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## School Tax Plan Is Popular, Only Small Sum Left

### Taxpayers Must Hurry To Share In Saving; \$1,000 Nearly Used Up

Farmington taxpayers who wish to take advantage of the opportunity to pay delinquent 1932 taxes for a little more than half the amount of the levy, must hurry if they want to be sure of participating. Although the opportunity has been open only a matter of days, most of the \$1,000 bond which is being used has been spoken for, and only a small portion remains.

Not only is this true, but it appears that Farmington bonds are so desirable that obtaining more of them for the tax-exchange plan in the future is a matter of much doubt. The one bond was secured only after long search, and the price paid was higher than for bonds on most governing units in southern Oakland County. The price of the bond made it necessary to add a trade figure of 56 cents on the dollar for settlement of taxes, whereas in most localities the plan has been possible on a basis of 50 percent or lower.

### No City Bond

Not only are the school district bonds hard to obtain, but thus far it has been found impossible to get a City of Farmington bond for the tax plan purpose. Although the firm, Cutter, Moeller and Hubble Inc., have made diligent efforts, no bondholders seem willing to sacrifice their securities for half or less. If a bond is secured, the same plan will be followed for city as for school district taxes.

As an illustration of the high standing of Farmington bonds, Clarence Wiet, representing the company, told The Enterprise this week that after his company had bought the bond and made arrangements for the sale, which would have netted a higher profit than the commission being earned in handling the taxes.

Taxpayers who wish to participate in the school bond plan should communicate at once with Edgar S. Pierce, local agent. The plan applies to Farmington School District No. 5 taxes only. Although no taxpayer was allowed to monopolize the bond, one holder of property alone accounted for a sizeable portion.

## CANADIAN LIQUOR PLAN MAKES HIGH PRICES, IS CLAIM

Because a system of government liquor control subjects the opposition from the members of the British crown in Canada, it does not follow that such a system will meet the approval of free-born Americans, says a statement issued by the Michigan Drug Trade Group, in a letter to Stanley F. Smith, Farmington drugist.

The Canadian provinces once boasted of huge, remaining produced by government liquor stores.

"That was in the days when thirty Americans flocked over the border to spend millions for drinks not legally obtainable in their own country.

"The big parade across the border has ceased, and whiskey prices have gone up to a level beyond the reach of the average person, and more than twice as high as the price which has been promised the people of Michigan by its liquor commission officials.

"The cheapest quotation on rye whiskey in the Province of Ontario today is \$3.20 for a 26-ounce quart.

"A standard brand distilled in Walkerville, Ont., sells in government stores at the point of production for \$3.80 per quart.

"Could the American working man, desiring an occasional drink of liquor, afford such prices?"

"This is the best the Ontario government has been able to do after many years of experience with government monopoly of the liquor traffic.

"Advocates of the state plan for Michigan point with pride to this Canadian record.

"They patterned their bill after the Canadian plan.

"The Canadian pattern does not fit Michigan requirements, nor Michigan pocketbooks," concludes the statement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Richardson spent the week end with Mrs. Eva Winegar in Ypsilanti.

## To Talk On Schools



REP. MELVIN H. LEE

## Lee, Voelker To Talk On Schools

### Representative And State Board Head On Program

Two men in the forefront of Michigan's thought today on the problem of financing the school systems of the State, will speak in Farmington on Thursday evening of next week, December 14. They are State Representative Melvin H. Lee of Royal Oak and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Paul Voelker. The meeting is open to the public, admission free.

Rep. Lee was selected some time ago by Speaker Martin Bradley as a committee of one to work with the Public Instruction Department in drafting a bill to take care of the emergency arising from lack of funds for school purposes. After making an intensive and exhaustive study of the problem, Rep. Lee prepared a bill for introduction of the Legislature in the latter part of the session. He presented the bill to a conference on the subject, Rep. Lee presented to the Governor a rough draft of the bill which it was desired to introduce. The chief executive, after studying the measure, advised Rep. Lee that he would send a supplementary message to the House, allowing the bill to be introduced.

### Effects Are Told

In outlining the effects of the measure, for the Enterprise, Rep. Lee says:

"The act will take care of the school situation temporarily until June 30, 1935, and by that time we believe we will have a permanent state proposition whereby the state will take over the entire school districts will maintain their own buildings.

"Under section 2 of this act in items a and b, the estimated revenues are ten million dollars, this together with three million dollars from the general fund which we have found in that fund which was allotted to purposes not entirely necessary, will make a total of thirteen million dollars. In addition to this, under item c, we believe that we can save from other departments of the state activities an additional three million dollars, which if true, would give the state schools sixteen million dollars each year for the fiscal years of 1934 and 1935. You will note also that I am having the fund distributed by both the superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer. The superintendent may give these funds to school districts as they are needed, and the State Treasurer will act as a check on his activities." (Continued on page four)

## FIRST SHOWING OF NEW 1934 FORD TO BE SATURDAY

The first new 1934 model among the leading makes of cars will be presented to Farmington and vicinity Saturday, when Olin Russell Inc., will have on display the new Ford V-8. The car, with 29 improvements over the 1933 V-8, is heralded as the finest Ford car ever built.

A pre-showing of the new model in Detroit Thursday was attended by Tom Edmondson, manager of the Farmington agency. At a meeting of dealers from all over the Eastern State territory plans for the coming advertising and sales campaign were disclosed.

Following the sales outline, the dealers were shown the new models at the Highland Park offices.

## 4 Jailed After Daylight Theft Of Over A Score Of Large Trees

What next will people steal? That is the question which is being asked by law-enforcement officials of this section after one of the most astonishing cases of daylight thievery on record, as a result of which thirteen and a woman are in the county jail at Pontiac, starting on terms of 60 days each.

The lot consisted of from 20 to 30 large trees, averaging probably two feet in diameter and of height according to estimates and trees, bringing deep regret to the owner of the land, was carried out over an extended period, within a short distance of heavily-traveled Base Line Road.

The thefts took place on the farm owned by Harold DuCharme, prominent Detroit resident in the Grosse Pointe. The farm is located at the northwest corner of Base Line and Farmington-Novi Township Roads. Several hundred feet back from the highway is a magnificent woods, entered by two

driveways.

### Two Caught In Woods

Two men and a woman were caught in the woods Saturday, and sentenced Monday night, but it was a fourth culprit, arrested Tuesday, who started the thefts, according to police. He is Sam Jura, 40, of 3030 Solina, Dearborn, and he was taken from his work in the Ford Motor Co. plant at River Rouge Tuesday morning. Jura, police say, spotted the woods some time ago, and proceeded to drive out and cut all he wanted. Authorities believe he may have sold much of it. The trees were cut down into sections several feet long, then loaded on the truck. After Jura obtained all he wanted, or perhaps all he dared take, he told his neighbors, the Mikras family, about the wonderful source of firewood for nothing, according to the police.

Mrs. Mikras' husband was ill in bed, and Mrs. Mikras, who is 38, accompanied by two boarders (Continued on page eight)

## Credit Bureau Here Proposed

### Exchange Speaker Arouses Interest In Subject

Establishment of a credit bureau in Farmington is viewed as a possibility of the near future, following an address Wednesday night by Floyd Miller, head of the credit bureau, at a town meeting of enthusiasm among the Exchange club for a co-operative effort toward improving credit conditions.

Following the address a number of questions were asked of the speaker, indicating the degree of interest aroused. Mr. Miller said it was fully practical to have a credit bureau in a town the size of Farmington, and that there is one in Saline, about the same size.

Mr. Miller said that the bureau is not only practical but necessary, and that it is an incentive to the future. The businessman who does not unite in the movement, he said, is likely to face harder problems than ever before.

Mr. Miller was the guest of Dr. J. W. Norton.

## WELFARE SYSTEM TRANSITION NOW FULLY ACHIEVED

Transition of the handling of welfare relief from the township and city unit to the county system is now complete, with Farmington now part of the new system of organization. The township's commissary has been emptied and arrangements made for moving of the headquarters to a residence building from the store which has been occupied since the inception of the township method.

All indigents in the Township and City are now receiving their relief in the form of orders on the county grocery and supplies stores. The orders are turned in by the stores to the county welfare administration.

In place of orders issued or supplies given out under the local unit system, investigators for the County now call at the home of indigents and write out their orders. They call at each home every two weeks and make but one visitation for a two-week period.

Farmington Township, along with additional territory to the west is being handled by Harold Grace, who was appointed as an investigator by the county welfare board. He took over the duties in the City formerly handled by Commissioner Staman.

Farmington Township was among the last units in the County to be changed over from the commissary to the order system. A house on Seminole avenue in Southfield Township, which is east of Inkster Road and a short distance north of Base Line Road, will serve henceforth as headquarters for both Farmington and Southfield Townships. H. W. Earls, welfare director, within the past few days completed plans for removal of records from the commissary on Grand River to the Middle Belt to the new office.

The number of families on the welfare has jumped considerably in recent weeks. In Farmington Township about 180 families are receiving aid, and some others

## Speaker Friday



SEN. ANDREW L. MOORE

## A. L. Moore Third Forum Speaker

### State Senator Will Talk On Taxation Problem

"How Can Michigan's Tax System be revised so that a man can afford to own his own home will be the subject of an address Friday evening of this week, December 8, by State Senator Andrew L. Moore of this district, in Farmington M. E. Community Hall.

Senator Moore has devoted much time for several years to studying the problem of taxation upon real estate, and the issue formed the basis of his campaign for election to the Senate a year ago. Recently he returned from a trip to England where he made a study of the taxation question and methods used.

Senator Moore will come to Farmington as the third speaker in the Open Forum series being sponsored by the Economics Discussion Group. Meetings have heretofore been held in the Universalist Church. At the last Open Forum meeting, the Universalist Church was nearly filled to hear Dr. Frank D. Adams, and the larger meeting-place has been arranged for the Moore address in anticipation of a gathering of greater proportions.

The general public is invited to hear Senator Moore. There is no admission charge, expenses to be defrayed by a free will offering at the close of the meeting.

Interest in Senator Moore's topic will be the same he has spoken on at meetings in Pontiac and Royal Oak, at which much interest was displayed. It is expected that following his address, Senator Moore will answer questions, in accordance with the forum custom of a discussion period subsequent to the address of the evening.

## RESIDENTS FLOCK TO REGISTER ON UNEMPLOYED LIST

With only Friday remaining for unemployed citizens to register, the Civil Works Administration, indications are that nearly 250 residents of Farmington Township and City will have filed their names with the authorities before the final sending in of names to Pontiac. The registration period Monday was marked, especially during the morning, by a rush of citizens eager to register.

A total of 230 names was recorded Monday, 160 in the Township and 70 in the City. Subsequently, 10 more have filed their names. Both men and women are urged to do so, but thus far only a few women have registered, less than half a dozen in all.

Norman Lee and William Killian, employed to conduct the registration, were kept busy at their posts in the Town Hall.

Deadline Set.

Since Monday's registrations have been taken by Mr. Lee, they will receive them until Friday night. After that, unemployed persons may register only by going to the offices at Royal Oak or Pontiac.

While registrations were of necessity accorded to all who applied, there is a general tendency of officials in all sections to discount the numbers considerably. Among registrants in all sections there were numerous men who were employed on farms through the spring, summer and fall, but just now are out of work. Others are engaged in considerable numbers to be employed part time and seeking additional work.

## Twenty-five Men At Work In City On CWA Project

### Plans Are Hastened Into Action By Officials; Welfare Labor In First Crew

Twenty-five men at work on a new sewer line along Farmington Road, south of the business section, is evidence in Farmington of the Civil Works Administration activity to reduce unemployment. The men, residents of Farmington City and Township and Novi Township, began work Tuesday morning, working northward from Farmington Road and Orchard street.

The workmen were selected by the county civil works administration, and in charge of welfare, from fourteen are from Farmington Township, five from the City, and six from Novi Township.

Whether or not unemployed men who have not been on the welfare will be given an opportunity to work on the job has not been determined, but it is expected that they will be engaged on later jobs, at least. The work was instituted with such haste, and so soon after registration of unemployed in the outlying areas of the County had been started, that it is viewed as probable that the selection of welfare rolls men was the only practicable method.

### One-Half Of Quota

Fifty men are supposed to be used in Farmington for the projects approved, and reports from Pontiac are that following the sending out of the first quotas, additional men will be assigned. This would appear to be in accord with the announced policy of dividing the jobs evenly between welfare and non-welfare unemployed men, providing that the 25 remaining jobs are to be filled with unemployed men from the registration now being completed.

The men were on hand early Tuesday morning before tools or supplies were available or preparations made to put them to work. Pipes and bricks and other materials were hastily requisitioned, shovels and picks obtained, and an engineer arrived from the office of Bruce Buchanan, Inc. The digging of the first trench was laid out and work was under way. A line of two-foot sewer crock is being laid, at a depth of 10 feet. Work is under the direction of Wilbur Gregor of Farmington Township. City employees are assisting wherever possible.

### Township Gets O. K.

Supervisor Coe was notified Tuesday that all the Township CWA projects have been approved at Lansing, which should mean much additional work in this territory. Further action on the Township projects is expected in a few days.

Farmington City's was the twelfth in the State to be approved.

## HOLDUP MEN SEEK "BIG MONEY" HAUL FROM ORPHANAGE

Police of this area, are still endeavoring to solve a mysterious attack early Tuesday morning on the night watchman at Sarah Fisher Orphanage, Twelve Mile and Inkster Roads, by two men who seemed to possess the unusual notion that large sums of money are kept in an orphanage.

It is believed the men may have been impressed by the beauty and fine construction of the place and may have thought it was the country home of some wealthy person. The bandits were seen to descend at two o'clock in the morning and covered the night engineer, Jeremiah Carmody, with guns. Each carried a revolver and in addition, one had a blackjack in his cloth hand.

"Where do they keep all that money around here?" one of the men asked Carmody. He replied that he did not know, but that the night watchman might be able to tell them, and would be along at any time. The bandit carrying the blackjack struck Carmody on the head and both fled.

Deputy DeVrient made an investigation. Carmody had never seen the men before. They were aided by a thick fog in their escape.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Henry and daughters attended the Detroit Symphony Concert at Orchestra Hall Sunday.