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## Important 1932 Events Recalled In Year's Review

Happenings in Community, Deaths of Citizens, Included in Chronology

Much "water has flowed under the bridge" in 1932 in Farmington. It has been a year marked by numerous events of importance to the community. Many prominent citizens have passed on, and the swing of events has had its effect on the fortunes of the community.

Below is a summary of important happenings of the past year, drawn from the files of the Enterprise. For the benefit of those readers who clip the review annually to preserve it as a record of Farmington events, the 1932 resume begins with December 26, 1931, at which date the previous year's review was concluded.

Events of the Year

Arthur Griffin, 33, Clarenceville, dies December 26, 1931. N. H. Power elected president of Exchange Club December 30, 1931.

More than \$9,000 in delinquent tax moneys returned from County Treasurer to Farmington City and Township, enabling schools to remain open, January 7, 1932. City wages cut \$1,400 a year, anticipating reduced income, January 4.

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Ralph G. Hogle, native of Farmington passes away at his Redford home February 3.

## Retires As President Of The Exchange Club



N. H. POWER

## Vivier To Head Exchange Club

Elected President Wednesday By Unanimous Vote; Succeeds N. H. Power

Earl Vivier will assume direction of Farmington Exchange Club at its meeting on Wednesday of next week, having been unanimously elected president at the Club's meeting on Wednesday.

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## Farmington Will Be 1933 Host Of County Fruit Men

Annual County Orchard School To Be In Farmington In January And February

Farmington will be host in January and February to the fruit-growers school sponsored annually by leading Oakland County fruit men and the Agricultural Agent, K. D. Bailey.

An average attendance of 45 was had at the 1932 sessions of the school, in Pontiac. No charge is made, and all fruit-growers are welcome.

Three one-day sessions will be held Thursday, January 12 and 26, and February 7. Two experts will speak each day, giving advice on various orcharding problems. The first January 12 will be "Improving Orchard Practices," by H. A. Cardinell, and "Soil Improvement Problems in Relation to Orchard," by Mr. Bailey.

"Relation of Orchard Practices to Yield, Maturity, and Keeping Qualities of Apples and Pears," by Roy E. Marshall, and "Organic Matter for Orchard Soils" by Mr. Bailey are on the program for January 26.

The final session will include speeches by Don Hootman on "Good Cultural Practices in Growing Strawberries, Raspberries, and grapes," and by Mr. Bailey on "Soil Types in Relation to Orchard," by Mr. Bailey.

The school has been moved from Pontiac, where it was held last year, to Farmington because most of those attending last year live in this section, Mr. Bailey says.

Following the school the spring meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural Society will be held in Pontiac.

## OVERHEAD "LANING" SIGNS UP AGAIN AT CUT-OFF JUNCTION

Obnoxious Warning Is Removed; Attention Called To Farmington Road Intersection

Overhead "laning" signs on Grand River, the original wording of which caused so much dissatisfaction in Farmington a few weeks ago, have been replaced over the road, but with different wordings. Although State Highway Department officials stated following the protests and removal of the overhead signs that they did not intend to restore the signs until Spring, some change apparently has occurred in this plan and the signs, with accompanying lights, were put up again Tuesday.

The signs, however, have no trace of the "Farmington" aspect, but correspond to the ground signs at the intersection of the Cut-off with Grand River. Those at the east intersection are the "Farmington" signs. Those at the "Lansing-Farmington Traffic Use This Lane."

Attention of the Highway Department is being called again to the highly dangerous intersection of Farmington Road with the Cut-off, which has been commented upon frequently by Farmington residents and motorists. It has been understood that a "flicker" warning light was to have been placed at this intersection as soon as possible after opening of the Cut-off.

Many have feared that unless something is done further to protect the intersection immediately, a serious accident may occur there.

Benefit By Pupils Of Mrs. Boucher Success

## Compilation Of 1932 Tax Levies

Taxpayers of Farmington Township in the past two weeks have noted and commented upon large and welcome reductions in their tax-bills for 1932, recently mailed out by the Township Treasurer. Because of the unusual interest this year in all matters of government, especially in all phases of taxation, The Enterprise publishes herewith a detailed report of taxes levied in Farmington Township for 1932, accompanied by a comparison with the 1931 figures. In former years either the tax-amounts or the tax rates only have been reported, but this year's report includes both, providing a comprehensive picture of the entire tax-levy.

While space limitations prevent a detailed comparison of the last two years with earlier years, a few of the 1932 figures are also given below table as a guide to comparison.

Detailed figures for Farmington City, similar to those given for the Township have been gathered and will be published next week.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP			
Valuation	1931	1932	Reduction
	\$8,621,213.00	\$6,206,031.00	\$2,415,182.00
TAX ITEMS			
	1931	1932	Reduction
State Tax	\$7,667.46	27,994.12	\$9,673.34
County Tax	62,687.51	31,757.03	130,930.48
Township Tax	30,000.00	12,000.00	18,000.00
Township Road Tax	8,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
County Coverd Rd. Tax	12,748.85	none	12,748.85
Township Covt. Rd. Tax	31,526.27	none	31,526.27
Covert Tax, Assessment Districts	62,687.96	none	62,687.96
Drain Tax	9,253.83	none	9,253.83
School and 1-Mill Tax	72,334.18	57,868.13	14,466.05
Totals	326,856.06	134,619.29	192,236.78

COMPARISON OF TAX RATES, 1931 and 1932			
	1931	1932	Difference
State Tax Rate	4.40	4.52	+12*
County Rate	7.30	5.15	2.15
Township	3.50	1.94	1.56
Township Road	.95	.50	.45
Total Rate	16.15	12.11	Red'n 4.04

\*It will be noted that while Farmington Township's State Tax this year is \$9,673.34 less than in 1931, as shown by the first item under "Tax Items," the State tax rate in the lower table shows a slight increase. The reason for this is as follows: Each township in the County is assessed every year a certain portion of the State tax to be paid. State taxes were substantially reduced this year, and the reduction would be affected in various townships either by lowered valuations or lowered tax rate, or by a combination of both. However, Farmington secured this year such a great reduction in valuation, \$2,415,182.00, (as shown at the head of the table under "Valuation," the cut being about one-fourth), that all of the reduction in amount of state taxes assessed occurs through this lowering of assessments. Thus it was possible for Farmington Township to have a reduction of one-fourth in its amount of State taxes to be paid, although the exceptionally large valuation cut was causing the rate to be a few cents higher.

While the saving in the County tax item is almost one-half, as compared with 1931, it should be noted that the 1932 tax does not include a tax for poor relief, which is to be handled by the Township Board as appropriated \$17,000 for this purpose. If this were added to the County tax, as should be done to make proper comparison, the County tax would be \$47,980.48 this year as compared with \$62,687.51 in 1931, the reduction then being \$13,930.48.

1930 FIGURES—Herewith are 1930 tax rates as a means of comparison with 1931 and 1932: 1930 State tax rate, 4.78; County tax rate (including Covert-road-at-large), 8.03; Township tax rate, 4.80; Township road repair, \$1.85.

NOTE—SCHOOL TAX DEFICIT: Not included in the above table for either 1931 or 1932 is the item of school tax deficit, which is the same for both years, \$12,000. This is levied by court order which requires that \$12,000.00 be spread each year to make up the school tax deficit which occurred three years ago through a misapplication of funds, when tax-moneys collected that should have gone to school districts was applied to County Covert Road payments.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES and RATES: It will be noted that the total amount of school taxes levied in the Township is listed above, but not tax rates. This is because rates vary among the school districts of the Township, so that publication of all rates for each year would be lengthy. However, the totals for 1931 and 1932 are listed to show what school district officials have done toward lowering school taxes during the past year.

1932 GOODFELLOW DRIVE WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL HELD

Farmington Met Greatest Need By Contributing Funds For 88 Baskets, New Record

A report revealing that Farmington met the greatest need in its history with the most successful Goodfellow Fund Drive ever held, was submitted Wednesday by Floyd H. Nichols, custodian of the Fund. The report was made at the meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club, which united with Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, in the work.

Under the leadership of Commander Norman Lee of the Legion Post and Spencer J. Beeny, chairman of the committee for the Exchange Club, 88 Christmas baskets were distributed to needy families in the vicinity. In addition, 120 pounds of candy was distributed by the Legionnaires Saturday morning to those on the welfare list of the Township, the veterans putting a box of candy in each family's welfare basket.

## Township Relief System To Begin; H. Earle Is Head

Superintendent Has Complete Charge Of And Responsibility For System

Farmington Township's administration of welfare to the poor within its boundaries will start the first of next week, with Hubert H. Earle of Eight-Mile Road as superintendent of welfare. Mr. Earle was picked last Friday afternoon by the Township Board at a special meeting. Half a dozen applicants, including one woman, were among those seeking the place.

Earle's salary will be \$25 a week, with no car-mileage or other expense money allowed. The salary was set by the Board after it had heard reports that the County Poor Commission has been paying its investigators \$120 a month plus 10 cents a mile for car-mileage. The salary was agreed upon after some discussion, the basis being salaries paid today in private business and the cost of living.

Has Broad Powers

Mr. Earle was designated as superintendent with power also as investigator. The Board hopes he will be able to handle all the work, and will not hire an investigator unless it appears that Mr. Earle's work at the Township store will permit him no time for investigations. Mr. Earle was accorded complete charge of the welfare system, under supervision of the Board as to matters of policy. He will be held responsible for the successful organization and handling of the welfare system. The Board members believing that both authority and responsibility should be concentrated in one person an answer to the Board.

Appointment of Mr. Earle was agreed upon by the Board with little difference of opinion. Three of the four votes on the motion being in the affirmative. Justice Roberts, who cast the one negative vote, explained that the reason for his vote was that he believed the other members were mistaken in giving Earle authority as both manager of the store and as investigator. The salary stipulated was voted unanimously.

Board Is United

Other matters progressed without discussion among the Board members. It was agreed to accept an offer of Julius Porath, contractor, for wood to be cut on his farm, on Nine Mile Road west of Farmington. The wood will be cut by the men on the welfare list. The Township will pay 50 cents per cord, but it will be applied on taxes of the property-owner. This will save purchasing large quantities of coal. Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers, who has had charge of the wood-cutting crews in the past, is to direct the work again. He will be paid \$5 a day. Mr. Goers has provided transportation for the men in the past, by directing the work. The amount paid him represents a reduction from his pay as highway commissioner from 65 cents to 50 cents an hour.

May Buy Truck

Purchase of truck by the Township is likely, the Board hearing viewed it favorably. It will probably be necessary, as at present, to designate some place in the north end of the Township as a distributing point, in addition to the store. The Board decided to take advantage of Justice Ward Eagle's experience in the truck field, and authorized him as a committee of one to purchase a vehicle.

Mr. Eagle's suggestion made the previous week that men on the welfare list be assigned to work on farms of taxpayers in the Township was discussed, and all members of the Board expressed approval of the idea.

The County Poor Commission will handle the distribution through the end of this week, distributing supplies on Saturday mornings. After that the Township authorities will take charge.

CANCEL HOLIDAY PARTY

## CLOSE POSTOFFICE MONDAY; STORES OPEN HALF DAY

Most Places Of Business To Be Open On January 2; Mail Dispatched Drops One-Third

Farmington Postoffice will be closed both Sunday and Monday for the New Year holiday. Most places of business will be open for a period Monday, however. Grocery stores will remain open in the morning, and Farmington Drug Co. will do business all day, as usual.

A drop of at least one-third in the amount of mail handled the week before Christmas, as compared with 1931, was experienced by the Postoffice. The festive holiday, however, brought about an accumulation of mail Tuesday morning that was not sorted until considerably more than the usual first-of-the-week delay.

Whereas in 1931 about 930,000 pieces of first-class mail were dispatched through Farmington, with a high day of 11,000 this year a total of 16,000 pieces were mailed here in the week before Christmas.

The holiday mail rush came early in the week, the last two days being comparatively quiet.

W. H. M. S. TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the W. H. M. S. will be at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Talbot Tuesday, January 3, at 2:30 p. m.