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Township, City Welfare Is Paid Up

Both the City of Farmington and Farmington Township have clean slates, insofar as welfare relief payments to Oakland County are concerned. Payments were made recently which represent their share of welfare collections up until December 1.

All units throughout the County were asked to bring their payments up to date a short time ago when the offices in Pontiac were forced to close because of lack of funds. The majority of units agreed to do so, although some of them asked permission to make partial payments, guaranteeing the remainder before December 1.

The money thus collected is enough to keep the offices open until December 1, when additional funds from the State are expected.

Oakland County Emergency Relief Commission planned to wind up its work Thursday noon to allow half a day for getting its business ready to turn over to the new County Welfare Commission Friday, according to S. S. Skelton, county emergency relief commissioner. Commencing December 1, welfare will be a part of the duties of the new commission composed of John A. McDonald, George W. Burt and Charles Hamilton and will be handled from the West Boulevard office building in Waterford Township.

The relief offices will be moved from present quarters at Oakland avenue and Clark street, in Pontiac, the latter part of the week so everything will be in readiness to open the new quarters Monday.

Skelton announced that the orders which he issued Monday and Tuesday would be the last before the new commission takes over. They were intended to take care of welfare families up to December 1.

Car Thief Comes To Grief Here

If the owner of a car which was smashed up November 21 as it stood parked near the Farmington Road-Grand River Avenue intersection, will come to the deputy sheriff police booth, he can get some information as to the culprit.

Deputy Joe DeVriendt doesn't know who the owner of the damaged car is, but he does know how the accident occurred. According to DeVriendt, the story goes something like this:

At about 7:30 p. m. on the evening of November 21, John Bragg and family, 21504 Oxford Ave., were driving west on Grand River Avenue through Farmington. As they approached the Farmington Road stop light they saw the car ahead of them hit a parked car, slow down momentarily, then drive off. Bragg, realizing this was an infraction of the law, followed the car. The driver evidently discovering he was being followed, speeded up until he reached the Grand River cut-off, turned sharply and doubled back eastward. As he neared the Gill Road intersection, the driver lost control of his car, went into the ditch, and turned over twice.

As Bragg approached the scene he saw the driver climb out of the wrecked car. Not wishing to place his family in danger Bragg went on by and hurried to Farmington where he notified DeVriendt. The deputy sped out to the scene of the accident, found the wrecked car, but no driver. A search of the vicinity failed to locate him.

Car Used in Hold-Up

Checking the license plates of the car with Detroit police, DeVriendt discovered that the car had not only been stolen but had been used in holding up a service station less than an hour and a half before. The damaged car was returned to its rightful owner, a resident of Detroit. The thief is still at large.

MRS. M. MOWERY INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. M. Mowery and son Frank, 21125 Parker avenue, were involved in an accident Monday afternoon, when their car collided with a Wayne County truck, on Plymouth Road, at Phoenix Road.

Mrs. Mowery was rushed to the Plymouth Hospital, where x-rays showed she suffered a double fracture of the leg. She was removed to Harper Hospital, Detroit, and later to her home on Parker avenue, where she is under the care of her physician.

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Farmington Has Its Own Saga of a Country Doctor

Z. R. ASCHENBRENNER, M. D.

About a year ago there appeared a book which stirred interest throughout the United States, among the general public as well as members of the medical profession. It was Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler's "Horse and Buggy Doctor," a saga of a country doctor, telling of his experiences in ministering to men and women and children through the years, in all seasons and under all conditions.

Farmington could provide its own saga of a "country doctor," and in the coming few days will witness a landmark in this country doctor's career—one full of experiences through seventeen busy years.

They Laughed

Back in 1922, shaking heads and laughing jibes greeted one of the internes in Harper Hospital, Detroit, when he told his fellow-internes that instead of remaining in Detroit to build a career, he was going out to a little town called Farmington to enter practice. "Going out to be a hayseed," and "going out among the cornstalks," they commented, and most emphatic of all was their certainty—which they did not hesitate to impress upon him frequently—that he would "starve" out in Farmington.

Where most of those other internes may be now, and what niche they have achieved in the medical profession, it would be interesting to know. But much more interesting is the fact that on Saturday of this week, the serious-minded young physician who seventeen years ago was willing to take his chances in a town of 1,000 people, will be host to hundreds of these people at "open house" in a modern home for medical service that will match any in this part of the State. Not in the least elaborate or ornate, nor in any sense a "clinic," Dr. Z. R. AschenBrenner's new professional home at Farmington Road and State street, just below the Enterprise office, provides facilities such as most physicians dream of but relatively few ever achieve.

Years of Work

It is a monument to seventeen years of hard, endless work—of answering calls in the middle of the night, as well as by day, in winter sleet and snow and ice, of caring for people who were desperately ill and those who were just tired and worried, diagnosing and treating every kind of common disease and condition and some most uncommon, of performing operations and removing splinters—one wonders what a well-kept diary of those seventeen years would reveal—and then remembers that of course Dr. AschenBrenner was far too busy to even think of keeping a diary.

Dr. AschenBrenner this week moved from the second floor of the Cook Building where he had been located for 10 years, to his new quarters in his own building. The interior, designed from the doctor's ideas, by Marcus Burrowes, architect residing in Farmington, is a model of efficiency and effective utilization of space. All modern equipment for the general practice of medicine is available, including many new devices, but Dr. AschenBrenner is neither attempting to set up a "clinic" nor undertake any of the highly specialized clinical work which, he believes, can be done more efficiently and effectively in hospitals.

Plants and flowers from friends began arriving at the new building Thursday morning. A welcome is extended to all who are interested to visit the new building on Saturday and Monday.

Associated with Dr. AschenBrenner is Dr. H. A. Schuneman, who joined Dr. AschenBrenner some time ago when the demands of constantly-growing practice became more than one man could handle, even working night and day. And remaining of course, is Miss Winifred Oldenberg, the doctor's faithful nurse, who is still "pinching myself to see if I'm really here in this delightful place."

Christmas Club Mails $18,500

Approximately 400 people who began a year ago to prepare for Christmas, will receive more than $18,500 in the mail Friday. They are members of the Farmington State Bank's 1939 Christmas Club a branch of the bank's service which is growing steadily in popularity each year.

The only requirement for membership in the Christmas Club is that you deposit a regular sum, from ten cents to ten dollars each week. The bank keeps separate books for these funds and pays the same rate of interest as for regular savings accounts.

This year's checks total almost 50 per cent more than those in 1938, which in turn were almost half again as large as the ones in 1937. In 1937 the checks totalled $7,000, and in 1938, $11,000. It is expected that at least 60 per cent of the $18,500 will be spent for Christmas gifts. This should have a considerable effect on the amount of Yuletide business done by Farmington merchants. Judging from past years, Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier of the bank, estimates that about 25 per cent of the money will be returned to the bank in regular savings accounts.

Although the purpose of the club is to prepare members for the additional expenses of Christmas shopping, it was discovered by studying the spending habits of the more than 8,000,000 members throughout the United States, that many of them take advantage of the "painless" saving method to acquire enough money to pay their tax bills, which come due in December.

For the benefit of those envious persons who did not take advantage of the Club this year, Mr. Knickerbocker announces that the 1940 Club is now open. All those who wish to be on the receiving end next year should join now.

EXCHANGE CLUB LAYS PLANS FOR GOODFELLOW DRIVE

The program committee of the Exchange club has not completed plans for next Wednesday's meeting but arrangements are being made to have a member of the state police department, from Flint, as the speaker. The Exchange program committee consists of Howard Otis, Dr. G. F. Weaver and Walter Coon.

The entire meeting of the club Wednesday afternoon was taken up by a discussion of the Goodfellows Drive, in which the club plans an extensive part. A committee was named including Dr. Weaver, Otis, Grosvenor, and Floyd Nichols.

This committee will meet Friday evening at the Otis Sales and Service with similar committees from the Kiwanis club and the American Legion, to make further plans for the drive. The committee will report back to the club at its meeting Wednesday.

The Exchange club conducted the Goodfellows drive last year. Receptacles were installed in which everyone was invited to place food for the needy, and a barrel for donations of money was placed in the Farmington State Bank. Results of the drive were highly satisfactory, but the club hopes that with the wholehearted cooperation of the entire community, even more may be accomplished this year.

Mrs. Isaac Bond was hostess to her bridge club on Monday afternoon.

County Citizens' League To Hold Town Meeting

The Oakland County Citizens' League will hold a town meeting Friday, December 8, in the auditorium of the Board of Commerce Building, in Pontiac. All residents and taxpayers of the County are invited to attend.

Lent D. Upson, director of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, will be the speaker. His subject will be "Is County Government a Hodge-Podge?" Following the address a round table discussion of county problems will be held.

Groups Plan Goodfellow Fund Drive

The traditional Farmington Goodfellow drive for the benefit of the needy in the city and township will be conducted again this Christmas. Cooperating in the drive will be the Exchange Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Legion.

A committee from each of the three organizations has been appointed and will meet Friday evening to draw plans for the Drive. Mayor Leo F. Gildemeister has proclaimed Friday, December 15 as "Goodfellow Day" and on that day "newsboys" selected from each of the three groups will sell their papers in Farmington, the proceeds to go to make a merry Christmas for the needy of the district.

The selling of newspapers by the impromptu "newshawks" last year proved a hilarious as well as highly effective method of raising funds. More than 1,000 papers were sold, yielding over $180.00. This year the Goodfellows hope to exceed this mark.

Benefit Football Game

The drive will be opened with a benefit football game to be played at the high school athletic field, Sunday, December 10. The contest is to be sponsored by the Farmington Athletic Club, and will be played between the A. C. team and a squad from Detroit. Everyone is urged to come out and enjoy this game, benefitting the needy.

Hubert Brennan, and Paul Shoemaker, high school coach, have volunteered their services as officials for the game.

Details as to how the Drive will be conducted this year have not been determined, but the committee expects to map out the entire campaign at their meeting Friday evening. Members of the committee include: Delos Hamlin, chairman; Exchange Club, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Howard Otis, Earl Grosvenor, and Floyd Nichols. Kiwanis, Glenn H. Leland, Edgar S. Pierce, Jack Warner, and Joseph Himmelspach. American Legion, W. B. Gambee, Joseph DeVriendt, and Charles Elkin.

TWO AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS RESULT IN INJURIES

Earl Berg, 43, of Brighton, received slight injuries Tuesday evening when his car hit a light pole on Grand River avenue near Waldron avenue. Deputy Officer Joseph DeVriendt, who investigated the accident said Berg apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

In another accident, which occurred Friday, Walter Lacomb, of Novi, suffered painful leg injuries when he stepped in front of a car driven by Charles H. Thomas, Buffalo, New York. Lacomb was walking along Grand River avenue near Novi, when, according to witnesses, he stepped out onto the highway into the path of Thomas' car. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital. Thomas was cleared of any blame in the accident.

Merchants Prepared for Biggest Yule Season

Now that Thanksgiving has been written off the 1939 list of events, Christmas, the biggest holiday of all, is on its way. From many Farmington stores comes the hint that it's not too soon to start considering the stocking on the mantelpiece.

During the Yule season shoppers will want to be on their toes in order not to miss a single one of the many bargains which the Farmington merchants have up their sleeves for their patrons. This promises to be one of the biggest of all Christmas seasons and the merchants are ready for it right now.

Can you imagine what a thrill the entire family would receive if they looked out of the window Christmas to see a beautiful new Ford V-8 parked in front of the house. You still have time to stop at Olin Russell, Inc. and make arrangements to see and drive a 1940 Ford. Your old car will be accepted as a trade-in.

It would be pretty hard to have the proper Christmas spirit in a cold house, wouldn't it? Improperly heated homes can be avoided if you use coal from Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. Their coal burns longer, gives less ash, and costs less.

Clothes Are Practical

It's hard to think of a more useful gift than clothing. Gifts of clothing purchased from Fred L. Cook and Co. will bring cries of "just what I wanted!" on Christmas morning. Cook's have a large selection of men's, women's, and children's clothes.

Motorists wise buy their gasoline from Burnett Bros. It's hard to beat that Sinclair gasoline for mileage.

The crowning event of your holiday should be the Christmas dinner. Assure yourself of having the very finest in foods, by shopping at Hamlin's Food Market. You'll find a complete stock of foods designed especially for the Christmas season.

For Ladies Only

This is for ladies only. You're all invited to attend a Hair Style Show. The place: Twins' Beauty Shop. The time: Wednesday, December 6, at 7:30 p. m. The reason: to present the latest things in hair styles.

The family needs plenty of hot water on these cold mornings. To be sure you have hot water when you want it, install a Handley-

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Games To Open New Gymnasium

The new gymnasium-auditorium of the high school will see its first use Friday evening, December 8, when the Farmington basketball team clashes with Walled Lake high school, and Alma College opens its 1940 season against Lawrence Technological College, of Detroit.

Workers have been busy the past week laying and painting the floor of the gymnasium. This will probably take several more days to finish but school officials have been promised that all will be in readiness by December 8. The biggest part of the equipment has already been moved into the building and plans are underway to move into the classrooms which flank the gymnasium floor.

There will be no formal dedication of the building on the evening of December 8. Superintendent Orville E. Dunckel announces that a special program will be prepared for a later date, at which time there will be speakers.

Due to the fact that the floor will be the last part of the building to be finished, the school basketball team, coached by Robert Hutton, has not been able to work out there. Instead they have gone, first to Walled Lake high school gym, and during the past week, to the Bloomfield Township Hall, on Orchard Lake Road, just south of the village of Orchard Lake.

Four lettermen of last year will probably be in the starting line-up. These are Jim Barrons, Tom Bacon, Carl Hunt, and Joe DeVriendt. The center position will most likely be filled by Don Oldenburg. Last year Farmington won one and lost one against Walled Lake.

A game between the reserves of Walled Lake and Farmington will begin at 6:30 p. m. The game between the regulars is scheduled to start at about 7:30. Following this contest the two college teams will meet.

Russ Catherman, Farmington high school graduate, and now basketball coach at Fordson High School will officiate at the game between Farmington and Walled Lake.

Mrs. Sophia Buckentin Dead at Age of 84

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Heeney Funeral Home for Mrs. Sophia Buckentin, who died Wednesday at the age of 84.

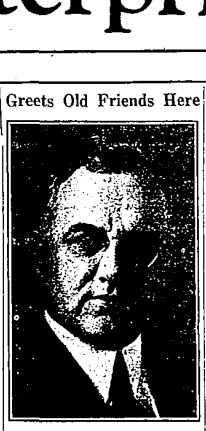
Mrs. Buckentin was the widow of Frederick and had lived at 33515 State street. She is survived by two grandchildren, Frank Schweim, and Mrs. Helen Clappison. A daughter, Mrs. Ernest Schweim, died several years ago.

Mrs. Buckentin was born in Germany September 26, 1855. She was a member of the Salem Evangelical church. Rev. Carl Schultz will officiate at the services and burial will be at Woodmere cemetery.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wedyke announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Carl Stipcak, formerly of Illinois. No definite plans have been made for the wedding.

Greets Old Friends Here



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Dr. Sydney Eva Guest at Meeting

Dr. Sydney D. Eva, former pastor of the Farmington Methodist Episcopal church, and now secretary of the Detroit Conference of Methodist Episcopal churches, was the featured speaker at the meeting of the Farmington Kiwanis club Wednesday evening. It was a reunion of old friends, as Dr. Eva greeted many who have known him for years.

Dr. Eva was pastor in Farmington before the new Methodist church was built, and it was he who was instrumental in bringing about the construction of the new edifice.

"Ladies' Night"

It was Ladies' Night at the Kiwanians' meeting and Dr. Eva's subject "The Great American Women" fitted itself to the occasion. There was a total of 76 members and their wives in attendance. Dr. Eva was introduced by Glenn H. Leland, program chairman.

A number of other guests were present including Fred Davis, president of the Strathmoor Kiwanis club, who presented the Farmington group with a cabinet in which to keep their membership buttons. Also present were Tom Curren, Strathmoor song leader, and Fred Hunter, member of the Strathmoor Board of Directors.

As a penalty for neglecting to bring their wives, John Lutz and Jack Warner were turned over to the custody of the deputy sheriff and given fines.

Regular Meeting Cancelled

The club will not hold its regular meeting next Wednesday evening, but will attend an Inter-club meeting to be held in Allen Park. Members are asked to be at the Farmington Dairy promptly at 5:45 p. m.

Woman's Club Plans Guest Day Program

At their next meeting, on Wednesday, December 6, the Farmington Woman's Club will hold a Guest Day program, to which the Northville Woman's Club, the Redford Woman's Club, and the Redford Child Study Club are invited. The meeting will begin at 1:30, and will be held in the Baptist church house.

Mrs. Frances Way is in charge of the program. Movies will be given by John MacLachlan of Plymouth, who is manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company in this district. He will show several movies, among which will be "Gateway of the World," "Network Broadcasting," "A New England Storm," "Under Seas Cable" and "A Glimpse of the East." Following the movies, a triple trio of the Pontiac Girls' Glee Club will give several numbers.

Following the program, tea will be served. Mrs. Celia Levinson is in charge of this part of the entertainment, and is assisted by Mrs. Annie Gullen.

Services Here Thursday For Jesse Peasley

Jesse Peasley, Robinson Road, died November 21, at the age of 74 years. He was born in Kingston, Michigan.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel and several daughters. Services were held at the Heeney Funeral Home Thursday, November 23 with Rev. Delmere C. Stubbs officiating. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

NOTICE

The Alumni of the Farmington High School is giving a Banquet the night of the dedication of the new Gym., Friday, December 8th, 5:30 p. m. at the M. E. Church.

Please make reservations with Mildred Prindle, Warner Dairy Company, on or before Wednesday, December 6th.

Everybody Welcome. Price 50c.

Owners Must Bid To Get Lands Back

An opinion that former owners of delinquent tax lands, that became property of the State on November 3, cannot get back their lands by other than making a bid for them at the auction sale that will start on February 13, was expressed by Fred M. Greenstreet, Ypsilanti, a member of the land board, speaking in Pontiac.

In Farmington Township 135 parcels were taken over by the State on November 3. There were 21 tax delinquent parcels in the City of Farmington.

Greenstreet's opinion is contrary to advice received by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors regarding the rights of municipalities to withhold properties from the tax sale for a year where the property owner indicated a desire to pay the taxes.

Mayor Leo F. Gildemeister, of Farmington, who attended the meeting of the Supervisors at which Greenstreet spoke, said that so far he had received no requests to withhold any of the Farmington properties which were taken over by the State. Gildemeister said that the city has taken no steps as yet to withhold any of the parcels for public use, a course allowed by law.

Oakland is one of the three counties in the State where the largest numbers of parcels of delinquent tax lands were taken over by the State. Oakland County had 144,694 parcels bid to the State in the May 1938 tax sale and it has not yet been determined how many of these were redeemed before November 3.

Greenstreet said it might take a full year to offer these parcels for sale in this county and that an organization will have to be sent here by the State land board to negotiate the sale.

Starting February 13 an auction sale will be held of all lands the State acquired for delinquent taxes for 1935 and prior years. They will be offered at not less than 25 per cent of the assessed valuation for 1938 and the original owner or person who has the largest financial interest will have the first opportunity to redeem it.

He can make arrangements to buy it back on the installment plan with possibly 10 per cent down and one per cent a month, although the exact rules for the sale have not been fully determined.

The question was raised as to whether assessing officers should place on the December tax rolls the various properties acquired by the State. Greenstreet said the property could be assessed but the taxes will not be paid until such time as the land has been sold after which the tax money received will be returned to the units pro rata according to their original interests.

FARMINGTON O. E. S. TO HOLD PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Farmington Chapter No. 235, O. E. S. will hold its annual installation ceremony on Tuesday evening, December 5, at eight o'clock. Mrs. Ida Worsfold will be installed as worthy matron. Others who will be installed, to serve with Mrs. Worsfold, are Lowell Ramsey, worthy patron; Hazel Diamond associate matron; Walter Durham, associate patron; Ada Bond, secretary, Edith Sonnenberg, treasurer; Florence Ramsey, conductress; Elaine Westfall, associate conductress; Lena Oldham, chaplain; Shirley Cox, marshall; May Blankenhagen, organist; Martha Hurkett, Adah; Revella Hupert, Ruth; Ella Darling, Esther; June Salow, Martha; Anna Addis, Electa; Hattie Osmus, warder, and Charles Diamond, sentinel. Robbie Harrison will be the retiring worthy matron and Charles Perry, the retiring worthy patron. Minnie Hogle will be the mistress of ceremonies.

The installing officers will be Mae West, installing matron; Mary Johnson, installing marshall; Loretta Cox, installing chaplain. The opening marshall will be Iva Hatton.

The following little girls will take part in the floral presentations: Anna Marie Ramsey, Myrna Hurkett, Martha Caroline Harrison, Charlene Habermehl, Lenore Gildemeister and Sharon Bergin.

A short program will follow the installation, after which light refreshments will be served.

This ceremony is open to the public and stars, masons and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb spent Tuesday at Forest Hills Country Club, where she played golf.