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Editorials

The New Bank—A New Beginning

Saturday morning should mark an important milestone in Farmington's history. On that day we have after dragging years of depression, an opportunity to make a fresh start, a new beginning. This opportunity is still denied to hundreds of communities.

A few years ago it was impossible to conceive of a community without a bank, and probably there was little realization of all that a bank meant to the community life. Now, after years of going without one, there is evidence in the enthusiasm manifested, that those years have taught us some appreciation of its value.

We know now that a community without a bank can no more go ahead than can a motor car without wheels. It might have powerful forces of trade and business and industry, to strain and tug and pull, but lacking the factor that makes possible the free flow of commerce, it is unable to move ahead.

Businessmen know through their own experiences and inconveniences, what being without a bank means. They also know from the conversation of others. They know that talking to people out of town, there is almost always asked of them the same question at the outset, "How are things going in Farmington? Have you got a bank there yet?"

Beginning Saturday morning, the answer can, fortunately, be "YES." And we may speak proudly, for nowhere within a dozen miles is there a bank to compare with this one, with its 50 per cent of capital stock owned by the United States Government. In Detroit and Pontiac are similar institutions, but it is to be remembered that the Federal Government took a hand in Detroit because that city was so big that the Government could not afford to let it be without a bank; and Pontiac is 50 times the size of Farmington.

Reflecting upon this, Farmington owes a genuine debt of gratitude to Howard C. Knickerbocker for the conception and carrying through the plan. Few know the magnitude of the work there has been, the limitless detail so grinding and irksome, that was required over many months—it is sufficient to remark that within the last week, it was necessary to take a large number of papers that had already been signed, back to Detroit for re-approval, because the name of the new bank had been typed "the Farmington State Savings Bank," with a lower case t in the word "the," instead of "The Farmington State Savings Bank," with a capital t.

Few know also, that our new bank will start with advantages such as probably none other in the State enjoys. Under ordinary circumstances, the cost of running a bank in these times would be prohibitive, because the safest securities in which deposits can be invested, United States Government bonds, yield such a low rate of interest. But a unique and advantageous arrangement has been achieved in Farmington's new bank. By division of expense between it and the two receiverships in Mr. Knickerbocker's charge, the overhead cost of running the bank will be, but a fraction of what it otherwise would be. Thus, although a profit in the operation of any bank is scarcely to be expected under present conditions, the new Farmington bank starts with advantages that are exceptional.

Thus there is real cause of celebration and rejoicing Saturday. We are to possess what should prove a great trade-attracting force. Without a banking institution, there is, for any community, only stagnation. With one such as we have, we can go ahead, get somewhere. It may well be that in years to come we shall happily look back on May 19, 1934, as the day of our new beginning.

To Elevate The Politics Of The State

The Detroit News believes the politics of the State can be, and are elevated by the candidacy of Judge Arthur J. Lacy for governor.

That's a pretty big order for any man, right now, even for a man like Judge Lacy. Not because of any shortcoming on his part, but the politics of Michigan of late have sunk to such depths that to lift them up and elevate them would seem a true labor of Hercules. (It was Hercules, you remember, who cleaned the Augean stables.) The News says of Judge Lacy's candidacy:

Arthur J. Lacy's entry into the Democratic race for governor will raise the level of Michigan politics. He is respected and has a record of disinterested and constructive service, particularly during the depression. He and President Roosevelt are in harmony as representatives of progressive Democrats are in harmony with the President's policy. He is a man of the politics. He preferred to run for the Senate, but after the President's exceptional gesture last month, in course of the Detroit was the President's guest at the opening ball game at Washington. Roosevelt wants the strongest possible Democratic nomination for the Michigan governorship. It is not straining imagination much to foresee that the President looks ahead and plans that the large states place in their Democratic leadership men of the type and caliber to become candidates for President in 1940.

Of course, Gov. Comstock, And-Gen. Stack or any others who aspire, assuming it their final decisions, are entitled to challenge this new candidacy. The pre-primary convention and the primaries are or should be open to all for the submission of competing ambitions and arguments. But there is substance in the Lacy candidacy carrying a message both to Democrats and the Republicans.

As we sense the message, it is this: Hang all the wash on the line! The people will insist that that be done, the Democratic rank and file on the one hand and the Republicans on the other. They will watch to see which candidate is selfishly based and promoted and which candidate is capable present and contrast the issues of the times on the high plane.

The Democrats are offered the chance to choose a candidate who may attract the Republican vote normally necessary to elect Democrats in Michigan. Chastening effects among the Republicans are to be counted upon. Factionalism and self-starters are warned. The best hope for Michigan during these critical reconstruction years lies in nominations by both the great parties which assure the State able and high-minded service no matter what the outcome of the elections.

WALLED LAKE

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McBride and children of Grand Rapids visited friends here on Saturday. William Glover and Mr. Carnes were week end guests of J. Sharr. Roy Ranson who is employed at key of Redford at his cottage at Van Etten Lake.

Miss Jean Stoffel was the week end guest of relatives in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard and daughter, Beverly attended a family gathering at the home of his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Shepard of White Lake. The dinner was a farewell get-together as Mrs. Shepard and family are moving to Oregon.

George Philp is recovering from the mumps. Mr. and Mrs. Lillian DeGroot and family spent Sunday with relatives at Orion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Philp were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold James of Detroit on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edna DeLorge has returned after a long absence to her home with her father, John Friedenberg.

Mrs. Chas. Philp and Mrs. Edith Gibbons of Ferndale visited Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Philp on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard entertained at a co-operative dinner and bridge party Monday evening.

Mrs. Frank Moss and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Philp of Farmington visited Mrs. Jane Lepley at Pontiac on Mothers Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley spent the week end with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strait of Albion and witnessed the Blossom Festival Parade at Benton Harbor.

Miss Jean Wallace and Miss Gladys Myers were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard.

Miss Wanda Currin and Mrs. Ira Carnes entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the latter's home honoring Mrs. Arthur Richardson on Thursday evening.

"Bug" was the entertainment at the evening at which Miss Lucille Moss won first prize and Mrs. Arthur Richardson consolation.

Refreshments were served and a color scheme of pink and white was carried out throughout. The honored guest found her gifts by means of a Treasure Hunt.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Signor of Ypsilanti, a baby girl, Bernona, Beth. Mrs. Signor was formerly Bernona Moehler, a teacher here.

William Mercer spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Rose of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Francis entertained four tables of bridge on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hyde of Nashville and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jackson of Detroit were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutton and Mr. M. Hutton over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Polmerville of Ferndale were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Cheary.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moss had for their guests on Mother's Day their children and their families, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moss and daughters of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Staples of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray and daughter, Donna spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hess.

The Wednesday Club met at the home of Mrs. William Smith of Hickory Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Murdoch have moved into the house formerly owned by Mrs. Howe on South Pontiac Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McKnight and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Deveraux visited Mr. Will McKnight of Rockwood on Sunday. Mr. McKnight was seriously hurt when he fell from a scaffold and fractured a vertebrae.

Miss Annabelle Campbell was honored at a green kitchen shower given by her mother, Mrs. Lorell Porter of Detroit. Mrs. Lawrence Brown of Pontiac and Mrs. George Campbell Jr. at the Campbell home on Friday evening.

Miss Campbell is soon to become Mrs. Raymond Fuhrman of Plymouth.

A goodly number of Walled Lake women represented our community at the achievement day of the Michigan State College Extension class held at Pontiac on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Murdoch accompanied Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. Arthur Bailey to her home at Harrison and spent the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Clark have returned from Miami Florida, where they have been spending the winter.

Mrs. Almina Parmalee was the honored guest at a family gathering and dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoyt on Mother's Day. Out of town guests

were: Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Parmalee, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams, Mrs. Eva Parmalee and Harold Parmalee of Detroit.

Roy Ranson who is employed at Cleveland spent a few days with friends here this week.

Mrs. Blanche Lenoiff of Pontiac was the Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Earl Pariss.

Mrs. Lon Still, formerly Miss Eloise Coe, left Wednesday to join her husband at Cleveland where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutton will entertain the members of the faculty of the Clarkston High School at a Hamburg Fry and Lawn party on Saturday evening.

Bill Wilder is the guest of Wendall Carter this week. Charles Hutton will sing "Elijah" at Wayne University at Detroit on Sunday afternoon.

The orchestra led by Wendell Carter a local youth, has secured a summer engagement at a dance hall at Higgins Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander of Northville has moved into the Alyce house and is employed at the Walled Lake Ice Co.

Methodist News
Rev. Carless will talk on the subject "Deeper Authority in Sunday May 20."

Prof. Brumm of the University of Michigan and a former pastor of this charge will be the speaker at the morning service, on the church Home Coming on May 21.

The pastors and laymen of all Michigan churches are invited to a religious round up in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Spiritual Birth of Methodism at the Central Methodist Church at Lansing on May 21.

Rev. Carless attended the coaching conference for the summer school at Pontiac on Monday.

The Fourtowns Church sponsored a Mother's and Daughter Banquet Friday evening and the Father's and Sons were honored guests. Nearly 100 attended. Mrs. Carless is quite ill.

Baptist News
"A New Commandment will be Rev. Wilk's topic for Sunday morning and "Prepared" will be his topic for Sunday evening.

Walled Lake School News
The result of the track meet at Milford, Monday night was, Keego Harbor first place, Walled Lake second, Milford third, and New Hudson fourth. Ed. Sharp was high point man from Walled Lake and Clyde Button second.

The following boys will participate in the regional track meet at Ypsilanti on Saturday, May 19: Ed Sharp, Edwin Welch, Bill Myers, Gordon Stevens, Truman Hickox, George Gobrich, Clyde Button, Calvin Ellenwood, Arthur Pennell, and Ralph Buffmyer.

The annual Senior Prom was held at the Walled Lake High School last Friday night, May 11. It was well attended and successful in every respect. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated in blue and silver. The lighting arrangement was particularly attractive consisting of colored lights which were continually changing and producing a very delightful effect. The music was furnished by Don Patterson and his orchestra and was enthusiastically applauded.

The Parent Teacher's Association is sponsoring an afternoon tea on Thursday, May 24 at the school. All mothers are cordially invited.

The Junior-Senior Banquet of the Walled Lake High School was held at the school on May 16. The program was as follows:

Chairman: Glenn Long.
Invocation: Mary Dutton.
Toastmaster: Raymond Nelson.
Welcome: Clifford Hutton.
Response: George Godrich.
Quartet: Robert Furman, Robert Dickman, Raymond Nelson, Howard Sperry.

Reading: Forrest Skarritt.
Class Will: Harley Chamberlain, Pearl Cooper, Donald Post.
Gittatory: Doris Chafy, Etta Richardson, Francis Gillian.
Duet: Ross Howden, Howard Sperry.

Toast to Seniors: Harriet Stoflet.
Last Friday, May 11, Walled Lake played baseball with Keego Harbor on their diamond. It was a very exciting game. Walled Lake was leading 3-1 when the resorters made errors which resulting in tying the school. The final count, however, was 8-7 in favor of Walled Lake. Arthur Pennell and Frank Lachadeau were the batters for Walled Lake.

Last Tuesday, May 15, Farmington played at Walled Lake. On Friday, May 25, Milford plays at Walled Lake. This is the last game in the league except the one on Field Day.

Diamond Shaped Like Africa
A freak diamond shaped like the map of Africa, was found in the Thimbleton district of South Africa, by a company operating in that area. It is a pure white specimen, and its greatest length is about half an inch and its width three eighths of an inch. The thickness is about the same as that of a quarter. As a diamond its value is considerable, but as a freak it is considered to be valuable.

Read the advertisements in your home town paper.

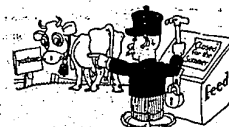


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