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Township, City Poll Tax Census Figures Reported

Work in City Is Completed, Township Canvass Nearly Finished

Canvassing of Farmington City in preparation for the coming year's new State poll tax to support the old-age pension program has been completed. The census of Farmington Township is nearly finished and will probably be done within the next few days.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb, who conducted the canvass of Farmington City, reported the total of 803 names of persons residing in the city over the age of 21 years. These are the residents upon whom the head tax of \$2 each will be levied.

Mr. Clayton Goers, who has been handling the work in Farmington Township, has turned in 1,700 names, and it is indicated that the Township total will be about 2,100 over 21 years.

All of the subdivisions have been covered by Mr. Goers, and only sections remaining being the farming areas in the north and west corners of the Township.

The work is being done under the direction of County Clerk Lynn D. Allen, who was the county clerk in the State to undertake the task, and whose method of organization is expected to serve as a model for others through the State.

QUICK ACT SAVES CLOTHING AFIRE ON MOTOR TRUCK

A large quantity of Red Cross clothing and blankets assigned for use of Farmington Township families has continued to be available after having been threatened with destruction by fire. Presence of mind and quick action on the part of Clyde Seely last Saturday morning saved the Red Cross material when fire broke out in the truck. Mr. Seely was returning from Pontiac with the Township truck, half-filled with wearing apparel and blankets. He was driving south on Switzer Road and was unaware of the fire until it was in his load. When he stopped at Ten Mile Road the flames swept up against the back of the truck cab.

Mr. Seely leaped out and up to the truck. He seized quickly the burning clothing which he threw out of the truck, to prevent it from igniting the rest of the load. A small crowd that collected meanwhile hunk back, fearful that the truck was afire and that there might be danger.

Mr. Seely suffered severe burns on his right hand and slight ones on his left hand. All efforts to discover the origin of the fire have failed. It is believed that a cigarette might have been thrown in the truck by a passing motorist.

Some of the blankets and clothing were saved from the fire by such a narrow margin that labels on the bundles were saved but the goods remained undamaged.

APPEAL MADE TO THOSE MISSED IN CLOTHING DRIVE

Children's clothing for needy boys and girls are still needed in generous quantities, although a considerable measure of success attended the clothing drive, but in the closing hours of the drive last Saturday in Farmington.

Wearing apparel received is quite a bit short of the requirements, according to Mrs. Joseph DeVand, who is active in the work. Anyone having clothing of any kind which they can spare is asked to notify Mrs. DeVand, Phone 34. The donations will be called for at the home of the donor.

A number of contributors advised this week that they had been missed in Saturday's canvass. Boy Scouts covered every home, but some contacts were not made. It will be appreciated if the residents who have contributions will make it known at the earliest possible moment.

Shoes predominated in the collection Saturday, a large quantity being received. More can still be utilized, however, because of the exceptional need this year.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. H. M. S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred D. Cook, Tuesday, December 5, at 2:30 o'clock.

"Little Old Red Schoolhouse" May Find Enemy In Government Program

Rural schools of this section have an unprecedented opportunity for repairs and modernization in the Civil Works Administration program, which is open to them as well as townships and cities. Officials of the rural school areas are urged to take advantage of this possibility for improvement, without cost, in a bulletin from Lansing which reads as follows: The benefit of the Federal Civil Works Administration (CWA) is now definitely offered to the rural

'40 Men Working' Is Due Friday

City Awaits Start Of CWA Jobs Program

Forty unemployed and welfare roster men are expected to go to work in Farmington Friday morning on Civil Works Administration activities—if there is no hitch in the plans. Promises were made at Pontiac on Tuesday that the work would begin Friday morning. Originally the start was to be made on Wednesday morning, but was postponed two days due to the press of work at the Pontiac welfare headquarters, where everything is being handled.

Determination of the question of furnishing equipment leaves the local authorities only with the task of providing a foreman to supervise the jobs. During his conferences with county officials, Commissioner Hutton obtained an assurance from the county men that tools for use by the workmen would be supplied by the county welfare administration.

This leaves the engineer's fee as the only cost to the city, in the entire program.

It is probable that the first work will be done on the line of sewer from Orchard Street north to State Street. Other lines from the rear of the office buildings on Grand River west of Farmington down to State Street, are expected to follow.

All materials will be supplied by the county and delivered to the job, according to statements at Pontiac. Bruce Buchanan, engineer on the projects, is expected to come to Farmington or send a representative to get the work under way.

MASONIC LODGE TO CONDUCT RITES FOR OLD MEMBER

Farmington Masons will conduct funeral services Friday afternoon for one of the oldest members of the Lodge, Frank B. Tanner, who died Tuesday.

Mr. Tanner was a member of the Lodge for over 50 years. He was born in 1859 and lived in this section, was 79 years old. He was a farmer and school teacher during his life in this vicinity. He served as supervisor of Novi Township for 23 years and held a number of local offices. Since 1919 he had lived in Pontiac.

Mr. Tanner was born in West Bloomfield Township. Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Gladys V. Amesen of Pontiac and Mrs. Clara Grace French of Walled Lake, and a son, Frank B. Jr., of Detroit.

Services will be held at 2:30 Friday at the Methodist church at Walled Lake Cemetery.

Altar Society Plans Card Party On Dec. 6

Altar Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Church will give a benefit card party on Wednesday evening, December 6, at Volney Smith School, at Hemlock Step, south of Grand River avenue. Bridge, 500, and Pedro will be played.

Lunch will be served after the party, the fee of 25 cents including refreshments. Hostesses are Mrs. James Pegg, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. Bernette, and Mrs. John J. Schulte, Jr.

Fireman Suffers Arm Infection After Fire

Howard Osmus while fighting the fire at the McCracken home November 10, contracted an infection, probably from the chemicals used to subdue the fire. It lodged in his arm and required the services of a physician for a number of days.

communities of the state. The rural school richly deserves to benefit under this program and needs the benefits and improvements that are possible to be obtained under the President's program of unemployment relief. The program is ready to go into action immediately at once—right now. It should be of interest to every rural community. What is possible under this program of the CWA? Who is to pay for it and how?

First: The CWA program requires that the money furnished by the Federal Government must be expended on a ratio of two-thirds of the total cost for labor and one-third for materials. The Federal Government will pay the full cost of both the labor and material as an outright grant. The rural school district will not have to repay any part of the amount for either labor or material unless the cost of materials should exceed one-third of the total cost of the project. In such case, the school district will have to repay only that amount for the cost of materials which exceeds one-third of the total cost. For example: If a project costs \$300 for both labor and materials of which the labor costs \$200 and materials \$100 then the federal government will pay the full \$300. If the project costs \$320 for both labor and material of which the labor cost is \$200 and the material cost \$120 then the federal government will pay \$300 and the only cost to the school district will be \$20.

Second: What projects of improvement to the rural school can be obtained under this program of the Federal Civil Works Administration (CWA)? The following projects seem to serve the general need among the rural schools:

(a) Building of additions to school buildings to provide a library alcove for use by the general public and school.

(b) Digging of attendant for library to serve entire community.

(c) Projects designed to improve sanitary conditions.

(d) Digging of wells to insure a sanitary water supply.

(e) Building of outside toilets of the latest sanitary design.

(f) Grading of the school site to improve drainage.

(g) Projects for needed repairs and alterations to the school building.

(h) Any repairs and alterations to correct unsafe conditions.

(i) Painting and decorating interior either interior or exterior.

(j) Landscaping.

(k) Surfacing of playground areas.

The Federal office of the CWA has already approved of the projects above described. Any contemplated project should be presented immediately to the county CWA administrator for approval. The county CWA administrators have been appointed by the State Emergency Welfare Commission. The administrator will forward all projects which he approves to the Federal CWA administrator for the State of Michigan. The latter's address is 609 City National Building, Lansing, Michigan.

As above stated, the money is available now and is designed to put unemployed men to work. The opportunity to secure a just share of these federal funds for the rural communities will challenge the alert rural leader. The social significance of putting unemployed men to work on the properties of rural and village school districts warrants and demands quick action. All projects must be completed by February 15, 1934.

Farmington Matrons Do A Fast Turkey Trot

Farmington did a real "Turkey Trot" the first three days of this week. When the housewives of this community got through trotting in their turkey trots, there wasn't a one left for sale in town. By noon Wednesday, all three of the town's meat markets, Red and White, Pauline and Kroger's, were closed because of problems. Geese, ducks and chickens had gone almost as rapidly, and only a few fowl of any kind were to be obtained. Low prices put poultry in the hands of the few who were buying. (Continued on page eight)

New Dairy Group Shows Strength In This Section

One Hundred And Fifty At Meeting In Town Hall; Petitions Signed

That the Michigan Farmers Dairy Association, new organization of milk producers of the Detroit milkshed, has wide support among milk producers of this area is no longer a matter of doubt; if any question had existed. One hundred and fifty dairy farmers gathered in Farmington Town Hall Monday night, gave impetus to the movement that has already covered seven counties and is designed to extend into all 11 of the Detroit milkshed.

While no resolutions were adopted nor any local organization formed at the meeting, those attending indicated their approval by listening with untiring interest to the speaker of the evening, and by occasional remarks and applause. There was throughout the meeting no hint of opposition to the new movement.

48 Sign Petitions

It was announced afterward that 48 had signed the petitions and paid dues to the Association at the meeting; and that 25 or 30 of those present had previously signed.

While stressing the point that the new movement is not opposed to the Michigan Milk Producers Association, for years the organization to which the dairy farmers have belonged, there was just a hint that more of a struggle may be expected later on, in relation to some present officers of the Milk Producers Association. Opening his outline of the aims and policies of the new movement, Walter Cook of Orion said: "We are not fighting the Michigan Milk Producers Association nor are we after the scalp of any official of the Association—yet."

Ernest Blanchard is functioning as secretary for this area having been selected by voice at the meeting Monday night. He at first declined to serve, but was later prevailed upon to do so.

Wants More Opposition

The only dissenting voice heard during the evening was from one who indicated that he would be glad to have greater antagonism displayed toward the Michigan Milk Producers Association. During a brief discussion of the meeting after Mr. Cook's speech, he remarked, in reply to a question, "We are not trying to wreck the Milk Producers Association," to which one farmer in the front row promptly fired back, "Oh yes in hopes you were."

In his talk, Mr. Cook stated that the Michigan Milk Producers was given corporate power to sign agreements and conduct business with the Detroit milkshed, since 75 per cent of them belong to the organization. He pointed out that in establishment of codes, there are interested groups considered by the government—the consumer, the producer, the distributor and the government. A retail price of 10 cents a quart was fixed upon the dairy farms of the Detroit milkshed, since 1925. The producers have received, he said, \$1.65 per 100 pounds, less freight charge in this area of 14 cents, netting them \$1.51.

"Cost Is \$2.10"

Mr. Cook declared that cost figures compiled by the Farm Management Division of Michigan State College shows that the cost of producing milk is \$2.10 per hundredweight. That U. S. Department of Agriculture reports show that the farmer has received an increase of 25 per cent for his milk; but that in the same period cost has risen 172 per cent in shape.

In 1929, the speaker said, the farmer received 43 per cent of the price of retail milk, and the distributor 57 per cent. Now, in 1933, the figures have changed and the farmer gets only 34 per cent while the distributor gets 66 per cent, a loss to the farmer of nine per cent. "I have declared," Mr. Cook, 50 per cent of the retail price for the farmer." He indicated that the price the new group has in mind is \$1.80 per hundredweight.

"Must Help Solve"

Mr. Cook stated that the government representative in this area has shown a disposition to be fair to the farmer, but has indicated that the government is only a referee, and that if the farmer wishes to improve his position, he must "go after" what he wants. Referring to articles in Detroit papers about Secretary-Manager B. F. Bosch of the Milk Producers Association, he said: (Continued on page eight)

Township Offers 5 Projects For Civil Works Program

Proposals Would Give 19,050 Man Hours Of Work, At Total Cost Of Over \$14,000; Spread Throughout The Township

Five improvement projects for Farmington Township that would provide a large amount of work and at the same time be of great benefit to inhabitants, are on their way to Lansing for approval under the Civil Works Administration program, having been submitted Monday by Supervisor Arthur Coe. The projects, which require, it is estimated, a total of 19,050 man hours of labor, at a total cost for work and materials of over \$14,000, all of which is to be paid by the federal government.

The projects are spread among practically every section of the Township and are varied in nature. In addition to those set up in the Civil Works program, is another placed by Supervisor Coe before the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, with every indication that it will be accepted as part of that department's county-wide program.

The plans submitted Monday, if carried through, will realize improvements which residents and officials of the Township have long desired to see effected. One exception will occur to the rule of the federal government paying the entire cost. That is in an instance where material costs will run above 30 per cent, the amount above that figure to be paid by the school district.

Detail of Projects

The five projects drawn up and submitted Monday by Mr. Coe are: Eleven Mile Road, from Orchard Lake to Power Road, ½ mile, ditching, grading and cleaning out brush, requiring 48 men for 20 days, total of 9,600 man hours, at a cost of \$4,592.93.

Kahrl and Cass streets in Farmington Acres, ½ mile of road to be graded and ditched, requiring 27 men for 24 days, a total of 6,480 man hours, at a cost of \$2,953.94. Residents of this section have frequently appealed for relief, the two streets having "gone out" each spring and washing away bridges, while making traffic impossible.

Improving Township Park, a five-acre tract of land northeast of the corner of Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Roads, deemed desirable some years ago by Great Lakes Land Co., but never improved; grading, cleaning, building a road, requiring 23 men for 15 days, total of 2,250 man hours, costing \$1,330.99.

Laying water pipe to Clarenceville School on Base Line Road from present terminus of Detroit city water piping; requires 26 men for 28 days, 7,280 man hours, at a cost of \$4,832.50. (It is estimated that the material will cost about \$2,700 for this job, leaving about \$1,300 to be borne by the school district officials of which are reported to have indicated their approval of this arrangement.)

Sewer line from Bond School building to Orchard Lake and Thirteen Mile Road, 614 feet of 12-inch sewer, requiring 11 men 14 days; total of 1,050 man hours, costing \$766.50.

To Clean Drains

In addition to these projects, Supervisor Coe interviewed the County Drain Commissioner and was given a favorable answer to his request that the cleaning of Hazel, Oxford and Pearl drains in the Clarenceville and Southfield areas be included in the county program. These drains have for some time been plugged and much work is required to put them in shape.

The five Township projects were immediately approved at Pontiac and sent on to Lansing.

Farmington Man Named Association Officer

Emory Hutton of Farmington is the first secretary-treasurer of the Oakland County Retail Hardware Association formed early this week in a meeting at Pontiac. Hardware dealers throughout the County met to organize for mutual benefit.

The county was divided into five districts, with a chairman for each district. Gilson Post of Pontiac was chosen president of the Association, and Mr. Hutton was selected as chairman for District No. 4, in which Farmington is located.

Mrs. E. Allen visited friends in Detroit Saturday.

Must Re-register To Obtain Work

Unemployed Must Journey To Pontiac Or Royal Oak

Unemployed men throughout this section, who are not on the welfare lists and who wish to obtain employment in the Civil Works Administration work that is to be done in this territory are urged to register at once. Employment under the program will be given only to men on the welfare list, and to men not on the welfare list to register with the Oakland County officials at Pontiac.

The selections of workmen will be made from welfare rolls and the registration cards. All this will be done at Pontiac, the local authorities having no jurisdiction in the matter. It is therefore necessary for unemployed to make their registration at Pontiac as early as possible, in order to get work on the projects.

The registration at Pontiac is now being required despite the fact that a county-wide registration of unemployed was made some months ago, by authorities in each locality. The Civil Works program is to be carried out entirely through the county welfare organizations, and these officials now refuse to accept the registrations made locally some time ago.

After two days of effort at the county welfare headquarters in Pontiac, a scene of busy turmoil, Commissioner Hutton of Farmington returned with the information that the county welfare authorities have refused to alter their rule requiring unemployed to make the journey in order to register.

There are only two places in the county where registration may be made, Pontiac and Royal Oak. Although it was pointed out that traveling to either of these places means a long journey, and that many unemployed have no means of transportation, and would have to stand in line for hours after getting there, this was unavailing. It is understood that although Farmington city and township officials would gladly undertake the work of registration to help citizens of this locality get on the roster, the county officials will not even give out their registration forms to the local authorities and let them make the registration, returning the completed forms later. It is insisted that every man who wants work go to one of the County offices.

In the circumstances, it is urged that every unemployed man who wishes to get work under the CWA program to be carried on in this vicinity, get to the Pontiac office, at Oakland and Clark avenues, as soon as possible. Those first registered are most likely to get jobs, it is said.

Men on the welfare lists do not have to register, since their names and data are on file with the Commission through the relief work.

AUTOMOBILE IS DAMAGED, COW IS HURT IN ACCIDENT

A new Ford car owned by Henry Fox is being repaired after a peculiar accident in which it figured last Friday night. Mr. Fox, a teacher at School District No. 6, was returning to his home near Chelsea when the mishap occurred.

In the darkness Mr. Fox approached another machine on a gravel road. The owner of the other machine, a farmer living in the vicinity, was driving his cows along the highway by motor. Mr. Fox was not aware of the presence of the animals because of darkness, until he was in the midst of the herd. As he went by, one cow swung around and dashed into the side of the automobile.

A door of the car was smashed in and windows broken, flying glass over Mr. Fox and his companion. However, neither was seriously out. The cow was badly injured in the accident.