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Cash For Dairy Farmers A Bright Spot In 'Holiday'

Business Carries On "As Usual," Farmington Firm Pays For Milk With Cash

Business in Farmington "carried on" during the continued "holiday" of the State's banking institutions, going the even tenor of its way. While there exists a bit of an increase in the scarcity of that highly-desired commodity, cash, the situation contained no element of disturbance, and the general reaction seems to be one of accepting the situation. Social events, particularly the father-and-son dinners of the week, did not appear to suffer and gatherings were as large as usual, some larger.

An exceptionally fortunate circumstance, for dairy farmers of this area, and consequently for the whole community, was the fact that thousands of dollars were distributed in cash by Warner Dairy Company, in payment for its January shipments of milk. The company on Saturday morning issued checks to 400 farmers, making current available to them at Farmington State Savings Bank or the new Depositors State Bank at Northville.

The company ordinarily issues its checks on the fifteenth, the bank holiday which began the fourteenth prevented the sending out of checks on the scheduled day. Three days later, however, the arrangements had been made for cash and the farmers were able to come into town and get their pay in currency.

In addition, the Company "made good" a number of checks on a Detroit bank which had been issued for some period previous, and which the farmers had not cashed. The total meant distribution of thousands of dollars in the community.

A number of reports indicated actual increase in business. One of Farmington's home food stores reported the largest day's business in two years on Saturday—and all for cash. The other reported, as a result of inspection, that it would accept checks of its customers for food, a record sale of groceries to one of its patrons who had a check sufficient to provide a supply for some time ahead.

OVER TWO HUNDRED HEAR PROF. MADDY SPEAK ON MUSIC

Methodist Community Hall Filled For Address Of University Extension Professor

Two hundred and thirty spectators listened with interest Wednesday evening in the Methodist Community Hall as Prof. Joseph Maddy of the Extension Department, University of Michigan, opened up for them new vistas of the enjoyment of life through the appreciation of music. Prof. Maddy's illustrated lecture was enjoyed throughout by the gathering of men, women and children.

Of especial interest was the performance of Farmington High School band in the presence of Prof. Maddy, a large part of whose work has been the development of just such musical organizations. In this atmosphere of the band gave one of its finest renditions, outdoing all its previous efforts and winning high praise. Prof. Maddy led one number of the band, and although his presence was new to them, the Farmington boys and girls played splendidly under his leadership.

The meeting was concluded with the singing of patriotic songs, in commemoration of Washington's Birthday. The band led in "America," and "America, The Beautiful."

Prof. Maddy was brought to Farmington by the Women's Club, through the efforts of Mrs. M. B. Pierce.

A. L. Ross Purchases First 1933 Ford V-8

The first 1933 Ford V-8 to be sold in Farmington was delivered to A. L. Ross, 2205 E. Washington, last Thursday night. The car, a Deluxe Touring sedan, was sold by Olin Russell, Inc., Ford Dealers, who had it on display since the new V-8 was presented to the public. February 19, Mr. Ross traded in his Buick sedan for the new Ford.

New Catholic Pastor



Rev. John J. Larkin has taken up active work as new pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, his first Sabbath services having been on Sunday.

Act To Protect Highway Trees

Valuable Trees Being Cut For Wood Due To Hard Times, Report Says

Action to preserve beauty of the highways and prevent cutting down of valuable and beautiful trees in Oakland County has been taken by the County Road Commission. Many of the trees are being destroyed for firewood due to hard times. A letter from the Road Commission says:

Five thousand copies of this notice have been printed and are being distributed over after we have circularized the houses on our roads will be turned over to the townships for their use in giving their roads the same protection.

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF OAKLAND COUNTY

Your attention is respectfully called to the following extract from the Laws of the State of Michigan:

ACT 2 (1ST EXTRA SESSION) PUBLIC ACTS 1921.

A Law for the Protection of Trees and Shrubbery Along Public Highways.

The People of the State of Michigan:

(649) Section 1. It shall be unlawful to cut, destroy, or otherwise injure any shade or ornamental tree or shrub growing within the limits of a public highway within the State of Michigan without the consent of the authorities having jurisdiction over such road. In the case of a trunk line or federal aided road, the State Highway Commission shall be deemed to have such jurisdiction in all cases. It shall also be unlawful to affix to any such tree or shrub any picture, announcement or negligently permit any animal to break down or injure the same. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment with- in the discretion of the court.

Your County Road Commission is calling your attention to the above law because, during this period of poor times, so many valuable and beautiful trees are being wantonly destroyed merely for the firewood they will furnish. While we are in sympathy with anyone who is in need of fuel, yet neither we nor you want this abuse of public property to continue.

We feel that the live, healthy shade trees and shrubbery now growing along our roads should be preserved for the enjoyment of all of us. We are neglecting our duty to you if we do not take proper legal steps to stop the tree destruction that has been going on.

We have always been ready to assist any needy individual in obtaining firewood from any dead or worthless trees along our highways.

In order to avoid any necessity for prosecution, we wish to enlist your co-operation to the end that the beauty of our highways may be conserved.

Application should be made to the Oakland County Road Commission for a permit before cutting roadside trees or shrubs.

Expect Big Vote In The Township; Name Challenger

Total Of 1,000 Ballots Likely; Watcher To Be At Precinct Two

With the largest number of candidates in this field in any election contest in recent years, Farmington Township officials anticipate an exceptionally large vote in the two precincts at the primary on March 6. For the first time in many years there will be Democratic ballots awaiting voters at the polls.

A challenger will scrutinize the voting in Precinct Two, at the Township Welfare Store in Clarencville. Notification to this effect was served on Ward Campbell, Township Clerk, this week. The challenger will be Mrs. Elsie McCullough, designated by the Tax Economy League of Farmington Township. A letter appointing Mrs. McCullough as challenger was handed to Mr. Campbell Tuesday by Mrs. Ina Sturman, secretary of the League.

The notification states: The Tax Economy League of Farmington Township, Oakland County, an organization of citizens, in said Township interested in preserving the purity of elections and interested in guarding against the abuse of elective franchises hereby give notice that the following qualified elector has been designated by the League to serve as challenger at the Primary Election held on Monday, March 6th, 1933, in said Township—Precinct No. 2, Elsie McCullough.

Notification of designation of challengers is provided for in the election laws. Thus far no challenger has been named for Precinct No. 1.

There is much speculation as to the number of Democratic ballots that will be cast in the Township. Last fall in the national Democratic landslide nearly half the votes for leading offices went for the Jeffersonian party. With three dozen candidates in the field and some former Republicans running as Democrats, forecasts of a vote split are generally admitted to be largely guesswork.

Most candidates have started active work and the next week will see even greater activity.

BAPTIST DINNER LAST OF FATHER AND SON EVENTS

Large Attendance At All Annual Gatherings Sponsored By Churches

Father-and-son events sponsored by churches of this section will be concluded Monday evening with the Baptist Church dinner to be held that night. The visit of "Big" Abbot of Highland Park Baptist Church is awaited with interest. Albert McDonald will act as toastmaster. A toast to fathers will be given by Detrick McFarland and to the sons by Seth R. Turner. Donald McDonald will lead in songs, accompanied by Charles Sullivan.

There will be no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Three father-and-son banquets in as many evenings made this a busy week for churches of this area. On Tuesday evening 130 gathered at the Farmington Methodist dining-rooms. Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson introduced the toastmaster, Lloyd Gullen, and S. D. Harger gave the toast to sons, with response from Dean Parker. A. G. LeGrand spoke on "Fathers' and Sons," his father, expressing also his appreciation for flowers sent from Farmington at the time of death of his father several years ago. A unique feature was a radio station program from the upper floor, with Lynn Rohrer as announcer and a quartette as performers.

At Salem Evangelical Church, 140 fathers and sons crowded the dining-room to capacity Wednesday evening. Joseph Himmelsbach introduced Erskine W. Evans, toastmaster, and A. Ray Oldham gave the toast to sons, responded to by his son, J. R. Oldham, Jr. Archie C. Leonard delivered the address of the evening. Stanley Smith, Farmington druggist, displayed his magic, showing how to escape a bad cold in 11 minutes. Harmon Boice and Lamont Hamlin offered music, accompanied by Hayward Sallow. The last dinner on the week's

Week Set To Celebrate Burning Of Methodist Church Mortgage

One of the happiest events in the community in years is being planned for the week of March 19 to 26, a week of celebration which will have as its climax the burning of the mortgage on the property of Farmington Methodist Church. Arrangements completed by church officials and the Receiver of Farmington State Savings Bank whereby mutual advantages could be realized through the generosity of church members, have made possible the satisfaction of the church indebtedness.

Plans are under way for the week's celebration which will carry the title of "Victory Week." Bishop Edgar Blake of the Detroit area, Methodist Church, will come to Farmington on Sunday morning, March 26, to participate in the mortgage-burning ceremony. In addition to this, plans already include a banquet for the latter part of the week, at which

Man Dead 6 Days, Son Still Sought

Search Begun For Son Of Edward Loutze; Verdict Is "Natural Death"

While his father's body lies in Healey Funeral Home, Farmington, awaiting burial, a search of several days for a son of Edward Loutze has proved unsuccessful. A coroner's verdict that Loutze's sudden death was due to natural causes cleared up any question as to the death, but arrangements for burial are still held up while hope remains of locating the son, believed to be the only living relative.

Loutze, 68 years old, was found dead in his bed at his home on the Bert Coe farm, Drake Road, Saturday morning. The Coes noticed that he had not been about, and investigated. Mr. Coe found Loutze, who had apparently died in his sleep.

Coroner G. Dewey Kimball of Birmingham after an investigation stated that there had been no unusual factor in the case, and that probably was due to a heart attack. Loutze had done the farm chores the evening before.

The deceased had resided in this section about 11 years. He lived alone in the house on the Coe farm. His status as a widower and decorator by trade, and had come from Canada.

TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVES SECOND LOAN CONTRACT

Farmington Township Officials Ratify Contract To Get Installment From R. F. C.

Farmington Township Board has completed arrangements for the second installment of its welfare loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation for relief purposes. A resolution authorizing signing of the agreement by the supervisor and clerk was passed at the meeting Tuesday night.

The agreement provides for the second half of the total \$5,000. Terms of agreement are less harsh than those of the first contract, it having been reported that higher officials now realize they made the first terms very difficult for township officials to agree to. Thus far \$2,500 has been paid on the \$5,000 loan for January. The second \$2,500 is for February. Welfare took up the entire time of the meeting Tuesday evening, and the board adjourned subject to call. The discussion lasted over two hours, on various details of the welfare program. About 25 attended the session.

VICTIMS OF POISON

William Pangborn and his daughter Marion are suffering from severe cases of ptomaine poison, at their home. They were taken sick on Sunday morning, but are reported to be improving as rapidly as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Green and Mrs. Ida Shepp attended last night's dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton of Pontiac on Saturday afternoon.

A calendar, that of Clarencville Methodist Church Thursday evening, offered an interesting program for those attending, with a large gathering assured.

all the former ministers of the church since the new edifice was begun will be guests of honor. They are Rev. S. D. Eddy, Rev. Edward F. Dunlavy, and Dr. H. Addis Leeson. Officials in charge of the bank's affairs who aided in the arrangement whereby the mortgage is satisfied will also be invited as guests of honor.

To Complete Plans

Further plans will be discussed at a meeting Friday evening of the committee in charge, headed by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson. All members of the original building committee who are living have been named to the committee on the celebration. They are Siders D. Harger, Floyd Nichols, and D. L. Dickerson. Others on the committee are Howard Warner, whose father, the late Gov. Warner, served on the building committee; Mrs. Elsie McCullough, widow of the late Charles R. Talbot, active in the building plans; Wells D. and Miss Emily Butterfield, architects of the building; A. L. Ross, Miss C. Ernestine Pierce, Fred L. Cook, and Walter Durham.

Members Assist

The settlement whereby the church becomes full owner of its building and parsonage, came about through the fact that the mortgage bonds on the church were held by the bank, in which many of the church members were depositors. An agreement was worked out by Rev. Johnson and Howard C. Knickerbocker, Receiver, assisted by others, whereby deposits standing as claims against the bank would, if the depositors desired, be applied toward payment of the church mortgage bonds, the church getting credit in full on the bond, for the depositor's claim against the bank, or any other claim which he wished to contribute. Thus if he wished, instead of waiting for partial dividends from time to time, the church member could immediately make a contribution to the church probably several times as much larger than he would be able to make in cash in the near future.

The agreement was equally advantageous from the standpoint of liquidation of the bank. Through it a large amount of claims was taken from the books, making a substantial reduction in the amounts to be paid out when dividends are issued, and the task of collecting interest and principal on the bonds over a period of years is avoided.

\$10,000 Deposits Given

Under the agreement \$10,000 in claims of depositors was obtained for the retirement of the mortgage bonds. One contribution accounted for about half of the total, and a number of other substantial contributions were received. Final approval of the settlement was obtained from the receivers by Mr. Knickerbocker from the State Banking Department and the Circuit Court, which had tentatively approved the arrangement when work on it was begun.

Complete plans will be announced later by the committee. It is contemplated to make the celebration a community-wide affair, rather than one of denominational interest only. To this end the price of tickets for the celebration banquet will be placed as low as possible, so that as large a number as possible may attend.

Republicans Attend County Convention

Supervisor Arthur P. Coe of Farmington Township and G. Frank Weaver of Farmington City were elected delegates to the Republican State Convention at the county convention held Tuesday in Pontiac. Mayor Arthur Lambi first worked, asked that his name be withdrawn and that of Mr. Weaver substituted. Mr. Weaver was a delegate to the county convention. The State convention will be held next Tuesday.

A number of Farmington residents attended the Republican meeting at the county court house, including Isaac Bond, Willard Campbell, Mrs. Elsie F. McCullough, Mrs. Ina W. Sturman of Farmington Township, and Mr. Lamb and Mr. Weaver of Farmington City.

On Friday Norman C. Lee will go to Grand Rapids as Farmington City representative to the State Convention, with A. C. Oldham as delegate from the Township. A number of other Democrats are expected to attend from this area.

New Law Drawn To Let Township Ballot In Hall

Bill Offered At Lansing To Assist In Farmington Town Hall Situation

Quick action has resulted from efforts directed toward obtaining legislation at Lansing which would permit Farmington Township to hold its April election in Farmington Town Hall. Within a few days after their attention was called to the Amendment to the Constitution for this purpose, approved by the people last autumn, the Attorney-General's office at the State capital prepared an enabling bill for immediate introduction in the legislature.

With the Attorney-General's office supporting the measure, and the favorable vote of the people of the State behind it, it is anticipated that the bill will go through the legislature without difficulty and obtain the two-thirds vote which, with Gov. Comstock's signature, will give it immediate effect. This would give time for necessary arrangements for the April election in the Town Hall.

Wording Is Brief

The bill will probably be one of the shortest introduced into the Legislature this session, if not the shortest in many years. It contains only about 40 words.

The letter bearing the information that the legislation is under way reads as follows:

February 17, 1933

Mr. H. Levinson,
Publisher, The Farmington Enterprise,
Farmington, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

We were glad to receive your letter of February 11th, and have already drafted a bill to take care of the situation presented by you. You may expect to see it introduced in the legislature today.

The opinion we gave you on January 27th still stands as the law and will be the law until this new bill is finally enacted and signed by the Governor. For your information the new bill reads as follows:

"A bill to provide for the use of town halls, or any building formerly used in a town hall, located or incorporated cities for election purposes."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

"Section 1. The electors of any township may use any building in the town hall, or any building formerly used as the town hall, formerly located in the township, but now located in an incorporated city, for election purposes."

Yours very truly,
PATRICK H. O'BRIEN
Attorney General
By Gerald K. O'Brien,
Deputy Attorney General

SERVICE HELD FOR HOWARD BITTNER, 20 MONTHS OLD

Young Son Of Farmington Township Residents Laid To Rest In Oakwood

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Howard Bittner, 20-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bittner, residents of Farmington Township near Ford Republic. The child died Monday in Children's Hospital, Detroit.

Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery. Spencer J. Heeney was in charge of arrangements. Rev. W. F. Bostick of Redford Baptist Church officiated.

The deceased child was a grandson of Albert Holbrook, former well-known resident of Farmington, who now resides at the Masonic Home at Alma.

Redford Minister Is Speaker At Exchange

"Life's Most Embarrassing Moment," was the topic of an interesting talk Wednesday noon by Rev. W. F. Bostick of Redford Baptist Church, at Farmington Exchange Club. Rev. Bostick narrated some experiences of his life in illustration of the theme. The speaker came to the Farmington club as the guest of President Earl Vivier. Prior to the address an investigation was begun into disappearance of a member of the Club's valuable property.

Elaine Auten will teach the third grade Sunday School class at the Methodist Church.