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Credit Bureau To Be Organized In Farmington

Business And Professional Men To Organize Association For Mutual Aid

Formation of a Farmington Credit Bureau to serve business and professional men of the community is under way, as a result of action taken at the Exchange Club's meeting Wednesday noon. A committee of the club is engaged in a study of the methods of organizing a credit association. It will first interview officials of similar groups in nearby towns, preparatory to the formation of the Farmington bureau.

It is anticipated that the bureau will prove of much value in Farmington as have bureaus in other cities, both to the business men and purchasers. It helps the former by greatly reducing credit losses, and buyers are aided by the fact that it has a beneficial effect in influencing their purchases so that their credit reputations may remain good. It also facilitates the obtaining of credit by purchasers, since a record of good standing with the local credit association may be given in reference and immediately recommends the buyer to those to whom the report is given.

The Farmington bureau will undoubtedly be of the type operated by the merchants directly and indirectly by them, rather than a privately-owned one to which merchants subscribe. In discussion at the Exchange Club, the former type was preferred.

Would Exchange Records

The bureau would make regular reports to all members. Non-members could obtain reports by payment of a fixed fee for each inquiry. Information would be exchanged with bureaus in other cities on a reciprocal basis. Collections would be made also, at a fixed commission rate.

Not only members of the Exchange Club but all business and professional men in Farmington and vicinity will be invited to join. The committee plans to report with its recommendations next week, and it is expected that thereafter formation of the bureau will follow rapidly. It has been the experience in other cities that the benefits derived in one month from the credit bureau often exceed the cost of membership for a year.

Action toward the organization in Farmington was instituted by Dr. J. W. Norton, who a few weeks ago brought to the Exchange Club as speaker, Floyd Miller, head of the Pontiac Credit Bureau. Dr. Norton's suggestion Wednesday for formation of a bureau was enthusiastically received.

The committee appointed by President Earl Grosvenor included Joseph Himmelsbach, Emory Hatton, Dr. Norton, Delos Hamlin, Carl Vivier, Judge J. H. J. Schulte, Jr., Hyman Levinson.

LARGE OAK CASKS ARE PUT IN PLACE AT NEW WINERY

Crushing grapes is to begin soon at the plant of La Salle Wines and Champagne Incorporated, Farmington's newest industrial project. The crushing process, starting almost simultaneously with the opening of the company's imported products in Michigan liquor stores, will be possible through the shipment here last week of 4,000 gallon capacity oak casks from the Canadian subsidiary of the company at Walkerville.

There will be 40 of these casks in the plant here for storage and blending and the aging of wines. The local plant, and the Canadian unit will have a combined capacity of 2,000,000 gallons, placing the company among the largest wineries in the United States. Work on the plant, representing an outlay of more than \$75,000 was started last autumn.

R. T. Twomey, president of the company, announced late last week that LaSalle Wines and Champagne Incorporated had closed contracts with the state of Michigan for the sale of several thousand cases of its product in state liquor stores.

Several thousand cases were shipped from Canada in time for the opening of the stores in Detroit. LaSalle wine products will also be on sale in stores throughout the state. The company will use Michigan grapes exclusively from the vineyards around Paw Paw, Lawton and Milford.

On Sales Committee



WARD EAGLE

Farmington Man On Sales Body

Milk Association Moves To Increase Use Of Butter

Ward Eagle of Farmington Township participated Thursday in his first meeting as a member of the important sales committee of the Michigan Milk Producers' Association, when the group held its initial session of 1934 in Detroit. Mr. Eagle was selected last November as one of the two Oakland County members of the committee, which has large influence upon the marketing of the product of dairy farmers throughout the 17 counties in the Detroit milkshed.

Both Oakland County members are new on the committee. In addition to being a member of the sales committee, Mr. Eagle was named on the base adjustment committee which has been at work and made a report Thursday.

The meeting developed much of interest to dairy farmers in this section.

To Aid Butter Market

The most important business consisted of action taken to increase butter consumption in the Detroit area. A committee was appointed to work to that end and to arrange for butter to be supplied at cost to milk producers, and to discourage the use of margarine.

Immense supplies of butter in storage at present tend to depress the price of fluid milk and little increase in fluid milk prices can be hoped for until this surplus is reduced.

Another action in which milk producers will be interested was adoption of a new method of base allotment. This may help increase the base of those who have had a low base and have had difficulty in bringing it up under the present plan.

PIONEER Foe OF COVERT ACT ROADS IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Farmington residents will learn with regret of the serious illness of a citizen of this section who became noted a few years ago for championing a cause since taken up and carried on vigorously by many hands. He is Karl Tibbitts, conspicuous pioneer several years ago in a fight to end road-building under the Covert Act.

Mr. Tibbitts is very ill at Crystal Springs, Florida, where he went some time ago. With him is Mrs. Tibbitts, and their sons Norman and Duane are also there. Another son, Arthur, with his wife are also planning to spend a number of weeks in the South with the rest of the family.

Mr. Tibbitts, whose property in Southfield Township was bounded on three sides by Covert Roads, including the Northwestern Highway, was outspoken in his bitterness against the road act, long before the opposition to it became widespread. He posted his property with home-made signs. Though crudely constructed and lettered they asked questions in such plain and none-too-gentle language that they won him publicity and pictures in metropolitan papers. One sign stated the taxes on the property and asked "What in Hell do you worry about?"

Mr. Tibbitts circulated thousands of cards, with reproductions of these signs and his arguments. Depression and the collapse of real estate values and market for the property won the victory for his contentions.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tibbitts have closed their inn, Rosewood Hills, until their return, probably in February.

Largest of CWA Projects In City To Start Soon

Ready To Seek Right-Of-Way For New Interceptor Sewer Line

The month of January may see the start of the largest of the CWA projects in Farmington City, and one of the largest in this section. If the right-of-way can be obtained without difficulty, and officials expect that it will prove true, construction can be started at once on the building of an interceptor sewer line from Power Avenue north of Grand River, south and east along the River Route to the city limits. This will not only empty a large number of men for a long period of time, but will be of great benefit to the inhabitants of the City from a sanitation standpoint.

Meanwhile city officials are developing still more projects, the Commission Monday night having indicated approval of the planning of another \$10,000 worth of CWA work. All of the cost is paid by the Federal government. A number of projects are already under consideration.

A drawing submitted Monday night by Engineer Bruce Buchanan showed that land of about seven property-holders will be traversed by the interceptor line. They will be asked to permit the laying of the interceptor along the line laid out, and it is anticipated that in view of the great benefit to the community and the fact that the improvement is being obtained without cost to the local government, there will be no difficulty in securing the releases.

Location Determined

The interceptor line will start where the Rouge crosses Power Avenue just north of Grand River. It will laid on the north side of the creek down to Grand River near Brookdale, where it crosses under the pavement. Then it goes south along Brookdale, intersecting a large line of the sewer laid a few years ago, thence to the city limits.

When the interceptor is completed, it will be possible to install a chlorinating apparatus of modern type to fully comply with the State's plan for thorough sanitation of Farmington's sewage system.

Would Improve Cemetery

Among a number of new projects being studied is extensive work in Oakwood Cemetery. First is removal of all the poplar trees, numbering perhaps 25. The powerful roots of these trees are highly destructive. Much other work should be done among suggestions being spading up of all unused lots and grading the earth.

Laying of a new water main on Grand River, east of Power, and to replace the present main which has a tendency to leak, is another proposed project. Still another is re-roofing of the City Hall, painting it, extending and improving the heating system, and remodeling the first floor to provide more room for equipment.

An additional suggestion is the building of the parkways planned some years ago at the entrance of Brookdale Drive and Lakeway Drive at Grand River.

Must Be 70% Labor

Suggestions from citizens will be welcomed by officials, but it should be borne in mind that projects should be of such nature that not over 30 per cent of the cost will be for materials. Planning of the projects is in charge of Commissioner Hatton.

While Farmington has received much of the largest share of CWA work, possibilities still exist for getting the newly-planned works through because other communities have lagged in making up proposals. Have failed to take their position. The higher authorities will not wait for them to get their share, but will allot more to those communities active enough to formulate plans.

Evangelical Church Officers Installed

The new and re-elected officers for 1934 of the various divisions of the Salem Evangelical Church organization, were installed Sunday morning, at an impressive service, presided over by Reverend Wm. Breitenbach.

They assume their respective duties the first week in January. Miss Martha Staman has accepted a position in Lansing.

Whiskey Will Be Sold By Glass In Farmington City

Commission Gives Approval By 4-2 Vote; "New Hotel" Rumored

Sale of whiskey by the glass may be expected to begin in Farmington at the same time it is started in other communities, the City Commission having passed a motion at its meeting Monday night, approving the sale of spirits in that manner.

Passage of the motion was attended by only a brief discussion. A vote on the motion was 4 to 2 in affirmative. Commissioners Staman and Hatton opposing the action.

"Hotel" Rumored

During the discussion, a report that a hotel might be started in Farmington as a result of the return of legal liquor stirred a good deal of interest, and favorable comment. The rumor was to the effect that the Grace building on Grand River, operated years ago by Walt Smith as a hotel, and now owned and occupied by Ulysses Grace, would be leased by someone for hotel purposes. Sales of whiskey by the glass are permitted in restaurants and hotels only.

Asked concerning the rumor, a member of the Grace family stated Wednesday that they knew nothing of the report nor had they been approached yet by anyone desiring to lease the place. It was indicated that a proposal for a lease would not be viewed very favorably, although a prospective hotel-operator could purchase the building. The structure has a dozen bedrooms on the second floor and a large ballroom on the third. It was abandoned as a hotel years ago, after the advent of prohibition.

It is expected that Mrs. Gasparas, wife of the Victory Restaurant proprietor, will apply for a license to sell spirits by the glass in the restaurant. It is anticipated that it will be Feb. 1 before sales by the glass will be possible, due to the work before the State Commission.

No action has yet been taken by Township officials, and none is anticipated, before the regular Board meeting January 16. No one has yet publicly indicated intention to apply for license in the Township.

RIES HELD FOR LIFELONG RESIDENT OF FARMINGTON

Funeral services were held Wednesday for the late Mary H. Lee, 67, lifelong resident of Farmington, who died early Monday morning. Interment was at Southfield, where many relatives are buried.

Miss Lee was born in Farmington Township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lee. She attended Farmington schools, and continued living with her parents until they were taken by death. In later years she kept house for her brother, Frank Lee, with whom she made her home. They moved into Farmington from the farm some years ago.

Miss Lee was affiliated with the Methodist Church and was a charter member of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. She is survived by her brothers Frank and Henry Lee of Farmington. Rev. Fred Lendrum officiated at the funeral. Services were in charge of Spencer J. Heeney.

FORMER PANGBORN FARM RESIDENCE BURNS TO GROUND

Another of the many farmhouses in this section to be removed by fire was the Pangborn farm, which burned to the ground Friday afternoon when the house on the former Pangborn farm burned to the ground.

William Rubel, lone occupant of the home, died May 30, 1932, in the kitchen at the time. He heard a crackling noise and looked up to discover the roof burning. The house was nearly half burned before the fire department arrived. A few articles of furniture were removed, but some others were lost in the fire. Mr. Pangborn sold the farm on contract to a Detroit man some time ago, but has not yet been determined whether insurance on the house is still in force.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster were business callers in Flint, Saturday.

President Or Poet—Which Will He Be?

President or poet—which will he be? If there's anything in a name, an eight-pound baby boy in Clarenceville has been given a handsome start in life. He is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Longfellow, and he has been named Franklin Delano. "Under the spreading chestnut tree," or "His excellency"—of what sort will his future be? Regardless of that, he means more than either of his famous namesakes in his own household.

City Faces Bond Refunding Need

Holder Of Waterworks Securities Ask For Interest

Farmington City officials have on their hands a problem in finance created by a city bond-holders' request for payment. The holder of the bonds is the owner of an entire outstanding issue on the city waterworks, totalling \$9,000. The bonds are in three series, \$3,000 each due last August, in August 1934 and August, 1935.

Due to conditions developing since 1929, the City found it necessary last August to pass the payment of the \$3,000 principal due, and also the interest due on the entire issue, amounting to \$213.75. The bonds bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent. Another interest payment will be due in February.

The holder of the bonds, J. McNeil, of Detroit appeared before the City Commission Monday evening to ask what the City would do in regard to payment. The opinion was expressed that since other issues are also in default as to interest, payment to him while other bondholders received nothing would be discrimination. It was also stated that unliquidated all city bonds outstanding would have to be refinanced.

Discuss Refunding

Mr. McNeil contended that paying him would not necessarily amount to discrimination. Asked what he would be willing to do to get the bonds paid, he suggested that that bond "be put on the end of the others." Mayor Warner remarked that he believed such to be out of the question, and that the only thing possible for the City would be refunding of all outstanding bonds for a period of 10 or 15 years, with all bondholders treated alike.

Mr. McNeil said he was particularly interested in getting the interest due, "to keep the bonds out of default, because when in default, they have no market value." He said he is not much concerned about the principal and is satisfied to have the money invested in Farmington securities, since security investment is the purpose for which the money would be devoted anyway.

Meanwhile City officials and the City attorneys will investigate the prospects of refunding to determine what can be done along this line.

A divergence of views developed during the discussion, the officials expressing the opinion that the bonds were general obligation bonds only, and Mr. McNeil holding that they were specific liens against the waterworks system.

Not Eager To Sell

Asked at the meeting if he wishes to dispose of the City bonds, Mr. McNeil replied in the negative. After some consideration, he said he would be inclined to sell the issue at 70 plus accrued interest, or \$6,300 for the \$9,000 issue, plus about \$400 interest due to date.

Death Follows Wedding By Only Four Hours

An unusually tragic occurrence was experienced during the wedding of Mrs. Leona E. Culley, and sale of the house at Maple and Grand River, owned by Howard Russell, to Erwin F. Plettenberg. Mr. Plettenberg is a blind war veteran. He expects to occupy the house, with his wife and two sons, in the spring. H. T. Bailey, a Detroit school teacher, has purchased a three-acre parcel on the Cut-off west of Farmington road, from Mark Dimes. Mr. Bailey plans to build and to develop the fruit trees on the place. Later on he and Mrs. Bailey, expect to make their home there. This transaction was also handled by Mr. Gullen.

Boy Living After Jugular Vein Is Cut In Accident

Case Of 6-Year Old Lad Hurt By Car Is Viewed As A Miraculous One

Although his jugular vein was severed in a traffic mishap Wednesday noon, Donald Vance, 6, of Livonia Township, is still alive and has good chances for recovery. Formation of a blood clot and prompt, skillful treatment by a physician saved the lad from bleeding to death after he had collided with an automobile on Farmington Road.

Donald is in Pontiac General Hospital, where special nurses are attending him day and night. Anti-tetanus serum has been given to ward off infection.

The boy was returning to Pierson School after lunch, from his home at 20130 Arlington Drive, near Farmington and Eight Mile Roads. His father, Gordon Vance, had driven go to the school to bring him home previous to lunch. Other boys were with Donald as he walked along Farmington Road, between Eight and Seven Mile Roads.

Crushed By Handle

It is reported that two other cars had just passed by, when the accident occurred. The machine was driven by R. J. Ryan of Northville. A door handle on Ryan's car caught the boy under the lobe of the right ear, tearing a huge gash in the neck, exposing several glands and severing the external jugular vein.

Driver Acts Quickly

Ryan's presence of mind saved the boy's life. He picked up the victim and rushed him to Dr. Treadgold in Farmington. A clot had formed, stopping the flow of blood. Dr. Treadgold took 10 stitches in the boy's neck and ordered the ambulance taken to Pontiac General Hospital. The boy lost from a quart and a half to two quarts of blood. Dr. Treadgold estimated, the physician stating that it was the first case he had seen of a severed jugular vein.

After taking the boy to Dr. Treadgold, Mr. Ryan drove to the Vance home to get the parents. There are several other children in the Vance family.

TWO FARMINGTON RESIDENTS' CARS RUINED IN CRASH

A Farmington woman was injured and cars owned by two residents of this section were badly smashed when the automobiles collided on Grand River avenue south of town last Saturday noon. Miss Carrie Christianity of Oakland Road, occupant of one of the cars, is still confined to bed at her home. She suffered severe cuts about the face, requiring eight stitches and injuries to her back.

Miss Christianity was riding with Miss Ruth Carlisle. They were going east on Grand River Alden Green, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green of Fourteen Mile Road was travelling west. The cars collided on a hill.

Miss Christianity's car was turned completely around. She was unhurt, but Miss Christianity was rendered unconscious and was given medical treatment by Dr. J. W. Norton.

Green was not hurt, although his car was badly damaged.

SEVERAL REALTY TRANSFERS MADE IN THIS SECTION

Although real estate is not supposed to be very active, considerable activity is reported in this area by Lloyd S. Gullen, Farmington real estate broker.

Recent transfers reported include sale of the residence on Oakland Road formerly owned by Mrs. Carrie Howard to Mrs. Leona E. Culley, and sale of the house at Maple and Grand River, owned by Howard Russell, to Erwin F. Plettenberg. Mr. Plettenberg is a blind war veteran. He expects to occupy the house, with his wife and two sons, in the spring.

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