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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Farmington State Bank
at Farmington, Michigan, at the close of business March 1, 1936,
as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES	
Commercial	Savings
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS:	
Secured by collateral	\$ 25,533.38
Unsecured (including un-	
dorsed paper)	20,318.95
Total	\$ 45,852.33
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES:	
Mortgages in Office	\$ 50,686.14
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BONDS AND SECURITIES:	
Municipal Bonds in Office	
U. S. Government Obligations Direct and Fully	
Guaranteed in Office	\$ 5,000.00 102,475.41
U. S. Government Obligations Direct and Fully	
Guaranteed Pledged	55,016.03
Other Bonds and Securities	
in Office	163,146.46 1,567.65
Totals	\$222,162.49 \$161,212.90 \$384,375.39
RESERVES:	
Due from Federal Reserve	
Bank	\$57,145.85 \$ 6,000.00
Due from Banks in Reserve	
Cities and Cash on hand	\$ 64,112.09
Totals	\$121,257.94 \$ 6,000.00 \$127,257.94
COMBINED ACCOUNTS:	
Overdrafts, secured	
and unsecured	\$ 13.65
Furniture and fixtures	
Stock of Federal Reserve	
Bank	1,800.00
Other assets	296.95
Totals	\$611,465.13
LIABILITIES	
Preferred Stock "A"	\$ 25,000.00
Common Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	6,608.29
COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS	
Commercial Deposits Subject to Check	\$148,518.56
Demand Certificates of Deposit	1,515.82
Certified Checks	1,527.50
Cashier's Checks	2,515.54
Deposits of other Banks and Bankers	10,000.00
Other Public Funds	50,000.00
Securities pledged under	
Sec. 35	\$ 55,016.03
Public Funds — No assets pledged	121,645.52
Time Commercial Certificates of Deposit	29,000.00
Totals	\$355,945.94
SAVINGS DEPOSITS:	
Book Accounts—Subject to Savings	
By Laws	\$184,865.71
Club Savings Deposits (Xmas, Thrift, etc.)	1,142.05
Total	\$186,007.76
Other Liabilities	2,905.14
Total	\$611,465.13

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, ss.
I, H. C. KNICKERBOCKER, Cashier, of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.
H. C. KNICKERBOCKER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1936.
Arrale Tipper, Notary Public. My commission expires June 19, 1936.
Correct Attest
Z. R. ASCHENBRENNER, M. D.
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FLYNN H. NICHOLS,
Directors.

Discovery of Tea Dates
Back to Year 2737 B. C.
No one knows just when tea first came into use as a beverage, for like other things its origin is buried in antiquity. One legend, states a writer in Pathfinder Magazine, tells how it was discovered in 2737 B. C. by a Chinese emperor, Shun-Kung (to whom all agricultural and medical knowledge is traced), who accidentally dropped a piece of tea-wood into a pot of boiling water in order for his supper. Another story relates how a lover brought his sweetheart flowers from the tea-bush and how she accidentally drank some of the water from the vase in which she had placed them. Still another concerns a priest named Bodhidharma who vowed he would worship and pray to Buddha for nine years without sleep. At the end of three years he dozed off, and as penance he plucked out his eyelashes and threw them away. From each of the lashes a tea-bush grew and when Bodhidharma began to get drowsy at the end of another five years he plucked a few leaves from the magic bush or miracle bush and ate them. These he stimulated him that he was able to complete his nine years' worship. Existence of these legends would seem to indicate that tea was known long before there was any actual proof of its existence, which dates back to about 600 A. D. Documents then as now were on the alert for something to tax and when tea became popular in the Eighteenth century a tea tax was imposed on it.
In the Ninth century use of tea spread to Japan and later to all the world but it was not until the Seventeenth century tea-drinking was taken up in England where it might now be termed the national beverage. In recent years its use has been on the increase in the United States.

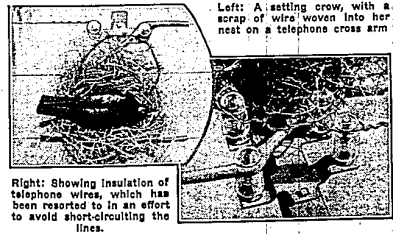
Cacti Family American;
Plant Has Many Copies
The true cacti are all those plants which botanists include in the family Cactaceae, and they are placed there because of the matter how different they may appear in outward form, examination of the flower structure reveals that they are more closely related to one another than they are to any other family of plants, observes a writer in the Rural New-Yorker.
They are truly an American family for, with the exception of one small genus in Madagascar, the entire group is confined to North and South America and the West Indies, although various species, particularly of the genus Opuntia (the prickly pears) are now naturalized in Australia, the Mediterranean region, Asia and Africa. Many succulent plants occur in the desert regions of the world which more or less resemble cacti to the casual observer, and plants of this kind are found in the daisy, Poinsettia, Lily and many other families.

General Education Board's Duties
The purpose and activities of the general education board are: To promote education within the United States without distinction of race, sex or color. In the field of public education the board co-operates with state departments of education in the South in the support of (a) certain administrative officials during the period of establishment and demonstration and (b) occasional conferences of southern educational leaders; assists state universities and state colleges in improving practice-teaching facilities, and grants fellowships for further training for important positions in the field of public education. The board's activities include also programs of development in the science of education, research in education and the processes of education. The board co-operates also in a general plan of proposed activities in negro education.

First American Book
The Bay Psalm Book, which was published at Cambridge, Mass., in 1640, was for many years supposed to be the first book printed on the American continent, until it was noted that books had been printed by the Spaniards in Mexico over a century earlier. It is stated in "Fernandez' Ecclesiastical History," published in Toledo, Spain, that the first book printed in the New world was a devotional book for the guidance of the faithful members of the church, published by Antonio de Tegucigalpa in the city of Mexico in 1539 by order of the Spanish viceroy. There is no copy of this first American book known to be in existence.

Toadfish Uglyest Creature
Irregularly spotted, dark-brown gray in color, the toadfish is the fishermen's curse. It is probably the ugliest creature nature ever created. It ranges between 18 and 20 inches in length, has a flat head and body, and a tail flattened vertically. Along the body sides are numerous small, fleshy, warty tubercles. They are extremely voracious in their food habits and snuggled in the mud at the bottom of a stream will snatch at any baited hook that comes their way. Their bite is like a bulldog's.

Crows Cause Strange "Trouble" on Long Telephone Line in Colorado



Left: A setting crow, with a scrap of wire woven into her nest on a telephone cross arm

On a 72-mile section of telephone line in Colorado, crows have repeatedly put the circuits out of order by using scraps of wire in building their nests on the cross arms of the poles. Of the various methods tried, insulating the wires at the cross arms seems to offer the best protection against "shorting" the circuits.

Between Denver and Lamar, in southeastern Colorado, there is a section of telephone line which stretches 72 miles as the crows fly. There are, in fact, many crows, and they not only fly but build nests. They build nests on the cross-arms of telephone poles and, among other building materials, they often make use of scrap wire. When this scrap wire touches telephone lines, it puts them out of order until the wire is removed.

Poles Make Fine Home Sites
Since the Denver-Lamar line was built, in 1929-1930, there have been 643 line troubles, involving 408 separate cases, directly chargeable to the nesting habits of the crows which thrive in the locality. Crows are, as every hunter knows, exceedingly wary birds. They prefer to build their nests high up, where they can see far in every direction. In the arid territory which the telephone line crosses, the only trees are found usually in valleys, and are therefore not good observatories. The telephone poles, on the other hand, are tall and straight, are fairly isolated, and are located in the open. To the crows, they make ideal home-sites, since it would be difficult for an enemy to approach unseen. They generally build on the second cross-arm from the top of the pole. The top cross-arm shades the nest, helps to conceal the eggs, and prevents a hostile bird from swooping directly down on the nest.

Wire from Abandoned Homesteads
In addition to the incidental use of scrap wire, crows build their nests of sticks, dead weeds, corn husks and other coarse matter, and line them with fine roots, dry grass, straw, moss, rags, wool and similar soft material.
Unfortunately for the telephone

Ganges Water Sacred
Benares, India, is the center of the real Hindu life and religion. Swarms of pilgrims travel miles to bathe in the sacred waters of the Ganges—to drink and have their faces—thus, in their belief, washing away their sins and assuring the salvation of their souls. They stand by the hundreds waist deep in the murky water, lips moving in prayer, oblivious to their religious fervor to various pollutants. The terraced slopes leading to the river are crowded with priests, sacred cattle and many of India's three million holy men.

Oil Shale
Oil shale, a sedimentary deposit in which hydrocarbons are tightly locked in the rock structure, contains an oil reserve of 500 billion barrels, equivalent to a two-hundred years' supply. It would, according to an authority, produce enough gasoline to run all the motors in the world for four hundred years. The United States possesses more than a third of this reserve. Chicago is built on such a strata.

Fantasia, Musical Composition
A fantasia is a musical composition which is not restricted to any particular device or theme, but is freely constructed according to the composer's fancy. Examples of fantasia are found in the works of Bach, Brahms, Schumann and other composers. The term is also applied to medleys of popular airs.

Dog Is of Ancient History
The dog is truly an animal of ancient history. The many breeds each have a separate history woven about their early ancestry. There's a dog from every country. France has its sheepdog, the Briard; Ireland, the Kerry Blue terrier; Switzerland, its St. Bernard; Spain, its Pointer and Galgo, and so on.

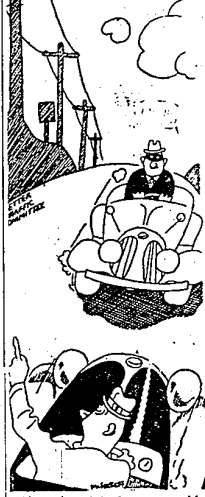
The Pallbearer
A pallbearer is so called from the fact that originally he was required to hold up the corners and edges of the pall covering the coffin. The word "pall" is derived from the Latin "pallium," meaning a coverlet. It occurs in the English language as early as about 1440.

Did Not Know His Calendar
An Egyptianologist points out that Mohammed was so ignorant of the nature for the problem of a calendar that he forbade insertion of months, a device necessary to keep his moon calendar in step with the year.

There were 8,241 Naval Reserve Officers listed in the Naval Reserve Directory on January 1st, 1935.

PUBLIC ENEMIES

THE WRONG-SIDE-OF-ROAD ROBBER



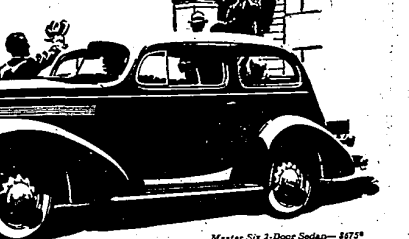
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ENOUGH
Drive—Now, dear, what will I get if I cook dinner for you like that every night you are ashore?
Sailor's husband—My life insurance.

That seems to be a temporary answer to the problem. The telephone company is still studying to find a permanent solution.

"Hara-Kiri"
Hara-kiri is defined: A Japanese method of suicide by ripping open the bowels, practiced formerly by daimios and military officers. The word is often incorrectly spelled har-kari and harri-kari.—Literary Digest.
All Cats Do Not Purrr
All members of the cat family do not purr. The cheetah and tiger do purr and the puma or cougar make a noise similar to a purr. The following members of the cat family do not purr: Leopard, lion, lioness, ocelot, serval and caracal.

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