularly needed. Pencils and writing paper can also be used.

Mrs. Burns will conduct the clothing work room at the school all day every Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker left for California this week.

Landmark Will Go With Sale Of Bricks

One of Farmington's outstanding landmarks, the old D. U. R. car house on Grand River Road has been purchased by Isaac Bond, who is demolishing it for the sake of the 160,000 bricks of which it was constructed. The bricks will be used for a variety of purposes.

Mr. Bond will construct a large potato-cellar on his Orchard Lake Rd. farm with part of the bricks. The excavation for the cellar is virtually completed. A two-story building, to be used as a store with an apartment upstairs, will be built at Orchard Lake and Fourteen Mile Roads, and several houses in North Farmington are to be brick-venered with the remainder of the bricks.

Leakage Of Oil Forces Repairs To Water Pump

Machine Must Be Lifted From Well And Gone Over; Old Pump Used

Farmington residents who have thought the taste of city water somewhat peculiar during the last week or two have not been mistaken. For the water, famed for its purity and clarity, has been suffering from "oil trouble."

Difficulties have arisen in the operation of the new automatic centrifugal pump since it has been installed. Leaks have developed in the air line and oiling system, with the result that much more oil than is usual has been getting into the water.

Due to these difficulties the entire pump must be lifted out of the well and gone over carefully. Fortunately, building of the pump house which was to shelter the machine has not yet begun, so that labor required will be much less than if the house had been constructed.

The old pumping system, which will always be kept in good operating condition for use in case of emergency, will supply the water while the new pump is undergoing repairs.

City Makes \$245 Monthly Saving

Comparative Figures Show Economy; Commissioners May Attend Lansing Meeting

Saving of almost \$200 a month in the cost of running the city's water pumping system was shown by comparative power bills for September, 1932, and previous years at the City Commission meeting Monday night.

This year's power cost for September was \$127.49, as compared with \$317.57, \$325.40, and \$302.02 for the same month in 1931, 1930, and 1929 respectively. Saving of \$22.50 for that month by starting off 12 lights on Grand River has been effected.

May Attend Meeting
Several members of the Commission may attend the 34th Annual Michigan Municipal League meeting in Lansing, October 12, 13 and 14. Cities have been appealed to, to present a united front against the proposed constitutional amendments which would limit property taxes to 15 mills, excluding indebtedness, and would exempt improved property below \$3,000 valuation.

This last provision would remove 80 per cent of taxable property from the rolls of most smaller cities, the League's bulletin claims.

FORM TEACHERS' CLUB AT CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL

A teachers' club has been formed at Clarenceville School, for the study of child behavior and educational instruction. A social hour will follow each meeting. Miss Wida Walker will be chairman of the club.

Donations Received For Benefit; Wrestling Champion To Appear

With two donations of \$5.00 each already received, the movement to buy clothing for needy Farmington Township school children has been given a strong impetus. The donations were announced Monday at the organization meeting for the benefit affair, which will be held Friday, October 28.

The gifts received were a check for \$5.00 from W. J. Durham and Co. of Ford Gate Road, and \$5.00 in cash from Mr. and Mrs. Willis T. Roberts.

Champions To Wrestle
The feature of the evening will be a wrestling match, between Joe Turner, 205 pounds, state heavyweight wrestling champion, and Frank Art, 220 pounds. The match has been arranged through the cooperation of the Detroit Police Department. The performance is in this exhibition and will be held at the Clarenceville Odd Fellows Hall, where the affair will be held, it was decided for the bouts.

In addition to a number of volunteer ticket sellers, tickets

Starts Eighth Year



Rev. E. W. Palmer of Farmington Baptist Church Sunday begins his eighth year in the Farmington pastorate.

Rev. Palmer preached the annual sermon at the Detroit Baptist Association's 106th anniversary gathering at the Redford Baptist Church Thursday.

Offer To Plat City Considered

Expect Increased Tax Collections If Work Is Done; Will Meet Monday

An offer to plat six built up areas remaining unplatted in Farmington, and to replat those sections which have faulty plats with the purpose of insuring correct descriptions on tax bills was laid informally before the City Commission Monday night by W. S. McAlpin of Birmingham.

Saying that he recognized the present financial situation of all municipalities, Mr. McAlpin, who offered two years ago to do the work for \$2,500, said he would do it now for approximately \$1,500 including staking lots, erecting concrete monuments at corners, and making a map of the city at a scale of 100 feet to an inch.

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A special meeting of the Commission will be called next Monday night to consider the question.

Farmington Man On Roosevelt Committee

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Bank Decree Is Again Delayed; Decide Monday

New Development Defers Ruling By Court On Claims To Preference

Distribution of a further dividend to depositors of Farmington State Savings Bank was delayed again, though perhaps for only a few days, when a hearing in Circuit Court was adjourned Thursday with the next session set for Monday. On that day it is expected that a decree will be given on the question of preferred claims, which has held up the payment of a dividend for months.

Thousands of dollars collected by Howard C. Knickerbocker, Receiver of the bank, lays ready for depositors, awaiting the clearing of technicalities which stand in the way of the dividend. The Receiver's staff has made exceptional efforts in the past few months to realize on assets of the Bank so that another dividend will be possible.

As a result of much effort, success is anticipated in disposing of a number of pieces of real estate, including residence property and the northwest corner of Grand River and Orchard Lake Roads. These sales and other collections made have brought in sufficient to make a dividend possible at any time.

Complex Questions

Thursday's hearing developed more complex questions than had appeared before, and Circuit Judge Frank J. Covert instructed the corps of attorneys to file briefs on the questions Monday.

If the contentions of Earl L. Phillips, attorney for the Receiver, are sustained, the claims to preference of governmental units will be denied and it will be possible to begin distribution of the dividends at once. In this event the dividend check would undoubtedly go out to depositors within the next week.

A dozen governmental units have deposits totalling \$25,505.89. The bank had in cash on hand and on deposit in other banks at the time of closing \$29,032.81.

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New Items are always welcome at the Enterprise.