

Dinner Tuesday Eve To Promote Friendly Spirit

Residents Of Outlying Sections To Be Guests Of Exchange Club

Members of Farmington Exchange Club and their wives will be hosts to fruit-growers and their wives of the area around Farmington, at a banquet next Tuesday evening in Methodist Community Hall. The event is being sponsored by the Exchange Club as a means of developing community spirit and friendliness.

Tickets have been prepared and will be distributed this week end to the residents of the outlying area. Each Exchangeite and his wife are to be hosts to one or more couples living outside of town.

An interesting program is to follow the dinner, including an address by a well-qualified speaker, probably from Michigan State College, music, and several reels of motion pictures of an interesting and educational character.

The dinner is part of the festival planned and announced last week. Due to unlimited time remaining, the Club decided Wednesday to postpone plans for the old-time square dance and party originally planned for Monday night in the Town Hall, with the prospect that an event of this kind may be held after the holidays. It was decided also not to ask the fruit-growers to prepare exhibits for a show of apples and apple-products, this being the busy time of the year for them, and the festival will be confined to the one evening's program.

While the dinner is being sponsored by the Exchange Club anyone desiring to attend, or other business-men wishing to invite guests from out-of-town are welcome to do so. Tickets will be available to anyone at 50 cents each, provided notice is given to the committee not later than Monday noon.

The committee handling the event consists of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Floyd Johnson, Emory Hutton, Edward W. Baker, and Elmer W. Palmer.

Which Pontiac Lawyer Is The Only Question

A brief but highly illuminating epigram which aptly characterized the political history of the past generation, was delivered by City Clerk N. H. Power of Farmington at the City Commission meeting Monday evening.

Mr. Power pointed out that beginning with the next election, this county will as the 17th District elect a congressman of its own instead of being part of the Sixth district as it has been for many, many years. "The only thing that I am wondering about," remarked Mr. Power, "is which Pontiac attorney will decide to run for the office."

Township Bank Account Freed

Circuit Judge Frank Doty Issues Order Freeing Sum Of Money Held Up

Farmington Township's bank account, tied up for many weeks by garnishment proceedings instituted by School District No. 1, was freed Monday, enabling the Township Board to meet part of the obligations which have accumulated.

Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, issued an order directing that the Township's account in People's State Bank of Farmington be freed from the garnishment order. The amount which had been held up was \$800, this covering the school district's judgment obtained against the township several months ago.

The releasing order followed a decree by Judge Doty that garnishment was not the proper proceeding against a township, an expiration of the time for appealing from his verdict.

EASTERN STARS OF THIS VICINITY AT COUNTY MEETING

Mrs. Ada Bond Of Farmington Serves As Installing Officer

About 250 members of the O. E. S. met at Royal Oak as guests of the Oakwood Chapter, No. 492, in the Twenty-Ninth Annual meeting of the Oakland County Association, Monday October 26. The morning session was called to order by the president, Goldie Richardson of Commerce Chapter. The session was turned over to the addresses of welcome, response and reports of the 19 chapters of the County. Introduction of honor guests, among whom were worthy Grand Matron Belle Pike and Grand Associate Matron Selma Brown, followed.

Mable Welsh of Commerce Chapter gave a history sketch of the O. E. S. Villa at Adrian with her regular report.

Winifred Beam of Milford was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year with Bernice Bentley as first vice-president, Oliver Gibbs, second vice-president, Nellie Williams, secretary-treasurer, Mable Wells, marshal, and Ruth Ek, chaplain.

The afternoon session was opened with solos by Ruth Ramsey and a reading by Vera Dixon.

Installation of the newly elected County officers took place with Ada Bond of Farmington acting as installing officer, assisted by Cora D. Gibbs, chaplain, Ada F. Clark, marshal, and Ruth Paine, organist.

Mrs. Beam was presented with many gifts as were Bernice Bentley, Nellie Williams, Ruth Ek and the retiring president, Goldie Richardson.

Mrs. Beam announced the list of officers selected for the May meeting to be held at Orion. Worthy Grand Matron Belle Pike gave an instructive talk concerning the order.

Part Of School Tax Deficit On '31 Township Rolls

One-Third Of Township School Deficit To Be Spread This Year

One-third of the Farmington Township school tax deficit of \$36,416.58 is to be spread upon the township rolls this year, as a general levy upon the township, it was declared this week by Circuit Judge Frank L. Covert. Judge Covert ordered township officials to make a special levy of \$12,000 in the 1931 tax, payable this winter.

The decision was just about as had been expected by township officials, who had expressed the belief that if the levy could be extended over three years or more, the township would have prospects of wiping out the debt, caused by misdistribution of 1929 taxes.

Won't Raise Taxes

Supervisor Coe pointed out that although there will be a \$12,000 levy to make up the deficit, this will not increase the amount to be raised in taxes. The tax for township purposes will be \$5,000 less than in 1930, even including this special levy, inasmuch as the township board has previously reduced the budget by \$17,000. The levy will be indicated on tax-bills as "school tax deficit."

George E. Bushnell, attorney for Clarenceville school district, expressed himself as highly pleased with the spirit of co-operation shown by Supervisor Coe and Clerk Campbell of the Township. They assured the court that the township officials hold the schools to be of first importance, and that whenever any available funds come into their hands, it would be turned over to the school districts to apply on the debt. Judge Covert included in his order a ruling that if in future years there is tax delinquency on this levy, and payments are made to the county treasurer, that official is not to hold back such taxes to offset other township obligations to the county, as has been done with other delinquent tax money.

Mr. Bushnell represented Clarenceville district. C. Redmund Moon of Race, Haas and Allen, Detroit, represented District No. 6, and James Lynch of Pontiac represented the township and the remaining school districts.

NAME COMMITTEES FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT

Exchange Club Begins Active Work On Community Betterment Plan

Committees were named Wednesday noon by President Z. R. Aschenbrenner of Farmington Exchange Club to take up seven projects for community betterment suggested last week by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson.

The seven activities comprise a broad range of community service, including aids to youth, to business, and to improved appearance of the town.

The committees appointed are as follows, the first named being the chairman in each instance. Utilizing former Methodist Children's Home Building; Floyd Johnson, Floyd Nichols, Olin Russell.

Skating-rink and toboggan; Arthur Lamb, Harrison Johnson, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Hyman Levinson.

Tree-planting; Howard Warner, Edgar S. Pierce, John J. Schulte. Social committee for youth; Leo Gildemeister, John Dalrymple, Elmer W. Palmer.

Log Cabin; N. H. Power, Emory Hutton, Paul Fare, Carl Hoger.

Interesting an industry in D. U. R. building at Junction; Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Edward Baker, Earl Vivier, T. H. McGee.

Employment for all; John Fitzpatrick, Earl Grosvenor, Isaac Bond.

Mayor Lamb "Punished" All Over Front Page; Spotlight Don't "Burn"

Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington jumped right into the middle of a powerful limelight Tuesday afternoon, and stood in the very center of Oakland County's spotlight. Yet although the light was intended to "show him up" and perhaps the white heat of it was supposed to burn a little, the Mayor displayed a thick skin and smiled it off. Side by side with Mayor Lamb was his neighbor, Supervisor Charles Hamilton of Novi.

The Oakland County Poor Commission question brought it all about. County welfare work has been handled by three commissioners, E. D. Spooner, F. L. Lessor, and S. Lee Pack, the latter a candidate for sheriff at the last election. On Saturday morning a special committee appointed to

investigate the welfare situation reported a recommendation that the three commissioners be replaced by three industrial executives, each of whom agreed to serve for \$10 a year—C. B. Wilson, former president of the Wilson Foundry and Machine Co., A. R. Glancy, former president and general manager of the Oakland Motor Car Co., and C. B. Stiffler, assistant to the president of the Oakland Motor Car Co.

Spooner, Lessor and Pack were asked to resign, but Pack refused to "quit under fire." The Board received a legal opinion that unless charges were made and a hearing held, the commissioners could only be ousted by passage of a resolution declaring them "incompetent."

Resolution Passes

A resolution declaring the poor commissioners "incompetent" was offered Monday and carried, 26 to 17. The vote represented in effect the rural and small town areas of the County against the urban centers. Sixteen of the seventeen supervisors voting "no" are from the country and small towns, the other one being a Farmington man. Pontiac City's six, Royal Oak's six and four of Ferndale's five, were all affirmative votes.

But it was the "no" voters who got the spotlight, and Mayor Lamb and Supervisor Hamilton most of all. Wednesday their respective pictures appeared at the top of the Pontiac daily newspaper's front page, on the left side, under the heading, "They Led Opposition." Below was related that "Supervisor Lamb and Hamilton led the opposition in the Board of Supervisors Monday to the plan to place Oakland County's poor relief under the direction of trained business executives. Despite the opposition of the group led by Lamb and Hamilton, the Board of Supervisors took its step toward reduction of the county's enormous tax burden and placing the biggest item in its huge financial problem in the hands of successful, experienced business-men."

More!

But this was merely a starter. Just one column away was an even larger two-column heading: "How They Voted," and below it this: "The following supervisors voted in favor of removing the present three poor commissioners Monday, paving the way for the appointment of three highly trained business executives in an effort to reduce the tremendous tax burden now borne by Oakland County taxpayers." Then appeared the names of those voting "yes."

Below was this paragraph: "The following supervisors voted against removal of the three present poor commissioners Monday, opposing the plan to place the county's poor relief on a more efficient basis under direction of experienced and successful business men. These supervisors favored retaining the incumbents at the regular meeting of Farmington Township board, and while the astonished members of that honorable body listened, only half-believing that they heard aright, Mr. Utley laid before them a proposal that could scarcely be called anything other than revolutionary."

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Plan Township, City Survey To Aid Employment

Farmington Efforts Part Of State And County Organization Work

A complete canvass of every home in Farmington Township and City, with the view of lessening unemployment will probably be made this month, following appointment this week of a county unemployment committee, of which Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington is a member. The committee is commonly known as "the Governor's committee," and is part of a state-wide effort to aid in finding work.

According to Mayor Lamb, Pontiac City recently conducted such a survey without cost and obtained satisfactory results. The nature of the work consists chiefly in making a house-to-house canvass with a view to learning who is and who is not employed. Complete data is obtained by the canvassers as to citizenship, amount of work had in the past several months, nature of work that the unemployed is capable of doing, length of residence in the community, number of dependents, and all other information that is thought necessary to make a distribution of available work fair.

When the data is compiled, all known sources of employment are then canvassed and complete touch is maintained between employers and unemployed, with a view to apportioning whatever employment is available among the most needy.

The survey is expected to be particularly valuable in view of the large amount of State Highway Department work planned this winter.

Mayor Lamb outlined the survey plan to the City Commission Monday evening. One city official expressed the belief that much more unemployment would be revealed than most people believe exists in this area.

Supervisor Coe laid the plan for a survey before the Township Board Tuesday evening, and the board voted to co-operate with the City in a survey.

MAN IS KILLED WHILE WALKING ON GRAND RIVER

Driver Of Car Released After Making Statement To Prosecuting Attorney

A man identified as A. Snider, 45, of 1655 Grey Street, Detroit, was instantly killed early Monday morning when struck by an automobile at the intersection of Grand River avenue and Hutton Road, one mile west of Farmington. Otto G. Stoesser, 3416 Atkinson Street, Detroit, driver of the car, stopped and reported the accident to Sheriff's officers who released Stoesser after making a statement to the prosecutor.

According to Deputy William Tamm who, with Deputy Joseph DeVriendt was called to the scene, Snider had been drinking, a bottle of liquor being found on his person. He was reported as crossing the road without heeding the approaching car and the driver had no opportunity to avoid hitting him. Coroner Dewey Kimball of Birmingham was called and pronounced it an accidental death. He ordered the body taken to the Heene Funeral Home in Farmington where it was claimed by relatives and taken to Grand Rapids for burial.

Stoesser was driving east on Grand River with his wife and father who were returning to their Detroit home.

HURT BY WRINGER

Mrs. Mary Carey of North Farmington was painfully injured last week when her right hand was caught in an electric wringer at her home. Her sister, Mrs. Amasa Grace, was present and released a lever on the machine, lifting the rolls. Mrs. Carey was treated by Dr. E. F. Holcomb of Farmington, and her hand is improving rapidly.

WILLIAM HAYWARD, IN ILL-HEALTH, TAKES OWN LIFE

Despondency Over Ill Health Given As Cause—Two Children Survive

William W. Hayward, 68 years old, well-known in Farmington, committed suicide Wednesday afternoon by leaping from the fourth floor window of the Highland Park General Hospital. Mr. Hayward married Dolly Wikom of Farmington and was a brother-in-law of Mark Wikom.

Despondency due to ill health was given as the cause of his action by his daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Hatcher, with whom he lived at 318 E. University Place. Royal Oak. Mr. Hayward had been in the hospital for two days for medical observation. Death was instantaneous, according to police.

Mr. Hayward had been in the mail service 40 years, serving the greater part of his time on the Pere Marquette railroad between Toledo and Ludington. He is survived by two children, Paul of Plymouth, a well-known merchant at that place and Mrs. Hatcher. One child died a number of years ago. Mrs. Hayward has been dead about two years.

Mr. Hayward retired from the mail service two years ago.

Auxiliary Party Is This Friday At Legion Home

Through an error it was announced in last week's Enterprise that the American Legion Auxiliary would give a bridge and pedro party Friday, October 30. The Auxiliary will give the party Friday, November 6 at the American Legion home on Grand River, beginning at 1:30. The Auxiliary extends a cordial invitation to all.

Asks Town Board To Get Injunction Against Treasurer Collecting Taxes

There are no limitations to the efforts of Clarence Utley, well-known Farmington Township farmer, to bring about tax reform. Neither the State nor the Township, nor perhaps even the proverbial sky itself, will prove to be the limit for Mr. Utley in achieving his aim.

As most people know, or at least 1600-odd citizens of this vicinity who signed a petition for him, Mr. Utley started out about three months ago to convince the world that the taxes were too high, and must be reduced. But then, thousands of others have found that much. Mr. Utley went farther. It's not enough, in his opinion, that we start reducing taxes now, for future benefit, but the effect must be felt here and now. Hence his petition calling upon Governor Brucker and

the Legislature for a special session, to declare all unpaid taxes "forever paid," and for payment of all road building costs by the State.

And Mr. Utley wasn't content with drawing up a petition calling upon the Governor for relief—he called upon the Governor himself and presented his case. And now, more spectacular even than that, he appeared Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of Farmington Township board, and while the astonished members of that honorable body listened, only half-believing that they heard aright, Mr. Utley laid before them a proposal that could scarcely be called anything other than revolutionary.

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