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Mortgages Insured in FHA System

Many Farmington residents are familiar with the Federal Housing Administration's offer to supply loans for the modernization of homes for winter, for a number of the local merchants recently advertised their goods and services in connection with this offer, but another aspect of the FHA program not so well known in smaller cities like Farmington, is the insured mortgage method of financing housing. This method is rapidly spreading to many of the smaller communities of the State according to Raymond W. Foley, State director of the FHA.

"It was natural that during the first year or two of our operation our activities should produce results in a great many of the smaller communities of the State," Foley stated, "thus the great bulk of our business at that time came from the leading cities of the state. It was there that the housing shortage was most immediately felt and it was there also that lending institutions were more active in seeking large portfolios of insured mortgages."

"Also in these communities there was a more active program on the part of the building industry encouraging new building."

"Now, however, we find that the insured mortgage system is being used in a great many of the smaller towns and we are receiving a constantly growing list of inquiries from other small towns. Lending institutions in this local state wide in their operations are offering to accept mortgage loans, particularly on new construction, anywhere in Michigan."

"We realize that there has been less opportunity for activity on the part of lending institutions in many of these towns and that consequently there is probably not the same general understanding of the possibilities of the system. We are offering, therefore, to have field representatives call upon the lending institutions or the boards of commerce of other cities in any town in this state where there may be a housing shortage which is causing concern. We have had many such calls in recent months and it has been our aim to accomplish a good deal in the direction of curing such shortages."

"We would, therefore, welcome inquiries from anyone interested in such a local situation and we do our best to assist in its solution."

MUSICAL PROGRAM COMBINED WITH PAGEANT PLAY

An exceptionally fine musical and dramatic program is in store for Farmington and vicinity on December 2 and 3 at 8:15 p. m. The "Pageant of Towns" when the famous Ford Singers, well-known and popular in Farmington; the Farmington High School Band; a clarinet quartet, and a vocal quartet with Mr. Joseph Schaefer as soloist, will appear with the cast of the pageant play "At the Crossroads." Too, the lovely and talented Miss Shirley Bull, of Detroit, will present two solo dance numbers each evening.

Members of the cast include William Chapman as the University graduate who is confronted with perplexing problems and as the play unfolds, each of the following in turn offers his and her suggestion as to how to solve these problems: Patrick Kovarik, as Father Time; Dorothy Johnson, who presides over the world of art, and her assistants, Mrs. Joseph Schaefer, Margaret Mary Finn, and Paul Paré; J. Marshall Kelvey, as God Power; and his subjects, Donald Hueser, Sara Nelson and Evelyn Miller. Then comes Helen McLaughlin from the world of knowledge with her co-workers, Laurence Dwyer and Thomas Finn. All these suggestions and formula are presented by way of pageantry and all are taken from world masterpieces in painting, sculpture, literature and other fields. However, the graduate makes a discovery. Other members of the cast include Theresa Gamache, Dorothy Ward, Louise Ward, Helen Frisch, Gertrude Villert, Era Houghton, Phyllis Martin, William Dwyer, Mildred Lockridge, Terrence McKelvey, Frank Kovarik, Barbara Whipple, and Tom Dwyer.

This production is presented by Mrs. Leo Gamache, and is sponsored by our Lady of Sorrows Church. Tickets are on sale at Dickerson's Hardware and at Hamlin's Market.

FOR THESE WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL



Union Service Is Wednesday

Thanksgiving will be observed in Farmington by the traditional Union Service which is participated in by all of the Protestant churches of the city. With much the same spirit of thanks that motivated the Pilgrim Fathers on their celebration of this day more than 300 Farmington citizens will meet to forget sectarian differences and meet together in the Salem Evangelical Church at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

It is customary, the minister, Rev. Schultz, at whose church the service is being held will not deliver the sermon. Rev. Gilbert Miles, of Baptist church has been chosen to preach. His sermon is, "The Great Thanksgiving." Rev. Delmore Stubbs of Methodist Episcopal church will read the Scripture and prayer and Rev. Schultz will have charge of the rest of the liturgy.

In addition to the participation of these three ministers, the service will feature a musical program. The Junior Choir of the Salem Evangelical Church will sing. The choir is led by Mrs. Hertha Pauline.

Not since Rev. Schultz has been pastor of the Evangelical church has the Thanksgiving service been held there. Everyone is invited to attend the service. Because the service was formerly held on Thanksgiving morning, it should be noted that this year it will be at eight o'clock the night before.

Wanda Taggart Wedding Here Wednesday Evening

At a wedding held at the Baptist Church Wednesday evening, Miss Wanda Taggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taggart of Colgate avenue, will become the bride of Sylvester Farmer of St. Louis, Mo. Wednesday also marks the 46th wedding anniversary of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Field of Detroit.

For her wedding, Miss Taggart will wear a gown of ice-blue satin. The maid of honor, Miss Jean Renaud, will wear a dress of peach chiffon, and the bridesmaid, Miss Alma Weston, will wear a dress of pink lace, with white headpieces to match. They will carry bouquets of brown and yellow chrysanthemums.

James Hoyer will act as best man and LeRoy and Floyd Taggart, brothers of the bride, will also assist. Others will be two friends of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne, Indiana. The Rev. Gilbert Miles of Baptist church will perform the ceremony. Sherman Pitt will sing "Because," accompanied at the piano by George Scott, who will also play the Loehringer wedding march and Mendelssohn's wedding march.

A reception will be held at the Taggart home following the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer will make their home with the Taggarts for the winter.

Out of town guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deacon of Detroit, Mrs. Louis A. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. George Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolfe of Essex, Ont., Mrs. Elizabeth Gillanders of Leamington, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tap, Mrs. Dan Dugan, of Romulus.

Stanton Sues Claiming His Part in Firm

Suit for an accounting is being brought against Ray Feather and Leslie Ropes of the Farmington Manufacturing Co. by Norman Stanton, who claims that he is one of the partners in the firm but was "frozen out" by Feather and Ropes.

The case will be heard before Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioner George B. Murphy, on Dec. 27. The case was first heard before a circuit court judge. Murphy is expected to make a recommendation.

The company was started in 1933 and claims to have built and water pump housings for the Ford Motor Co. It was located in the garage now occupied by the Carlton Finsterwald auto dumping station. The company was on Farmington Road and State street, but it grew as orders from Ford increased. All three men had been with Ford for more than ten years.

Within several months Stanton was no longer actively associated with the company. In about two years it was decided to move the plant from Farmington for two reasons: more room was needed and the smoke coming from the shop put a dark red, rusty sort of deposit on the houses nearby.

The new factory is on the Nine Mile Road near Middlefield and recently more than 60 men have been employed there. The business is now worth from \$20,000 to \$30,000, Stanton claims, and he is entitled to a third share of it because of his claim of being a partner.

Stanton's argument that he is one of the partners rests upon several points. When the company was being conceived, he says he signed notes and chattel mortgages for the machinery. He considers it an acknowledgment of his position as a partner that these notes were later paid by the company.

It is also pointed out by Stanton that although no written proof of partnership can be produced, there had been filed in the Oakland County clerk's office a certificate of intention, preliminary to the drawing up of partnership papers. This certificate has three names on it, Stanton says. Stanton is being represented by Floyd T. Schermerhorn and Ropes and Feather by Henry Sweeney.

The argument advanced by Ropes and Feather is simply that a partnership including Stanton was not formed.

Stanton lives in Detroit and is working in a supervisory capacity at a motor parts factory.

The establishment of the plant in Farmington was made possible by a policy introduced there by the Ford Co. The machine and foundry work for Ford under the plan was done in small plants in the cities of the Detroit area. Such plants are now located at Dearborn, Plymouth and Northville. Ford did not allow these plants to locate in Detroit, because he wished to spread employment to the smaller cities of the metropolitan area that was balanced with agricultural activity.

M. K. Ferrier Points To 'Thanksgiving Bargains'

Thanksgiving, perhaps more than any other holiday, is likely to be thought of in connection with good things to eat. Well aware of this tradition, the Farmington A & P store is offering many bargains intended for the festive hour. M. K. Ferrier, manager says.

As surely as Thanksgiving brings with it turkey, it brings cranberry sauce. Brown's market in the A & P is offering a fine selection of poultry and the A & P is bringing the cranberries. They can be bought in cans or the lady home variety may be had fresh.

Another favorite Thanksgiving delicacy is mince pie. Mr. Ferrier suggests making this traditional Thanksgiving pie with Nonesuch mince-meat, another of this week's bargains.

LIONEL GOODENRATH WEDS MISS VIVIAN DUKES

A quiet little ceremony was solemnized on November 16 at Clinton, Michigan, when Mr. Lionel Goodenrath and Miss Vivian Dukes were joined in marriage by the Reverend William Skentbury. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. Clifton Covey of Royal Oak and Harriet Skentbury of Detroit. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wren Dukes of Hart, Michigan. Mr. Goodenrath, who is a State Electrical Inspector, has made his home here in Farmington since the first of the year.

Bagging Game in Town Hall Better than Pilgrim Method

In Farmington, there are two bagged a goodly amount of game distinctly different ways of lining up something to eat for Thanksgiving. The first method is to follow the old Pilgrim fathers. Of course in order to do it you must drive about three hundred miles, take at least three days off, spend at least \$50 and walk around in a lot of cold swamps in constant danger of being mistaken for an eight point buck.

The other method is vastly more simple. You jump in your car some slight after dinner and dash over to the Town Hall, where you sit among your friends for several hours and if you're fortunate when you leave for home you'll have at least a goose, a duck and a chicken to keep him company.

The second method was enjoyed by more of the citizenry than the first. The hunters who are doing their hunting in the Town Hall.

Football Over, Basketball Starts

Farmington High School's football season is over, for their game with Roseville, which they lost by one point, 12 to 13, was the last game this year.

Looking back over the games played since Sept. 23, Coach Paulie Taylor declared that the team had made a good showing. The last game played in the Southwestern Oakland County League, with Keego Harbor on Armistice Day, it decided the championship of the League, and Keego won, 6 to 0.

The game with Roseville was outside of the League and was played there. It was played in the rain on a field that did not have much grass on it, but despite these handicaps, Farmington fumbled only twice.

In the first 20 minutes of the game, Shoemaker's job as appreciates the players can be produced, but because the officials charged with holding, the score was not counted.

Bill Pink ran a punt back 65 yards for a first down. The next one came after a series of line drives. Roseville's 13 points were all made as a result of long passes. With the exception of the last one, they were all made get within 20 yards of the Farmington goal throughout the game.

Farmington made two attempts to kick a field goal to make up for their failure to make the conversion after the touchdown, but each time they failed.

Basketball practice has begun in preparation for the first game of the season Dec. 9 with Clarkston. Coach Shoemaker's material for the season is very good. Carl Hunt, but he has some good boys out and is hopeful for Farmington's chances. Last season's record was not so good. Shoemaker says, for the team to be successful, they must have a good team of players. Perhaps the Coach is planning to effect the same sort of revival with the basketball team as he did with the football team.

Girls' basketball practice has started this week. Too. For the first time, the girls will play in the Southwestern Oakland County League along with the boys. The girls' schedule will coincide with the boys', except for the first game. The girls will not play Clarkston for their girls' team is not in the league. Beginning with the Watford game Dec. 16, which is the second game, the two games will be held the same nights.

In 1932 the girl basketball players played the Suburban League, but since then they have not been officially in any league. There are quite a few out for both teams, according to Coach Shoemaker, but anyone interested in trying out should not be discouraged. It is urged by Shoemaker to report.

Plans are being made, Shoemaker said, for the awarding of letters to the boys who won their playoff football. It has not been decided how many will receive letters or when or how they will be awarded, he said.

REV. EVA TO SPEAK

Rev. Sidney D. Eva, of Detroit will conduct the morning worship service at the M. E. church, Sunday, December 27. Eva comes to Farmington as the guest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Services will begin at 10 a. m. and 10:30.

Federal O.K. Awaited for WPA School

Negotiations for the PWA grant of \$36,818 which will help finance a new school building for Farmington have been speeded up as much as possible, and officials are now hopefully awaiting word from Washington that work can go ahead on the project.

Everything possible has been done to hurry up approval of the grant, because a Federal regulation requires that all PWA projects must be under way by Jan. 1, 1939, for none will be started after that date. Through the Washington state returned from Farmington last week after causing the Farmington application for a grant to be advanced from the general file to the special file of the treasury department.

Mr. Burns first consulted Michigan Senator Prentiss Brown who got him an appointment with Col. Clark of the PWA. Through the contact, Mr. Burns was able to have the Farmington claim advanced to the treasury file, which is the last lap for such claims, Mr. Burns explained.

Although the deadline for PWA grants is Jan. 1 it will be necessary to receive the go sign from Washington before then. If Farmington is to have the new school building, it so soon needed. The deadline by which the approval must be obtained is approximately Dec. 1, Mr. Burns said, because it will take almost 30 days to go through the preliminary action before work can actually begin.

BOY SCOUTS HAVE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR CITY'S BIRDS

With so much being heard about housing projects and rehabilitation programs, those public spirited citizens, the Boy Scouts, decided they were going to enter into the spirit of better housing. Evidence of their enthusiasm for the more than 20 bird houses which they have built.

Monday night a judging of the Scouts' work was held. Most of the houses were for wrens. Judging was on the basis of originality as well as excellence of construction. The houses were the first ones that many of the boys had ever built, and for a first attempt they were very good, Lee Moates, scoutmaster said.

One of the characteristics of the houses were supposed to have been inconspicuousness, for this reason gaudy paint and elaborate designs were out of the question. The houses will be put up by the Scouts in the city park and in trees standing on other municipal property. Perhaps the real test of the merit of the various houses will be conducted by the birds who are undoubtedly the best judges of bird houses.

In addition to their housing activities, the Scouts have been busy themselves in other ways, too. Mr. Moates said. They will have a job of distributing the Tuberculosis Association's posters for revival with the basketball team; automobile and house windows.

MOTORISTS CAREFUL OVER WEEK-END: ONE WAS JINGLED

Motorists of this area are to be congratulated on an accident free week end. Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt, who is one of the first times in several weeks that there have been mishaps of any sort over Saturday and Sunday. The ideal weather attracted quite a few drivers, but for some reason or other there were no accidents or either motorists or pedestrians.

One motorist was deprived of his car for about 12 hours, however, DeVriendt said. William Madigan of 2009 Parker walked out of a tavern Saturday night at Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Roads to discover that his car was gone. He reported the theft to DeVriendt who took the description of the car. The next morning DeVriendt found the car on Drake Road. It had been abandoned with no apparent damage done to it, not even the gas tank empty.

DeVriendt's explanation of the incident is the owner of the car, out of town, returned Saturday night feeling just a little too jingled to be able to tell the difference between his car and Madigan's. No clues were found in the car, DeVriendt said.

Gerald and Jay Williams Mourn Mother's Death

Two Farmington men are mourning their mother today, because of the death of Mrs. Mary Williams, Saturday, December 17. Other sons besides Gerald Williams and Jay Williams, are Floyd N. of Alma and James of Jackson. Mrs. Williams was a widow of James R. Williams.

Mrs. Williams was born in Riley Center, Mich., on Nov. 21, 1856. Her funeral was held in the Farmington Methodist church on Sunday, December 18, at 10 o'clock. She was 82 years of age.