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Township Starts Registration Of Jobless Monday

Only Unemployed Not Included On Welfare Rolls To Be Listed

Registration of all unemployed in Farmington township will begin at the township office in the welfare store at Clarenceville Monday. The township board decided to take this step at its meeting on Tuesday night.

A similar listing of the jobless is being carried on in municipalities and local units in the Grand-Wayne area. Persons on the welfare will not be included in the registration since the township already has a check upon them. The present effort is to get the names of establishing contact with persons in the township who are out of work but have not, as yet, had to apply for welfare relief and younger men with families, the heads of which are on the welfare but who are, themselves, not listed.

In the event of some construction project being undertaken, the men who register at the opening of Grand River, the men listed under the new registration will find themselves favored in the selection of workers. Persons who do not take advantage of the listing will not be known to the township officials and would, in all probability, be left out. Also, with the new jobless list, the officials will be able to supply workmen to persons who have jobs to be done and wish to help unemployed men who have not enrolled on the welfare list. It is strongly emphasized by the township board members that the men who register as unemployed in the new listing do not place themselves in the position of applying for welfare aid. The registration is not connected with the welfare program in any way.

Persons who register will simply be asked to give their name, address, place of employment during the past year, trade, length of time in the township, number of persons in family and their nationality. The office will be opened at 8 a. m. Monday for the registration.

A motion introduced by Walter Headerick was passed at the Tuesday meeting instructing Township Clerk Willard Campbell to write the R. F. C. for information concerning a possible loan to enable the township to negotiate with its creditors in an effort to have its obligations settled at 50 per cent. Mr. Headerick took his position on the board at the meeting Monday.

He succeeded Willis T. Roberts, who retired on July 1 as a member of the board and as township justice. He was succeeded in the latter post by Frank Stele.

LEAGION TEAM IS BEATEN TWICE IN LEAGUE CONTESTS

Two Home Games Scheduled For Coming Week End; 2nd Half Started

The Farmington team in the American Legion junior league will play two games at home over the week end. The first contest will be with Pontiac on Saturday and the second on Sunday with Northville. The games will both be played at 8 o'clock on the school grounds.

Farmington lost two games over the last week end, the first to Royal Oak on Saturday, 13-0, and the second to Plymouth on Sunday, 11-5. The first game brought the farm team to a close and the second initiated the second half season. The two games on Saturday and Sunday, since they are played both on the home grounds, will give the aggregation an excellent chance to make a comeback. The winner of the second half-season will play the first-half champion for the district title. The winner of this title will play in the state tournament and, if successful there, will be entered in the national finale in the fall.

Enterprise Day At Edgewater, July 29

Saturday, July 29, will be Farmington Enterprise day at Edgewater Park and all readers of the paper will be guests of the park management. A coupon, contained in this week's advertisement of the park in the Enterprise, will entitle the person clipping it to all the privileges of the day.

Free rides will prevail for readers on the Caterpillar and the Lindy Plane and half-price admission to all other rides.

If you wish to take advantage of the bargains at Edgewater Park on Enterprise day, simply clip the coupon in the park advertisement contained in this issue.

Pioneer Resident Of State Passes

Father Established Village Of Shepard, Was 1st Postmaster Of Isabella County

Mrs. Annie Shepard Schweier, member of one of Michigan's pioneer families, died at her home in Four Towns in Commerce Township, Saturday. Funeral services were held on Tuesday with Rev. E. L. Carless of the Walled Lake Methodist church officiating.

Mrs. Schweier's parents came to Michigan in 1853 and founded the town of Shepard. Her father was the first postmaster of Isabella County in 1856, being stationed at Salk Lake. Later, he was moved to Shepard. Mrs. Schweier was a member of the Christian Church at Shepard and of the Commerce chapter of O. E. S.

Surviving Mrs. Schweier are her husband, Alfred; two sons, Alfred of Wyandotte and Newton of Perdue; four daughters; Mrs. Cecile Austin of Milford, Mrs. Theima Schieber of Detroit, Mrs. Katherine Daniels of Holly, and Mrs. Anne Louise Van Leuven of Pontiac; one brother, W. I. Shepard of Shepard; and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Sayers of Santa Monica, California.

DETROITER KILLED, 2 HURT IN CRASH SATURDAY NIGHT

Two Cars Collide At Top Of Hill On Thirteen Mile Road East Of Park

Lawrence Arneck, 33, of Detroit, was fatally injured when his car collided with one driven by George Kovacs, Route 2, Walled Lake, on the Thirteen Mile Road, one mile east of the Walled Lake amusement park, Saturday night.

Kovacs was badly bruised in the crash. Mr. Arneck, riding with her husband, sustained a fractured arm, possible internal injuries and cuts on the face and body. A. Mutch of Detroit, also riding with Arneck was slightly injured. All of the injured were removed to Redford branch of Receiving hospital. The Arnocks were later taken to Henry Ford hospital in Detroit where Arneck died on Sunday afternoon. He had received a fractured skull and a fractured neck.

Arneck was driving toward the amusement park at the time of the accident. He met Kovacs' car at the top of the hill. Both cars were badly damaged. Deputy Wiley Coe of the sheriff's department investigated.

Marriage Of Helen Westfall Announced

The marriage of Miss Helen Westfall last fall to Lloyd Casey of Lexington, was announced late Friday. Mrs. Casey has been working in Detroit since the marriage as a nurse at the Evangelical Deaconess hospital while her husband has been employed in Flint.

Children's Fair Held At Kalbfleisch Home

A children's fair was held Wednesday at the Kalbfleisch home on Nine Mile Road, under the auspices of the Kalbfleisch children. Gaming booths and refreshment stands were erected in the yard of the house for the event. Prizes were given for persons winning the games. A number of Farmington children attended.

'Ability To Pay' Policy Adopted By School Board

Rule Modified—Ask Other Districts To Pay 'In Proportion'

A modification of Farmington High School's tuition rule, regarded as more practical and calculated to bring better results, has been evolved by the Farmington Board of Education through discussion at the first organization meeting of the new board. After thorough discussion of the hardest single problem of the past year, that of tuition from other districts, the members generally assented to a suggested course of action based on "ability to pay" of the other districts, as contrasted with a rigid payment-in-advance rule for the coming year, adopted not long ago.

So much difficulty was encountered by the board during the past year in collecting tuition from other districts, which runs into large figures, that the board recently announced as its policy for next year that all districts that are unable to pay tuition for Farmington High School next fall must pay the pupils' tuition in advance, or they would not be allowed to enter. This disturbed members of nearby school boards, who are certain now that they will not have sufficient funds to pay all of the tuition in advance, and who were concerned lest high school students in their districts be denied further schooling. The Farmington board members themselves disliked to apply the rigid rule, but have been faced with serious shortage of funds and the fact that some districts have taken an unfair advantage of Farmington district, paying up their own grade school teachers' fees and other obligations in full, but not paying up the tuition due to Farmington.

To avoid placing an undue hardship on those districts which have displayed a spirit of fairness, and at the same time require those districts to pay which are unable to do so, the board members offered a plan which met with approval of the board members. It recognizes existing conditions in school finances, and asks that each district be doing pupils to Farmington pay insofar as they are able. Farmington Board members began Monday night to visit meetings of other boards to outline the plan to them. (Continued on page eight)

TAX DEADLINE IS POSTPONED; CHAIN STORE TAX PASSED

Gubernatorial Veto Overridden by Legislature On Two Acts In Final Meeting

Several important pieces of legislation were passed at the final adjourned meeting of the 1933 legislature on Monday and Tuesday.

Among the measures passed were 1. Chain store tax, overriding the governor's veto. 2. Reduction in rate for taxes on advertising. 3. Extension of tax penalty deadline to November 1st. 4. Limitation of sales tax to retail sales. 5. A bill forbidding directors of banks to hold similar positions in other banking institutions.

Under the chain store tax, stores in small chains will be assessed \$10 per year but in chains of over 25 stores, the annual fee will be \$25 per store. A court fight is being waged over the measure, the chains holding that the act is discriminatory. The measure was passed by the senate unanimously and with only four dissenting votes in the house.

The action of the legislature on the 1932 tax renders legal a decision by Auditor-General Stack not to assess the penalty or interest until November 1. County Treasurer Char A. Sparks refused to accept the Stack decision because it had no legal basis and began assessing penalty and interest July 1. Now, however, the additional amount will not be collected.

The resolution on the sales tax called for an exemption from the tax of all materials used exclusively in manufacturing, creating, wrapping, assembling, producing, processing or preparing for delivery any tangible personal property to be sold. The word "producing" is interpreted to include agricultural production. This will exclude equipment, feed and other goods purchased by farmers from tax.

City School Tax Rate Is Reduced Fifteen Percent

Slash, With 20 Percent Cut In Valuations, Will Effect One-Third Lowering Of Tax

A sharp further reduction in school taxes in Farmington District No. 5 will occur this year and taxpayers in December will find their bills greatly lessened. Action by the Board of Education puts in effect a reduction of 15 per cent if the rate, while a valuations cut averaging about 20 per cent will be applied to this year's assessments, which will result in a total slash of one-third in the tax-bills.

Last year the tax rate for the district was \$10 per thousand. This year the district's allocation of the real estate tax is \$6.50 per thousand. Local boards are allowed to vote their own tax for debt service. At its July meeting, the Farmington board adopted a rate of \$2 per thousand for this purpose, making a total tax rate of \$8.50 for 1933-34.

Only For Interest
This tax rate is designed to raise money on for interest, not for bond payments, made because of present conditions to make any payments on principal. The district now has \$26,000 in bonds in default, and \$450 in interest. Effort will be made to keep abreast of interest requirements.

What the lowered tax rate will mean to the taxpayer may be illustrated by the case of a property-owner whose property had a value last year of \$5,000, on which he paid at the 1932-33 rate of \$10 per thousand, his school tax being \$50. Reduction of his assessment by 20 per cent brings the value down to \$4,000. At the 1933-34 tax rate of \$8.50 he will pay a school tax of \$34, or \$16 less than a year ago.

Good news for teachers also developed. The board will divide about \$700 among teachers between now and September. It was voted to distribute the sum among those members of the faculty who have been on the payroll in back pay. It is calculated that the teachers will receive about 20 per cent.

Current Pay First
Review of figures shows that during the past year the board kept up with payments to teachers, and that if the past year had not been started with a large indebtedness on salaries from the previous year, there would be no debt remaining over. The carry-over of debt this year is due to the burden with which the last year was started. The board decided that henceforth all salary payments will be made as current pay, to overcome the situation wherein each payment merely goes to catch up on past-due salaries, leaving the current pay to be made up later. What is due in September will be set up as back salaries due the teachers, to be paid them when the board obtains the funds to do so.

The board moved to make a saving in cost by buying before the expected price-increases, if possible. Treasurer Arthur Lamb was designated to purchase a car of coal.

BARN DESTROYED BY \$5,000 FIRE IN NOVI TOWNSHIP

Loss Partially Covered By Insurance, Farmington Department Called To Blaze

A barn on the Grant Putnam farm, at the intersection of Grand River and Secor roads, Grand River and was destroyed by fire in Farmington in Novi township, was destroyed by fire, early Friday. Loss was estimated at \$5,000, part of which was covered by insurance. The barn was filled with new mown hay but the livestock was all out in the pasture. This was the first fire to which the Farmington department had been called since May 6. The department used 150 gallons of chemicals on the conflagration.

Picnic Ends Activity Of Softball League

Members of the four teams in the Farmington softball league which closed the season last week attended a picnic held at Rosemond Hills grove on Tibbits road Monday afternoon and evening. Refreshments and lunch were served and games were played.

New Board President



Spencer J. Heeny, as the new president of the Farmington school board, is with the assistance of the other members of the board, drawing up plans for the coming school year. Several important changes are being made in various phases of the school activity.

Detroiters Buy Chevrolet Agency

Will Introduce Broader Display Of Cars, Complete Line Of Chevrolet Parts

Transfer of a Farmington business institution was completed within the past few days, the Chevrolet motor car agency having been taken-over by new owners. New operators of the agency are George F. Coon, Inc., who will continue to handle Chevrolet cars and provide general motor car service in the Holcomb building, 33215 Grand River.

The agency is in charge of V. R. Blakeslee of Detroit, who has taken the former Bertha Voight residence on Wilmarth avenue, and will move to Farmington with Mrs. Blakeslee within a few days.

Mr. Blakeslee is one of Detroit's well-known retail automobile men, having been engaged in the business 18 years, including some time in the firm with which he is associated in the firm with him is George F. Coon, also a well-known Detroit automobile man for many years.

In addition to broader display of new Chevrolet cars under the firm will put in stock at once a complete line of Chevrolet parts. Service will be in charge of Harry Clark. Mr. Clark and his wife and child expect to become residents of Farmington shortly. Mrs. Alberta Johnson will continue as book-keeper.

Mr. Blakeslee views both the general business outlook and the prospects for this area with enthusiasm. He cites the return of many men to work at Pontiac as an example of business upturn, with continuing increased demand. In some instances there is an actual shortage of needed materials, he points out, and factories will be kept busy catching up with the demand for months to come.

N. E. Beckley, who operated the Chevrolet agency under the name of Farmington Motor Sales, has left on a trip to Vermont prior to engaging in other business. Clarence Dennis, mechanic, has been recalled to his work as tool-maker in Pontiac.

Wagner Family New Farmington Residents

New residents of Farmington are Mr. and Mrs. Max Wagner and family, who are occupying the former John Fitzpatrick home on Valley View Avenue at Prospect Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have two daughters and a son, Lillian, 11, Robert, 9, and June, 7. Mr. Wagner is a manufacturers' representative, distributing a number of products in Michigan and adjoining States.

O. E. S. TO HAVE PICNIC

Farmington Chapter O. E. S. No. 233 will hold a picnic Saturday, July 22, at 4 o'clock at Riverside Park, Plymouth. Bring the family and friends. Pot luck supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

Commission Will Act On Sewerage Treatment Plant

New Project Is Added To Plans For Public Works Program; To Hold Special Meeting

A sewerage treatment plant to be built at a cost of \$6,500 to \$7,000, has been added to the public works program proposed for Farmington city. The whole program, as mapped by Mayor Howard Warner and Street and Sewer Commissioner Emory Hutton, will be presented at a special meeting of the City Commission for approval next week. The meeting will probably be held on Tuesday night.

Although the detailed plans could not be disclosed pending action upon them by the Commission, Commissioner Hutton has indicated that the amount which the city and will ask will be many times that originally presented at the last commission meeting. The necessity of a sewerage plant for Farmington was urged upon Mayor Warner and Commissioner Hutton when they visited Lansing on Tuesday. State officials told them a plant of this nature would be the most likely to obtain Federal approval than any other project.

Mayor Warner and Commissioner Hutton also visited the state highway department to present a request for the initiation of two projects—the widening and rebuilding of Grand River from Farmington Road west to the Cut-off and the extension of Ten-Mile Road from Powers Avenue up Shawwassee to Grand River. Engineer Steinbaugh of the state highway department told them that the Grand River project could be included in the road program and that there was a chance that it would be. He said that the Ten-Mile road project could not be considered.

Mayor Warner and Commissioner Hutton will represent Farmington city at a meeting of city officers sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League which will be held Friday at Utica. The purpose of the meeting is the discussion of public work plans under the Federal aid program. Officers of the League will present projects and will advise the city officials on any plans which they may have. The methods by which the application may be made will be explained.

Officers of cities and villages in Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Wayne and St. Clair counties have been invited to the meeting. Sewage disposal and street paving are the chief projects planned by the communities, according to Harold Smith, director of the League. Meetings are being held by the League in all parts of the state.

WELFARE RENAMED BOARD PRESIDENT AT WALLED LAKE

Several Applications Received For Superintendent Post; Selection Soon

In making up its organization, the new Walled Lake school board has selected Bert Helfar for another term as president of the board. Other officers are: Ernie Welch, secretary, re-elected; and Kenneth Riel, treasurer, succeeding M. E. Bradley, who retired last week at the end of his term. A large number of applications for the post of superintendent, vacated by the resignation of Harry Nesman, who took a position in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Lansing, have been received. No selection has, however, been made as yet. The post will probably be filled within the next few weeks.

Middlewoods Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Middlewood of West Point Park celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. A dinner was given in their honor at the home of Mrs. Ethel Middlewood. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Sheldrick and son, Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Middlewood and son, Howard, Jr. of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bollinger of West Branch.