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Attendance Is Large At Fruit Growers' School

Over 50 At Sessions In M. E. Church; Many Come From Distance

More than 50 men and women from various parts of the county, and some from other counties, gathered at Methodist Church in Farmington Thursday morning, gave assurance of a high degree of success for the Annual Fruit Growers' School, the first to be held in this section. Some came many miles for the two sessions and luncheon.

Attending also were a number from town, indicating that the interest in better fruit is not confined to those who have orchards. They found the discussion interesting and instructive.

K. D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, opening the morning session with a talk on "Soil Acidity and Liming," pointed out that an essential basis for profitable orchard development rests on having the proper soil. Often, he said much attention is given to other factors while the soil is neglected, resulting in a general type of poor quality fruits.

While most tree-fruits are tolerant to sour soil, Mr. Bailey said, sweet soil is necessary to grow cover crops—grass and the like at the foot of the trees—which are essential to supply organic matter.

Mr. Bailey spoke on times to use, stating that experiment has shown that limestone meal is lowest in cost and lasts longest. H. A. Cardinell, of the Horticultural Department recently at Michigan State College, listed four chief points in his talk on "Good Orchard Practices." These he named as pruning, sanitation, burning brush and thinning trees. An off-year is best for pruning, he stated, and sanitation should include tree-scrapping and banding. Burning brush removes wood which may contain insects and eggs harmful to fruit-development.

Mr. Cardinell explained important points in tree-thinning, the removal of temporary trees so that they do not interfere with permanent fruit bearers. He recommended that the trees be hedged back on the sides so that the spray-rigs can get through, and that filler-trees be allowed to remain until their yield is down to three bushels per tree.

A dozen fruit-growers attending brought samples of soil for testing at the start of the afternoon's program, which included a continuation of the talk of Mr. Cardinell on orchard practices, and a discussion by Charles Butler of Farmington on tree-banding for codling moth control.

Among those attending were: Walleye Lake—Arthur R. Green, Ray S. Marsh, A. W. Schuler, Charles Matthews, Howard Schuler, Smith Green, Pontiac—Howard A. Green, Glenn T. Ellis, P. J. Reynolds, South Lyon—Don T. Sayre, R. C. Sprague, Charles Sprague, Salem—Carl F. Roberts, A. W. Roberts.

Wixom—L. N. Bogart, Frank Gucker, Alfred Gaedt, H. Scott, Franklin—Mrs. Louis Kahn, Brighton—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark.

Birmingham—Al C. Brown, Northville—Carl L. Dyer, J. A. Richter.

Dearborn—L. Morrow, Novi—W. D. Flint, Frank D. Clark, E. J. Verduyn, Warren Rice, F. C. Rice.

Lambertville, Mich.—D. T. Knepper.

Plymouth—Lloyd Williams, Alfred Prochnow, Edward Britton, Holly—W. Roy Thompson.

Milford—Frank Williams, Farmington—Harvey Robinson, William Kurz, P. E. Wixom, Charles Burton, Howard W. McCracken, Herman Grimmer, Jack Beckman, J. Stanley Drake, Don B. Button, J. C. Button, James N. Erwin, J. W. McGuigan, Jessie B. Power, Ward Eagle, Arthur Lamb, William Thornton, Harry McCracken.

FARMINGTON LODGE NOTICE
The brethren of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. and M. L. will attend the evening session at Farmington M. E. Church Sunday evening, January 15. Meet in the Community dining room at 7:00 p. m. and attend in a body.

By order of W. M.

U. S. Navy Cutter 'Dry-Docked' For Overhauling In Farmington

A 23 foot United States naval cutter has dry docked in the Otis building, east side of Farmington Road, where four Farmington Sea Scouts are undertaking extensive repairs on the craft.

The four Sea Scouts are Ralph Eckler, Wayne and George Wagner and Melvin Witte, members of Sea Scout troop Typhoon, Ship 408 of the Redford District. They are being aided by other Sea Scouts of their troop.

Paint and varnish will be burned from the entire boat. The hull will then be painted white, the inside varnished and a rowing seat left a natural oak finish. Finally the seams will have to be caulked. The scouts expect to take two months for the overhauling operations.

Early this summer the boat will be launched on the Detroit River where its twenty foot oars each manned by five men will be pulled

by Sea Scouts learning to row. The cutter will also serve as a training ship for life saving instruction of the coast guard type. The boat was obtained from the United States navy through the efforts of Mr. Wilson of Detroit, a commodore of the Sea Scouts. The Sea Scouts transported the ton and a half cutter to Farmington on an automobile trailer from the Bayview Yacht Club harbor at Detroit.

The Sea Scouts are a national organization associated with the Boy Scouts of America. A sea scout is a Boy Scout of the first class who shows special aptitude for seamanship. The Boy Scout then undertakes special training in various types of seamanship. The Farmington Sea Scouts were all members of Boy Scout Troop 44 of Clareville of which Ralph Eckler was assistant scoutmaster.

Flames Destroy Leach Residence

Was Across From House Burnt Last Year Under Same Circumstances

The Leach home on the east side of Morningside Road was completely burned by a fire of undetermined origin last Saturday evening. The building was occupied by Alex Canuelli and his family who were in Redford at the time of the fire. A large crowd gathered to watch the two hour blaze which gloyed in the sky for miles around.

The fire was discovered by nearby residents who had to go to the home of a neighbor to telephone the Farmington City Fire Department.

When the firemen arrived the conflagration was so far advanced that nothing could be done to save the house. Except for a few beds and mattresses which neighbors managed to take outside the entire house and contents were destroyed. The insurance on the house was \$3,500 and on the contents, \$1,500. No other buildings were damaged.

The house which was built for Edward Leach by his father forty years ago was a large two story frame structure. The residence on the opposite side of the road which his father had owned and occupied was also destroyed in a spectacular fire of undetermined cause on a Saturday evening about a year ago. Edward Leach lived in the house burned last Saturday until he moved to Plymouth where he was a director of a Plymouth bank. He died several years ago.

"Flasher Light" Put At Crossing

Amber Light Installed; Brush Removed From Farmington Road, Cut-Off Crossing

Motorists approaching the intersection of Farmington Road with the Cut-Off now find the danger somewhat diminished, following the installation of a "flasher" warning light at the crossing. The amber light has been installed within the past few days, and as another measure for added safety, a quantity of brush at the southeast corner which obstructed the view until drivers almost reached the crossing, has been cut away.

While the hazard has been decreased, there is still some opinion that the situation requires a red and green light halting traffic completely at regular intervals. Meanwhile there is continued effort to have removed the stop-and-go light at Grand River and Orchard Lake Roads, Farmington Junction. It is pointed out that with only a very short amount of traffic entering Grand River there and there being no roadway to the south, the light there is a needless one.

Sheriff Roy Reynolds was asked about this light when attending the City Commission meeting last week and was requested to watch the traffic and give his opinion. There has been much doubt as to just who has the authority in the case of this light, whether the State Highway Department, the County Road Commission, or the Sheriff. A man conversant with road matters and well-versed in traffic handling suggested that the Sheriff should make the recommendation, if it were made, would quickly result in removal of the light.

Defer Decision On Police Plan Until Next Week

Sheriff Reynolds To Discuss Cooperation Of Forces With Township Board

Discussion of the proposed cooperative police plan in the Farmington area will continue into next week. It is expected that Sheriff Roy Reynolds will attend a meeting of the Township Board next Tuesday to discuss the plan as he did before the City Commission last week.

At present Carl Goers and Emory Hutton, City Commissioners appointed by Mayor Lamb to confer with the Township Board concerning the plan, are endeavoring to work out some arrangement which will not add expense to the police administration of either city or township.

Sheriff Reynolds said at the City Commission meeting that the county would provide the automobile to be used by the coordinated police force, with maintenance cost borne by the local governing bodies.

Joseph DeVriendt, deputy sheriff and William Gregor, township constable, are now working from the city police booth. The township police booth has been closed, but township officials have indicated they would not object to consider a suitable place for use by deputies if the proposed plan of co-ordination of police is not adopted, or use of the City booth does not prove feasible. However, there is a general feeling among officials that the city booth, because of its central location, is the proper location for the police headquarters, and that in the interest of economy should serve the police needs of the Farmington area.

MRS. HAMBLETON PASSES AWAY AT SON'S RESIDENCE

Funeral To Be At Hambleton Home On January 13

Mrs. Harriet Hambleton of Farmington died Wednesday morning, January 11. Mrs. Hambleton was 70 years old and was born on a farm near Kalamazoo, Michigan. She had lived in Farmington since 1915. She is survived by a son, R. W. Hambleton and a daughter Miss Flora Hambleton, both of whom live in Farmington. The funeral will be held at the R. W. Hambleton home on January 13 at two o'clock. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Reverend Floyd C. Johnson will read the service and Spencer J. Heeney will have charge of the funeral.

Resigns Pastorate



REV. H. NIEDERNHOEFER

Minister Plans To Leave Church

Salem Evangelical Church Accepts Pastor's Resignation And Re-elects Board

A change is to take place in the administration of Salem Evangelical Church inasmuch as the resignation of Reverend H. Niedernhoefer was accepted at a meeting of the entire congregation of the church after morning services last Sunday. Reverend Niedernhoefer came to Farmington from Owosso. It is expected that Reverend Niedernhoefer will remain as pastor for the customary three months after the acceptance of his resignation.

The annual election of the Church Board also took place at the meeting and all six incumbent board members were re-elected. The congregation also adopted a new constitution and by laws for the government of the church.

The board members and their term of office from date of election is as follows: Leo Gildemeister and Fred Stamann, three years; Joseph Himmelsbach, and Fred Maas, two years; and John Maas and John Landau, one year.

The church board will meet Friday evening, January 13, to elect a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the church.

BURIAL SERVICES FOR MRS. QUINN TO BE SATURDAY

Illness Is Short; Husband, Two Sons, And Two Daughters Survive

Mrs. Catherine Quinn passed away after a short illness at her home on Grand River Avenue, Wednesday evening, January 11. Mrs. Quinn was a resident of Farmington for 13 years. She was born in Bridgetown, Canada and was 65 years of age.

She is survived by her husband Edward Quinn of Farmington and two sons and three daughters, all of whom live in Michigan. The sons are Thomas Quinn of Piquette, and James Quinn of Harbor Springs. The daughters are Mrs. Roland Hartsell of Elkton, Mrs. Arthur Stahl of Caseville, and Mrs. Harvey Britte of Uhley. Several grandchildren and a host of friends are expected to attend the funeral.

Funeral services will be held at the Quinn residence on Saturday at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in Glen Eden Cemetery.

MRS. SARA LEWIS LONG RESIDENT OF FARMINGTON DIES

Funeral To Be At Home Of Mrs. J. H. Johnson On Saturday

Mrs. Sara R. Lewis of Farmington died Wednesday, January 11. Mrs. Lewis was 68 years of age and was born near Farmington. She had spent all her life in the Farmington district. She is survived by her husband, Harry Lewis and a nephew, Wilmer Johnson of Detroit. Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. John H. Johnson on Oakland Avenue at two o'clock Saturday. Burial will be at the Quaker Cemetery in Farmington. Spencer Heeney will be the funeral director in charge.

Report On Cost Of Township Aid Due Next Week

Welfare Cases Number 133; Action Cards Issued; Menu Changes Planned

Detailed and accurate information about Farmington Township welfare is expected to be presented by Hubert W. Earle, superintendent of township welfare, at the meeting of the Township Board next Tuesday.

Mr. Earle says the policy will be to make the records open to citizens at all times on various phases of relief. He hopes to have the considerable amount of book-keeping, necessary for accurate information, brought up to date next week, having been interrupted thus far by the work involved in setting the system.

While exact figures could not be arrived at this week, Mr. Earle said, he calculated roughly that the cost of groceries, milk and bread for the first week would be about \$250, in round figures. This was an approximate figure he gave the Township Board members at a special meeting Monday afternoon. In addition, there will be the cost of fuel, which will exceed \$100 a week, overhead expense and kerosene. Mr. Earle said that he plans to have the cost figures "to a penny" to report to the Board at its regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

At the meeting of the Board Monday afternoon, a resolution was passed authorizing the signing of an agreement whereby the Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$5,000, comprised of two loans of \$3,000 each, could be obtained. Although Board members did not like some provisions of the agreement, all voted to approve it because of the urgent necessity that the Township secure the money.

By the agreement, the Township pledges a sufficient portion of its welfare tax levy to cover principal and interest on the loans. The loans are to be paid back in installments, which do not begin until July 1, 1934. At this time \$1,200 will be due, and a similar amount for each year thereafter, the total of principal and interest to be paid by July 1, 1938. Interest is at three per cent.

The provision which caused most objection among board members is one to the effect that if welfare taxes collected prove insufficient to meet the payments on the loans, then other money in the Township treasury in any fund, may be demanded by the state to be applied on the payments due.

At present 133 families are on the relief list and it is expected that the townships is raising or will reach within the next month the peak in welfare. The demands for relief usually decrease as summer approaches. About 20 are receiving relief only for a complete record of the cost per week of each family is being (Continued on page four)

DETROIT THEATER PROGRAMS NOW IN THE ENTERPRISE

"Prosperity" Latest Laugh Vehicle For Pop Comedy Team

The Grand Lakes Theater located on Grand River Avenue just below Five Mile Road has joined the ranks of Enterprise advertisers. The theater is one of the most popular in the northwest section of Detroit and is being attended by a large number of people in the Farmington district.

That inimitable laugh duo, Marie Dressler and Polly Moran, make their latest co-starring appearance Sunday, Monday and Tuesday on the Grand Lakes screen in "Prosperity," a story written specially for the two comedienne by Zeld Searls, and directed by Sam Wood, who has produced such successful comedies as "Huddle" and "Get Rich Quick Wallingford."

Small-Town Atmosphere of such earlier Dressler-Moran hits as "Caught Short" and "Potties" is again used in "Prosperity," but this time Marie and Polly are seen as mother-in-law whose constant quarreling, bickering and interference with the domestic life of Norman Foster and Anita Page, their respective son and daughter, and the latter's director in charge. (Continued on page eight)

Appeal To Parents Of School District No. 5 Is Made By Board Of Education

An appeal to parents of School District No. 5 for prompt payment of school taxes will be made in letters to be distributed through the school children next week. The letters, signed by Mrs. Florence Lee, Secretary of the Board of Education, will be given to the school children by their teachers. The letters read as follows:

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PARENTS OF FARMINGTON'S SCHOOL CHILDREN

No one group among the taxpayers of a given community knows better the value of a public school system than the parents of children of school age.

Aside from the basic and vital necessity of providing children with the schooling so necessary to compete in the battles of life, there is the factor of keeping them wholesomely and profitably occupied, off the streets, with its traffic hazards, and out of mischief generally.

As the parents of one or more children, it should vitally concern you to know that the Farmington School will have to be closed, at an early date, if a substantial portion of the present school tax is not paid promptly.

If you are a property owner, the purpose of this letter is to urge you to pay at once, at least the School Tax portion of your present tax levy. The School Tax can be paid separately from the total tax now due, and a receipt obtained from the Tax Collector for such payment.

As you may know, drastic economies have already been made by your School Board—including \$509 pay cut in teachers' salaries, to which sacrifices our teachers have agreed with a splendid spirit of co-operation and loyalty. Despite these savings, however, a deficit is still faced—which can only result in the closing of the schools unless School Tax monies are paid in immediately.

The School Tax is \$10. per \$1,000 assessed valuation, about one-half of your total tax now due. Surely you will make every effort to pay at least this portion of the total tax, in the interests of your child or children, and their uninterrupted schooling.

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