

The Farmington Enterprise

Yule Rush Swamps Postoffice

A rush of business that has swamped the Postoffice this week and is expected to continue through Friday evening, has set a record for the Farmington office. Although extra help has been engaged, it has been found impossible to keep up with mail and packages, both outgoing and incoming.

Although the entire force has been so busy that exact figures are not yet available, Postmaster Norman C. Lee estimates that the Christmas business this year is from 20 to 25 per cent above that of 1936. The business during this week has been 300 per cent above normal, according to Mr. Lee, and has taxed the facilities and space of the office to the limit. The large increase in space made some time ago has made it possible to carry on what would have been, it is believed, a virtually impossible task, in the former smaller quarters.

Open Evenings

As earlier announced, the office has been open every evening this year until eight o'clock, and will be open until that hour Friday evening.

Arthur Power is serving as an additional member of the force during the week's rush period.

Much of the congestion of the past few days is due, Postmaster Lee believes, to a miscalculation on the part of many people. Most people appeared to believe, he points out, that with Christmas coming on Saturday, this they had all this week to get out their packages. Then, it appears, the fact had suddenly occurred to them that Friday is the last day for delivery and that leaving their mail even to the middle of the week was risky. With conditions such that packages ought to nearly towns ought to leave not later than Wednesday to assure delivery Friday, a tremendous rush developed.

Monday Heavy

Monday proved a heavy day, because of the week end, and Tuesday followed up with a similar heavy day.

Postmaster Lee expressed his thanks to the people of this post-office area for their patience and consideration in the delays occasioned by the large volume of work.

PHONE COMPANY HEAD TELLS OF RATE STUDIES

The differential in the interstate and intrastate rates charged on long distance telephone calls by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company is the result of an effort to keep as low as possible the rates on the more commonly used local exchange service, according to George M. Welch, president of company, who has issued the following statement:

"There have been differences between interstate and intrastate toll schedules for some years."

"The result has been that in all states there are differences between the intrastate schedule which applies to messages originating and terminating within the state and the interstate schedule which applies to messages which originate in one state and terminate in another state."

"The question as to whether there should be reductions in the intrastate toll rates has been considered in all the company's rate investigations and the regulatory body has uniformly decided that any permissible reduction in the company's revenues should be employed to reduce residential and rural rates. The theory consistently followed is well stated in the Michigan Public Utilities Commission's order of June 30, 1936, which resulted in a substantial reduction in the company's revenues, as follows:

"The governing principle of this present order is to give residential subscribers as much of a reduction as can possibly be done by the application of the warranted reduction..."

JOINS FRATERNITY

George Grime, of Farmington, was recently initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemistry fraternity, at the University of Michigan. Mr. Grime is a sophomore in the College of Engineering.

FACE THE FACTS, BRUTAL THOUGH THEY MAY BE

Every going business, small though it may be, contains the germ of a bigger business.

Picture Stirs Fruit-Growers' Feelings



Upper Left: Display of Michigan apples, packed in old crates with newspaper linings. Upper right: Western apples displayed in attractive boxes. Lower Left: Michigan Potatoes packed in 15-lb. varietal paper bags to attract housewives attention. Lower Right: Michigan potatoes packed in 100-lb. bags. Photos, all taken at the Detroit Union Produce Terminal, show efforts of out-State producers to gain Michigan markets through use of better packaging methods.

Goodfellows Get Centennial Fund

Farmington's Goodfellow Fund will be the beneficiary, but not this year, of the residue of the Centennial Fund which was left following the celebration a number of years ago. This disposition, instead of turning the money over to the Library Commission for use in improving the library, has been virtually decided upon as a result of a discussion before the Farmington Township Board.

The township body, meeting Tuesday night, indicated that it favored having the money go to the Goodfellows, rather than the library. The City Commission had already voted for the latter plan. However, when the Township Board expressed its views, members of the city body who were present at the meeting concurred that the suggestion was a good one, and tentatively agreed to it, pending ratification at the next meeting of the City Commission in January.

The Goodfellows fund will be unable to benefit in time for this year's Christmas work, however, because of the technicalities which must be complied with. The probate judge must approve the plan, and the attorney for the estate of the late N. H. Pover, custodian of the centennial fund.

The money on hand is \$103, representing dividends from closed bank deposit, and the fund will also have coming whatever further bank dividends are paid.

FRED BAGNALL FIRST TO BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

First in Farmington to buy 1937 tuberculous Christmas seals is Commissioner Fred W. Bagnall, the Michigan Tuberculosis Association announces. The thirty-first annual appeal for the purchase of the tiny health seals began on Thanksgiving Day, and will continue through Christmas. More than 65,000,000 of the Christmas seals were distributed this year by the Association and its affiliated agencies, to provide funds for the 1938 campaign against tuberculosis.

"The Michigan Tuberculosis Association is sincerely appreciative of Mr. Bagnall's early purchase," Dr. Bruce H. Douglas, president of the Association, declares. "Christmas seals used on local letters and packages help to fight tuberculosis in Oakland county," he said.

"Urgent, indeed, is the need in our country for continued intensive anti-tuberculosis work," Dr. Douglas emphasized. "With a slight increase last year in the state death rate from tuberculosis, we are made aware of the importance of this work."

Although it is an absolutely needless disease, the White Plague claimed 2,100 Michigan lives last year," he pointed out. "We are challenged by these untimely deaths to redouble our efforts," he declared.

"Men, as well as women, are much oftener led by the hearts than by their understandings."

—Lord Chesterfield.

SERVICES ARE HELD FOR JOHN E. MORRIS

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for John E. Morris, of Drake road, who died following an illness of several months. The services were from the residence, with interment at West Farmington cemetery. Rev. Carl Schultz officiated.

Mr. Morris was born in Allenburg, England, January 5, 1863, coming to this country as a young man. He lived at the present farm home for many years, and was well known throughout this area.

Surviving Mr. Morris are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Forest Green of West Farmington, Mrs. KleinSmith of Chicago, and Mrs. Charles Habermehl of Farmington, and one son, William Morris, of West Farmington.

City Men Show Modern Spirit

Michigan's State Highway Department is acknowledged one of the finest, if not the very best in the entire country, and perhaps the greatest pride of the Department is its remarkable snow-removing work. Yet the State Department cannot surpass in efficient co-operation the activity of the City of Farmington.

In the business section of the city there was enacted a scene which probably could be witnessed in few if any towns of the size of Farmington in the entire country. The super-efficient, high-powered snow plows on Grand River had piled the snow and slush two feet high along the curbs, in clearing the snow from the pavement which was all the crews were expected to do—towns are supposed to clear their own curbs if they want that done.

Work Much of the Night

Motoring and business men might have been severely handicapped, had it not been for the work of six men, toiling much of Thursday and Friday nights to clear the curbs for parking—and two of the six men received no compensation for their work. Superintendent William Maas and Assistant Harvey Blough, with four helpers, in the two nights loaded up and hauled away 50 loads of the heavy stuff, each load comprising five yards, a total of 250 yards. Morning found the business section of the town with curbs clear for drivers to park.

Maas and Blough are on a yearly salary, while the other workers were paid by the hour. The two former men did their part of the job "just because it needed to be done."

COWS SET RECORD

Three Guernsey cows owned by Charles E. Sorenson of Farmington, have just finished new official records for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Miss Ruth Dubols of Stambaugh, Michigan, motored to Farmington, Monday night, to see her sister, Miss Hope Dubols, a teacher in the Farmington schools, returned with her to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents.

The Tuesday evening bridge club held a dinner party at Devon Gables, Tuesday evening.

Robert Stewart is spending the holidays with his parents in Florida.

Miss Betty Smith, from Albion college, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of Sillawasee avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kammerer of Ann Arbor spent the week end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Cook and family.

"Life is a fragment, a moment between two eternities, influenced by all that has preceded, and to influence all that follows. The only way to illumine it is by extent of view."—Wm. Ellery Channing.

Goodfellows' Fund Lags; Appeal Made

A last minute appeal to people of Farmington and vicinity to come forward before Friday night and add the Goodfellow Fund, was made Thursday morning by Farmington Goodfellows, through their chairman, Judge John J. Schulte.

Contributions of money, food and clothing have lagged far behind those of previous years, and with the need far more than a year ago, indications are that the charitable undertaking may have serious difficulty meeting its requirements unless there is a last minute rush of assistance.

All who have not aided are asked to leave their financial contributions in the box at Farmington State Bank, which will be open during the evening Friday as well as in daytime. Shoppers in the food stores are asked to remember to put something in the barrel for those less fortunate.

A survey Thursday morning indicated that very little money had come from the bank only a few quantities of food was in any of the barrels. It is believed that most people had merely overlooked making contributions, and that the usual generous spirit which has made Goodfellows successful in the past, would manifest itself in the time remaining.

Contributions of clothing may be brought to the Warner Dairy Company office.

Packing of baskets will begin Friday morning, Judge Schulte states.

FARMINGTON YOUTH RANKS HIGH AT CULVER

Robert Kendall Floyd Jr., 33742 W. 12 Mile road, Farmington, has successfully passed his specialty test for excellence in the cavalry unit at Culver Military Academy and is entitled to the BHT award which signifies full membership in the famous Black Horse Troop. Doc is one of the highest military honors that a cadet can win in the famous Troop.

Until a cadet has passed his special tests dealing with all phases of cavalry instruction, including the fundamentals of knowledge of horsemanship, he is not considered to be a full-fledged member of the Troop. In addition to the cavalry subjects, the aspirant for the BHT award must demonstrate his knowledge of certain phases of infantry drill, and must pass an automobile safety test given by the Chicago Motor Club.

Floyd, a sophomore, is beginning his second year at Culver and is a member of the varsity swimming team.

Considering how many opportunities we have for making mistakes, we make the worst of us do pretty well.

It Pays To Advertise—Even If It's Only To Yourself!

It pays to advertise—even if the only person who can possibly be exposed to the ad happens to be yourself.

This is not one of those stories of someone who put in a 95-cent ad and sold a houseful of furniture within 24 hours, realizing returns that run way up into the staggering thousands of percent—although those instances are not infrequent. Nor is it the story like that of the man who after his ad had run a couple of weeks, called the Enterprise office and demanded: "Stop that advertising driving me wild here."

This is a simple story of a man who advertised for one article and got it back, from the only person who could have made it reappear—himself.

He Made a Plea

It will be recalled that in last week's issue, there was broadcast the appeal of Earl (Doc) Groves, manager of the Detroit Edison company office, for the return of the paraphernalia used each year to decorate the community Christmas tree—a rig consisting of wires, sockets, etc. For years the rig has been guarded like a precious gem, and each year drew it forth from the storage place in the basement under the Edison office.

But this year, so Doc advertised to the Exchange Club and all sundry others, some thoughtless hand had borrowed the stuff, and had not returned it.

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Friendly Suit Is Likely on Road Tax

Although the friendliest of feeling was definitely in evidence on both sides Tuesday evening at a meeting of Farmington Township and City officials, the opinion has become quite well crystallized that the inevitable outcome of the apparent \$11,000 Covent road tax error must be a friendly suit to determine the rights of the municipality.

The conference of officials, held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the township board, witnessed a general discussion of the problem of the City's evident incorrect payment of the tax over a period of six years. Mayor Warner and Commissioners Gledemier and Alderburg accompanied by Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, attended the meeting. All five members of the Township Board were present.

The City officials outlined the matter to the Township authorities. A general discussion was held but no action taken.

"Could Not Settle"

It was pointed out this week that however greatly both Township and City officials might desire to settle among themselves whatever claim the City might have, the Township officials could hardly agree to it and then attempt to avoid the tax, and stay within their legal power. It is pointed out that without a court order, they could scarcely endeavor to levy a tax to make any payment upon such a settlement.

Should they do so, it is believed that township taxpayers who might object, could take action to nullify such an agreement by their officials.

Township To Collect Taxes

Collection of Farmington Township taxes will begin Monday, it is announced by Treasurer Loretta Cox, who has completed sending out of statements.

As in former years, the treasurer will receive taxes at Farmington State Bank, during banking hours. Property owners have until March 1 to pay their taxes, without penalty.

The township tax roll this year totals \$66,567.70, which is divided as follows:

County expense	\$1,671.67
County Debt	5,407.87
Welfare	4,323.72
Drain tax upon property-owners	8,755.31
Drain tax at large	165.36
Reassessed tax	356.13
Rejected	19.60
Schools	29,824.54

Collection this year is beginning somewhat later than in previous years, due to cautious beyond the control of officials. Mr. Cox states that taxpayers desiring to pay before Monday, if any are that eager, may bring their tax payments to her home.

The maze of economic theory through which the country is passing, with its doubt as to just where we are, reminds us of the young flying officer. He was stationed somewhere in Egypt, and while flying near the Great Pyramids, carrying out exercises in navigation, and working with a sextant to discover his exact position, he suddenly turned to the pilot and said "Take your hat off."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because, according to my calculations we are now inside St. Paul's Cathedral."

"Pa, what does it mean here by diplomatic phraseology?"

"My son, if you tell a girl that time stands still while you gaze into her eyes, that's diplomacy. But if you tell her that her face could stop a clock, you're in for it!"—M.A.S. Newell.

MASONS' NEW MASTER NOW IN OFFICE

Charles Diamond is new worshipful master of Farmington Masonic Lodge, following his installation Monday evening. While the gathering which witnessed the ceremonies was not as large as in some years, due probably to the proximity of Christmas, those in attendance formed an appreciative audience.

Bro. G. Leonard gave the address of the evening, based on a quotation from the Bible, installing officers, all of whom are past masters of the Lodge, and the posts they occupied were:

John H. Thayer, installing officer.

Ernest Ash, grand marshal;

A. L. Ross, grand chaplain;

James L. Hogle, grand secretary.

Two new stewards have been appointed by the new master. Will Hogan and Robert Gallup. A. L. Ross has been reappointed chaplain.

Refreshments were served following the ceremonies.

Holiday Vacation Is Begun

Boys and girls of Farmington Public Schools are enjoying the annual holiday vacation, classes having been concluded on Wednesday afternoon, and after the holidays. School will reopen on Monday morning, January 3.

In most of the grades, Christmas parties were held just prior to the closing of school.

Most of the teachers have left to spend the vacation period with their relatives in various parts of the State.

CO-OPERATION OF TAXPAYERS IS REQUESTED

Again stressing the fact that some land descriptions will be advertised for tax sale even though said Auditor General Gundry has requested the cooperation of Michigan newspapers in presenting the reasons for publication to the people.

Stating that in a sense his office is attempting to do the work in one year that was suspended for six years and that the job is further complicated by the installment plan, Mr. Gundry asks taxpayers to be not alarmed if they find their property listed for sale when they have made payment on their taxes.

The auditor explained that he had given a great deal of thought to the mechanical procedure for making ready for the tax sale. One important fact that he could not get around he said was the longer time needed by the publishers this year coupled with the fact that the advertising must be done five consecutive weeks prior to the opening date of the last term of circuit court preceding May 3 which is the date of sale.

Work has been progressing at an entirely satisfactory pace Mr. Gundry stated and will be before the time set last summer.

WAIT FOR SKATING

Skating is not yet possible on the new rink being made at the athletic field, but officials (and young folks too) hope that the ice will be in shape in a few days.