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## Federal Decision On Apple Spray Of Interest Here

Process for Removing Residue  
From Fruit Now Open To  
All

A dispatch from Washington concerning a process for washing spray residue from fruit, particularly apples, is of special interest to Farmington because of the extensive apple industry in this section. It appeared in a Washington comment column in the Detroit Free Press, as follows:

"Spray—The United States Court of Customs and Patents Appeals the other day that got little or no publicity.

It should have been a big spread. Step by step Federal lawyers have been fighting the case for seven long years.

"The Court's unanimous decision is of great importance to fruit and vegetable growers—particularly the apple man.

"Back in 1925 a Government chemist named Arthur M. Henry evolved a process for washing the poison spray residue from various fruits and vegetables. Uncle Sam required the spraying but the residue raised can with the export trade and did domestic business no good.

"Henry had applied for a public service patent on his process in May, 1927. Grant of such a patent means that the public may use it without royalty payment. Its inventor, as a Federal employee, contributes his efforts to the common welfare.

"In the same month of 1927 two other men applied for the same patent, I. G. Menikheim, a Department of Agriculture solicitor, fought Henry's claims through the courts for these seven years; up to court decisions were against him.

The Henry process has been cautiously used in the interim, particularly in the Nation's apple orchards.

"Cautiously because those who thus washed their fruits and vegetables were liable to being nicked for retroactive royalties to the country-claimants.

"Now the Henry process is available without cost to any fruit grower or farmer who chooses to write the Department of Agriculture."

## DONDERO LEADING DRIVE FOR VOTE ON MCLEOD BILL

Washington, May 3.—Congressman George A. Dondero, 17th Michigan District, is now directing the campaign to secure 145 signatures to the petition to force a House vote on the McLeod bankruptcy-off bill on May 14.

Among those members of the Michigan delegation who have affixed their signatures are the following:

W. Frank James, 12th District. John Lesinski, 16th District. George C. Sadowski, 13th District. Jesse P. Wolcott, 7th District. Clarence J. McLeod, 13th District.

Carl M. Weidman, 14th District. John D. Dingell, 15th District. Roy O. Woodruff, 10th District. George A. Dondero, 17th District.

Although administration opposition is advancing every possible parliamentary and political obstruction in a desperate effort to nullify any measure designed to afford material relief to the depositors of closed banks, Congressman Dondero is redoubling his efforts to secure the needed signatures to insure action at this session.

In an attempt to block the more desirable McLeod bill, administration leaders have brought out the Stegall substitute bill. This bill bearing the name of the Alabama Congressman is seen as a double threat to sidetrack the McLeod bill and at the same time deny any material relief to depositors.

## Hall At Northville

Destroyed by Fire  
A fire late Wednesday afternoon destroyed the Main Hall at the Northville Fair grounds. It was a large frame building and flames were rapidly destroying the structure by the time firemen arrived at the scene.

Sparks fell to the ground from Edison high tension wires which were broken by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## Elmer Empson, Former Farmington Township Official, Critically Hurt



ELMER EMPSON

Elmer Empson, former treasurer of Farmington Township, is recuperating from serious injuries received in an automobile accident near his home in Colon, Mich., a few days ago.

Mr. Empson was critically injured, suffering a fracture of the right arm and shoulder, a fractured knee, and probable internal injuries.

Before he was picked up, after the accident, Mr. Empson was feared to be dead. His condition is still regarded as very serious.

Mr. Empson, who is widely known in this section, was treasurer of Farmington Township during 1929 and 1930. Several years ago he and Mrs. Empson moved to a farm near Colon, where they have since made their home. They formerly lived on Nine Mile Road west of Farmington Road.

## Clean-up Period Is Now At Hand Mother-Daughter Events Scheduled

City Employees To Collect Rubbish  
May 8, 9

Next week will find the City of Farmington in the throes of spring cleaning. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9 have been set aside as Cleanup Days. The accumulation of tin cans, rubbish and junk which has been cluttering the back yards of many homes will be carried away in city trucks. This has become an annual event and Farmington residents have co-operated to the fullest extent in the past years.

To aid the city in this cleanup, it will be necessary to gather all the discarded odds and ends in basements, garages and back yards and place them in boxes near the street. Now is a good time to get rid of that junk which has been in the way and to dispose of empty tin cans which take up much needed space.

Incentives Here  
Junk doesn't correspond very well with the new shade of green the grass is wearing and the budding trees and sprouting flowers should be an added incentive to make the city as attractive as possible. If each home owner would try to make his property the neatest in the city, it would only be a short time before this entire section would radiate tidiness.

Motorists are beginning to fill the highways and as they pass through small towns, remarks are often made concerning the neatness of the homes. Each home owner should be conscious of this and co-operate with the city in making his residence one of the most attractive.

Some boxes of rubbish have already been placed near the street awaiting the arrival of city trucks. Be sure all junk is placed in a convenient spot by May 8 and employees of the city will dispose of it. Let us make this Cleanup campaign the biggest in many years.

A card party will be held at the home of Mrs. Isaac Bond on Orchard Lake Road Friday evening at 8:00 for the benefit of the Farmington Chapter of the O. E. S.

Annual Banquets Hold Interest  
Of Community

Mother and Daughter banquets will hold the center of interest in Farmington and the surrounding territory for the next ten days. Plans for entertainment at the various banquets are being completed and the ticket sales are well under way.

A Mother and Daughter banquet will be held at the M. E. Church Wednesday May 9. An interesting program has been arranged.

The Salem Evangelical Church will hold a banquet in honor of Mothers and Daughters Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Benson of the Juvenile Court of Detroit will be the speaker.

The Ladies Community Club will sponsor a Mother and Daughter banquet to be held at West Point Park Thursday, May 10, Ruth Huston Whipple will be the principal speaker.

The Edgewood Rebecca Lodge will hold a Mother and Daughter banquet at the I. O. O. F. hall in Clarenceville Tuesday May 8 at 7:00.

The Baptist Church Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held Thursday night May 10th at 6:45. An evening of fun and real pleasures is planned for this year. All reservations are to be made at some church service or by calling the pastor at 206. No charge will be made but an offering taken at tables will be used to cover the expenses.

Miss Pearl Vilhauer a worker among the foreign speaking people of Detroit will deliver the address of the evening at the Baptist Mother and Daughter banquet.

ECONOMIST TO SPEAK  
Edmund Betts, author of the book "Our Absurd Money System" will address the Economic Discussion Group Friday evening, May 4, at the residence of R. N. Croghan. An informal discussion will follow.

Anyone interested in economics is invited to be present.

James Tuttle spent a few days with friends in Detroit.

## Report Gd. River West of City To Be Widened Soon

Business-Men To Seek Cutting  
Down of Steep Hill Near  
Limits

Widening of Grand River ave. from Farmington Road to the west end of the Cut-off is to be carried out soon by the State Highway Department, according to reports relayed to Farmington Wednesday, and Farmington business-men will probably take an interest in seeing that the road is as safe and attractive to motorists as possible.

According to the report, which was outlined to the Exchange Club Wednesday by Joseph Himmelspach, the Farmington project is now third on the list of the Highway Department. Two Grand River projects farther out are scheduled ahead of the local one.

For Greater Safety

Mr. Himmelspach stated that it has been suggested that the wider Grand River Road west of town could be made highly attractive to motorists if special attention was devoted to the safety factor in building the new highway. It was pointed out that the present road takes a considerable rise just west of the cemetery, to the top of the steep hill, beyond which is the sharp decline; that great advantage could be obtained with little expense if the plans are made to include cutting down of the grade from the start of this rise, thereby reducing the steepness of the hill west of Gill Road.

Farmington business-men have an interest in such a project, Mr. Himmelspach stated, not only from the point of public welfare as citizens in helping to make roads as safe as possible, but also because "the Cut-off is not a good or a safe road, and if we have a good, safe, fairly level 50-foot road through town, we won't have to worry much about traffic going on the Cut-off."

It was stated that if Farmington manifested interest in the project, to State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanVogener, the prospect of increased safety at only slight additional construction expense would be sufficient to assure consideration without much difficulty.

Members of the Exchange Club displayed interest in the matter as an important one and President Grosvenor appointed Howard Warner and Emory Hutton as a committee to start work on it at once.

## Farmington Kroger Store Joins in Sale

The Kroger Store in Farmington is participating in the big 52nd Anniversary Sale being held in Kroger stores throughout America to celebrate the founding of the grocery concept. Hundreds of items in groceries, meats, baked goods, vegetables and household needs are being offered at sharp reductions, to mark the anniversary.

Specific items in the sale are listed in an advertisement in this issue on page 3, and in a large circular distributed to homes throughout this territory Thursday.

## New Bank to Open Saturday, May 19

OPENING DAY CELEBRATION PLANS PROGRESS

Stockholders Have First Meeting, Directors and Officers  
Are Named; Preparations Being Completed  
for 35 Per Cent Payoff

With Saturday, May 19, set as Opening Day, preparations for the opening of Farmington's new bank are moving swiftly along in the final stages, important steps having been taken during the past few days. A rapidly decreasing number of minor details are all that now remain before Farmington will again have banking facilities in the community.

The new institution will be under the guidance of directors and officers named Wednesday, when stockholders and the board of directors held their first meetings.

## Bonding Loses by Great Odds Here

Farmington Vote Is Heavily  
Against State Bond Issue

Voting on the State Public Works bond issue at Monday's election was light in Farmington City, Farmington Township and Livonia Township. The program submitted by Gov. Comstock was defeated in Farmington by 8 to 1. Only 93 votes were cast with 83 voting no and 10 yes.

In the two precincts in Farmington township the total number of votes cast was 176. 150 of these were negative, and 26 in the affirmative.

In Livonia township the issue was defeated by even a larger margin. The total number of votes cast was 188 with 176 voting no and 12 yes thus making it approximately 14 to 1 against the program.

## NEXT MASON CASE EVENTS AWAITED AT WALLED LAKE

Walled Lake is awaiting with interest further developments in the case of Miss Vivian Mason, teacher of a Sunday School class at Walled Lake, who is being held as a material witness against Gaylord Rice, now held at New Orleans, La., on charges of violating the Mann Act.

Dispatches from the South reported that Miss Mason, 19-year old daughter of J. A. and Mrs. Charles Mason of Walled Lake, was lured from her home last New Year's night by Rice who promised to marry her when they reached New Orleans. One report was that she had been held captive for the past three weeks and upon her escape immediately notified police. Another report was that the arrest of Rice developed after Miss Mason's resisting advances of a friend, apparently without objection by Rice.

They were introduced by a friend, Harold Bowers. Rice is reported to have said, and that she consented to go New Orleans with him. Rice is the son of Sam Rice of Walled Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Murphy of Millington were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Grace Anglin.

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Work on Celebration

Meanwhile, plans are being carried forward for the community celebration which is to mark the opening of the bank two weeks hence. With setting of the date accomplished, genuine activity is expected to begin within a few days to make May 19 one of the outstanding days in Farmington's history. President Grosvenor of the Exchange Club and his committee for the day's events will plunge into the work, to earn the first of next week, and it is anticipated that the results will provide residents of not only Farmington but the neighboring territory with an event that will long be remembered.

## COUNTY TREASURER FOR SETTLEMENT OF OLD TAX BILLS

Tax problems that Oakland County is facing and will have before it for years to come, as a result of extensive improvements in boom years and delinquent taxes piling up since 1929, were described to the Exchange Club Wednesday noon by Charles Sparks, County Treasurer.

Among the most interesting features of his address was his account of the workings of tax-sharks, who take advantage of certain points in the law to deprive the County of taxes. They obtain the consent of property-owners by working on a percentage of tax refunds obtained, said Mr. Sparks, and thereby the County loses large sums. However, he said, a method has been found by which they may be thwarted in the future.

Eight million dollars is due the County in delinquent levies the speaker said, and he advocated that authority be given the treasurer to negotiate settlements for a portion of the delinquent sums. He justified this, from the standpoint of the taxpayer who has always paid in full, on the ground that by thus collecting large sums through accepting a part, the burden of the regularly-paying property-owner will be much lightened because of the resultant great improvement in the County's financial condition.

Mr. Sparks was the guest of Judge John J. Schulte, Jr.

## Report of CWA Activities in Farmington

An interesting report on activities of the CWA in Farmington City, showing appropriations and expenditures on various projects, has been compiled by County CWA authorities. The figures cover the period down to March 31, 1934. The report is as follows:

CITY OF FARMINGTON Expenditures on C. W. A. Projects to March 31st, 1934				EXPENDITURES			
Project	No.	Labor	Material	Total	Labor	Material	Total
13 Sewers—State St. Oakland Ave		11898.00	3186.00	15084.00	11773.85	2994.46	14768.31
157 School—High and Primary		1230.00	600.00	1730.00	2505.45	366.09	2871.54
168 Park Work		2245.00	898.15	2843.15	2673.89	906.51	3580.40
15 Sewer—Power Ave. and Interceptor		12322.00	3659.59	16222.00	18747.98	2558.49	21306.47
		27905.50	7764.55	35,670.15	30,700.87	6805.55*	37506.42

Average number of men, 202

In addition to the above there was spent in Farmington Township for Road Work, Water Lines, Schools and Sewers the following:

Labor	\$17,065.67
Material	7,667.39
	\$24,633.06

Total County Payrolls to March 31st, \$1,486,778.17.

\* Material costs vouchered to Lansing.

Total Projects approved in County	\$1,505,923.91
Labor	470,374.71
Material	\$1,976,298.62