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Editorials

A Straw In The Wind?

At least it may be said for the new county welfare administration that the officials thereof, when they come to realize that a part of their program is wholly impractical, alter it with as much promptness as may fairly be expected.

One is at a loss to determine by just what rationalizing these authorities adopted the plan announced last week of having all unemployed in Oakland County register at either Pontiac or Royal Oak. To any citizen outside of Pontiac the ridiculousness of such an idea was apparent the instant it was suggested. How were unemployed men and women to get to those cities, in some instances a distance of 25 miles? The roads would be gorged with thumbers, who, if they were well-advised, would be carrying suitcases containing clothing for perhaps several days. They would be wise to carry extra togs because reports from the welfare office in Pontiac were that hundreds were lined up, waiting for hours and hours to get their names registered, and it is safe to assume that these were only from Pontiac and the immediate vicinity.

While it is to the credit of the welfare officials that when they understood their mistake they did the next best thing to having avoided it, by rectifying it quickly, it is unfortunate that it must also be recorded that although the impracticality of their notion was patiently and thoroughly pointed out to them by various officials of local governing units last week, no amount of persuasive effort seemed able to bring about a change until the impossibility of the proposed plan had demonstrated itself.

From reports out of Pontiac, it would appear that this is an instance which evidences a strong tendency on the part of the county administrators to hold very closely to themselves every detailed phase of both welfare and CWA programs—with exactly what end in view is left open to speculation. Whatever may be said in favor of centralization, it should be borne in mind that this policy, carried to an extent beyond reason, as in the registration incident, is likely to lead the people as a whole, whether fairly or not, to ascribe to the county administration motives of a certain kind, far better absent and never thought of.

Speakers In Farmington

Farmington will have the unusual privilege of hearing in this community within one week two members of Michigan's Legislature speak on critical State problems of the moment. The mere coming to this community of members of both houses at Lansing, Senator Andrew L. Moore Friday evening and Representative Melvin H. Lee (accompanied by Supt. of Public Instruction Dr. Paul Voelker) a week from Thursday evening, is an indication of the gravity of questions confronting our lawmakers and the seriousness with which the legislators are attacking the difficulties.

Superintendent Voelker, it will be remembered, is the department director about whose head an inter-party storm swirled a short time ago, when Democrat administration leaders engaged in a bitter strife among themselves on the school question. Gov. Comstock, it was reported at the time, believed Dr. Voelker guilty of stirring up a sort of revolution among school officials and teachers, inciting them to make marches on the capitol at Lansing, there to demand executive aid of the Governor, who scoffed at the idea of schools threatened with closing. The battle died, and whatever may sometime come of the accusations against Dr. Voelker, of "building a fire" under the Governor, will undoubtedly consist in party developments, privately or publicly, later on. Dr. Voelker, however, seems clearly to have won his point, as the Governor's recent acknowledgment that he had not realized the seriousness of the schools' plight, and even more strikingly, in the closing a few days ago of the schools at Saugatuck.

One might suppose that in a way, Senator Moore and Representative Lee will speak from opposite points of view. The Senator will discuss the subject which has engrossed him for some years, even before his election to the State legislative body, that of the reduction of real estate taxes "so that a man can afford to own his home." Representative Lee has devoted himself wholeheartedly in recent months to a task assigned to him by the Speaker of the House, that of devising some method whereby the schools of Michigan may be kept going and future financial troubles mitigated or abolished. The reason they might be said to speak in opposition to each other is that schools cost money to maintain, and the only way that the body politic has to obtain funds is by taxation, yet lessening of taxation of real property is the whole burden of Senator Moore's program.

However, the ideas of the two men are not in conflict at all, despite the fact that one is concerned entirely with reducing State revenues and the other with raising them, or perhaps it might better be said, re-arranging them. The point lies in the fact that Senator Moore's program concerns the reduction of taxes on real property, real estate. The Senator is undoubtedly interested in the continuance and progress of the schools as is his colleague of the lower house, but his efforts consist of trying to lift the burden particularly from real estate, for which program there has been vast support.

In the program of Representative Lee, there is no thought of restoring or increasing the taxes on real estate to former levels. The Royal Oak legislator has pertinent suggestions for raising in other ways the money needed to support the schools in proper

fashion, and is firmly convinced, that with study and judicious allotment and distribution of revenues, there is no need to worry about heavily taxing real estate in order to save the schools. His contention in regard to State revenues and schools is in fact, much akin to the oft-repeated remark upon the Depression, that it is not lack of wealth or resources that bothers us, "it's faulty distribution."

Both men have studied their subjects thoroughly enough that they should qualify as authorities on these two vital questions confronting the people of Michigan; and the people of Farmington will undoubtedly recognize the fact by large attendance upon their addresses.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. 10:30 a. m. and 12:00 noon. Benediction after 10:30 mass. Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

Evangelical Church

Rev. W. Breitenbach, Minister

Sunday Service, 10:15 a. m. Sunday School, 11:15. Erskine W. Evans, Superintendent

Baptist Church

Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning worship, sermon subject "Looking Upward." 11:45 Bible School, with classes for all. 6:30 Young People's Hour. 7:30 Evangelistic service. The pastor will speak on "Where is the Missing Link." Everyone is invited especially the Young people.

Methodist Church

Rev. F. A. Lendrum, D. D., Min.

Morning worship 10:30 o'clock when "Looking Upward," will be the sermon theme. Anthem and Offertory by the choir. Church School 12 noon. Miss Emily Butterfield, Superintendent. Epworth League praise and study service, 6:30 p. m. Samuel will be the character for study, and Iola Stuart will be the leader. Evening praise and sermon at 7:30 p. m. "Giving Permanence to Personality" will be the subject for discussion.

WEST POINT PARK

Mrs. William Zwahlen

Mr. and Mrs. Norman-Ross and children of Rochester were guests Thanksgiving Day of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Talman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis, and son Donald, and Mrs. E. Rowe of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault and daughter, all were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Simmons of Detroit were guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen and Kenneth and William were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Owen in Detroit.

Dr. H. N. McLean was operated on Sunday evening by Dr. Aschen-Brenner in the Pontiac Hospital for a post hernia caused from strain after his operation of two years ago. He is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gilbert Sr. were guests Friday of Mrs. Flossie Fretz in Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. Fretz' mother, Mrs. George Palmer of Fowlerville, who is with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vance and children left Saturday morning for Detroit, Ohio, having received the news telling of the death of Mrs. Vance's father, H. A. Webster, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmidt and son Bobby of Detroit were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould, at a venison dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquette Shoman and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sherman of Detroit were guests Thursday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Barger and children of Detroit were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Gould and daughters, Irene and Marion of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Zwahlen, Shirley and William D. were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thisted in Detroit.

Miss Elizabeth Sherman and Miss Fern Ault were week end guests of the former's cousin, Misses Dorothy and Virginia Barger in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeBoro and Jackie and Anette of Detroit were supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fretz of Clawson were supper guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis in Detroit. Misses Vivian and Jean Addis were week end guests of their sis-

ter, Mrs. Max Bergin in Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gould were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bennett in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell of Utica have purchased the home next to the latter's brother, J. Rehahn on Arlington Avenue, and will move in as soon as it is redecorated.

Mrs. Melvin Owen and Mrs. Lewis Funk of Detroit were luncheon guests Monday of Mrs. Albert Owen.

Miss Shirley Zwahlen was the week end guest of Miss Catherine Richardson in Farmington.

Mrs. Ethel Middlewood had as her Thanksgiving dinner guests, Mrs. Gertrude Gribbel and son Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Middlewood and son Howard Jr. of Detroit and Misses Esther and Barbara Middlewood of Caro.

Members of Elmer School and members of the P. T. A. attended the Wayne County Council at the Corey School, Tuesday evening.

John Harlan returned Sunday to Tri-State College in Indiana after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harlan.

WEST FARMINGTON

The W. C. T. U. of Walled Lake will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Mathews Tuesday. Dinner will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox and family motored to Adrian to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uhlmer.

Ralph Hunt is in ill health and is not able to attend school. Russell Cox brought home a deer from his hunting trip. He was the only one of his party to get one.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gieger. The West Farmington school closed Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving vacation. There was no school Friday.

NORMAN THOMAS WILL SPEAK IN DETROIT, DEC. 10

Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president in 1932 and one of the outstanding political orators and thinkers of the world, will return to the Detroit Institute of Arts for two new lectures on Sunday afternoon and evening, December 10. At 3:30 Mr. Thomas will tell what he thinks America's foreign policy should be in a lecture on "America and the Next War." At 8:30 he promises a penetrating discussion of the present-day situation in an address on "An Analysis of Conditions in America." Mr. Thomas, who is famous for his wit and keen insight, has been Socialist Candidate for mayor of New York City, governor of New York, and president of the United States. He is a fearless champion of the underdog, and has twice been arrested, each time upheld by courts, for his activities in behalf of free speech. The World Adventure Series, which presents Mr. Thomas in behalf of the Museum, announces that Captain Carl von Hoffman's illustrated lecture on "Forbidden Trails in Morocco" will be presented at 8:30 Saturday evening, December 9, instead of Sunday afternoon, December 10, as originally scheduled.

1,626 Counties in U. S.

Free From Bovine TB More than half of the counties in the United States are now practically free of bovine tuberculosis, according to a map issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. Various degrees of shading show the status, on July 1, 1933, of eradication work in every county of the United States. The work, begun in 1917 by the department in co-operation with the various states, has reduced the infection to a minimum in 1,626 counties, or 33 per cent of the total in the United States.

Seven states have been officially designated as modified accredited areas, signifying that tuberculosis among cattle has been reduced to 0.5 per cent or less of the cattle population. (These states are North Carolina, Maine, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Idaho, North Dakota, Nevada, New Hampshire, and Utah. The last two states qualified for accreditation on July 1, 1933. Several others, it is expected, will qualify for similar recognition by the end of the year.)

Cheese Fish With Ode Fin The largest cod fish ever taken in the lower St. Lawrence is the one which was taken in front of its mouth, to attract the attention and arouse the curiosity of small fish on which it feeds.

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10-lb Morton's Smoke Salt	 1.00
2-lb Morton's Smoke Salt	25
10-oz. Morton's Sausage Seasoning	25
3-oz. Morton's Sausage Seasoning	10
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20-oz. Pratt's Roost Paint	 1.25
10-oz. Pratt's Roost Paint	75
12-oz. Lee's Germozone	75
1 1/2-lb Fleck's Poultry Powder	25
1-lb Dickinson's Poultry Conditioner	50
1 gal. B. K. Disinfectant	 2.00

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