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## Township Relief Cost Averaging \$320 Per Week

**Board Plans More Investigation; Discuss Types Of Relief With Audience**

The cost of operating Farmington Township poor relief for the past two weeks has been \$320 a week, according to an itemized report submitted by Hubert W. Earle, superintendent of welfare to the Farmington Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening in the township welfare store. The number of families being aided is 137.

This cost includes groceries, milk, oil, coal, salaries of welfare workers and incidental costs of the township store. The exact cost for the first two weeks is \$640.77.

The board discussed what steps might be taken to relieve Earle from some of his duties in order that he might undertake investigation of welfare cases, to reduce the cost of welfare, and also allow him to make desirable changes in the relief menu, and tea will be added to the menu, it was stated, these articles not having been supplied by the County.

About 35 residents of the township attended the meeting. Both the board and the audience discuss the merits of the scrip and cash relief plans as compared to the present system. Members of the board pointed out that they have no cash on hand but are buying on credit from the County against the loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, neither the scrip or cash would have been possible had they been. Those attending generally expressed satisfaction that the board was doing all it could to work out the best relief measures possible under present conditions, and showed a disposition to be patient in recognition of the difficulties presented.

Mr. Earle said he was investigating the possibility of making some of the purchases elsewhere than the store at Pontiac. Local purchases and the buying of supplies direct from large companies in order to avoid delivery costs from Pontiac were considered.

Clayton Goers, township highway commissioner, reported that approximately 17 loads of wood have been delivered to welfare cases. He reported that 40 cords of body wood and 75 cords of buzz saw wood were on hand.

The following list is an itemized summary of the cost of welfare for the first two weeks of January, 1933.

Groceries purchased	\$440.73
Inventory—Stock on hand	67.97
Issued on orders	\$352.76
Milk Tickets issued	77.09
Oil Tickets issued	22.41
Bread	44.34
Coal	33.25
H. Earle salary	529.85
C. Seely, salary	50.00
Rent, (two weeks)	7.50
Coal, for heat	5.00
	642.53

A hitch developed in completing arrangements whereby the Township is handling a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$300 for the City. The City Commission Monday evening (Continued on page eight)

## Stop-Light Is To Be Transferred

The stop-and-go light at Grand River and Orchard Lake Roads, Farmington Junction, is to be removed to Farmington Road and the cut-off according to information given to Mayor Nathan Lamb by H. C. Oakes, division engineer of the State Highway Department office at Plymouth.

There has been doubt as to just who had the authority in the case of the light, whether the State Highway Department, County Road Commission, or the sheriff. Oakes has said, however, that upon receiving a letter from the City Commission requesting him to change the position of the light he will do so.

At the City Commission meeting Monday evening the commission instructed Nathan Power, city clerk, to write Oakes a letter asking for the transfer of the light. At present there is a "flashlight" at the junction of Farmington Road and the Cut-off.

## S. P. Grace Bids Farmington-People To Be His Guests At World's Fair

Farmington folks who attend the Century of Progress exhibition at Chicago, during 1933 will have an unusual opportunity in their sight-seeing. They may see much of the great exhibition that escapes others, and they may do it as the guest of an old Farmington friend, who at the same time will rank among the outstanding persons at the exhibition.

Farmington some six months ago gave a dinner in honor of its native son, Dr. Sergius P. Grace, assistant vice-president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories of New York. And if Farmington thinks that Dr. Grace, with all his business and his travels, has forgotten the occasion, another guess is in order, who as Grace, each of the several times he has visited Detroit since last June,

has not omitted to get in touch with Farmington. (By telephone, of course). The latest occasion was Monday afternoon. Dr. Grace had stopped in Detroit on his way from Chicago, where he was in charge of preliminary work on preparation of the telephone industry's exhibit for the Century of Progress exhibition. Dr. Grace will have a large part in the handling of the exhibition and will spend much of the year there.

From the office of Burch Forester, president of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company at Detroit, Mr. Grace phoned the Enterprise office and extended an invitation to visit the exhibit at Chicago some time during the year, have luncheon, and then see some of the marvels as the personal guest of Dr. Grace. Through the Enterprise he extended the invitation to all citizens of Farmington who are planning to attend the exposition. Dr. Grace has found it necessary to return to New York for a time, but will be back in Chicago a little later.

A number of residents of this section are expecting to attend the 1933 World's Fair. By accepting the invitation they may expect, under the guidance and assistance of Dr. Grace, to see and comprehend much more of the great exposition than the average visitor besides enjoying personal contact with one of the most conspicuous figures in the electrical world today.

## Second Orchard Meet Next Week

Dr. Roy E. Marshall, famous horticulturist, to discuss Ripening Of Apples

Fruit growers of this region will have an opportunity to hear one of the leading horticulturists in this country at the second meeting of the annual Oakland County Fruit Growers School to be held Thursday next week at Farmington, M. E. Church.

Dr. Roy E. Marshall of Michigan State College, who as horticulturist has achieved nationwide recognition, will speak at both morning and afternoon sessions of the school on "Ripening, Storage and Handling of Apples." Dr. Marshall speaks from that of many fruit-growers in that he believes that apples should remain on the tree longer to ripen in order to gain certain desirable qualities of flavor and content of sugar. The meeting which begins at 9:30 will open with a discussion of "Maintaining the Organic Matter of Orchard Soils" by County Agricultural Agent K. D. Bailey. Discussion of "Ripening, Storage and Handling of Apples" by Dr. Marshall will fill the rest of the morning. Luncheon will be served at noon for 35 cents by the Ladies Aid of the church.

The afternoon discussion will be "Testing Soil Samples," by K. D. Bailey and "Results of Orchard Mulching," by Howard McCracken. Dr. Marshall will finish the afternoon session with further discussion about ripening and storage of apples. The school will close at 3:30.

Fruit growers are asked to bring in soil samples (teaspoonful in envelope) for testing. At the last school the fruit-growers school the discussion ran two hours past the closing time of the program, had listed because of the interest the audience displayed in the various subjects treated.

## Red And White Store Has Many Bargains

The Red and White Store is offering this week-end a list of bargains in groceries and meats unequalled both in quality and in price. The prices are even below the usual low prices offered every week by the store.

Among other items there is a notable drop in the price of butter, ribs and pork loins and flour. These prices are the only three from an outstanding sale list containing many specials in foodstuffs and household necessities.

## Ex-Senator Speaks On Pensions And Taxes

Ex-Senator Rice W. Means of Colorado will talk over the National Broadcasting Co. hook-up through radio station WJR Friday evening of this week, January 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 p. m. on the subject, "Pensions and Its Effect Upon Taxation."

Senator Means has given years of study to the subject and is qualified to give those listening some very interesting information, with fairness both to the government and to the veteran.

## LADIES AID SUPPER

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church are sponsoring an old fashioned corned beef and cabbage supper on Friday, January 20 at 5:30 p. m. The meal will cost twenty-five cents.

## CITY INDIGENTS RECEIVING FLOUR FROM RED CROSS

National Organization's Program Aids In Feeding Seven Families On List

Farmington City is receiving two and a half barrels of Cross flour each week as its share of the Red Cross national relief program. The flour is distributed to the seven families now receiving relief in the city.

All but one of the families have facilities for baking bread and thus the flour is of considerable help in the welfare program. The flour 20 sacks at a time, is brought to Farmington by Mayor Lamb in his automobile when he makes his trip to Pontiac, and is distributed by him to the families, so that the flour reaches the indigents with but any delay to the city.

Mrs. Florence Lee, agent for the Red Cross in Farmington, approves each requisition of flour, and exact record is kept for the national organization so that each sack is accounted for. The allowance is five pounds of flour per person for a week.

## Hold Funeral Rites For Samuel Erwin

Funeral services for Samuel Erwin were held at his home on 10 Mile Road at 10:30 a. m. at the Red Road last Saturday afternoon. Interment was in Southfield Cemetery.

He died last Thursday morning after an illness of two weeks. Erwin was 65 years old and all his life was spent at the Erwin home where he was born.

He was survived by Miss Mary Erwin and a brother Charles Erwin who lived with him at the home on 10 Mile Road. He is also survived by another sister, Mrs. Delbert Noble of Farmington.

## Couple Observe 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprague of Dearborn celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding January 8. Numerous friends called to congratulate the couple on their long happy marriage.

## POST OFFICE HOURS

The Farmington postoffice has announced that on and after January 23 the postoffice will close at six o'clock instead of seven, the present closing time.

The money window will close at 5:45 instead of 6:00. The Saturday closing time of 8 p. m. will still be maintained.

## City Balances Budget By \$2,000 Cut In Expenses

Salaries Of Nearly All City Employees, Electric Bill Are Cut

A drastic cut in the expenditures of the city of Farmington, amounting to approximately \$2,000 by July first, will take effect February 1 as a result of the action taken by the City Commission last Monday evening.

The reductions made Monday evening, it is expected will balance the City's budget for 1932-33 and enable the City to finish the year without a serious deficit or without borrowing unless some unforeseen emergency arises.

The reductions, embodied in a recommendation made to the Commission by Mayor Lamb, affect practically all city officials and employees, although differing from the cuts proposed two weeks ago by Commissioner Hutton. The amount that will be saved is approximately the same, roughly about \$2,000.

The Commission adopted all of the Mayor's recommendations for reductions, but one, in regard to water bills in homes occupied by indigents. This was given to the water committee when Commissioners expressed doubt that an official policy would be advisable on the matter.

The salaries of the clerk, treasurer, and assessor, of night and day police, of commissioners for monthly meetings, and of the mayor, for attendance at meetings of the Board of Supervisors, will be cut February first.

Reductions in the salaries of the superintendent of public works and of the assistant superintendent of public works will begin April first. These two men are now on half time. The amount of the reductions may be found in the report of the commissioners' proceedings at the top of page three.

The largest single cut made was in the amount to be paid to the Detroit Edison Company for street lighting. The commissioners decided to spend beginning February \$150,000 instead of \$340,000 a month as formerly for street lights.

## SAME OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY BOARD OF CHURCH

Reverend Neidermhofer To Remain As Pastor Until After Easter Holidays

The same officers who directed Salem Evangelical Church last year will again serve this year as a result of the elections of the Church Board held last Friday. It has also been announced that Reverend Neidermhofer's resignation as pastor will be ineffective until after the Easter holidays, after which he plans to retire permanently from the ministry.

The officers re-elected are Leo Gildemeister, president; Fred Stammann, vice-president; Joseph Himmelspach, secretary; and John Louda, treasurer. The church board has written to the district superintendent for an application which will permit the church to select a new minister.

Reverend Neidermhofer will make his home in the vicinity of Farmington after his resignation, but he has not decided in what exact locality. He intends to spend his retirement in religious study and writing.

Rev. Neidermhofer studied for the ministry in Germany. He came from Germany in 1890 to take his first pastorate in a church at Danville, Ill. In his forty-three years in the ministry he served in churches in the Middle West and South.

## Farmington Market Offers Low Prices

The Farmington Market is following its usual custom this week by offering a list of remarkably low prices on groceries and meats. The bargains offered are not confined to just one or two commodities but are spread over a long list of articles.

The buyer will find unusually low prices prevailing but without the sacrifice of quality.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and sons Wayne and George of Clarendonville were Sunday dinner guests at the Reed Webster home.

## To Speak In Farmington



Rep-elect George A. Dondoro, nationally-known authority on Lincoln, will speak in Farmington Tuesday evening, February 7, on the Emancipator. The dinner and program, sponsored by the Exchange Club, will be open to the public.

## Township Will Again Use Town Hall For Voting

Board Changes Polling Place To More Central Point Than Bond School

Farmington Town Hall on election Day will seem like "old times" again on Monday, March 6, when, after approximately seven years, voters of Farmington township will once more cast their ballots in the Town Hall. Residents of Precinct 1 will vote in Farmington instead of at Bond School, as in the past several years.

The change of polling-places of the township to the Town Hall was determined by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening.

The transfer of polling place from township to town hall in the city was made possible by an amendment carried by voters at the last election. This amendment permits township elections to be held in township halls which had become part of the incorporated area of a city.

Many citizens of Farmington Acres and the western part of the township will welcome the change as they have said that the long distance they had to travel to vote at the Bond School was a great inconvenience. Some citizens in Farmington Acres had talked of petitioning the Town Board so that they might be permitted to vote in Precinct 2 instead of Precinct 1.

## Township Houses County Police

Board Considers Move Will Give Greater Protection To Township

The Farmington unit of the county police will be housed in the welfare store following action taken by the Township Board at its meeting Tuesday evening.

Since local telephone, heat, light and rental were already being provided for welfare work and only long distance telephone calls would be paid for extra, the board considered the cost of housing the unit to be nominal.

The board believed that the police would not interfere with welfare work, and the presence of the county police from 8 o'clock at night to 4 o'clock in the morning will be, it was thought, a valuable protection for goods in the store. The board also gave much consideration to the fact that if county police were stationed in the township they would be in a position to give the township greater protection.

The telephone at the police booth at Orchard Lake and Grand River will be discontinued, as the booth will not be used. The electric lights have already been discontinued.

Sheriff Roy Reynolds, who intended to address the township board meeting upon his proposed plan of co-ordination of police in the Farmington area, was unable to attend because of business elsewhere.

## GIRL NEAR DEATH OTHERS ARE HURT IN TWO CRASHES

Several Injured When Car Overturns On Grand River Cut-off

A fifteen year old girl, Fay Jennings, lies near death in the Redford Receiving Hospital from deep neck lacerations near the spinal cord received when a car driving to Detroit on Northwestern Highway, ran through a stop light into a car coming from 8 Mile Road, shortly after midnight Thursday. No one else was injured.

The driver of the car travelling on 8-Mile Road was John Solitz, 17, of 2072 Oakland Avenue which is located near Redford. The exact address of the girl, his passenger, could not be obtained but she lives several houses away from Solitz on Oakland Avenue.

The driver of the car travelling on Northwestern Highway was Sparkman D. Foster, 13643 Pinehurst Avenue, Detroit.

The car of N. Verccammen, 6315 Manistique Avenue, Detroit was suddenly swerved into his automobile. The Verccammen car was thrown into the parked car of William Zwanhen and overturned. The car which caused the accident sped away and was not caught or recognized.

Verccammen and Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Elbertson, 3772 Bessemer Street, Detroit, who were with him, were cut slightly by broken glass and shaken up. Christine Verccammen's wife, suffered from concussion and more serious cuts and stayed at a doctor's office for treatment until four o'clock in the afternoon.

## N. H. POWER GIVES INFORMATIVE TALK AT WOMAN'S CLUB

Next Meeting Of Club To Be At Mrs. George Gildemeister's Home

The next meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. George Gildemeister on Wednesday, Nathan H. Power gave a highly entertaining and informative talk on "International Relations" before the club at its meeting on January 11 at the home of Mrs. Louis Thayer. He told how two queens, Elizabeth and Victoria, by their own sagacity and their ability to choose able diplomats, had maintained England's prominence in international affairs. Mr. Power also discussed other great diplomats, Richelieu of France, Garibaldi of Italy, and those of other countries.

He mentioned the achievements of Theodore Roosevelt, Walter Page, Dwight W. Morrow, and other great Americans in international affairs. Power said, however, "Our first and greatest diplomat was Ben Franklin."

He told how Theodore Roosevelt brought about peace between Japan and Russia, who were at war, by having them meet for a peace treaty at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This action of Roosevelt's was an outstanding contribution to the prevention of war.

## LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a card party and dance on January 22 at the American Legion home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shoemaker of Royal Oak were callers at the home of Judge and Mrs. J. J. Schulte on Sunday.