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Taxpayers Soon Will Be Offered Saving On Taxes

City Commission Approves Plan Already Adopted For School District

Work is to be started within the next few days on the program by which Farmington property owners may be enabled to settle their delinquent city and school taxes for possibly one-half of the amount levied. Approval by the City Commission of the plan submitted some time ago, and brought up again at a special meeting Tuesday evening, clears the way for action by the firm working in the matter.

Clarence Vliet of Birmingham, former superintendent of schools of that city, and now engaged in the tax-bond activity, conferred with the Commission at length on the plan. He also showed the Commission preliminary report blanks which are drawn up by the company, as a basis of their work. These reports show where there are tax delinquencies which the company owners might be interested in clearing up at a substantial discount.

The company obtains these listings from the tax-records at Pontiac, and turns them over to a local man who will act as the company's representative in Farmington. This agent will carry on the work, acting as a clearing house between the taxpayer and the city treasurer who receives the tax-payments in the form of a city bond, in which the taxpayers participate to the extent of their payments.

"Pay Back Tax First"

That it is just as important and advantageous for the City to have the plan work out with a high degree of success, was pointed out by Mr. Vliet. He emphasized the fact that until the property owner has paid the taxes, he is little hope that he will start paying current levies. Taxes have been dropping so sharply and steadily in the past few years, Mr. Vliet said, that once the average property-owner can catch up, he will be very likely to keep up his current taxes. The lower present levies will make it easier and the property-owner more eager to do so.

At the same time, Mr. Vliet pointed out, the City eliminates interest payments every time it can cancel a bond, as will be done if the taxpayers take advantage of the opportunity to pay at a saving.

NRA SOCIALISTIC, BUT LEADERS NOT, SPEAKER ASSERTS

America need not worry that our government has become socialistic, the speaker asserted, although the NRA is a highly socialistic project, was the assertion of Dr. B. T. Larson of Pontiac before Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday night. The men who are administering NRA are themselves assurance that socialism will not come, he declared, since they are all men with capitalist, industrial and financial backgrounds, such as Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, who is a widely-known industrialist and a man of great personal means.

The NRA program itself, he said, is socialistic, however, Dr. Larson said, because it definitely establishes what is unquestionably a socialist principle, that of government control over industry. He expressed the belief that the NRA will succeed and that the country will be much better for it. Dr. Larson told his audience that he believes the United States was near a revolution not long before President Roosevelt put forth the NRA program and that the program has averted such an event.

The meeting was marked by the largest attendance at the Club in some time. Next week it is expected that Clarence Vliet of Birmingham will be the speaker, telling the Club of the plan for payment of taxes by property-owners uniting in a bond-purchase plan, which enables them to make great savings on the delinquent taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green and daughter Doris were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Abell at Lansing. The Evangelical Brotherhood will hold its monthly meeting at the church next Wednesday night, October 4.

New M. E. Pastor Leads Mission Study At Annual State Institute



REV. F. A. LENDRUM

Leaving Bus, Girl Falls, Breaks Leg

Noble District Pupil Severely Hurt; Forced To Lie In Cast

Noble School District will have one more "schoolroom" than has planned, during the next few weeks, because a little girl had a serious mishap Wednesday morning. Seven-year-old Betty Winter, just getting nicely started in the first grade, will be absent from her class for some time as a result of a fall while she was getting off the school bus. She suffered a severe fracture of the thigh-bone of her left leg, and is lying in a plaster cast.

Despite the pain suffered, Betty was concerned about missing her schooling, until her teacher, Mrs. Minnie Wilkinson, came over and said she would visit Betty two or three times a week and go over the class work with her. Now Betty is happy again.

Strangely enough, the accident happened on the very day Betty chose to take a guest to school. Four-year-old Paul Zaritz, living next door, went along with her Wednesday morning "to visit." The bus driver, Lyman Smith, had just brought the bus to a stop at the school ground. Betty was first out, Paul right behind her. It is thought that as she put her foot on the ground, Betty stepped on a stone which pitched her over. She fell heavily, causing the fracture.

Mrs. Wilkinson and others carried the little girl into the school and cared for her until Dr. J. W. Norton arrived. Setting of the fracture under X-ray allowed Betty to return home.

The little girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Winters of Tulane avenue, north of Nine Mile Road.

Evangelical Choir To Offer Concert Soon

The choir of Salem Evangelical church is preparing a concert at which a classical program will be given. Among other numbers "Overture to Mozart's 'Magic Flute'" for 2 pianos, 8 hands, a duet from Handel's "Judas Macabbeus" by a male double quartet. The Heavens are telling from the "Creation" will be rendered. The recital is to be held in the second week of October. Watch the paper for further announcement.

Federal Home Loan Act Is Factor In Furniture Case In Farmington

President Roosevelt and Washington officials would probably never know it, but the Federal Government's Home Loan Act program has been a prominent factor in a court battle between two Farmington men over the household furniture of one of the contestants. The case was heard Monday night and decision by Justice Byron Lapham is pending. A dramatic moment in the interesting trial came when Al J. Laing, one of the contestants, admitted on the witness stand that he had obtained the furniture over which the furniture was being fought merely for the purpose of placing it in a house which he owns but had not lived in, and which is now vacant, so that he could apply for a Government loan to "save the homestead," it being his plan to sleep there in order to qualify for the government mortgage loan.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO OPEN YEAR WITH TRIP WEDNESDAY

After a summer of vacation and rest, members of the Farmington Woman's Club are looking forward with keen interest to an early meeting.

Officers and committee members are anxious to hostesses are responsive, lecturers and speakers are alert to their duties and speakers' responsibilities,—there is every indication of a successful year ahead.

The first meeting occurs on Wednesday, October 4th at the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium with a luncheon at 1 o'clock. Dr. W. I. Werner, superintendent, will be a guest. Mrs. Norman Lee and Mrs. Charles Pettibone are on the program which is designated as "Good Story Day." There will be opportunity to hear the program which will be given before the school-age children, or take a conducted trip thru the sanatorium.

Those having no way to attend will please get in touch with Mrs. Roy Brown or Mrs. E. C. Scherer, who are prepared to arrange for transportation. Luncheon charge is 35 cents.

Opening Of Store Is "Like A Homecoming"

One of Farmington's most popular merchants came back into his own Saturday, and all day long at Henry Pauline's new market the atmosphere resembled that of homecoming of old friends. Opening up his new store with the most modern of fixtures and equipment, Mr. Pauline received congratulations from everyone on the appearance of the place. Customers came in a steady stream, and for a large part of the day, several were there at a time. Many items were sold out long before closing time. A number of friends sent baskets of flowers in honor of the opening. Mr. Pauline will confine his stock to meats, dairy products and can goods most in demand. His store will be open Sundays all day to serve customers.

Works Program Ready; Propose Adding Streets

Formal Approval Of Final Plans Is Expected On Monday

Farmington's projected public works program with federal aid will be on its way to Washington north Tuesday morning, it is anticipated, with Monday night's meeting of the City Commission set for final approval of the plans as put in detailed form by the engineers. Informal approval was given some time ago, and has been followed by the drawing of specifications, which must be formally approved before being sent to higher authorities.

An additional project which may be included is the hard-surfacing of two heavily-travelled roads in the center of town, Farmington road from Grand River north to the Baptist Church, and Shiawassee street from Grand River east to Warner street. The former, carrying heavy traffic from the north, and Shiawassee, carrying traffic from the south, are regarded as requiring a harder surface than gravel affords. It is proposed to cover the roads with a gravel-tar combination surface, such as is used on the Novi-Walled Lake Road. This surface costs but a fraction of the cost of paving, and provides a satisfactory road for heavy traffic, excepting the heaviest trucks. The surfacing would not be carried down McGee Hill or Shiawassee street east of Warner, because of slipperiness in wet weather. McGee Hill, however, is to be improved through gravel work previously placed in the program.

30 Feet Wide The streets would be surfaced to a width of 30 feet. It is argued that on Farmington Road particularly, where there is a great deal of parking, the improvement is especially needed. The estimated cost of the surfacing is \$5,000. Both streets required much work for upkeep due to heavy traffic.

The proposal was discussed Wednesday by the Commission, and a special session Tuesday night, but no action was taken. One Commissioner suggested that if these streets were improved, there would be a claim for paving "all over town," and that if residents wished their street improved, they should pay for it, by special assessment, but another expressed the opinion that "improving streets by special assessment is done for a long time to come," if not permanently. Another commissioner suggested that there are many streets in town needing gravel. Oakland Road was mentioned as a street much in need of improvement because of heavy traffic.

Projects Approved The total cost of most of the projects approved is \$21,000, of which the federal government pays 30 per cent. The remainder is borrowed from the federal government and payments spread over a period of years, interest being 4 per cent. The projects already approved are:

1. Sewer Construction.
1. 18-in. sewer line from Grand River at Park Garage to State Street to Farmington Road to Orchard Street.
2. Connection between Oakland and Wilmarth.
3. Two catch basins and manhole on Wilmarth.
4. Two catch basins at Farmington Road and Oakland.
5. Sewer line State Street from Liberty to Oakland.
6. Sewer line, Cass Avenue from Grand River to Macomb.
11. Street and bridge construction.
1. Widening of bridge at foot of McGee Hill by 10 feet; construction of retaining wall and 30-inch concrete gutter.
2. Widening of bridge on Power street.
3. Widening of bridge on Shiawassee by 10 feet and construction of 30 by 160 inch concrete gutter.
4. Replacing of culvert on 10 Mile Road between Power and Farmington road.
5. Rebuilding of culvert on Nine Mile Road.
6. Grading, filling and graveling of Farmington Road to 10 Mile Road.
- III. Sidewalk Construction.
1. Extension of sidewalk on Grand River.
2. Sidewalk repairs.

A regular monthly meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the Dean Parker, Tuesday, October 3rd at 2:30 o'clock.

Annual Harvest Event To Be Held On Sunday

Next Sunday the annual Harvest Festival will be observed at Salem Evangelical Church, 10:15 a. m. The church will be decorated with fruits and vegetables. The Sunday School children, adorned with fall wreaths and flowers will parade into the church. Festal music will be rendered by the choir. At 11:15 the Sunday School Rally will be held and a program arranged for the occasion will be given. Everybody is heartily invited to take part in the jubilee of thanks for God's blessing.

New Officers In School District

Two Board Members Resign From Noble District; Others Named

Two new officers are occupying place on the board of education of School District No. 6, known as the Noble District, after resignations of two members who followed each other closely in relinquishing their offices. The new members are Mrs. Elsie F. McCullough and Michael Hoffman. They succeed Fred Wilkinson and Mrs. May Schoenberger, the former having resigned about two weeks ago and the latter last week. Wilkinson was secretary of the Board and Mrs. Schoenberger treasurer.

The remaining members, Carl Smith, president, Charles Erwin and Miss Martha Noble, selected the members to fill the vacancies. Mrs. McCullough was named secretary and Mr. Erwin treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr. Smith was re-elected president.

The terms of Mr. Wilkinson and Mrs. Schoenberger expire next July. The appointments are to fill the vacancies until that time. Disagreement over policies to be pursued by the board is understood to have prompted the resignation of Mr. Wilkinson and that of Mrs. Schoenberger. The board has been divided on important matters, such as the year's term. Electors likewise have been sharply divided and annual meetings have been lively events. The district has a new bus driver this year, Lyman Smith, who replaced J. C. Spaulding.

NRA CHAIRMAN MAKES APPEAL TO AID EMPLOYMENT

An appeal to all employers of labor in Farmington, and all individuals who can provide some work for those out of employment, is made this week by Kenneth Loomis, chairman of Farmington NRA activities. Mr. Loomis asks all concerned to give their aid in this area by seeking out the means of additional work and communicating with the local unit.

A ready work has been found for one man, a prospective employer, notifying the NRA committee of the work that was available.

Assurance that the Farmington NRA movement is not ended, nor its work completed, by any means, was given by Mr. Loomis. The Farmington committee will carry on effort to stimulate employment and business and help in every possible way.

At an executive meeting of the Farmington area NRA held Monday evening, Chairman Loomis appointed Spencer J. Heeneey, Wm. C. Carpenter, Delos Hamlin and Fred Cook to attend the meeting at the Board of Commerce, Pontiac, Friday, September 29th at 10 a. m. under the auspices of the Oakland Area NRA. A committee for discussion and final approval of organizing a trade area contemplated in the President's re-employment agreement. It was also decided by the committee to appoint Floyd Nichols, Dr. Norton, and Mary Johnson to act with Spencer J. Heeneey and Emory Estlin on the local certification and information board.

Future Of P. T. A. To Be Decided Thursday

There will be a meeting of the Farmington P. T. A. at the lunch room in the Farmington High School, Thursday, October 5th at 2:00 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to decide whether to revive or disband the P. T. A. Interested are urged to be present.

ANGIE V. GRACE, Acting Secretary.

Winery Site Is Busy Place, With Excavating Begun

Steam Shovel Digging Basement; Contractor Begins On Foundation

With a steam-shovel hourly excavating large slices within the west wing of the old U. B. power house at Farmington Junction, the structure planned as location for the new winery is a scene of busy activity. Nearly a dozen workmen are being utilized by Albert A. Albrecht Co. of Detroit, who has obtained a contract for excavating and foundation work. The activity began on Monday.

Large numbers of men continue to gather at the place, in search of work. Interviewed regarding the prospects of employment for Farmington men, Mr. Albrecht, of the contracting company, stated that his concern would employ as many Farmington residents as possible. He stated that it was necessary to bring out required "key men" who have had previous connection with his company but that where it will be possible to use Farmington men, this will be on the ground.

Besides the steam-shovel two trucks are engaged in the excavation work. In addition half a dozen men are working at removing old pipes from the basement of the structure. The ground is being removed for a depth of about eight feet.

Ernest Clark, engineer and director of the Windsor Company, Ltd., has spent the past few days in Farmington looking over the preliminary work and an engineer from Smith, Hinchman, and Grylls, architects, has also been on the ground.

May Have To Blast The wine-casks will be located in the west wing, while the east portion will contain bottling, packing and office facilities. In the east portion, there is a large amount of concrete foundation work, formerly used as a base for generators, which must be removed. It is believed blasting will be required for this.

Mr. R. Twomey, president of the Canadian company, was in Farmington Wednesday, stopping on his way to Detroit, where he will see the State Liquor Control Commission. He stated that the Mich. Securities Commission had issued an order approving the company's stock and that preparations are well under way in Detroit for issuance of the stock.

Mr. Twomey also stated that the company is buying grapes in large quantities and has arranged to store them in Detroit until the building is ready and pressing can be started. His company is interested, he said, in purchasing all grapes from growers who have from three tons upward to sell. He indicated that the company has already made extensive purchases in the PawPaw district, and requires 500 tons.

Separate Contracts It is anticipated that a month will be required to complete the construction planned. Various parts of the work will be let in separate contracts, according to Mr. Clark. The excavation is going below the bottom of the present foundation, and it will be necessary to underpin the walls in the west wing with brick or concrete.

Mr. Albrecht said that a large number of men will be required. He plans, he stated, to work two shifts a day, and indicated that 30 or 35 men will be required on each shift after the excavating is completed.

GARAGE MEN HAVE MEETING; BETTER CONDITIONS SEEN

Uniform rates for automobile repair work, and uniform allowances for all used car trade-ins, is likely to come through formation of automobile trade groups, speakers stated at a meeting of the Oakland County Association of Garage Owners Monday evening at the Oak-G-Gen Garage, Farmington. About 40 garage men of this section attended, President Walter Tuok of Novi presiding. The association meets each week, as part of the movement for improved conditions in the garage business. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 2nd, at 7:30 p. m. and a meeting will be served prior to the meeting. Two Detroit men spoke at the meeting Monday evening. The garage men are enthusiastic over the prospects for improved conditions.