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The Expanding Dollar

(Crystal Falls Diamond Drill)

The man on the street, when discussing the present depression, rarely takes into consideration the expanding dollar. Those of us who went through the period just before and during the World War learned the problems that the shrinking dollar brought with it. We saw the prices of food stuffs and materials in general appreciate in price because of the increased demand until the dollar would buy only about half of what it would in 1913. To adjust conditions to this "depreciated dollar" wages in all lines of employment were increased until they found a balance with the dollar or rather with the appreciated price of necessities. The continuance of this artificial condition following the war and during the time that the exorbitant demand for materials made by war's depletion of them buoyed up prices delayed the day of shrinkage in prices until the present. We are now facing that natural consequence of the extravagances of war; we are witnessing the gradual expansion in the dollar in its journey back to normalcy. How near it will come to getting back to the place it occupied in the world's trade in 1913 remains to be seen but indications are that depression will not stop permanently until it gets there.

In this connection artificial measures are being taken to keep wages where they get to during the period of price inflation

brought about by the war. We are also witnessing an effort on the part of government to hold prices of commodities on a fictitious plane through legislation. Indications are that both efforts are doomed to fail and that in the end all artificial means will surrender to old man Economic Parity.

Henry Ford, the apostle of the high wage, is keeping his wage rate up but is effecting reduction by cutting the time of the wage earner and maintaining the machine mass production which he brought in during the decade just past to meet shrinking prices. To the laboring man employed in a Ford factory the result at the end of the week is the same whether such workman draws pay for three days at \$7.00 per day or six days at \$3.50 per day; the family pocket book has the same amount of cash in it.

It seems that when the people generally and industry in particular come around to view the situation in its true light that we will be faced with an economic revolution. Will labor submit to adjust its wage to the expanding dollar just as it demanded such adjustment when we had the shrinking dollar? Upon the answer to that question depends very greatly the answer to the problem of the expanding dollar which is the greatest problem before us today. Will it be solved according to carefully considered economic rules or will attempts be made to change by legislation the inevitable eventuality of those economic laws?

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the City Commission, April 6.

Adjourned. No quorum.

N. H. POWER, City Clerk.

Regular meeting of the City Commission, held April 9, 1931.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:20 p. m.

Commissioners present: Hatton, Stamann, Hogle, Otis and Gildemeister.

Minutes of the meeting of March 27 read and approved.

Having ascertained the results of the Biennial City Election held April 6, 1931, the following persons were declared elected to the offices opposite their names:

Mayor, Arthur Lamb.

Commissioner, Delos Hamlin for four year term.

Commissioner, Howard Osmus, for four year term.

Commissioner, Fred Stamann, for four year term.

Clerk, Nathan H. Power.

Treasurer, Hunman G. Nichols.

Assessor, James L. Hogle.

Board of Review, Harrison Johnson.

Board of Review, Joseph A. Karle.

Justice of the Peace, John H. Thayer.

Constable, Marl F. Pettibone.

Moved by Hatton, seconded by Otis that this list be approved. Carried.

Motion made by Hogle, seconded by Otis that the members of the Election Board be allowed \$10 apiece for their work at the election held April 6, 1931. Carried.

The Clerk reported the receipt of \$319.44 by his office in March. The following bills were approved by the Auditing Committee:

Farmington Lumber & Coal \$6.48	C. O. Lucke, cinders.....60.00
Detroit Edison, light and power.....668.20	
E. K. Tamm, cinders.....18.00	
Bell Telephone, police booth 5.17	
Bell Telephone, fire hall.....4.15	
Turner & Clark, coal.....50.00	
Eastern Mich. System, freight bill.....50	
Crane Co., rubber hose.....26.25	
Glin Russell, police car.....3.75	
Glin Russell, City truck, labor, etc.....4.98	
L. F. Fenst, gravel.....9.00	
Paul Foss.....76	
American LaFrance Co.....2.31	
J. T. Alcock, goods.....3.42	
Farmington Hardware Co.....8.25	
Auto Shop, labor, etc.....8.37	
E. N. Geney, garbage deficit month of March.....27.00	
Earl G. Vivier, gas, city.....5.22	
Earl G. Vivier, gas, police car.....18.91	
Farmington Enterprise, printing.....68.27	
Marl F. Pettibone, police relief.....16.00	
Stewart Iron Works, cement marker.....8.20	
Cass Auto Service, gas.....3.29	
Motion made by Hatton, seconded by Otis, that bills be paid as read. Carried.	
Recessed until April 13, 1931.	
N. H. POWER, Sec.	
Regular salaries paid April 1:	
George Gildemeister, months of February, March.....100.00	
William Maas.....87.50	
Harvey Blough.....62.50	
Lee Doyle.....75.00	
Tom Armstrong.....75.00	
Mayor and Commissioners' salary for the quarter ending March 31, 1931:	
Arthur Lamb.....\$28.00	
Fred Stamann, commissioner 28.00	
E. Hatton, commissioner.....28.00	
Amos Otis, commissioner.....28.00	
Carl Goers, commissioner.....28.00	
Carl Hogle, commissioner.....4.00	
Leo Gildemeister, commissioner.....24.00	
Firemen's salaries paid for the quarter ending March 31, 1931:	
Howard Osmus, fireman.....\$22.00	
Marl Pettibone, fireman.....16.00	

FARMINGTON ACRES

Mr. and Mrs. William Bentley of Detroit were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Measell. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fifoot and children visited friends in Farmington, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre and children with Mr. and Mrs. Gene McLean and daughter, Irene of Flint; Mrs. Esther Elliott of Rochester and Miss Gladys Roy of Cleveland, O., attended the Arenac County club at the Y. W. C. A. in Detroit, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sharon and son, Emory, and Betty McDonald of Detroit were Tuesday evening guests of Miss Markham.

Miss Gertrude McIntyre is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kingsley in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hofmann and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nett and daughter, Violet attended a card party at Our Lady of Victory church in Northville, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dening of Bay City and Mrs. Victoria Parker of Detroit were the guests of Miss Amanda Markham several days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Felhauer

Norman Spaller, fireman.....10.00
Meredith Steele, fireman.....10.00
Bernard Banfield, fireman.....16.00
Frank Dolson, fireman.....22.00
Harrison Johnson, fireman.....14.00
Norman Lee, fireman.....20.00
Waters Lee, fireman.....16.00
Fred Maas, fireman.....14.00
Harold Oldenborg, fireman 22.00
Paid election board for election held April 6, 1931:
E. O. Hatton.....\$10.00
Eugene Brown.....10.00
Fred Maas.....10.00
R. J. Auten.....10.00
Carl Goers.....10.00
Anna Brown.....10.00
Eugene Edwards.....10.00

Recessed meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Farmington, held April 13, 1931.

Called to order by Mayor Lamb at 7:30 p. m.

Commissioners present: Hatton, Osmus, Stamann, Hamlin, Gildemeister and Goers.

Mayor Lamb submitted the following schedule of salaries for City employees effective May 1, 1931:

Supt. of Public Works, William L. Maas, \$1900.00 per year.
Asst. Supt. of Public Works, Harvey Blough, \$1400.00 per year, with house, light and water.
Lee Doyle, Supt. of Police, \$1800.00 per year, 2 days vacation each month.
Tom Armstrong, night police, \$1600.00 per year, 2 nights off each month.

Ordinary labor, 45¢ per hour. Motion made by Hatton, seconded by Stamann that this salary list be approved. Carried.

Mayor Lamb made the following committee appointments:

Sewers, Hatton and Hamlin. Water and fire, Osmus and Goers.

Cemetery and parks, Hamlin and Gildemeister.

Light and public buildings, Goers and Osmus.

Streets, Stamann and Osmus. Sidewalks, Gildemeister and Goers.

Ordinances, Hatton and Stamann.

Finance, Gildemeister and Hatton.

Non-official library committee, Floyd Johnson, Ernestine Pierce, Mildred Adams.

Motion by Gildemeister, seconded by Osmus that these committee appointments be confirmed. Carried.

Mayor Lamb appointed Harold Grace to the fire department to succeed Meredith Steele. The latter is unable to serve.

The Commission named April 21-22 Cleanup days.

Carl Parker gave the Commission a price on crushed stone.

E. J. Follard of Detroit spoke on the use of calcium chloride in solution for the streets to allay the dust. The Commission took the matter under advisement.

A lengthy discussion in regard to the quantity of water and the price to be charged for the same to Porath & Son, road contractors was indulged in by the Commission. Committee on water will make a report on the matter.

Commissioner Hatton submitted a blue print of a proposed subway to cross Grand River avenue at School street. This for the safety of school children.

Motion made by Goers, seconded by Gildemeister that we advertise for bids for the same. Carried.

Adjourned, 9:50 p. m.

N. H. POWERS, City Clerk.

and Mrs. Peter Kooztz of Detroit called on their sister, Mrs. Frank Hofmann and family, Friday.

Edward Measell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Measell, is spending his spring vacation in Washington with the seniors of Farmington High School.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Orsland and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perrier of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherwood of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Sherwood of Edward avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Grunwald of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hofmann, Sunday.

Miss Jewel Atkins and niece and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Damon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ballard and family and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Fensom and family of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Billig and son, Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kingsley and children of Detroit called on the latter's brothers, B. C. and H. A. McIntyre Sunday while enroute to Toledo for the day.

Thomas Measell spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Measell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkinson and son, Billy were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mierman in Detroit, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maertin and daughters, Margaret and Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brennan and family of Detroit were Sunday callers at the Markham home.

Patrick Welsh of Detroit called at the Markham home, Saturday.

WEST FARMINGTON

The Willing Workers of West Farmington Cemetery met with Mrs. Edward Grimmer Thursday afternoon, to appoint committees and plan for the summer's work. The next meeting will be held at West Farmington school house in June.

Frank Robison, Mrs. Roshford and daughter and Miss Lillian Robison sent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Smith Green and family at Sylvan Lake.

Mrs. Edith Graham is ill.

Gladys Bachelor, Willma Graham, Molly Vandervelin, Dorothy Tarmwalt and Mary Vince represented their 4-H club at the Oakland County 4-H club achievement day held at Lincoln Junior High School in Pontiac last Saturday. Joe Vince and George Asche represented the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green spent Sunday with Mr. Hewitt and sons at Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Bertha Chafy and Mrs. Parmalee spent Wednesday with Mrs. Arthur Green.

Ivan Graham went to Detroit Saturday to receive his dictionary, an award given him in the spelling contest.

E. S. Dart visited West Farmington school, Thursday afternoon. He gave the pupils a very interesting talk on trips he has made to other states. Mr. Dart is 84 years old.

A shrub planting and landscaping demonstration will be held at the home of Mrs. Glen Buffmeyer at Walled Lake April 20.

Mr. Gregg, landscape artist of Michigan State College, will give the demonstration.

About 25 relatives and friends gave Edwin Murray a pleasant surprise at his home at Four Towns Saturday evening. Five tables of progressive cards were in play. Prizes were awarded for high and low scores, high score being won by Lee Geigler and William Knapp and low prizes awarded to Mrs. Lovell Hunt and Mrs. Charles Heliker.

Enterprise Liners bring results.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Probate Court of the County of Oakland.

A session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 26th day of March A. D. 1931.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM F. MURPHY, Deceased.

P. De Vere Fleming, Edward Mitchell, Jr. and J. M. G. O'Connell, of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said court.

It is ordered, that four months from the date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is further ordered, that the eighth day of September, 1931 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

Clarence Doty, Deputy Probate Register.

Apr. 2, 1931

Excavations at the ancient city of Leptis Magna in Tripoli are revealing treasures surpassing those of Pompeii, including pal-

aces, statuary, storehouses, and a fine harbor with massive quays and docks, about seventeen centuries old.

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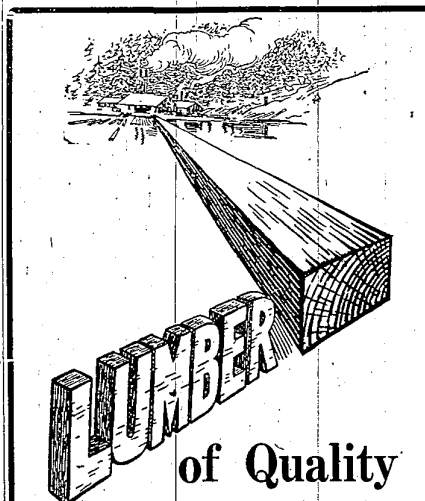
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