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Welfare Begun, Seelye Is Named As Investigator

First Distribution To Be Made Friday And Saturday To Indigents

Farmington Township's handling of its own welfare work is under way this week, with organization apparently working quite smoothly and preparations made for the end-of-the-week push which comes Friday morning with first distribution of the supplies to indigent families. Friday and Saturday have been designated for the distribution each week.

Appointment of Clyde Seelye of 14 Mile Road as an investigator and to assist in other work was made a few days ago, when Township officials began to receive a series of "denials" of welfare cases from other communities, and necessity for much investigation developed. These "denials" are from other townships and cities who have people on their welfare lists whom they claim should be cared for by Farmington, from the standpoint of residence. A considerable proportion of these denials are from Southfield Township. Farmington Township also has a number which it wishes to deny as its charges, and the instance of both denials received and issued, investigation must be made and facts gathered supporting the denial, in order to avoid care of families belonging to other communities.

Mr. Seelye's salary was not set, but it is expected it will be approximately the same as that of Supt. Earle, \$25 a week.

Truck Purchased.—A purchase of a truck was made a few days ago by Justice Ward Eagle for the Township. The truck, a Ford with factory-rebuilt motor, was purchased from Olin Russell, Inc., for \$300. Most of Mr. Seelye's time thus far has been occupied in trucking, bringing a large quantity of Red Cross flour from County Storage and other errands incidental to the welfare work.

A number of welfare men are at work each day at the Julius Porath farm on Nine Mile Road under Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers, cutting wood for fuel. Most details of the welfare plan have been worked out, but even in thing thus far is experimental. Township officials expect that the first week or two of operation will provide much accurate information on which to base their future handling of the matter.

City Welfare Work.—Farmington City also took over its welfare this week, but the work is limited, with only half a dozen families on the list. Orders will be issued by Mayor Lamb for food and fuel, obtainable from local firms.

HISTORICAL EVENT RECOLLECTED BY MRS. RICHARDSON

First Walled Lake To Pontiac Train Operated In 1884 Not 1873

Because a Farmington woman, Mrs. W. L. Richardson of 3311 1/2 Thomas Street, vividly recollected after reading the review of important events of 1932 published in the Enterprise last week that she herself watched the first Grand Trunk train leave Walled Lake in 1884, the list will need one correction.

The review said that the Grand Trunk line between Walled Lake and Pontiac which stopped its service last year, on April 25, began operations sixty years ago. Mrs. Richardson said that at the time, forty-nine years ago, she lived on Walled Lake Road one half mile from the Walled Lake depot. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Donaldson, now deceased, and her sister, Mrs. Kate Banfield rode on the first Grand Trunk train to leave Walled Lake in 1884. Mrs. Richardson watched the train pass near their home.

NOTICE

The Nineteenth Annual meeting of the Clarenceville Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 1933, at 2 p. m. at the residence of C. C. Heise in Clarenceville, for the purpose of electing officers and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Signed: JULIA TYLER, Secretary.
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Compilation Of Taxes

CITY OF FARMINGTON
Below are printed 1932 tax figures for the City of Farmington corresponding to those published in last week's Enterprise for Farmington Township. The table shows the amounts and rates, with comparisons with 1931 levies.

The figures presented, as in the case of last week's compilation, were obtained from the office of the Board of County Auditors at Pontiac and checked with local officials.

	1931	1932	Reduction
Valuation	\$1,944,160.00	\$1,670,622.50	\$273,537.50
DECEMBER TAX ITEMS			
	1931	1932	Reduction
State Tax	\$ 9,860.87	\$7,328.51	2,532.36
County Tax	16,410.81	\$8,318.59	8,092.22
School and 1-Mill Tax	26,656.66	23,928.00	2,728.66
Covert Tax, County at Large	3,337.49	none	3,337.49
Covert Tax, City at Large	7,478.43	none	7,478.43
State Highway Tax, City at Large	4,181.96	none	4,181.96
Totals	\$66,905.22	\$39,670.40	\$27,234.82
CITY TAXES (Summer Tax)			
	1931	1932	Reduction
State Tax	\$ 9,860.87	\$7,328.51	2,532.36
County Tax	16,410.81	\$8,318.59	8,092.22
School and 1-Mill Tax	26,656.66	23,928.00	2,728.66
Covert Tax, County at Large	3,337.49	none	3,337.49
Covert Tax, City at Large	7,478.43	none	7,478.43
State Highway Tax, City at Large	4,181.96	none	4,181.96
Totals, July and December	\$108,518.47	\$58,621.10	\$49,897.37

	1931	1932	Reduction
State Tax Rate	4.61	3.06	1.55
County Tax Rate	7.68	3.43	4.25
Rejected Taxes	\$1.99 (comb.)	.35	1.64
School and 1-Mill Tax	10.00	2.50	7.50
Covert, County at Large	1.56	none	1.56
Covert, City at Large	3.50	none	3.50
City Taxes	17.00	2.00	15.00
Total Rate, Dec. and July	48.84	21.89	26.95

As was noted last week in reference to the 1932 County tax, this year's County levy does not include any appropriation for poor relief, which was handled by the County up to December 31 last, and is now to be cared for by the City. In anticipation of this requirement, the City Commission included \$10,000 for this purpose in its 1932 budget. To make proper comparison of 1931 and 1932 County taxes therefore, \$10,000 should be added to the 1932 County tax, making it \$9,318.59 instead of \$8,318.59, and the saving \$7,097.22 instead of \$8,092.22. Correspondingly the \$1,000 should be added to the 1931 County tax, making it \$11,900.87 instead of \$10,900.87. The City will gain much more, because of its exceptionally small welfare list, which has caused it heretofore to pay much more in County tax than it has required from the County for its indigents.

REJECTED TAXES.—The item under "Rejected" does not afford a true comparison. In 1931 a number of small items which could not be placed elsewhere were grouped under this heading. Some of these items did not reappear in 1932, accounting for the exceptional difference in the two years. The figures are not for comparison but had to be included to make the table complete and show every item which entered into the tax rate.

LIVONIA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY RECEIVES MANY NEW BOOKS

"Dark Laughter" by Anderson Is One Of Adult Volumes Available

The following list of books for December, may be borrowed from the collection of Wayne County Library books in the Livonia Township office on Seven Mile Road.

Any resident of Wayne County may borrow books in the library free of charge. Residents of other counties may borrow books by making a deposit of one dollar. Aldrich—"Rich of the Prairie." Anderson—"Dark Laughter." Bailey—"Pack Feathers." Brand—"Trail!" Cather—"Shadows on the Rock." Chamberlain—"River to the Sea." Deeping—"Old Wine and New." Fernald—"Sir John de Vere." Fisher—"Pack Feathers." Gilman—"Black Valley." Grant—"Somewhere in Red Gap." JUVENILE Abbott—"Red-Robin." Baker—"Lost Merbabie." Bennett—"Camp Courageous." Burnett—"Sara Crew." Curtis—"Little Maid of Ticonderoga." D'Alaire—"Marie Rog." Elliot—"Buttercup Days." Fisher—"Resources and Industries of the United States." Gilbert—"Conquerors of Peru." Holway—"Story of Health." Lewis—"Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze." McCook—"Fupie Follows his Tale." Muncks—"White Conquerors." Weisse—"Ella the elephant." Remarque—"All quiet on the West-

NEEDY CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING SCHOOL LUNCHES

Mr. Arthur Lamb Asks For Donations Of Food, Help Or Money

Twenty needy children are being served lunches during the noon hour at the Farmington School by Mrs. Arthur Lamb and Mrs. Norman Lee. Serving of the lunches began last Tuesday.

Each child is given food and a half-pint to a pint of milk. The milk is donated by Howard Warner and is bottled by Joseph Himmlach.

Mrs. Lamb would be glad to receive donations of food or money in order that the lunches may be continued. Help in serving the lunches would also be appreciated.

Salem Congregation To Hold Special Meeting

A special congregational meeting of Salem Evangelical church will be held at 11:15 immediately after church service Sunday morning for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the resignation of the minister.

O. E. S. MEETS TUESDAY

The regular meeting of Farmington Chapter 258, O. E. S. will be held next Tuesday evening. The dance which the chapter gave last Friday, was very successful and was attended by a large number. Another dance at St. Patrick's party, will be given later this year.

Term front.
Smith—Commerce and Industry.
Smith—World Polts.
Strong—West Point Wms.
Wells—Reppo the monkey.

Fruit Growers To Hold School At M. E. Church

Ladies Aid Will Serve Luncheon Between Morning And Afternoon Sessions

The first session of the county fruit growers school which has been transferred from Pontiac to Farmington will be held in the community rooms of the Farmington M. E. Church on Thursday, January 12. The school is sponsored annually by leading Oakland County fruit men and the county agricultural agent K. D. Bailey.

The program will begin at 9:30 in the morning with a discussion of "Orchard Practices" by H. A. Cardwell of Michigan State College. "A Soil Improvement Program in Relation to Orchardling" will be discussed by K. D. Bailey. In addition, several growers who have had unusual problems in orcharding have agreed to give short talks.

Luncheon will be served at noon by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church and this will be followed by the afternoon session which will be a continuation of the morning discussion. Outside of the cost of the luncheon, no charge will be made. All fruit growers in Oakland County are welcome to attend.

The fruit school will be continued by two other group meetings in Farmington on January 26th and the other on February 27th. The fruit schools will be concluded with the Annual meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, February 21 and 22, at the Roosevelt Hotel, Pontiac. All growers are invited to attend this meeting whether or not they are members.

WARNER FINISHES TRUSTEESHIP OF T. B. SANITARIUM

Was Appointed Original Trustee Assigned To Replace Board Of Auditors

Among Oakland County officials who relinquished their places to others on January 1 was one Farmington man who gave up his position, however, without much regret. It is Howard W. Warner, whose term as trustee of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanitarium was concluded with the end of 1932.

Mr. Warner served two years, having been one of the original trustees appointed two years ago when it was found that the Board of Auditors, until then in charge, could not legally direct the institution. The position pays no salary, the only remuneration being expense money for travel to the meetings.

The past year provided much controversy for the board of trustees. Following pay-cuts, dispute arose and most of the staff resigned, declaring, however, that their protest was against the salary slashes, but against management of the institution by Supt. W. I. Werner. The trustees stood by Dr. Werner, and although later directed by the Board of Supervisors to discharge the business manager, did not do so. When the matter of an appointment to fill the expiring term of Mr. Warner came up last fall, the Supervisors appointed in his place Dr. George A. Sherman.

The much-discussed Reed report on County affairs, prepared by Prof. Thomas H. Reed of the University of Michigan, praised the management of the institution and detailed report of economies effected, saying it had been found "the present management of the hospital has achieved a fine record for economy and efficiency."

City Treasurer Urges School Taxes Be Paid

L. C. Thayer, City Treasurer, is again urging all taxpayers to pay the school tax in order that the city schools may be kept open. Mr. Thayer says that if the taxpayers do not feel they can pay all of the school tax the city treasurer's office will be glad to receive any part of it.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Farmington Garden Club meeting has been postponed for one week and will be held at the home of Mrs. Edward K. Tamm on January 18.

Exchange Club Speaker



Paul A. Kern, 1932 president of Pontiac Real Estate Board, spoke at Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon.

Signs Up Again, Then Down Again

Overhead Directors Last Only A Short Time; Come Down After Call

Up again, and down again, the overhead "laning" signs at the ends of the Cut-off. This time, it is assured, they are down to stay, at least until Spring.

The signs were put up Tuesday of last week, but were down again by Friday night. Mayor Lamb reported that he had got in communication Thursday morning with C. E. Foster, chief engineer of the Highway Department at Lansing and assistant to Commissioner C. C. Dillman. Mr. Foster said he would look into the matter "at once." In the afternoon, Mr. Foster called Mayor Lamb back and stated that the signs would be down either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Mayor Lamb reported that when calling back, the Lansing official emphasized that the overhead signs had been put up again without the knowledge or consent of anyone at the office at Lansing. The signs were taken down late Friday.

President Earl Vivian of the Exchange Club reported Wednesday that a committee of the club and the American Legion agreed that erecting signs directing motorists along Grand River instead of the Cut-off, should await the winding of Grand River from Farmington Road west, which is promised for the spring.

PONTIAC REALTOR IS SPEAKER AT EXCHANGE CLUB

High Taxation, Causes And Cure Subject Of Talk At Luncheon

A highly instructive talk was given Wednesday noon at Farmington Exchange Club by Paul A. Kern, president during 1932 of Pontiac Real Estate Board, on high taxation, its causes and cure.

Mr. Kern, returned only the evening before from Lansing, where he aided in formulating the legislative program of the Michigan Association of Real Estate Boards, on which he serves as a director, was able to give his Farmington audience the gist of the State Association's program for tax-reduction.

Mr. Kern said he felt no doubt that steps would be taken to fund delinquent taxes over a long period of years, as proposed by the real estate men, and stated that the directors of the Association had endorsed the sales tax, although he himself favored an income tax.

Drastic action is necessary, he stated in order to overcome the overwhelmingly effective increase in taxes in Michigan, state, county and local, from a total of 40 million dollars in 1910, of which real estate paid 34 millions, to 847 in 1932, of which real estate was called on to pay 264 millions. Mr. Kern said that much of the needed reduction could be accomplished without loss of really essential services, that the additional services received not from government, as compared with 1910, are not in the least comparable with the great increase in governmental cost.

Mr. Kern came to Farmington as the guest of Howard Warner.

Co-operative Plan Of Police Work Meets Difficulty

Lack Of Approval In Some Quarters, Expense Items Appear

The plan of co-ordinated police work in Farmington and City apparently has struck a snag during the past week, and it is thought likely now that the suggested co-operative effort will not be undertaken. Dissatisfaction in some quarters with what has been done thus far and what has been proposed appears likely to prevent any agreement on the matter.

Indications are that Township officials are not in accord with the plan, and City officials are in doubt as to how they could arrange their part of the program. Sheriff Roy Reynolds attended the City Commission meeting Monday night and conferred for over an hour with the commissioners, outlining the idea and discussing details. He offered to supply a car for the use of the Farmington officers providing the local officials would furnish the maintenance. Both Township and City would be patrolled, with two men on duty both day and night. The deputy sheriff is paid by the County, the two city officers by the City and the constable who would be the fourth man would be compensated by fees from arrests in Township violations.

City commissioners expressed themselves as doubtful about one or two phases of the matter, and Commissioners Goers and Hatton were designated by Mayor Lamb to confer with Township officials regarding the plan.

Discuss Saving

The Commissioners, engaged in an extended discussion of the city's financial condition, but only one action was taken. Mayor Lamb reported that Supt. of Public Works William Blas and Assistant Mayor Blough had offered, in view of the slowness of city work, to work each on half time until April, when work increases. They would work alternate weeks and each draw two weeks pay per month. A motion to accept the plan was carried. Commissioner Staman offered a motion to reduce salaries of all elective officers 25 per cent whereupon Commissioner Hatton presented a detailed outline of the city's financial condition, together with a resolution declaring the necessity of sharply curtailing the city's expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, and half a dozen recommendations for municipal savings totaling over \$1,800.

Lengthy discussion resulted in no agreement and neither Commissioner Staman's motion nor Commissioner Hatton's resolution found support.

Commissioner Hatton acted, as clerk in place of City Clerk, N. H. Power, who was not well enough to attend the meeting.

FOREIGN RELATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT WOMAN'S CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Women's Club will be held Wednesday, January 11, at the home of Mrs. C. Thayer. The topic to be discussed is "Our International Relations," the committee in charge are Miss Boynton, Mrs. Harrison Johnson, and Mrs. Levinson.

The regular meeting of the club was held Wednesday, December 28, at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wilbur. The topic for the day, "The Challenge of Asia," and the Shanghai Incident, was ably presented by the very interesting Mrs. George Hall, who had thoroughly gone into the subject, and gave the results of their study in excellent shape. Mrs. Lee dealt with the antecedent history of competition between China and Japan which had their beginnings more than forty years ago and were the cause of the Shanghai Incident. Mrs. Hall gave details of the history of the relation to other nations to the event and to Japan's subsequent course, shown chiefly in the discussion which it gave rise in the council of the League of Nations.

—Helen E. Hard, Sec'y pro tem.