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R. F. C. Welfare Loan Will Avert Township Crisis

Additional Fund For Road Work Brings Total From R. F. C. Above \$2,300

With its funds and credit exhausted, Farmington Township will receive from Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds with which to feed its indigents, just in time, it appears, to save its welfare work from collapse. A loan of \$1,996 for April from the R. F. C. has been approved by officials at Lansing, and a resolution authorizing the loan was adopted Tuesday evening by the Township Board.

In addition to the loan, \$360 has been allotted for road work of Farmington Township men on the welfare list, making a total of \$2,356 allotted to the Township by R. F. C. for the month. A number of welfare men are already engaged in highway work.

Larger Than March Loan
The amount of the loan, larger than that for April, by over \$300 was determined by the Lansing officials without consulting the Township. It is understood that the method used is to take the statement of what the Township has been requiring for welfare and the amount of its indebtedness, the Lansing men determining therefrom how much they consider the unit should have. The loan agreement is made out accordingly and sent to the local unit for approval.

Justice Ward Eagle opposed approving the loan, asking why it was larger than that for the previous month. Other members of the Board and H. H. Earle, welfare superintendent, said they did not answer this, but that Farmington Township had simply been allotted that amount and that they felt it would be unwise to risk delay or loss of the R. F. C. assistance by raising a question at this time, in view of the Township's circumstances. Mr. Eagle asked whether other funds could not be used, citing the 30 per cent of the general fund account to be released in the closed Detroit bank. Other board members declared they would not approve this, since it was illegal and that officials in many townships were risking trouble in using general fund and road and even school funds for welfare purposes.

Twenty-four men will receive road work and will be off the welfare at once, Supervisor Coe reported. They work one hour each three times, receiving \$15 per week at 30 cents an hour. This gives them an average of \$5 a week to maintain their families. Only welfare men can get this work and those with the largest families must be taken first, the R. F. C. rules. The Farmington men are working on Maple Road near Orchard Lake Road.

MID-MONTH SALES PLAN AIDS VOLUME OF BUSINESS HERE

Bargain Days Bring In Customers From 20 Miles Away; Trade Generally Active

Farmington's business-section experienced an active weekend last Friday and Saturday, when merchants of the town joined in the "Mid-Month Bargain Days" designed to stimulate business activity and acquaint the people throughout this section with Farmington as a trading center. Large numbers of visitors from various directions came to town during the two days.

Merchants generally enjoyed a brisk day's business. One apparel store reported its busiest Saturday morning in many years, and a lively trade throughout the day and evening. Other business places reported the afternoon and evening trade to be best.

Another merchant expressed the opinion that the greatest benefit of the day was not the quantity of merchandise sold but the number of people brought into town who have not previously traded in Farmington. Several he stated, came from as far as 15 or 20 miles, expressed satisfaction at being able to obtain their needs at his store, and indicated that they would be steady customers.

TUESDAY NIGHT 6:00—WEXL Farmington "Harmonizers"

Mud Flew Fast In Civil War Election, Discovery Of Antique Ballot Recalls

The turbulent election of the Civil War year 1862, when Democratic Copperhead opposed Black Republican with the ballot, (and with fists on occasion), was recalled recently by a seventy-seven year old White Lake Township Democratic ballot brought to the Enterprise office by Miss Mary Lee of Farmington Road. Miss Lee found the ballot while she was looking over some old letters and thought it of particular interest because of the recent elections.

At the top of this ballot, which is only five inches long and three inches wide, appears the name of George H. Lee, candidate for Township Supervisor. Lee, now deceased, was the father of Miss

Mary Lee and Frank and Henry Lee, also of Farmington.

The ballot is of thin white paper and at the top beneath two American eagles appears the title "Democratic Ticket." The ten Democratic candidates ran for offices similar to those of Farmington Township today.

Each party paid for the printing of its own ballot and attendance at the distribution of the ballots to houses of members of the party. According to Mr. Frank Lee, although the names Copperhead and Black Republican were used derisively by opposing party members, each member of a party was extremely proud of his political name and affiliations, and was as ready to contribute to the printing fund as he was to uphold his viewpoint against persons of different political ideas.

The Township board took charge of registration and since the board knew most of the township citizens, registration was a routine matter about ten days before election. On election day the Township Board sat around a long table. The voter appeared before the board with the party ballot distributed to him, signed his name to the ballot and put it into a box to be counted by the board.

Split-ticket voting accomplished today by disregarding the party circle and putting crosses in the squares in the various party columns of the ballot, could be accomplished in these days, Mr. Lee said, by crossing out the name of the man on the ballot and writing in the name of the candidate of the rival party.

Split-ticket voting, however, caused politicians little worry then because regularly was the creed of both Copperheads and Black Republicans. Mr. Lee said that although Michigan was Republican in 1862, White Lake Township was Democratic.

Mr. Bond stated this week that all indications are that handling of welfare will again be returned to the County system. However, Mr. Bond said, there is everywhere a demand for a drastic, general cut in valuations. He plans to turn the efforts of his committee to that object, probably enlarging the committee by calling in a number of the larger taxpayers of the Township.

Mr. Bond said that these taxpayers are agreed upon the lowering of valuations at the one best and most certain method of bringing about lower taxes, and that Supervisor Coe, with whom he has conferred on the matter, has expressed a similar view. Members of the board of review are believed to be of the same opinion. The result will be a united effort on the part of citizens and officials to lower the objective of setting lower valuations in the Township and having them sustained.

Other members of Mr. Bond's committee are: Mrs. Minnie Rubel, Mrs. Jennie Lapham, Charles Heise, and Albert Grammer.

OFFICIALS CONFER ON WELFARE LOAN WITH R. F. C. MAN

R. F. C. Representative Here; Make Out Applications For May, June Funds
John Semann, representative of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was in Farmington Thursday to confer with city officials on a proposed loan of \$750 from the Corporation to cover welfare work. He assisted them in making out the necessary applications.

The loan, consisting of \$400 for May welfare work and \$350 for June, will follow loans from the Corporation of \$150 in January and the same amount in February. No applications were made by the city in March and April. The applications now being considered will be made directly to the Corporation, and not through the township as in the past.

Chief obstacles in the path of the negotiations is the present refusal of the R. F. C. to deal with local authorities on welfare funds in units of less than 20,000 population, and a return to relief on the county basis is possible.

SUNSHINE PARTY
Salem—Evangelical Women's Union will give a Sunshine Party April 28 with pot luck lunch at 12:30 o'clock and a good program. The party will be for the benefit of the Ladies Aid and their friends.

Township Board Votes To Drop Traffic Officers

Appointment Revoked By Board Tuesday Night; Work Created Stir Last Year

Two Farmington Township constables are "traffic officers" no longer. The Township Board Tuesday evening adopted a resolution which revoked the appointment made nine months ago. The resolution terminating the traffic officer appointments was offered by Justice Willis T. Roberts and supported by Justice Ward Eagle.

The constables who were active last summer and autumn in traffic work were William Gregor, and William Lafarge. Both were re-elected constables at the recent election, and Mr. Gregor has for some time accompanied Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt in patrol work.

The constables were appointed traffic officers last July, at a salary of one dollar a year, on motion of Justice Roberts. The move was vigorously opposed at the time by Justice Ward Eagle, on the ground of expense and "preying on the public."

During the late summer and fall, much ado, was caused when Detroiters given tickets for traffic violations protested. Detroit newspapers took up the cudgels with denunciations of what they branded as a "speed trap" in large headlines. The situation was brought to a stirring climax in a case in which the Farmington officers were not involved, but in which a Southfield township constable had fired his gun while a youth was fleeing in a car after having been halted for failing to stop at a thorough road.

Justice Roberts consistently maintained throughout the agitation that no "speed trap" existed and that the violations for which tickets were issued and the number of cases brought to court was much smaller than the public had been led to believe.

The resolution offered by Mr. Roberts and adopted Tuesday night was to strike from the records the resolution appointing the traffic officers.

HEENEY IS CHAMP AT PING-PONG, AND HE CAN PROVE IT

"Spence" Gets Handsome Mug From Club Members; Needs One More Leg To Keep It

Spencer J. Heeneey is not only ping-pong champion of Farmington, but he has evidence given it, to present to all who may doubt his claim. Residing in stately dignity in the headquarters of the Farmington Ping-Pong Club is a handsome bowl emblematic of the championship. It is Mr. Heeneey's until someone wrests the coveted title from him.

Until or unless—because M. J. Heeneey already has two "legs" on the prize, having won the championship last year also, that being the first year a tournament was held. No trophy was given then, but this year a thoughtful citizen suggested that a suitable emblem should be presented to the champion.

The club member promptly fell in with this suggestion, and gathering his associates, all agreed to assist. The trophy was obtained for presentation Friday evening, properly lettered with the title won, and the name of the winner, and adorned with a drawing of ping-pong paddles and ball.

Mayor Warner consented to make the presentation, and in the presence of a goodly gathering of members Friday evening, presented the trophy with fitting remarks to the titleholder. The event came as a complete surprise to Mr. Heeneey, who had been interrupted in a game with another club member. He was so completely swept from his feet by the presentation that it was some minutes before he could untie the string around the box in which the trophy was contained. He did manage, however, to make a gracious response expressing his gratitude.

The trophy is a good-sized one and will be in Mr. Heeneey's permanent possession if he wins the championship again next year. Otherwise the coveted bowl remains to be competed for until he or someone else wins the title three times.

TUESDAY NIGHT 6:00—WEXL Farmington "Harmonizers"

On County Board



Mrs. Johnson On County TB Board

Farmington Woman Named To Board Of Trustees Of Tuberculosis Sanatorium

Mrs. Mary Johnson of Farmington is a new member of the Board of Trustees of the Ostland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, having been appointed Wednesday afternoon by the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Johnson takes her place on the board of trustees at once.

The Farmington woman succeeds on the sanatorium board her friend and close associate in many activities, Mrs. Orrie Dawson of Ferndale. Mrs. Dawson was a member of the board until her appointment as supervisor last week to represent her city. She was appointed by the Ferndale City Commission.

Mrs. Johnson was nominated by Supervisor Coe of Farmington Township. The name of George Higgins, Ferndale supervisor during the past year, was presented. The question was raised, however, whether he could be appointed; because of the recent statute which prohibits any member of the board of supervisors from taking a county office within six months after he leaves the board. Mr. Higgins was supervisor until supplanted when the new Ferndale appointments were made last week.

Upon receipt of a ruling from Civil Counsel Robert Heisch, to the effect that the law barred Mr. Higgins, the appointment of Mrs. Johnson was made unanimous, there being no other names suggested.

Mrs. Johnson has been prominent in clubwomen's affairs in the County for a number of years. She is a past president of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs as well as of Farmington Women's Club, and is past matron of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S.

BUSINESS MEN TO ORGANIZE INDOOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

Players Must Register By Tuesday Night; Six Teams Will Be Formed

Registration will close Tuesday night for the Farmington Business Men's Playground Baseball League, which will enter its second season this summer.

All residents between the ages of 18 and 35, it is announced, are eligible upon leaving their names with Norman Lee, Howard Osmus, George Gildemeister, or "Curly" Williams and payment of a 50-cent fee to take care of bats and balls.

The organizers would like to enlist 65, or 70 men in order to make up six teams. The season will last all summer, and games will be played under indoor baseball rules.

Farmington Woman, 82, Reported Still Missing

Mrs. Dona Smith, 82, was still missing Thursday, after having been sought by authorities since her disappearance from her home on Orchard Lake Road Monday. Leaving early Monday evening to visit her daughter, who lives at a hotel in downtown Detroit, she vanished without leaving a trace. State and Detroit police have been called on to aid in the search for Mrs. Smith, who was described as being 5 feet tall and weighing 120 pounds.

City Worker Is Critically Hurt By Truck Crank

William Davis Injured In Head As Lifting Device Kicks; Concussion Feared

For the first time in the recollection of Farmington officials, a city employee has been badly injured while on duty.

William Davis, Farmington municipal worker is in a severe condition in Mutual Liabilities hospital, Detroit as a result of serious injuries sustained when the crank he was turning on a dump truck hit him in the head Wednesday afternoon.

Davis was unconscious for a brief period, and experienced severe pain and loss of blood. Dr. H. E. Boice was in attendance before the injured man's removal to Detroit, and feared that the skull might be fractured.

The accident occurred at 4:30 Wednesday at the city dump on Nine Mile road, while Davis was doing city work. Three men, Supt. William Maas, Clarence Gilkey, and Robert McGarvey were with the truck, which was making the last trip of the day, carrying old tenders and other rubbish. Maas heard a cry, ran to the other side of the truck, and found Davis on the ground.

The crank which injured Davis was that used to raise and lower the dumping of the truck. Whether the crank was faulty or Davis lost his footing and loosened his hold on it, is not known. The crank is the same one that struck William Maas in the face last year, causing loss of a tooth.

Lawrence R. Taylor, insurance agent, and George K. Chetkett took Davis to the Detroit hospital Thursday morning. Doctors there are unable to make a definite statement of Davis' condition until x-rays are developed which will be Friday afternoon.

Davis has a wife and nine children, five of whom are living at the home on Power Avenue.

GRAHAM PRAISES WELFARE MEN AS WILLING WORKERS

Commissioner Says He Would Give Recommendation To Most Who Worked Under Him

Praise for men on the welfare list in Farmington Township was accorded Tuesday evening by Joseph Graham, recently elected highway commissioner. Mr. Graham declared that he has had 15 men who are on the aid list working under him, and that there proved to be only one who was not satisfied with him. He said he would recommend any of the 14 men as far as willing and able to do a good day's work.

Prices for road work were set by the Township Board. Men will receive not to exceed 30 cents an hour, and a maximum of 70 cents an hour will be paid for tractor men.

It was reported that the County has taken over three more stretches of road in the Township, 2.5 miles on the west end of Eleven Mile Road, 3 mile on the east end of Old Farmington Road, and 1.1 miles on the Fourteen Mile Road.

Supt. Dalrymple Reads Before Exchange Club

Revealing a poetry-reading talent that brought enthusiastic praise from his fellows, Supt. John Dalrymple of Farmington Schools Wednesday noon entertained the Exchange Club for over half an hour with readings from the poems of James Whitcomb Riley, beloved writer of childhood and humorous verse. Mr. Dalrymple not only presented a number of old favorites by the noted poet, but also read poems that are among his lesser known works. All proved equally popular with the audience.

The program was "varied" by music, Edward Eaton singing numbers in which Fields' poems had been set to music. The singing number was the famous, "Little Boy Blue." Spencer Heeneey accompanied at the piano.

It was the second successive week the club had enjoyed music. Lamont Hamlin entertained the previous Wednesday with several selections.

J. J. Webster with his daughter, Mrs. C. Webster of Flint, will spend a few weeks in Farmington.