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Editorials

A Happy Decision

The importance of the recent decision by Judge Covert, holding public-money deposits in Farmington State Savings Bank to be not preferred but general claims, may not have been fully realized when it was announced, but will be thoroughly appreciated a few days hence when distribution of a dividend will release many thousands of dollars into the community at a most opportune time. Demands are multiplied at this season of the year—taxes to pay, winter clothing and fuel to buy, the Christmas list, and a hundred and one other things—and distribution of bank money will be about the finest Christmas present anyone in the community will receive.

The enjoyment of the dividend checks will not in the least be diminished by the fact that the court decision was based on strictly legal grounds, without public policy being so much as mentioned. It happened that the circumstances were such as to give the attorney for the receiver a sound basis on which to build his contention that these claims should be general rather than preferred. But had it been admissible as argument, there is a good deal that might be said from the standpoint of public policy for holding that the deposits of public funds should stand on the same level as those of private depositors.

Incidentally, the receiver, Howard Knickerbocker, is probably the only man in Michigan who has had some forty thousand dollars tucked away for months and has been gnashing his teeth because he couldn't get it out to give to somebody else. Possibly he is also the only man in Michigan who has forty thousand dollars left.

A Tax-Money Question

An interesting question was raised but not settled, in the lawsuit heard at Pontiac last week, when attempt was made to restrain collection of taxes in Farmington Township and School District No. 6. The question is whether a governing unit has the right to levy taxes in excess of anticipated needs, in order to offset an expected delinquency in tax-payments.

Accepting the denial of the school district officials that this had been done in setting their budget, the fact remains that such has been a common practise in a large proportion of all the governing units in the county, and probably in this part of the state. It has been resorted to as the only means in sight of obtaining sufficient money to cover expense. Now the question is raised, and apparently for the first time, whether this is permissible under the law.

Sharp cuts that have been made everywhere in governmental operating expenses should relieve the situation to a considerable extent, so that it seems we should have arrived at a halt in the process whereby those who have been paying their taxes have been called upon to pay a greater proportion because of the large tax-delinquencies. However, this may not be true, and continuance of hard times will emphatically make it untrue, and perhaps may even aggravate the problem—it is well to bear in mind that compared with England, for example, we in America have not seen even the beginning of taxation. The British would look upon our taxes as a burden of joyful lightness. It is reported that thirty cents of every English dollar goes for taxation.

It appears evident to all that real estate cannot continue to carry the burden upon it, much less any more, so we may expect various other imposte—more income tax, more gasoline tax, sales tax, and what not. For it must be remembered that in hard times, and whether or not we like or realize it, those who have must help pay for the support of those who have not. The alternative is starvation, riot, and then revolution.

Dr. Adams Leaves

Although he has not been able to participate largely in our community life, there is much for Farmington to regret in the departure of Dr. Frank Adams of the Universalist Church for Oak Park, Ill., the suburb in the vicinity of Chicago. Although here but once in two weeks, and then only for an hour on Sunday afternoons, Dr. Adams brought to Farmington the opportunity for contact with an unusually active, cultured and courageous mind.

Dr. Adams belongs outstandingly to that school of ministers who believe that they and the churches they serve have not merely justification but more, a duty, to take an active interest in every-day affairs and by such interest to aid in bettering the conditions of life. Having this viewpoint he has not hesitated to seize hold of the most vexing problems of our day and expound them, pointing out frequently that many of our troubles might have been avoided by a greater spirituality, by a greater sense of brotherly obligation toward our fellow-men. Able and impressive as he is in a purely theological sermon, Dr. Adams is at his best when he tackles a problem of daily life and the application to it of religious principles—or rather the application that should be made, but has not been. Then he is at his greatest effectiveness, and one remembers particularly his devastating sarcasm that cuts like a rapier, and bites down deep and lingers a long while afterward.

The vicinity of Chicago will thus have from now on two out-

standing ministers in whom Farmington has much interest. There is a Farmington native son, Rev. Clyde McGee, master of eloquence expressed in simple, but inspiring language—who has forgotten his hauntingly beautiful tribute of a little over a year ago at the grave of Harley Warner in Oakwood Cemetery? Scholarly, well-composed articles in The Christian Century have made his name known over a wide area. With Rev. McGee and Dr. Adams, rightly termed "the foremost Universalist minister in America," Chicago now will be the fortunate possessor of two unusual to have enjoyed, however slightly, a measure of their influence.

CHURCHES

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.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.

10:30 Morning Worship. The 300 Societies will be our guests at this hour.

11:45 Bible School with classes for all ages.

6:30 Young People's Hour.

7:30 Evangelistic service. The sermon subject for this week is "The Undertaker or The Uptaker?" Be sure to hear this message. There will be Baptisms during this service.

Methodist Church
Rev. P. C. Johnson, Minister

International Bible Sunday will be observed next Sunday both in the morning church service and in the Sunday School. Rev. P. C. Johnson will preach on "The Bible."

At 7:30 Mr. Charles Dolph of Northville will speak on "Religion and Daily Living." All men of the community are especially invited to this service.

Young People's Club meets at 6:30 and Prayer Service at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Next Tuesday evening the First Quarterly Conference will be held at the church at 7:30. Dr. A. J. Halmhuber will preside.

Evangelical Church
H. Niedermeyer, Pastor

10:15 a. m. Divine Service. Text: Luke 17. 20-30. Topic: "God's Kingdom: Within." Choir will sing "His Light Shines On." Mrs. Edgar, organist.

11:15 a. m. Bible School, Erskine W. Evans, superintendent. Come and bring your children.

Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. the Ladies' Aid will meet, and at 6:00 p. m. there will be a pot luck supper for all the members and friends. After supper the Brotherhood will entertain with a play. Come! Do not miss it!

Universalist Church
Dr. Frank D. Adams, Pastor

December 4—Dr. Frank D. Adams will conduct services at 3 p. m. This is Dr. Adams' next-to-last sermon in Farmington.

J. Nelson Pyle, Attorney for Mortgagee, 3122 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE—DEFAULT having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by EDWIN E. BOWER and BERTHA A. BOWER, his wife, WILLIAM F. PINES and HENRY REWOLD, his wife, to HENRY REWOLD and MARIE REWOLD, his wife, or the survivor of them, dated the Ninth day of December, A. D. 1924, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1924, in Liber 140 of Mortgages, on page 516-517 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice, the sum of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE and 10/100 Dollars, (\$4,991.10) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been had or instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday the Twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1925 at Twelve o'clock noon, East-ern Standard Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public vendue to the highest bidder for the ready entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, of the premises described in said mortgage, or as much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, as aforesaid, with 7 per cent. interest thereon and all costs, charges and expense, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and any sum or sums which may be paid by the underbidder, and that the terms of said sale, necessary to protect his interest therein, are as follows: Lots numbered Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36) of Block 10, 1st division of the South 1047 Acres of Section 12, East of Woodbury Avenue, Town 1, North of Range 11 East, except 52.30 feet, in Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and also a piece of State of Oakland and State of Michigan.

HENRY REWOLD, Survivor of Himself and Marie Rewold, deceased, Mortgagee

J. NELSON PYLE, Attorney for Mortgagee, Business Address: 3122 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Nov. 24—Feb. 16

WEST POINT PARK Mrs. William Zwahlen

Miss Catherine Richardson of Farmington was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Shirley Zwahlen.

Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, Sr., who has been nursing for the past three months in Royal William, returned home last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owens and Mrs. E. M. Rowe were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ogilvie in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ault, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strosomki of Northville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson in Detroit to celebrate four birthday anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter and family of Redford were guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Miss Olive Grimwade of Farmington was the Thanksgiving dinner guest of Miss Shirley Zwahlen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Smith of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen Sunday evening as their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Zwahlen attended the Arden Park Methodist Church to hear the Rev. Samuel Schuchmacher, leader of the Oxford group, pastor of the Calvary Episcopal church of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes in Detroit.

Miss Barbara Middleton was the week end guest of Miss Helen Berger in Detroit.

Mrs. A. Berger of Detroit was the guest Monday of Mrs. Edward Hillebrand.

Charles Gilbert and Jimmie Haines visited at Fowlerville last Monday on business.

Mrs. and Mrs. Clinton Ault were guests Thursday of the latter's sister, Mrs. Lewis Graham, who is ill in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis and son Donald were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. Voorheis' father, Ernest Voorheis, in Detroit.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood had as her Thanksgiving dinner guests Mrs. Ervin Bollinger and son Donald of West Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Middlewood and son Howard of Farmington, and Misses Esther and Barbara Middlewood of Caro.

Carl and Russell Borland of Detroit were guests of their mother, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Sunday.

Miss Saima Hokkanen of Grace Hospital Detroit was the guest Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerge were guests Tuesday of the latter's sister, Mrs. Carrie Sohn, in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gray of Toledo, Ohio, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman.

Regular meetings of the boards, Sunday School, and Women's association will meet in business session on Wednesday December 7 at 8 o'clock in the Community Hall.

The Ladies Community Club hold their annual bazaar on Friday, December 2 and the following Saturday, December 3, their regular and dancing party.

Misses Vivian and Shirley Adis were week end guests of their sister Mrs. Max Bergin in Howell.

FARMINGTON ACRES Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Charles Willard was the Thanksgiving Day guest of his mother, Mrs. Alice Willard and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Seebaldt, daughter, Virginia, and son, Richard, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill of Northville, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jantovsky and family spent Thanksgiving Day with his sister, Mrs. John Addison and family, and his mother, Mrs. Jantovsky in Detroit.

Mrs. Alfred Ducharme, Mrs. Hurb A. McIntyre, daughter, Gertrude and Imogene Young were Detroit callers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney and daughter, Marilyn, of Detroit called on Mrs. McKinney's mother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Koss, Friday evening.

Miss Jewel Atkins of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon Thursday.

Miss Imogene Young and Miss Gertrude McKinney of Farmington and Kenneth Bulck, Elmer Drews and Harry Young of De-

troit attended a theater party in Detroit Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of Detroit were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Seebaldt.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre were Detroit callers Sunday.

Thomas Fortson of Farmington and Miss Merritt of Redford were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. DuCharme.

Arthur Damon of Kansas and the Philippine Islands, recently appointed purchasing agent of the Military Training Course at Michigan State College in East Lansing, spent Sunday with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

MEET WITH OXFORDIANS

A number of members of the Farmington Methodist Church attended the services of the so-called "Oxford Group" at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit Tuesday night.

The Oxford movement originated in Oxford, England. In the United States it has taken the form of a group of about 60 persons traveling through the country, holding meetings in which they urge church members to lead a cleaner and more Christ-like life.

PLAN POT-LUCK SUPPER
A pot-luck supper will be held by the Salem Evangelical Ladies' Aid Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30. Members, their families and friends are invited. Entertainment will follow the supper.

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