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Supervisors To Pass On Appeal Of Bank Verdict

Committee On Ways And Means To Report Findings To Board

Decision as to whether there will be an appeal from the decree handed down by Circuit Judge Frank L. Doly, holding that Oakland County's public funds on deposit in closed banks are not a preferred claim, will have to be made by the entire Board of Supervisors. The Ways and Means committee to which the matter has been referred is preparing a report, but it is understood that the report will be such that the decision itself will be squarely up to the Board at large, rather than the committee.

The committee met with Civil Counsel George L. Cram Tuesday afternoon and will meet again Saturday, expecting at that time to complete its study.

At first it was believed that the question could be quite simply disposed of by merely allowing the matter of an appeal to drop, after a review of the situation by the committee, and a report to the Board with such a recommendation. The committee has found, however, that a number of complications may arise if no appeal is taken, and it is understood that the committee members feel that the responsibility for whatever decision is made should rest with the entire Board.

An example of the difficulties that may develop is the matter of Southfield Drain funds. More than \$659,000 of the County's deposits in one bank represent proceeds from the sale of bonds on the drain project. If the money is already in the hands of the courts, the adding of another factor to the already complicated problem is one difficulty that presents itself. Another matter has arisen is the possible effect on the obtaining of treasurer's bonds in the future, if the County funds are not held a preferred claim.

The supervisors will probably be called into session by the middle of next week, when the entire matter will be laid before them by the Ways and Means Committee. Members of the committee are Supervisors Joseph A. Long, Commerce; Earl N. Nash, Permdale; Perry A. Vaughn, Bloomfield; E. W. Clark, Pontiac; John Grant, Pleasant Ridge.

RECORD BUSINESS IS EXPERIENCED ON OPENING DAY

Delos Hamlin Sells More Than 700 Pounds Of Meat On Opening Day

Offering pork loin as a leading special in his opening advertisement in the Enterprise last week, Delos Hamlin, who recently became associated with the Red and White stores, sold a total of 700 pounds before 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He had on hand an original order of 400 pounds that was sold by 2 o'clock and a rush order for 300 additional pounds lasted only two hours.

Mr. Hamlin said that within a few hours after the Enterprise was in the Post Office patrons, many of them new ones, began coming to his store and telephoning in orders, taking advantage of the delivery system that he is maintaining.

Last minute customers Saturday night were surprised when they entered the store to find shelves that had been well-stocked in the morning almost barren, some of them empty. Mr. Hamlin declared that his business on Saturday almost tripled the business done on any previous day in the store.

He was particularly elated over the manner in which his new stock of fresh vegetables sold. He regarded this as an experiment but says the results were so good that fresh vegetables will be a regular part of his stocks.

Several of last week's specials and several additional ones are advertised in Mr. Hamlin's advertisement on page eight.

Fruit-Grower Must "Excel" In Order To Prosper, Says State College Man

One possible method of fruit-growing at a profit presents itself to the growers of this district and all of Michigan, Prof. V. L. Gardner of Michigan State College said Wednesday at a luncheon meeting of more than 50 farmers and Farmington Exchange Club members. That opportunity for profit is contained in a word, declared Prof. Gardner, the way being "to excel." The producing of higher grade fruit, bringing higher prices, will provide a good return to the grower, even under unfavorable general business conditions he said.

While the speaker's remarks were directed largely to the growing of apples, he asserted that the same principle applies to all farm products, and gave illustrations to emphasize his statements.

Judge McGaffey To Address P. T. A.

High School Band And Girls' Glee Club To Take Part In Program

Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Oakland County Judge of Probate, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

Prof. Tenny of Pontiac will also be on the program, it was announced by those in charge of the program. He is Superintendent of the Juvenile Home.

Judge McGaffey is in charge of all juvenile cases arising in Oakland County and it is expected that he will confine his remarks to a treatment of his experience with juvenile cases.

A musical program in which the high school band and girls' glee club will take part has been planned. It includes the "American Patrol" by the band, "Song of the Volga Boatman," "Bell of St. Mary's" by the Glee club and "W. M. B. March" by the band.

The meeting will be held in the Farmington High School auditorium.

AGED RESIDENT OF FARMINGTON DIES IN DETROIT

William A. Sayers, 81 Years Old, Lived In Farmington 14 Years

William A. Sayers, 81 year old resident of Farmington, was buried Thursday afternoon in Woodmere cemetery, Detroit, following funeral services held at 3305 of Bagley avenue, Detroit. Mr. Sayers died Tuesday at Harper hospital of pneumonia. He had been ill one week.

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, pastor of Farmington Methodist church, had charge of the funeral, assisted by Rev. Dunlap of Detroit, former pastor of Farmington M. E. church of which Mr. Sayers was a member.

Mr. Sayers had lived in Farmington for 14 years, coming here from Ontario where he was born. Mrs. Sayers died before Mr. Sayers moved to Farmington. He is survived by one son, Earl Sayers, of Detroit. An adopted son, Clarence, died two years ago of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Among those attending Mr. Sayers' funeral from Farmington were Mayor Lamb, A. L. Ross, N. H. Power.

Stolen Car Found; Tires Stripped Off

A Ford coupe belonging to Edgar Pierce stolen last Thursday night from his home between 16 and 10 was recovered Monday afternoon on North Power road near the Ten Mile road.

Lee Doyle, chief of police, was notified Monday that a car answering the description of the stolen car was parked north of the City. Doyle investigated and reported it to be Pierce's car.

The tires had been stripped off.

R. C. Shigbeck reported the car to police.

Five Already In Treasurer Race In The Township

No Opposition Seen As Yet For Incumbents In Other Offices

Political fireworks in Farmington Township preceding the Spring Primary election, according to early indications at least, will be largely confined to a battle for the nomination for Township Treasurer. Five persons have thus far indicated that they are to be candidates for the office. The present incumbent, Mark D. Bachelor, is automatically out of the race by virtue of now completing his second successive term.

The candidates for whom petitions are being circulated are Mrs. Loretta Cox, Clarencville, Charles Habermehl, Fred Lahr, Clarencville, Willis T. Roberts, Clarencville, and Roy Schroeder, Twelve Mile road.

Mrs. Cox can be described as being the first one in the field, having declared her intention last February of being a candidate for Township treasurer in 1932.

Mr. Habermehl has twice before been a candidate for the treasurer's office.

Fred Lahr, a third candidate, is a resident of Clarencville and is secretary of the Clarencville Board of Education.

Willis T. Roberts is at present a justice of the peace in Farmington Township. Petitions have been circulating for his nomination for more than two weeks.

Roy Schroeder, the fifth candidate, has never held political office before.

Monday, March 7 has been set by the Township Board for the Primary election. Petitions must be in the hands of the Township Clerk by February 12.

Stresses Strict Grading

Low standards of grading apples have hurt the Michigan grower, Prof. Gardner said, and the hope for Michigan fruit-growers lies in raising the grading standards as well as in producing a larger proportion of Grade A fruit. He told of attending a "Week's Michigan" meeting recently, and having two apple growers bring average bushels of their tree-ripe fruit. He had the two growers exchange baskets and spread the apples out on a table. Each man graded the other's apples, with instructions to grade very strictly. Only a very small proportion of each bushel was found to be real Grade A fruit, not many were Grade B, and the larger part of each pile was found to be culls.

"Watching For Advantage" In addition to the ever-present market for better fruit, the speaker said, there is always opportunity for the alert grower to take advantage of market conditions and profit thereby. He told of one peach-grower who had the entire crop of fine peaches in cold storage for a short period at ripening time, when the market was flooded with peaches, at an average of \$1.25 a bushel. As soon as the surplus was off the market, this grower took his from storage and sold it immediately \$2.00 a bushel and later up to \$4.00, Prof. Gardner said.

Greater care in cultivation, spraying, and other orchard work will give the desired result in better fruit, Prof. Gardner said.

"Should Raise Own Food" In one other respect the Michigan farmer and fruit-grower can profit more than he has in the past, according to the speaker, and that is by raising more of his own food supply. Too large a percentage of their food is bought by farmers in this section of the country, and the difference would amount to a great deal at the end of each year for each farmer if he raised most of his own food.

In answer to questions, Prof. Gardner said that the 1932 fruit season will undoubtedly be a vexatious one for growers, due to the extreme mildness of the present winter. Practically no insect life has been killed off by this winter, and a plentiful crop of insects is certain next summer.

More than 30 fruit-growers were present, being guests of the Exchange club.

Joins Yale Faculty

Farmington Man Gets Yale Post

S. A. Switzer, Farmington man, has been appointed as assistant research psychologist at Yale University.

Mr. Switzer is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Switzer and a brother of Dr. Elmer Switzer.

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S. A. Switzer Receives Appointment As Assistant Research Psychologist

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FARMINGTON CLUB REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING

Three Delegates Represent Farmington Business And Professional Women's Club

Three members of the Farmington Business and Professional Women's club represented the Farmington organization at the quarterly conference of the first district of the Michigan Federation, last Saturday. They were Mrs. Lillian Harger, Mrs. Virginia James and Mrs. Ethel Middlewood.

The conference and a banquet were held in the Mayflower hotel at Plymouth with twenty-one clubs in the district being represented by about 170 women. There were many State officers and chairman present.

Mrs. Middlewood was in Plymouth again Sunday morning to attend the Emblem breakfast.

Sale To Reduce Stock—Not To Quit Business

Stewart-Glenn Company, Pontiac furniture concern which is liquidating stock through twice-a-day auction sales, makes the following statement in regard to the sales, in order that there may be no misunderstanding of the merchandising event.

"We wish to assure our many customers throughout Oakland County that this is a legitimate, bona-fide sale of quality furniture, a sale that is entirely consistent with our high reputation of 15 years in the business. Our customers can come to this sale with the same confidence they have always had in buying from us. The merchandise is from our regular stock, and the purpose of the auction is simply to turn the stock into cash in the quickest possible way.

"We are not going out of business, and it is not our policy to use any spurious advertising in order to attract people to our store. We merely take this method of disposing of a large proportion of our stock quicker than would otherwise be possible, and our customers will share the benefit of it."

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Fire Destroys Store, Home On Seven Mile Road

Heroism Shown By Firemen, Neighbors And Passerby; Mrs. Coolman Burned

Misfortune laid a heavy hand on a Livonia Township family Wednesday afternoon when fire destroyed a home; business place and all personal belongings and contents, leaving six persons homeless.

Defective wiring is believed to have been the cause of a fire which swept through the Homer Coolman grocery store at Seven Mile and Farmington roads shortly after 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. Nothing was saved from the burning structure.

Loss Not Estimated

The loss had not been estimated Thursday but substantial insurance was carried on the building and contents. George Gulien owned the building.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Coolman there are four children, Virginia, 12, Don 11, Dean, 7 and

More Than 300 Books Destroyed In Blaze

A Representative of the Wayne County Library Said Thursday That More Than 300 Books Were Destroyed in the Fire at the Homer Coolman Store. The Valuation of the Books Was Set at \$600. There Was No Insurance.

Ideal, 3. All clothing except what they were wearing at the time was consumed.

Mrs. Coolman Burned

Mrs. Coolman suffered painful burns on the arm when she went back into the burning building in an attempt to remove a quantity of money that remained in a cash register. She was saved from worse injury or death by S. A. Pelman of Redford, who saw her enter the flaming building and rushed in after her. The front porch was a mass of flame when Pelman reached the outer door with Mrs. Coolman.

In addition to a large stock of groceries that was destroyed there were also many books belonging to the Wayne County Library, the Coolman store having been a Wayne County branch.

Fire Spreads Rapidly

Mrs. Coolman said that she discovered the fire in a sitting room only a few minutes after she had left the room with everything apparently alright. One wall was ablaze and in less than three minutes the fire had spread to every room in the house.

Farmington fire department was called and made a quick run to the scene but before the arrival of the truck the roof had already fallen in and the interior was a seething furnace.

Considerable fortune was shown by several neighbors in the vicinity and Assistant Fire Chief Norman Lee, Fred Maas and Waters Lee, who fired a tank of Philgas loose from the house and removed it to a safe distance. It is believed that a dangerous explosion would have resulted if the tank had not been removed.

The Coolman family is living for the present with Mrs. Coolman's sister, Mrs. Russell Ault at West Point Park.

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