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Barrel System Enlisted As Aid For Poor Relief

Indigents To Receive Food Placed In Barrels In Three Grocery Stores

"Drop a little something into the barrel for those in need." This thought expresses the method by which Farmington people will have an opportunity, beginning Friday morning, to contribute something, a little at a time, to their neighbors less fortunate than they. It will be an important part, this year, of Farmington's self-assumed task of caring for its own needy.

On Friday morning, three barrels painted green will be placed in three Farmington grocery stores, the Henry Pauline, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., and Kroger stores. They will be placed conveniently, so that the shopper, buying his or her groceries, can select an item or two "for sweet charity," and drop it into the barrel.

Although Farmington is more fortunate than many neighboring communities, there are many to be aided, more than ever before. And business conditions have made it certain that cash donations of previous years can be equalled only by a tremendous effort. But the barrels will make it possible for almost everyone with a charitable heart and a feeling of kinship for his fellow-man to help—just by putting down an extra few cents for some good substantial food for others.

A can of this put in by one—a box of that by another—a pound of something else by the next one—each costing the buyer but a little, yet accumulating in the barrel, will do the job. One store has had a barrel of its own for more than a week, awaiting the decision of the committee as to how the supplies were to be handled. And the people of Farmington (Continued on page eight)

NEW CHEVROLET TO BE EXHIBITED THIS SATURDAY

R. E. Beckley Sponsors First Farmington Showing Of New Car At Showrooms

A presentation of the world's foremost automobile manufacturer is announced for Saturday December 5, in the Farmington territory, as throughout the country, at Farmington Motor Sales. On that day at the Farmington Chevrolet salesroom, R. E. Beckley and his staff will sponsor the presentation, heralded as the most astonishing in the motor car world in many years.

While the general business conditions of the past year have had their disadvantages, it is generally held that none would benefit by the keen rivalry for business more than the buyer of a motor car. The intense competition coupled with recent sound development of a number of revolutionary improvements in automobile design, have brought to the automobile buyer of this period value far greater than ever before.

"Chevrolet has pioneered in bringing the most modern automobile developments into the low price field," said Mr. Beckley. "Each year Chevrolet has incorporated into its cars many of the improvements and refinements that were regarded as possible only in big and more expensive cars, such as 'selling a six cylinder car in the price-range of a four.' This year, I can give assurance, will prove no exception in fact, everyone may anticipate confidently until detailed information is ready, that previous achievements will exceed even the great Chevrolet achievements of the past.

"No matter if one has been a driver of bigger and higher priced cars and feels his interest is primarily in that field, we invite and urge everyone to come to our salesroom Saturday. We know it will be a revelation to everyone interested in motor cars, now and in the future."

Death Notes "Meant Business"; To Sentence Writer Saturday

Below is the text of three extortion letters sent by Harold Tuchelski, 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, neighbors on Halsted Road between Eleven and Twelve Mile Roads. The first two letters were found by the Smiths in their mail-box, but Tuchelski was captured by Deputy William Tamm immediately after he deposited the third letter, early Friday morning.

LETTER NO. 1.

Mr. Smith We demand you to leave \$5000 at the bridge south of your home we will give one week the money to be there on the night of 16 of Nov. it must be in 5 10 20 and 50 dollar bills put in a tin box on the

Leniency Petition Report Unfounded

Rumors of circulation of petitions for leniency toward Harold Tuchelski, 20, who will be sentenced Saturday morning for sending extortion letters to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, have been found without foundation. Herbert Tuchelski, an older brother with whom Harold lived, stated that neighbors and friends have offered to circulate petitions to the Circuit Court. It is understood, however, that Tuchelski's attorneys have decided it would be of little advantage.

Mrs. Smith, who was made ill and lost ten pounds in weight through nervousness during the two weeks the letters were sent, had no comment to make on the leniency efforts, except that she felt "it is for the judge to decide—he knows best."

east side of the road if you do this without informing the law you will be properly repaid but if you don't do it or inform the law it means you and your wife's death.

SO REMEMBER WE MEAN BUSINESS

LETTER NO. 2.

Smith What's the big idea of not putting that money under the bridge as you were told you don't seem to know what it means to refuse the demand we gave you we will give you one more chance and the money must be there by Wednesday night Remember don't fail and no law OR

LETTER NO. 3

Mr. Smith This is the third and last warning that we are going to give you to put that \$5000 dollars under the bridge south of your home Remember we aren't going to fool with this we will demand and keep your wife on the spot so its best that you do for we have more than one of still if inform the law we will get you too for we have more than one of us and were hard so if you want to live happy put the money there on Saturday Nov 28 we know you've got it so don't try to fool these

With relatives and friends hoping for a large measure of leniency, Harold Tuchelski, 20 years old, of Farmington, will face Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty Saturday morning for sentence following his plea of guilty to extortion. The maximum sentence is 20 years.

Meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith are recovering from the effects of receiving the letters, reproduced above demanding \$5,000 on penalty of death. Mrs. Smith was able to leave the farm and came to Farmington for the first time by the letters came just as she was recovering from worry over the condition of Mr. Smith, who had been seriously ill for

Farmington High School Band Parades In Detroit

The 50-piece Farmington High school band paraded in Detroit Thanksgiving Day in a parade.

Among those from Farmington who witnessed the parade were Mr. and Mrs. Will Slocum and children, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pierce and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger and Mrs. Jane Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barrows and children and Arthur Lamb.

Ringling Of Axes Heard Once Again As Indigents Secure Fuel Supply

The ringing of the axe and singing of the saw, as in the olden days, is resounding over farmland in Farmington Township, as more men cut wood to keep their families warm in winter.

Unable to obtain coal through the County Welfare officials for the indigent of his Township, Supervisor Arthur Coe cast about for other means of keeping the families from freezing. A letter of Julius Porath, contractor, to sell timber standing on his farm at Nine Mile and Halsted Roads provided the solution. Mr. Porath offered the wood for 60 cents a cord as it stands.

As soon as the arrangement was decided upon, Supervisor Coe de-

months. Tuchelski was to have been sentenced Monday, but a stay was obtained. Meanwhile probation officers have checked into his life and reputation.

It is expected that Tuchelski's attorneys, Charles L. Wilson of Farmington and John Boice of Redford, will make a strong plea for leniency, based on the absence of any previous wrongdoing on the part of their client.

Doubt 'Education' Plea

The reported reason given by Tuchelski for his act, that he wanted the money to get an education in order to stand higher in the estimation of a girl friend, was totally discounted by the officer who captured him. Deputy William Tamm. The girl with whom Tuchelski was friendly was said to have visited Mrs. Smith, and to have said that Tuchelski, in his conversations with her, had never discussed education. He went through the eighth grade in school.

Family Puzzled

None is more puzzled as to how Tuchelski happened upon his extortion scheme than his older brother, Herbert, with whom the younger man lived. The older brother feels keenly the situation created by Harold's act.

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No Holdup Clues; Victim Tells 'How Facing Gun Feels'

Pangborn's Pocketbook Found Saturday At Power Station On 8 Mile Road

How it feels to be held up at the point of a gun at an early morning hour on a dark street was told this week by a well-known Farmington business man following the first arm hold-up staged in Farmington in three years.

William Pangborn was the victim, \$75 was the loot, the hold-up men are unknown.

"I was on my way home about 1:30 Saturday morning," Mr. Pangborn said in relating the circumstances of the robbery, "and when crossing Cass avenue on Oakland avenue I noticed a car parked on Cass street but did not think anything of it, it being without lights and apparently parked for the night."

Car Follows Him

"I was only a few steps beyond Cass when I heard the motor of the car start up and looking around, I saw it back out onto Oakland and head west, still without lights. When it stopped only a short distance behind me in the darkest place on Oakland and a man jumped out of the car, I didn't know what to think."

"The man came up close to me," Mr. Pangborn continued, "and told me to 'stick 'em up!' He started going through my pockets and found my pocketbook which had about \$75 in it. He jumped back in the car, which was a dark sedan and it was immediately driven west on Oakland, still without lights. I think there were two or three men in the car. It was too dark for me to catch the license number."

Mr. Pangborn immediately went home and called police officers. Find Pocketbook

The finding of Mr. Pangborn's pocketbook at Power Station, west of Farmington on Eight Mile road, by Henry Wick Saturday morning is the only clue officers have found. From that point all trace of the men was lost although it is believed that they were headed east at the time they tossed the empty pocketbook from their car.

The theory was first advanced that the hold-up men were Farmington residents, strength being given to this theory by the fact that they were familiar with Pangborn's movements. This was later discounted by Pangborn himself when he declared that he had never seen the man before and was positive that he would have recognized him if such was the case. Officers are now working on the theory that it was outsiders who committed the robbery.

TRIPLE PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN FOR WELFARE RELIEF

Entire Proceeds To Be Turned Over To Welfare Fund In Farmington

A band concert, a Christmas opera and a dance are planned for Wednesday night, December 6 at 8:30 at the Town Hall for the benefit of Farmington welfare relief. Members of the committees state that the entire proceeds are to be turned over for welfare work in the City.

The Community Band under the direction of Edward Eaton will play a half hour concert which will be followed by an opera entitled, "The Toys That Had To Wait," given by pupils of Gladys Boucher. A chorus composed of students in the Farmington grade school will assist in presenting the opera.

The dance, which is to climax the evening's entertainment, will immediately follow the conclusion of the opera. Music is to be provided by Harold Benestel's "Blue Flame" orchestra of Detroit.

Refreshments will be served during the dance.

The annual Senior Prom will be given December 11 at Glenoaks Country Club, just off Orchard Lake road on Thirteenth Mile road.

Worthy Grand Matron To Visit O. E. S. Chapter

Mrs. Belle Pike of Wyandotte, Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Stars, will make an official visit to the Farmington O. E. S. chapter next Tuesday evening, December 8.

After a short business session, the Worthy Grand Matron will conduct a school of instruction. Officers of the chapter are requested to be at the chapter room promptly at 7:30.

Refreshments will be served and a social hour spent at the close of the school of instruction.

Bank Distributes Christmas Funds

Farmington People Share In Annual Distribution Of Christmas Club Savings

Farmington residents, along with millions of other folks in all parts of the United States will share this week the annual disbursements of Christmas Club savings.

Notices were mailed Tuesday to depositors by Peoples State Bank of Farmington, of the amounts of their Christmas Club accounts, ready for distribution. The total of thousands of dollars is the accumulation of a year's constant saving.

At the same time, a new Christmas Club for 1932 is being formed, with deposits accepted from 10 cents to \$20 a week.

Six hundred million dollars is being distributed to about twelve million members of the Christmas Club by more than 3,000 banking institutions and organizations of the country.

For the first time in the history of its twenty-one years of service, Christmas Club and its subscribing banks are coordinating the distribution of this \$600,000,000 with the activities of thousands of local merchants in more than 4,000 communities in a program to inspire wise and useful spending during the present week.

It is the belief of those identified with this plan that a slow and steady recovery to normal conditions will be accomplished by a logical approach to a subnormal buying public to spend wisely, not extravagantly, according to their present ability. An appropriate time to start such a movement is offered by the Christmas Club distribution of \$600,000,000 in cash during this week.

The average amount received by each member is slightly under \$50.00 while this same figure stood at \$54.60 in 1930. This is about one-twelfth of the amount on permanent deposit in each savings account, on the average, in the banks of the country. While several individual institutions in many sections of the country report an actual increase over last year, it is outstanding in this group are the mutual savings banks in New York and New England, curtailed payrolls in industrial centers and distress withdrawals in practically all sections have occasioned a reduction of about 6% in the total for the year. (Continued on page four)

Welfare Truck Has First Trial In Farmington

Township Leads In Motor Distribution Experiment, Begun Thursday Morning

Farmington Township is the first section of the County in which the Oakland County poor Commissioner's new system of distributing food for public welfare aid is being tried out, the system having been put into operation in the Township Thursday morning. Two trucks with six men came to the Township shortly after ten o'clock Thursday, making three stops. Distribution points were the residence of Supervisor Arthur Coe on Orchard Lake Road, the police booth at Farmington Junction, and Hart's garage at Clarenceville.

At each place a number of heads of families were gathered to receive their week's supply of food. Each family's portion was placed in a numbered or labeled crate, except for the portions of beef, potatoes and eggs, which were carried separately. Each crate or box had been packed in Pontiac with the supplies considered necessary.

Heretofore the supervisor of each township and mayors of cities have issued welfare orders directly to the families, who took them to stores and obtained their requirements. The storekeepers would send the orders in to the County for payment.

May Offer List

Under the new system, the supervisor is to notify the County Poor Commission each Monday as to his township's requirements. This week the supplies were rationed out by the County officials according to their best judgment, but hereafter, according to Mr. Coe, each family may give him on or before Monday a list of the supplies they most desire, and an effort will be made to fill these needs. The boxes that are distributed may not contain all the items needed or as much as requested, but will come closer to filling the wants of the individual families.

To Improve System

More than two hours was required to distribute the supplies, but much improvement is planned in this respect also. Each family will be required hereafter to advise Mr. Coe to which distribution point they will come for their box, and the truck will be loaded to permit rotation unloading.

Each crate contained certain staples of food, with bread, potatoes, canned goods and flour predominating. All but a few received a package of beef and a sack of potatoes, according to the number in the family. Where there were children, eggs were included. Arrangements for milk are still to be made, and kerosene is to be distributed by the supervisor at nearby gasoline stations.

Problems Appear

Some difficulties appeared at the outset. Nearly all families found it possible to arrange for some means of transportation points, and from the cases of a few, particularly widows, they had no means of transport. (Continued on page five)

Business Place Reaches "End Of The Road" As Fixtures Are Hauled Away

Monday meant "the end of the road" for a Farmington business place that opened nearly four years ago amidst music and glitter and glamour, but ended with the crash of fixtures hauled away and tossed about waiting trucks. Not until the end of a long and difficult legal battle, however, was the struggle given up.

Perhaps in few instances in the history of the County's jurisprudence have so many and so varied legal intricacies been developed in the effort to hold possession of a building, as were brought forth in the contest over the place known for nearly four years as "Engels," at Farmington Junction.

Four years and more ago, fore-

closure proceedings were started against the then holder of title, Mrs. Ann MacManus. Mr. and Mrs. MacManus had operated the corner under the name of "Pig and Whistle," for a number of years. They were succeeded by two men who soon after sold to Aceil "Ace" Johnson, who conducted a contest for a new name and selected "O-Ace-Saw" for the name. Johnson in turn was followed by S. A. "Sam" Engel, under the name "The Original Old Southern Style Barbecue."

For years Mr. Engel had operated a one-room barbecue stand across the corner, and had enjoyed a brisk business. Often his place was crowded, two crows he thought, and he cast eyes up (Continued on page eight)