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## Welfare Task Is Being Studied By Town Board

### Numerous Arrangements Must Be Made In Taking Over Relief Work

The large task Farmington Township will face January 1 when the unit welfare plan goes into effect is being studied by the Township Board. A special meeting for this purpose was held last Thursday, and additional extra sessions are anticipated by the Board. More than 100 families must be taken care of by the Township.

Obtaining special quarters for welfare work, employment of an investigator and a person to handle distribution of supplies, adoption of a recording system, arrangement for medical service, and arranging for purchases are the chief problems before the Board.

The officials are undecided whether to buy a small house and move it to public property, or to rent a building. There must be room to keep on hand a supply of these foods the Township will provide directly, and the building must serve as an office for the welfare workers.

The investigator will have to check up on families requesting relief and on those receiving aid. The other welfare officer will stay in the headquarters. Employment of Township residents for these positions, if competent persons can be found, is favored by the Board. It was suggested that a woman might be more competent in one of the positions, as she could advise recipients of aid and make the best use of the supplies given them.

Record blanks now in use by the County Poor Commission are being studied by the Board, to determine which are best to use by the Township in making its records.

A meeting of doctors of Farmington Township and City is to be called to determine the best method of handling medical relief. Justice Willis T. Roberts was appointed a committee of one to learn on what terms the Township can have its grocery orders filled at local stores.

The Oakland County Poor Commission will remain in existence as a clearing house after January 1, though it will administer no direct relief. Townships will have no formal connection between each other and with counties on welfare matters, but must work through the commission. A township must support only persons who require aid and have been residents for a year without previously needing help. If it gives assistance to charges of other governmental units instead of sending them home, it may collect from those units.

Assuming that the application of Oakland County for a \$400,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan is accepted, \$17,000 will be allotted to Farmington Township. This is to be repaid to the County out of taxes, as \$17,000 has been included in the Township budget for welfare purposes. The advance from the County has the effect of a tax-anticipation loan, as it is to be repaid from taxes spread for the current year.

### Approve Bond

Issuance of a short-term bond to protect Mrs. Loretta Cox, treasurer, during the collection of taxes, was approved by the board.

## REV. F. JOHNSON EXPLAINS OXFORD GROUP MOVEMENT

### Tells Effect Of Movement On Those Persons Under Its Influence

What the Oxford movement is and how it affects those who have come under its influence was related to Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, who attended recent meetings of the Group at Detroit.

Numerous prominent persons have testified to the influence of the movement on their lives. Rev. Johnson said. Half a dozen Birmingham business-men have formed a group endeavoring to live in accordance with its teachings. The movement had its inception in England, among members of the Episcopal church, and now embraces many people of various denominations.

## 18th Amendment Above Michigan Constitution, Says Judge Lamb



JUDGE FRED LAMB

## Widen Scope Of Goodfellow Fund

### Most Comprehensive Effort Since Inception Of Work Planned This Year

Farmington's Goodfellow Fund to provide Christmas cheer for the needy will be broadened in scope this year, to meet the greatest need in history. Work already under way and plans formulated point to the most comprehensive effort of the kind since the inception of Goodfellow work.

Committees of Groves, Walker Post, American Legion, and the Exchange Club will meet Saturday to perfect the plans. Barrels placed in grocery stores are beginning to be filled.

For some years an active solicitation of funds has been confined to the business section, because it is easy to cover within a short time. It has been felt for some time that the business-men should not bear the entire burden, and that many residents other than business-men are not only equally able but would be glad to help. A start was made in this direction a year ago with the development of the "fill-the-barrels" idea.

This year, with business-men having greater problems than ever, it is believed a way has been found to spread the movement. (Continued on page five)

## PREPARE PETITION ASKING ADEQUATE BUS SERVICE HERE

### No Applicant To Be Endorsed, But Clarenceville Man Would Start Line

Petitions evidencing the desire of residents throughout this area for a change in transportation system may be in circulation soon. Paul A. Park, Farmington attorney, is drawing up petitions at the request of Mayor Arthur Lamb.

No applicant has thus far made formal application to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission for a local line permit. However, Arnold Stolz of Clarenceville, who last summer indicated a desire to obtain a franchise, told the Enterprise this week that he would still be much interested in getting a permit for a Farmington-Redford line. Mr. Stolz operates the Clarenceville school bus.

The constitution drawn by Mr. Park will name no particular applicant as endorsed by the signers, but will recite that they consider the present service and rates of fare inadequate and unsatisfactory. Mr. Park stated.

## \$40,000 Distributed In Second Bank Dividend

Christmas will be somewhat merrier for many Farmington persons, as a result of the distribution of a \$40,000 second dividend to depositors of the Farmington State Savings Bank this week.

Four hundred depositors, with claims of less than \$10 each, were paid in full, and 225 more with claims of from \$10 to \$20 were given half of their deposits. Five per cent was paid the remainder of the depositors.

Help fill the barrels.

## Pay School Tax If No Others' Is Appeal Of Board

### Assurance Of Operation Of Schools Sought; Consult On Refunding Bonds

A special effort is to be made this year to collect school taxes in Farmington. The school board decided in a meeting Wednesday night to ask co-operation from every taxpayer, in order that the operation of the schools may not be impeded by lack of funds.

Taxpayers may pay any part of their tax bill, if unable to pay all, and the board asks that they pay the school levy in preference to other taxes, where they are able to do so.

Several methods will be used to bring this message to the public. Newspaper publicity and circulars will be used, and a special appeal may be made to every part of a school neighborhood.

That the situation is most critical was emphasized by a school board member this week. "Our appeal for school taxes is not with the view of getting the teachers back up to their normal pay," he said, "but we will need every dollar of school money we can get to keep the school open, even paying the teachers half. We must have a larger percentage of school taxes than the general collection will probably be, or we will not be able to keep the school open."

Plans are already being made to consult with the state debt commission regarding the refunding of school bonds coming due in March.

## BUILDING HERE IS THOUGHT SUITABLE FOR LAUNDRY USE

### Commission Favors Assisting Mr. Macomber To Move Laundry To Farmington

Possibility of bringing to Farmington a business with a minimum weekly payroll of \$400 was discussed Monday at the meeting of the City Commission. Frank Macomber of Brookdale Drive outlined to the Commission a proposition which would involve giving his laundry business, now located in Detroit, assistance in obtaining a building in the east end of the city as a plant.

The Commission expressed its self highly favorable to any plan which would encourage industry, and Commissioners Leo Gildemeister and Howard Osmus were named to investigate and report on the matter. An answer within 90 days will be satisfactory, Mr. Macomber said, as the move could not in any case be made before spring.

At present 20 persons are given work by the laundry, and at least 15 would be employed at all times, Mr. Macomber said. The firm has had a peak payroll of \$1,000 per week, with 42 persons employed, he said.

The cost of softening the city's water would have to be taken into consideration, said Mr. Macomber. Discussion of the matter at the Commission meeting was based on the belief that the taxes on the property are far in arrears, and that the city might not find itself in possession of the property.

Inquiry at the county treasurer's office Tuesday brought the information that taxes were paid through 1929 on all property. Taxes of \$53.32 for 1930 and \$41.79 for 1931 have not been paid, these being totals of both summer and winter taxes. The 1929 taxes were paid to the city treasurer, according to the records.

## Gifts Offered Patrons Of Hardware Company

A splendid array of Christmas gifts is to be given free by Farmington Hardware Company this year. A radio, picture and other gifts will go to the customers of the firm. Their advertisement in this week's Enterprise gives an idea of the variety of gifts offered at the store.

"Win yourself a turkey at the Goodfellow dance and entertainment at Oddfellows Hall, Grand River and Eight-Mile Roads, Tuesday, December 20. Tickets only 25 cents."

O. E. S. WILL MEET  
Regular meeting of Farmington chapter No. 239 O. E. S. will be Tuesday, December 13.

## What! A Brewery In Farmington? But, No!

Rumors that efforts might soon be made to locate a brewery in Farmington, when beer returns, created a mild sensation Wednesday noon at the Exchange Club. Elmer W. Palmer tossed the bombshell when he asked if any one else had heard that rumor. Several had cast admiring eyes at the old D. U. R. power plant near the Junction.

No others seemed to have heard it. But one member had courage enough to remark in a low voice, and with a wink, that it might be a good thing for the town to have an industry. But he was not sufficiently bold to say so. It was enough to be heard farther than two seats away.

## Second Benefit Affair Planned

### Dance December 20 Will Further Work Of The Needy Children

Despite the generous response to the first benefit affair given by the Cloth Needy Children Committee six weeks ago, the work of providing sufficient clothes for Farmington Township school children is still to be completed, the committee reports.

Another dance and entertainment with many new attractions has therefore been arranged for Tuesday, December 20, Chairman Willis T. Roberts announces.

With conditions worse this year than ever in the past, it will be necessary to appeal to the children in good health by proper clothing than to pay doctors' bills for them, Mr. Roberts points out. Funds for clothing are being raised through these affairs.

### Radio Star To Come

Gernett Case, Detroit Radio star, and other air performers will be present in person, and there will be dancing following the program. A fifteen-pound turkey will be given as a door prize. A Keno game will be held for those who wish to play.

"The committee feels that it is giving full value for the 25-cent admission charge, regardless of the aid given the needy besides," said the chairman says.

A report on the expenditure of the \$113.16 received through the previous affair has been submitted by the committee. By December 5, \$86.32 had been paid for clothing, which was bought at a discount from retail prices from Cook & Co. Most of the \$16.33 now on hand has since been spent on additional clothing.

Clothing purchased includes 19 pairs of boys' shoes, 17 pairs of girls' shoes, 14 pairs of galoshes, 20 suits of underwear, six pairs of boys' pants, six pairs of stockings, eight yards of cloth, and one boy's suit. The report is signed by Mr. Roberts' Assistant Chairman C. C. Heise, Secretary Willard Campbell and Treasurer Ward Eagle.

## HIS CAR BURNED, MUST SERVE JAIL TERM IN ADDITION

### Detroit Man Sentenced For Drunk Driving, Besides Losing His Auto

Unless a friend pays a \$65 fine for him, John Krzewczak of Detroit will suffer the indignity of a 65 day jail term, as well as the burning of his automobile, when he is sentenced to the county jail for drunk driving. The loss of his car occurred about 5 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, when he drove it into the ditch on 18-Mile Road near Northwestern Highway. The crash threw the body of the car 40 feet and overturned the chassis and Mr. Krzewczak was caught under the chassis, which caught fire immediately.

Joseph Gravelin, who lives near the scene of the accident, saw the crash and pulled Mr. Krzewczak from the chassis, saving him from burning to death. The car was destroyed. Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeWright brought Mr. Krzewczak before Justice Russell Holland in Pontiac Wednesday morning for sentence.

Fill the barrels—do, your share.

## Change In Signs On Grand River Follows Protests

### One Overhead Sign Removed, Other To Be Altered; Ground Signs Approved

Direction signs that meet with Farmington's approval will shortly be great numbers at the junction of Grand River and the Cut-off at either end of town, following several days of animated discussion of the matter among business men and with members of the State Highway Department.

Assurance that the signs would be all that Farmington could reasonably request came Thursday morning, when H. G. Oakes, division engineer stationed at Tawas, brought to Farmington plans for four new markers to be installed in the ground.

The suggested lettering was immediately taken around to a number of representative business men interested in the matter. With scarcely an exception they voiced their approval, one slight change being suggested, with which Mr. Oakes readily complied.

The overhead signs which stirred so much feeling will not continue to arouse opposition. The one at the west end of the Cut-off already has been taken down, and will not be replaced with its former wording. That at the east end will have the wording entirely changed.

The new ground-signs will be set in the shape of a V, facing the intersections. The two signs at the east end will read as follows: LANSING VIA FARMINGTON (with arrow pointing right, toward Grand River).

Those at the west will read: DETROIT (with arrow pointing right, toward Cut-off).

Those at the east end will read: GRAND RIVER (with arrow pointing left, toward Grand River).

The revision suggested by Farmington business-men and adopted by Mr. Oakes was removal of the words "Business District" after "Farmington." The proposed lettering had been, "LANSING VIA FARMINGTON business district." All the Farmington men said they believed the words "business district" might suggest congestion and trend to drive motorists away. Mr. Oakes said he had thought the "business section" wording a benefit, as indicating purchases might be made nearby, but that he would be glad to have it omitted from the signs.

The signs will be 10 feet long and 4 feet wide and lighted at night.

### To Change Lettering

The lettering on the two overhead signs which will remain at the east junction will be changed to conform to the ground signs. The sign on the left will probably read, "Lansing-Grand Rapids, Use This Lane," and the one at the right "Lansing via Farmington, Use This Lane."

Immediately after Farmington business-men had expressed approval Thursday of the wording of the ground signs, Mr. Oakes left for the Oakland County Road Commission headquarters, where the signs have been built and made ready for lettering. He expressed a desire to get them finished and put in place in time for heavy traffic Saturday morning.

The overhead sign at the west end will not be put up again until next spring, and then will have lettering conforming to those on the east end. Mr. Oakes said. It was also found that changes are necessary in the pavement at the west union of the roads before the overhead indicators will be of much value. Ten feet of pavement additional will be laid on the south side of Grand River, west of the intersection, before the overhead signs will be replaced.

### Overhead—Up In Air

It is late overhead signs which caused much agitation in Farmington. They had been in place some time, but covered. They were uncovered for week-end traffic.

That one facing westbound motorists, at the extreme left of the pavement, read: "Novi, Howell, Lansing Traffic, Use This Lane." The other read: "Farmington Traffic Only, Use This Lane." At the west end a similar "Farmington Traffic Only" sign was on the left, and on the right, "Detroit Traffic Use This Lane," Farmington business-men were in

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