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## Farmington Man Made Inspector For Farm Credit

Howard McCracken To Appraise Property For Loans To Farmers

Howard McCracken of Farmington Township has been named inspector for Oakland County for a new farm credit association sponsored by the Federal Government. Machinery for securing federal loans for farmers in Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties has been set up with headquarters in the Farmington Post Office and is ready to start work.

Three inspectors for this area were named Monday afternoon by the Board of Directors of the Oakland Production Credit Association, located in Oakland County. Howard McCracken, Farmington; Howard Macomber, Macomb; and William E. Fear, of Fowlerville.

Fred J. Beckman, Clarkston, is executive secretary and treasurer of the association and in the office daily except Saturday afternoons. Applications for loans may be made to him or to any of the three inspectors.

Minimum loan is \$50 and there is no maximum if a farmer can show a real need and proper security. Mr. Beckman says, "These loans are for production purposes, such as seed, fertilizer and similar needs. Applications should specify location of farm by township, number and range. Value of personal property and plan for repayment should also be submitted."

Directors of the association are: from Macomb, Harry Green of Washington and Albert Luchtman of Farmington; from Oakland, Frank Williams of Milford, Smith Green of Wall Lake, and Fred J. Beckman of Clarkston; from Livingston, Orra Holmes and Ernest Lawson both of Howell.

Loans will be cleared in from two weeks to a month, it is anticipated.

Mr. McCracken's job will be a responsible one, as loans will depend largely on his appraisals. He will be paid according to work done, receiving compensation the days worked, and expenses. Applications for loans may be made to him.

## DAIRY MAGAZINE EDITOR HOPEFUL FOR THE FARMER

East Lansing.—Present economic conditions are not at all unique in the history of the U. S. According to A. J. Glover, editor of Dairyman, and a speaker at Farmers Week, and furthermore Mr. Glover says people in previous depression periods had much the same feeling as present. The only difference is that now there is no recovery could be made.

Past history proves the fallacy of such beliefs. The Wisconsin editor, points out. Each period of years following a time has seen the United States make more rapid strides toward prosperity and better ways of living.

In 1844, the head of the United States Patent Office resigned his position because all possible inventions had been made and patents had been granted. Mr. Glover said, but farmers then were cutting grain with sickles and lighting their homes with candles. All the advances in farm and home equipment have been developed since that time.

Dairying is not doomed because present prices are unprofitable. Dairy men must prepare to meet present conditions, according to the editor. These preparations should be started by culling out all low producers in the herd. The cow must be regarded as a market for feed stuffs and it is impossible to get a profit from a poor market.

Mr. Glover recommended that the better dairy practices such as balanced rations, feeding according to production, use of excellent herd sires, and utilization of pastures be continued and faith kept that the dairy industry, along with all other business, will be in an improved position soon.

A group of young people surprised David Steeler in Southfield, Michigan, on his sixteenth birthday. About twenty-five were present and after an evening spent in playing games, a delicious lunch was served.

## Township Wins Truck Struggle By Default

Farmington Township wins! In the Township's tilt with County Welfare Administration officials over a truck, the Farmington officials are victors by default. The County authorities failed to put in appearance in the court of Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., Tuesday when the adjourned hearing was to be held. Judge Schulte dismissed the case, awarding possession of the truck to the Township. The County officials were to have communicated with the Township following a meeting of the Commission Wednesday afternoon of last week, but apparently decided to drop the fight. They have five days from Tuesday in which to appeal, if they wish.

## Two Ask Liquor Licenses In City

Report Pontiac Rule Will Govern Is False

Farmington City is pretty certain to have local option in the matter of selling of whiskey by the glass; not only that, but it is likely to have two places which will sell spirits in that manner. This definite reports in a Detroit newspaper Tuesday that made it appear otherwise.

Two letters received by the City Commission Monday night gave notice that the writers intended to apply for licenses to sell liquor by the glass. The letters were from Mrs. Mattie Pappas and Ernest Schweim. Application has been made by either, it is understood, but they took the method of advising the City officials of their intent. Mrs. Pappas' application was in connection with the restaurant, serving regular meals, including sea food. Mrs. Pappas' application was in connection with a Detroit newspaper Tuesday that made it appear otherwise.

Discussion among the Commissioners indicated that the local body would probably approve both applications, taking the position that they could not discriminate between the applicant. The Commission also touched on one remaining possibility that glass sales of liquor might not come to pass. That is the possibility of a petition putting the question to a vote of the people. As the officials determined by looking up the law, a petition may be circulated asking for a public vote. The petition would require signatures equal in number to 25% of the vote for Secretary of State at the last election, or in the case of Farmington City, the number of signatures would be equal to a vote of the people, according to the interpretation of the law.

Report returned to the Detroit newspaper Tuesday, which seemed to indicate that sales by the glass would be barred by a State Liquor Commission ruling, despite the Farmington Commission's favorable vote, apparently was erroneous. The article related to a (Continued on page five)

## "Webber And Fields" Of Farmington Together For A Quarter Century

Some years ago a national magazine published an illustrated article describing the striking partnership over several decades of the most remarkable team of men in the country, Fred L. Cook and Fields, who for all their adult lives had worked and played together almost every hour of the day. Farmington has its own "Webber and Fields" pair, in Fred L. Cook and Adolph Nacker, who last Thursday celebrated the anniversary of 25 years' association in the grocery business. By the same understanding and mutual regard as that enjoyed by the world-famous dramatic stars. It was February 1, 1909, that the two partners in the grocery store then owned by Fred Cook, Day Dickerson and Grant Smith. At that time the business was a "general store" of the familiar type, with groceries and hardware

## Goal Is In Sight In Plan For New Farmington Bank

Subscriptions Continuing To Come In For Stock In New Institution

With stock subscriptions continuing to come in at a satisfying rate, the goal this week appeared in sight for the plan to establish a new bank in Farmington. While the required amount, \$37,500 in local bank subscriptions, is still some distance away, it is now within striking distance. If the recent rate of progress can be maintained undiminished, the objective should be reached soon. It could even be attained by the middle of the month, Thursday of next week, if those who have subscribed to date, hasten their subscriptions.

Both in the past week and the week before have been marked by an acceleration in the rate of subscriptions. While days have naturally varied in amounts received, the rate has been steady. Depositors with claims ranging from small ones to the larger ones have come in, and with few exceptions, all have expressed willingness and even eagerness to subscribe a good proportion of their 35 per cent dividends to stock of the new bank.

A few days less than a month has elapsed since announcement of the plan with the \$225,000 dividend. While it is hardly likely that the total can be reached in the month's time, it should not be long thereafter before the goal is reached, if the present rate continues.

## CITY PREPARING TO PROCEED WITH BOND REFUNDING

City of Farmington's situation with regard to its bonded indebtedness is usually good and a moderate refunding operation will put the municipality in excellent shape for the next few years. This was reported to the City Commission Monday evening when it was voted to authorize entering into an agreement for the refunding operation.

According to C. A. Fitzgerald, Detroit attorney who is an expert on the subject, refunding of \$18,000 in city bonds will put the City in the position of having no principal payments to make until 1936. He termed the City's condition as "usually good and exceptionally as good and indicated that there was no reason why the refunding operation should not be carried through without difficulty.

The \$18,000 of bonds for which refunding is recommended includes water and sewer bonds, \$12,000 of the former and \$6,000 of the latter. The refunding would defer the \$5,000 principal due last August and principal payments due between now and 1936. The City would have to pay interest only until that year.

Following a report of Commissioner Gildemeister, who took the matter up with the bond expert, the refunding was authorized. The operation will be relatively inexpensive, costing approximately \$200 for refunding the \$18,000 in bonds. The next step will be contacting the holders of the bonds to reach an agreement on terms.

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As well as wearing apparel. Ten years later, in 1919, Mr. Dickerson took the hardware portion of the business, and in partnership with Emory Hutton, this became the present Farmington Hardware Co. Mr. Smith disposed of his interest in the business, Mr. Nacker becoming a partner in the remaining grocery and wearing-apparel business. A few years ago the Cook Company sold out its grocery business, since confining itself to the selling of dry goods and ready-to-wear. Prior to 1909, Mr. Nacker had worked five years for the D. U. R., leaving that company to take up employment with the Cook Hardware Co. Friends today endeavor to draw no conclusions, but merely point out that the D. U. R. has long since gone out of existence, while Fred L. Cook and Co. continues on.

## Dairy Farmers Mass Meeting Saturday Night

Assembly Called To Hear Report On Committee On Washington Trip

A mass meeting of dairy farmers in this vicinity has been called for Saturday night of this week, February 10, in Farmington Town Hall. At that time a report of a committee which went to Washington recently to appeal for changes from the base-surplus system will be read.

The meeting called for Saturday night follows a gathering of three locals of the Michigan Milk Producers Association at Farmington January 25. The meeting Saturday will be a general assembly of all interested farmers. There will be general discussion, the Michigan Milk Producers Association and of the Michigan Farmers' Union.

Aid And Opposition The report of the committee which went to Washington will be a detailed one. In the Capitol group met with much aid and support from members of the Michigan delegation in Congress, but with apparently a very firm opposition from the dairy men of Farmington, where they asked for a minimum price to the milk producer of \$2.20 per hundredweight for milk, at least a new milk agreement to stock of the new bank.

The milk code which has been in effect for some months, setting a minimum retail price, is definitely to be abandoned, the committee learned. Further, there will almost certainly be no new milk code—rather, the method of administration will be altered entirely. Instead, there will probably be set up a milk pricing authority, and there will be no set retail price.

The report of the committee, to be made Saturday night, is voluminous of letters which members of the Michigan delegation in Congress presented to the Department of Agriculture, after the Congressmen had listened to the Committee. The letters urge that the utmost consideration be given to the committee's appeal. One of the letters, from Michigan representatives to the Agriculture Department, refers to the meeting in Farmington January 25 and indicates that this gathering had important influence.

This letter, accurately outlining the aims of the committee and event in Washington, and thus the Michigan delegation in Congress, is reprinted herewith, as follows: Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Sec. Agriculture Department, Washington, D. C. Dear Secretary Wallace: On Friday, January 26th, and again on Saturday January 27th, a committee of Michigan farmers, who produce and sell milk in the Detroit and Toledo sheds, came to see us. This committee consisted of Harry S. Atchinson of Salem, George Cousant of Crosswell, Martin F. Millard of Dearborn, Edgar C. Ridge of Dearborn, Walter Reist of Scottfield, and Clinton A. Torrey of Milan and their counsel, Mr. Walter Nelson of Detroit. This committee informed us they were (Continued on page eight)

## TREASURER OFFICE IN LIVONIA LOOKS GOOD TO SEVERAL

The office of township treasurer again seems likely to appeal to the most candidates in Livonia Township this year. With final filing date approaching, the Democratic candidates are the office appears to be the only one which will attract many aspirants.

While there may be contests for various other offices on the list, the Democratic candidates for the tax-receiving job would not be surprising. Daniel McKinney, treasurer for the past two years, will seek re-election. He is the only one which permits township treasurers to serve four years continuously, instead of two as formerly.

Other present office-holders, including Supervisor Jesse Ziegler and Clerk John Harlan will be before the voters, on the Republican ballot. Whether there will be a Democratic contest as to how the field will be made up, remains to be seen.

The time limit for filing petitions has been set by the Township Board for Tuesday, February 13, at 4:00 p. m.

## 13 Years Before He Missed—A Single Day

Tuesday was a rare day in Farmington for one of the community's professional men. Something happened for the first time in 13 years. Through epidemics of various kinds in the presence of all sorts of diseases, amidst blizzards, storms and other variations of weather, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner had never in the 13 years he has practiced medicine in Farmington, missed a single day of seeing his patients at his office.

Tuesday was the first, and Wednesday morning early the doctor was back on his rounds of calls again. The doctor had been feeling just a little indisposed—"resistance down, and taking a little rest to build it up so as not to get back on his feet, which is recommended as a good thing for other folks as well as physicians to do now and then.

## Township Voting Interest Slight

Few Petitions Are Reported In Circulation

With only a few days remaining for filing of petitions, slight interest seems to have developed in the Farmington Township primary to be held Monday March 5. Only a few petitions are reported in circulation and not one had been filed up to Wednesday night. Next Tuesday, February 13, at 12 noon is the deadline.

Some petitions are known to be ready for filing, these of present office-holders. The mere lack of petitions actually filed does not of itself indicate absence of contests impending, as comparatively few names are required to nominate and sometimes these are obtained within a day or two and filed on the last filing day. However, all indications have been that there will be less extensive and spirited contests this year than in 1930, when there were lively battles for various places on two tickets.

Petitions are in circulation for present office-holders. A new law permits the present treasurer, Mrs. Loreta Cox, to again be a candidate. Heretofore, township treasurers could serve only two years consecutively, but this law was altered in the 1933 session of the Legislature to permit treasurers to serve four years continuously instead of two.

A candidate of last year for the treasurer's office, Theodore Kuhlman, has petitions in circulation. He won the Democratic nomination in 1933, and again seeks that designation. Constables William LaForge and Henry Dehane have petitions out for re-election.

## MARBLE BREAKS BUT PLATE GLASS WINDOW DOES NOT

Miracles are supposed to be things of bygone ages, but something like one happened Tuesday evening in the business section of Farmington. An automobile that jumped over the curb crashed in front of the Detroit Edison Company office and drove the marble footing under the large plate glass window in several inches, breaking the marble, crumpling the window display, flooring and smashed a clock, but did not even crack the large plate glass window. This despite the fact that the bottom support under the window was pushed from beneath the glass.

The driver of the car, a woman, disappeared after coming back a promise to stop what damage had been done. However, the license number of her car was obtained by Harold Chamberlain, operator of the gasoline station across the street, and steps were taken to trace her. The car was coming north on Farmington Road and skidded on the slippery pavement, coming to rest in front of the office. The driver backed her car away, drove up the corner of Grand River and parked it there for a moment while she walked back to see what damage had been done. Then she hastened back to her machine and departed.

Manager Earl Grosvenor expressed a wish to stay on Grand River at the Detroit Edison office. A company executive in "class and window fronts" who came out from Detroit Wednesday morning, said that he had never seen an instance like that in Farmington.

## Farmington City Files CWA Plans Totalling \$10,000

Additional Improvements Include Water, Sewer and Building Projects

CWA engineers have for the past week been making estimates on the amount of work that will be completed on February 15 when the benefits from the big appropriation that was made in December for CWA work will close.

The work in Farmington City is set up under four projects. Project No. 13, the sewer work in the west side of the city will, it is estimated, be at least 95% completed by February 15. Project No. 158, sewer work in the East side of the City, will be about 25% complete. Project No. 158, called the Parks Project, will be about 30% complete and Project No. 157, the painting of the two school buildings which got a late start, will be about 25% completed by February 15.

It is understood that all unfinished jobs or positions thereof will be set-up as new projects and new estimates and allowances will be made to cover the completion of the work started. No delay or interruption of the work going on contemplated.

CWA officials have expressed their satisfaction of the amount of work that has been accomplished and are well pleased with the thoroughness with which it has been done. The full quota of men have been continuously at work since December 15th and no withdrawals of labor has been made on any Farmington projects although considerable cutting has been made in the labor quota in other sections of the County.

New projects drawn up under the leadership of Commissioner Hutton are as follows: Water Main

1. It is planned to build about 3,680 feet of 4-inch water main on the following streets:
  - a. Extend Maple Ave. line from Cloverdale St. to 9-Mile Road.
  - b. Extend Power Ave. line to 9-Mile Road.
  - c. Extend Brookdale Ave. line to 9-Mile Road.
  - d. Build line on Cloverdale, Maple to Power.
  - e. Build line on 9-Mile Road, Maple Ave. East a distance of 1950 feet, rising in all intersecting streets and making a circulating system of the water in this section of the City.
2. Install 1215 feet new 6-inch water main on South side of Grand River from Power to a point just east of the River to connect a new main laid in 1930.
3. Install 120 feet 4-inch water main on Grand River east of School Street to connect two now existing dead-ends.

Water program total, about \$6,000.00.

1. 375 feet sewer on Grove St. (Continued on page five)

## ANNUAL BANQUET OF LINCOLN CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY

A number of Farmington residents are planning to attend the annual banquet of the Lincoln Republican Club of Oakland County which will be held next Wednesday evening, February 14, at Pontiac. The banquet annually attracts several hundred Republicans from all over the County to do honor to the Great Emancipator.

The chief speaker will be a member of the House of Representatives now in Washington representing the major portion of the District which Lincoln served before he became President. He is Rep. Everett McKinley Dirksen. This District's own representative in Congress, Rep. George Dondero, will also come to Farmington to speak at the dinner. The Congressional Church in Pontiac will be the scene of the dinner, which will be at 6 p. m. Wednesday. Tickets are obtainable from Ben Meyer or Mr. Warner, at \$1.00 each. This will be the 45th annual event of the Lincoln Club, which is not intended as an active political organization, but exists solely to honor the memory of Lincoln each year during February. Democrats as well as non-party men join with Republicans in commemorating the birth of the martyred President.