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Road Debt Cut \$428,000 During Year

Members of the Board of Supervisors Thursday received from the county road commission copies of the 28th annual report of the county. The County's Covert road bonded indebtedness during the fiscal year ending July 31, 1940 was reduced by \$428,000 at a cost of \$427,707.73. The commissioners report, they plan to reduce the debt further November 1 by the payment of \$365,500. Outstanding Covert bonds, not including State Covert road bonds, as of July 31, totaled \$5,245,500.

WPA labor has been used so far as it was obtainable for the grading, draining and graveling of roads and streets for future black top surfaces. Farmington, Dowling, Waterford and Royal Oak, sponsored WPA projects on subdivision roads. WPA projects were carried out on Middlebelt, Fourteen Mile, and other roads in Farmington Township.

The county refunded its Covert road bonds as of Nov. 1, 1935, at rates of interest from 3 to 4 1/2 per cent. During the last two years the road commission has refunded all of the county at large and town ship bonds aggregating \$2,629,000. A rate of from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent interest was obtained on the county portion of the bonds and from 2 1/2 to 4 per cent on the township and city portions.

Although there is a considerable demand for road improvements throughout the county, the commissioners report lack of cash has limited their efforts. They say that more and more the roads of the county are being heavily traveled by tourists and visitors. Gravel roads have been unable to stand up under the pounding but the commissioners have been unable to make but limited improvements with bituminous surfaces.

KIWANIS CLUB HEARS TALK BY ROCHESTER MAN

Dr. Robert Brooks, of Rochester, Michigan, was the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday. Dr. Brooks, a dentist, gave a highly interesting talk on the dental profession and also told of the activities of the Rochester Kiwanis club. There were 44 members and guests present at the meeting.

A group of the Farmington Kiwanians plan to go to Holly next Monday evening to assist in getting the new Holly Kiwanis club started. The Farmington club is sponsoring the new organization in Holly.

The next meeting will be under the direction of Delos Haglin, program chairman for the month of October.

Supper Club to Discuss Trend of Democracy

"Have business methods, labor troubles and trade agreements between nations been moving toward a democratic solution of conflicts?" That is the question which will be discussed by members and guests of the Methodist Supper Club in the Farmington Methodist church basement next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Subjects of interest may take part in the discussion by making arrangements with a club member or by calling the Farmington Methodist parsonage, M. G. Burdick, Principal of the Smith school, Reform Township, is President; Myra Butten, Secretary.

"Should democratic government be permitted to exercise supervision and control in the moral and ethical field?" received six affirmative votes and five negative after a discussion October fourth. Captain Ward Estes of the Army recruiting station located in Detroit was present.

Absent Voters Ballots Available Monday

Eligible residents of Farmington who wish absent voter ballots for the November 5 election may get them on Monday from the City Hall, announces Harry Moore, City Clerk. Moore received a letter from Pontiac authorities indicating that election supplies would be sent to Farmington on Monday.

Scouts Win Awards at District Court of Honor

Farmington Boy Scouts and Scouters were once again active Wednesday evening when a number of them received advancement badges in a Court of Honor of the Southern Oakland County District. Sea Scout Jack Samuelson received his Gold Palm to his Eagle badge. Scout John Hunt, Jr. received his Life Scout badge. Scout Norman Stewart received his Star Scout badge, and Scout James Maloney received his cooking merit badge.

The next Court of Honor Session will be held December 4 at West Bloomfield Township Hall on Orchard Lake Road at this session the local troop hopes to have between 25 and 50.

Escape Serious Injury in Crash

Four girls and a young man, bound for work in Plymouth, received painful cuts and bruises early Monday morning when the car in which they were riding was struck by a car driven by Charles Ash, 1435 West Secor Road. Charles McDonald was the driver of the car which was hit when Ash failed to stop for a stop sign as he entered Eight Mile Road from Gill Road. Riding with McDonald were Jean Adkins, Thelma White, Betty Anderson and Audrey Noah, all of Farmington. The four girls and McDonald are all employed at the Ford plant in Plymouth. Following the crash they were brought to Farmington for treatment and were later released. Ash was uninjured.

Evangelical Ladies Complete Bazaar Plans

The Evangelical Reformed Church of Farmington are planning their bazaar for the month of November, sponsored by the Ladies' Aid of the church on Tuesday, November 12, at the church house on Oakland avenue. Chicken dinner will be served at five thirty, family style. The bazaar will be open from 9 o'clock and there will be aprons, handkerchiefs, a novelty country store, and baked goods booths. It is hoped that this will be the biggest and best bazaar the ladies have ever offered.

DR. FRANK D. ADAMS SPEAKS THURSDAY NIGHT

Dr. Frank D. Adams, of Oak Park, Illinois, will speak at the Universalist church on Thursday evening, October 31, at eight o'clock. His topic has not been announced, but everyone is assured of a fine talk.

Stores Co-operate in Fall Clean-up Campaigns

The final chance for a last minute house and yard cleaning campaign before Old Man Winter puts an end to such activities has set in. Farmington residents to work, but they are not carrying the burden of this work alone. The stores have been cooperating in many ways along this line and shoppers are finding many shortcuts in the advertisements of the merchants. There's nothing like a well-polished floor to give your home a real uplift. Johnson's Glot is just the thing for the floors, and for your car, use Johnson's Car-Nu. You'll find all these Johnson products at Hutton's Farmington Hardware.

Step out into the yard and look at your roof. Does it look unsightly and in need of repair. Call the Farmington Lumber and Coal Co. and they will give you an estimate on a new roof.

Coming to the Civic Theatre. Three top-flight double feature programs are lined up for the Civic Theatre. On Friday and Saturday the Civic will bring its screen "Scatterbrain" with Judy Canova, and "Leopard Men of Africa," a thriller of the Dark Continent. On Monday, the Civic will present "The Man I Married" with Joan Bennett and Francis Lederer, and "Soth the Party" featuring Victor McLaglen, Frances Farmer and Jon Hall.

Draft Board Awaits Call October 29

Oakland County Draft Board No. 8, which has jurisdiction over Farmington Township and the City of Farmington, as well as the townships of Novi, Lyon, Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Highland, White Lake and Waterford, has opened temporary quarters at 15 West Huron street, Pontiac.

While still waiting final instructions from Washington, Oakland County selective service draft board members are going ahead with preliminary preparations for the draft call on October 29.

Three draft boards are carrying on their work from 514 of the Pontiac Bank Building. Members there this week urged those of draft age who failed to register before October 29, to come to these temporary headquarters as soon as possible where a clerk will register them.

It is pointed out that no one need fear registering now, regardless of their reason for failing to do so earlier. No questions will be asked. It was stressed, however, that drastic penalties will be forthcoming for those who fail to register before October 29, when the first draft numbers will be chosen by lottery in Washington. The penalties may then consist of fines and imprisonment.

Members of Draft Board No. 8 are Dr. W. H. Morley, chairman; H. J. Wetliester and Hugh J. Dieke.

G.O.P. HARVEST DINNER WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 28

A Harvest Dinner program, sponsored by the Oakland County Republican Committee, and directed by the Young Republican organizations of the 17th Congressional district, will be held at the Elks Temple in Pontiac, Monday, October 28.

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg will be the principal speaker. Toastmaster will be Alabar Hambers, Detroit attorney and former Assistant Attorney-General in Indiana.

Among those expected to be present are Frank McKay, Republican national committeeman, Mrs. Charles B. Warren, national committeeman; Rep. George A. Donnelly, Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, and other state officials and candidates.

The Young Republican Clubs of Oakland County are planning a county-wide caravan Saturday, November 2. The climax will be a torchlight parade down Woodward avenue. After the parade the Oakland County Young Republican club will hold an "open house" at the Republican headquarters on Saginaw street in Pontiac, at which there will be dancing and refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

KIWANIS SET FOR PARTY AT CIVIC THEATRE

Ticket sales are reported brisk for the Kiwanis Club election party to be held Tuesday evening, November 5 at the Civic Theatre. The program will start at 11:30 p. m.

A feature of the party will be the announcement of election returns intermittently throughout the evening. There will also be an excellent movie, "The Amazing Mr. Williams" with Joan Blondell and Melvyn Douglas, and several vaudeville acts by professional entertainers.

A number of valuable prizes will be given away to lucky ticket holders. Prizes include various electric cooking utensils.

The proceeds of the affair will go into the underprivileged children's fund and everyone is invited to attend to help this worthy cause and to enjoy a real evening's entertainment.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Dietrich announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Louise, to William A. Gault, Jr. The wedding will take place Saturday, November 23, at the home of the bride's parents.

Loaded Trucks Bring Fall Grape Crop to LaSalle

A steady procession of huge trucks through Farmington during the past several weeks indicates that LaSalle Wines and Champagne, Inc. is once again experiencing its "big season" of the fruit. Each fall, usually during October, the trucks arrive in Farmington bringing their loads of grapes from Southern Michigan.

The trucks begin their journeys from widely scattered points. Some come from growers right here in the Farmington area, although this vicinity is not considered as being in the "grape belt" others come from as far away as the great produce markets in Benton Harbor, Michigan. They all come from Michigan, however, since LaSalle uses none but Michigan grapes.

This year's grape crop was just about average, according to Clarence E. Meyfarth, secretary-treasurer of LaSalle. He estimated that the trucks would bring between 1,500 and 1,800 tons of the fruit, to be converted into wines and champagnes for tables throughout the state of Michigan.

Three Varieties Used Varieties of grapes used include Delaware, Niagara and Concord. The Delaware is a white grape used for champagnes and white wines. The Niagara is also a white variety used for white wine, while the Concord is the common blue grape used for red wines.

The grapes, upon their arrival at LaSalle, undergo a rigid inspection and only the No. 1 table variety are used. These are placed in the crusher which automatically removes the stems and crushes the grapes. From here the pulp is pumped into the fermenters, from which, after a proper lapse of time, it goes into the presses. The juice is extracted, placed in casks, and allowed to age. The casks are lined with glass and oak and range in size from 2,800 to 9,800 gallon capacity.

Capacity Doubled The last step in the preparation of the wine is the bottling. This year LaSalle's bottling capacity will be more than double that of previous years, following the installation of a new automatic bottling line which will clean, fill, cap and label the bottles at the rate of approximately 2,000 a day. This will increase the total bottling capacity to 3,500 a day, Meyfarth said.

Wines bottled at LaSalle Wines and Champagne, Inc. are distributed daily in Michigan. The company has subsidiary firms in Toledo, Ohio; the Mackay Winery, Inc. which distributes wines and champagnes to many outside points.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK BEFORE BAPTIST RALLY

Miss Ione Reed, a new missionary to China who will sail for Canton sometime in November under the South China Boat Mission, will be the featured speaker at a Young People's Rally at the Farmington Baptist Church Friday night October 25. Miss Reed is a graduate of the Moody Institute in Chicago and a former student at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. After completing her studies at the Moody Institute, she has been traveling extensively for a number of years with the Sunshine Gospel Trio, representing the Extension Department of the Moody Bible Institute in 33 states and singing over 70 radio stations.

With Miss Reed will be a group of young people from the First Baptist Church of Pontiac, including some who are heard regularly over their radio broadcasts. There will also be groups of young people from Brightmore, Wayne and Dearborn, and special music will be provided by these groups.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of which Mrs. Ellis Dickerson is president, will serve refreshments to the young people after their talk is over.

The people of Farmington are invited to hear these outstanding musicians and to learn more of the work represented by Miss Reed.

Dr. J. W. Norton Heads Osteopathic Meeting

Dr. Joseph W. Norton, president of the Michigan State Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, will preside at the annual meeting of that group, to be held October 29, 30, and 31 at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

There will be talks by speakers from various osteopathic colleges, as well as a number of speakers from Boston. On Tuesday night, October 29, there will be a meeting in the hotel ballroom to which the general public is invited. Dr. E. A. Ward, of Saginaw, past president of the American Osteopathic Association, will talk.

Ballots To List Five Proposals

Qualified residents of Farmington Township and the City of Farmington will vote "yes" or "no" on five proposals on November 5, in addition to making their choices from the listed candidates.

Following are the proposals: Proposal No. 1—"Shall the Constitution be amended to authorize the electors of school districts to exceed the 15 mill limitation for building purposes?"

Additional would permit electors to issue five-year bonds to build or rebuild schools.

Proposal No. 2—"Shall the Constitution be amended to establish a new system of Civil Service for state employment?"

This amendment, if approved, will create a new civil service system and establish a commission to classify all positions with the state civil service. The rates of compensation and make rules and regulations pertaining to all civil service employment.

Proposal No. 3—"Referendum on Section 3 of Article 12 of Act 261 of the Public Acts of 1939, which amend motor carrier act, without first obtaining from the Michigan Public Service Commission a certificate of permit to do so."

This is the proposal against which the DSR of Detroit is waging a vigorous campaign.

Proposal No. 4—"Referendum on Act 122 of the Public Acts of 1939, being an act to amend the practice of dentistry and dental surgery, and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts."

The text of this bill, about 5,000 words and prohibiting advertising by dentists, will be printed in full making the ballot the longest in recent state history.

The fifth proposal on the ballot will be the one authorizing the Detroit-Hardin-Clinton Park and Parkway System. The proposal, if approved, would provide an extended park and highway system in five counties, Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Livingston. Only residents of these five counties will vote on this proposal.

Saturday, October 26, is the last day on which those not already registered, may do so. Township residents may register with Clerk Harry McCracken at his home, 35720 Two Mile Road. City residents will register at the City offices with City Clerk Harry Moore.

MOVIE "WHEELS ACROSS INDIA" SHOWN TO CLUB

A thrilling movie, "Wheels Across India" was shown at the meeting Wednesday noon of the Exchange club. The movie was loaned by the Dodge Motor Company, and showed fascinating scenes taken from actual life in India.

Another movie "Army On Wheels" was also shown. It showed how the various divisions of national defense have been mechanized and how the efficiency of the army has been increased through this mechanization. The movie projector was handled by Hayward Topper.

Louis Esch, 77, Passes Away Wednesday

A resident of Farmington for 52 years, Louis Esch, 77, passed away Wednesday at his home on Eight Mile Road near Farmington Road. Mr. Esch was born in Germany. He came to Farmington in 1888 to take up farming. His wife, Fredericka, died three years ago.