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Editorials

A Welcome Event

Those residents of Farmington living within the City limits can hardly "welcome" their neighbors of the Township when the latter come to the Town Hall to cast their ballots, after seven years' absence, on the first Monday in March. They cannot, in actuality, extend a "welcome" simply because one person does not welcome another when the place he comes to is his own home, and until the contrary is proven, which is most unlikely ever to happen, the Town Hall is "home" to the Township if only because it has a substantial claim to ownership of a most substantial part of the place.

But if the City cannot "welcome" the Township voters, because of this odd circumstance, it can still truthfully be said that the City welcomes heartily their coming back to vote in the Town Hall, where it should be done. It will seem not merely like "old times" but like "good old times" on March sixth. It will benefit both the Township and the City if this election day comes to be but the beginning of a new period of greater understanding, co-operation, and mutual helpfulness.

"Ninety-Five Bills The Bunk"

There are quite a lot of people who do not like things that ex-Governor Alex Groesbeck does, or rather has done. Many others dislike particularly his manner of doing, how he does it as much as what he does. And still others do not like Mr. Groesbeck himself, at least in an important political or governmental post.

But aside from that, he speaks words that sound like sense when, as recently, he spoke out vigorously and effectively on the State economy business as it has been projected thus far at Lansing. In a statement printed in a Detroit newspaper, Mr. Groesbeck in his usual positive fashion expressed his opinion of what had been planned. A few days before there had occurred the introduction into the Legislature of 95 bills.

The bills were sponsored by the Commission of Inquiry into State Governmental Costs, and are designed to cut State expenses by reducing and eliminating services considered over-expanded or unnecessary, by cutting salaries and abolishing non-essential positions.

This economy program, asserted Mr. Groesbeck quite rightly and forthrightly, "is all the bunk." It makes good publicity and causes it to appear as though a great deal was being done (95 bills, think of it!). The whole business could be done with a lot less show and commotion and waste of time, says the ex-Governor, by introduction of one bill which would repeal a lot of laws that created the services and positions now considered superfluous. It would do the job quicker and more directly, introducing nearly a hundred new bills to accomplish the same purpose is like using a blunderbuss to kill a fly.

The ex-Governor probably hadn't read it, but what he had in mind undoubtedly was somewhat the same as had been printed in these columns the previous week, when the Committee's program of 95 bills had just been announced: "It's beyond us. Why is it that when the overwhelming demand is for economy in State affairs, and nine men spend almost a year at it, the only way that can be found to accomplish it is by 95 new laws on the statute books."

Reduction—And Eventual Elimination

An aspect of the reports of Farmington Township and City tax figures for the year 1932-33 published in recent weeks has raised a point in the minds of some taxpayers. This is in regard to the Covert Road and drain taxes, the former having been one of the largest, if not the very largest, of all the items in the tax-bills in the past five or six years.

There being no Covert Road assessments this year, due to the Board of Supervisors having voted not to levy them, these items were shown as "none" in the tables, and the amount levied in 1931 for Covert Taxes was carried into the last column and included in the totals of reduction. It is suggested that these items should not be shown as reductions at all, because the levying of the taxes is merely deferred—they will have to be paid some time, and even though the payment is spread over a long period, it is still to be paid, and thus the elimination of the Covert Road items from this year's tax-bills is not in actuality a reduction.

This line of reasoning is correct for all that can be foreseen now, and in regard to the Covert Road and drain items for 1932, these might probably best be listed as an "omission" rather than as a reduction. They go to make up reductions in the sense of comparison with the 1931 levies, but are not reductions, strictly speaking, unless and until they are definitely and finally eliminated from the rolls.

This mention of definite and final elimination from the rolls brings forth exactly what should be done in reference to the Covert Road taxes. No one would argue any more that the paved road running past a man's farm multiplies the value of his property a dozen or two dozen times, however eager farm-owners may have been in the past to get paved roads on the theory that it would make possible a sale for many times the worth of the land for farming purposes. The concrete road, built under the Covert or any other plan, is a benefit to the State as a whole. Its cost, at or very least, is now left to the Covert Road costs, should come from State road funds. To be more specific, from the State gasoline and mill taxes. There should be a holiday, complete if it must be, upon levying of more roads at least in this part of the State, while the State takes up by means

of the gasoline and mill taxes the payment of Covert road indebtedness. It should be lifted from the shoulders of the counties, townships and individual property-owners, and unless there is a complete short-circuit of communication between those who pay and those in authority in the State, this lifting will be done. The sooner it is done the better, because even should good times return overnight, neither the individual property-owner or the smaller governmental units can, within any reasonable stretch of time, do the paying. So, because it is neither just that they should, nor possible for them to pay, regardless of the justice of it, they simply won't.

What Wasn't Said, And Who Didn't Say It

Some years ago it used to be quite the fashion, during a conversation, to interrupt the talk by quoting some person outside the conversational circle on the subject. But just before the quotation was completed, the person making it would say, "No, I'm not sure that he was the one who said it, and I'm not sure that that was what he said, but anyway—" And then the laugh was supposed to arrive.

In the Detroit News a few days ago, the Enterprise of Farmington is quoted as having said: "These are tough times for the real, old-time Democrats who didn't get any jobs."

Now that isn't exactly what was said, and it wasn't the Enterprise that said it, or anything like it. But what might be said is that it would be interesting to find any person, Democrat, Republican, real or unreal, old-time, new-time, or any kind of time (including the Technocrats), for whom these aren't "tough times."

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m.

and 11 a. m.

Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.

10:30 Morning Worship.

The pastor will give an exposition of the Book of Romans using a large wall chart.

11:45 Bible School. Each Sunday over 200 scholars study the word of God at this hour. Why not join them this week?

6:30 B. Y. P. U. studying the Commission Plan.

7:30 Great evangelistic service.

Last Sunday we had to put the overflow crowd in the side room so come early for a seat. There will be hope again this week.

The sermon subject will be: "Are the Living Wiser than the Dead?"

Evangelical Church

H. Niedermeyer, Pastor

9:30 A. M. Service in German.

Text 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Topic: Gottes Tempel.

10:15 A. M. Service in English.

Text: Mt. John 12:16; Topic: The Light of the World. The choir will sing. Mrs. Edgar organist. A hearty welcome to all.

11:15 A. M. Sunday School. Mr. Erskine W. Evans, Superintendent. Come with your children.

Monday 8:00 P. M. The church council will meet at the parsonage.

Wednesday 2:30 P. M. The ladies Aid will meet at the hall, and at 7:30 P. M. the Young People's League will meet, and 8:00 P. M. the Brotherhood at the hall.

Thursday 8:00 P. M. Choir rehearsal in church.

Clarenceville Methodist Church

C. J. Lyon, Minister

10:00 Morning worship.

11:00 Church school.

6:30 Epworth League.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

"The New Self and its Pursuits"

will be the third in the series of sermons which the Rev. F. C. Johnson will deliver based on the Sermon on the Mount. He will also preach Sunday evening. We cordially invite you to attend both preaching services Sunday.

The Sunday School meets at noon, the Young People's Club at 6:30, and the Prayer meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday evening as usual.

The Mid Winter Institute of the Epworth League will be held this week-end at Pontiac. Rev. F. C. Johnson will teach bible.

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Fred Menke

On Friday evening the Men's club of Clarenceville M. E. Church will give a supper followed by a lecture by Dr. Harvey A. Waite of Detroit. His topic will be "A Trip through the Underworld." Ladies are invited to the lecture and musical entertainment which will begin at 7:30.

A number of Clarenceville women attended the fifth Annual Convention of the Michigan Council of the Daughters of America held at Detroit Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. T. Davey of Clarenceville was a candidate in the class initiated at a closed meeting Thursday evening in honor of the National council.

On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lahr visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trotter in Dearborn.

School attendance. Highest for the year: 95.8%. Tenth grade. Lowest for the year: 89.4%. First grade. Highest for December 94.3%. Tenth grade. Lowest for December, 89.9%, fourth grade: 90.1%.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bruggman Jr. and

son, Mr. and Mrs. John Schweitzer Sr. visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaler in Saline recently.

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Mrs. Henry Bramer, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Schweitzer and son Kenneth were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweitzer. On Sunday Edward Maxian of Detroit and the Walter Schweitzer family visited West Point.

Mrs. Walter Durham visited her sister Mrs. Fred Newman and family Thursday in Brighton.

Rev. Robert Richards of Franklin, formerly pastor of the M. E. Church had his car stolen from in front of his brother's home in Detroit. The car has not been found.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dehanke entertained 65 friends at her home Saturday evening in honor of Mr. Dehanke's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Menke and son attended the installation of Dewey Post sons of Spanish War Veterans, held in the ballroom of the veterans building in Detroit on Saturday evening.

The post-laudate of Peru was given a three-year prison sentence. And probably got off light at that.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1933.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of CARLIE E. McGINN, Deceased.

Charles W. Watson, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive examination and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

Further, Ordered, that on the 15th day of June 1933, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at a probate court and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY.

A true copy. Subscribed and sworn to before me, Judge of Probate, Jan 19-1933.

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