

Red Cross Asks For Relief Funds

Entering wholeheartedly into the nationwide drive being sponsored by the American Red Cross to raise funds and secure clothing and blankets for 35,000 families made homeless by recent floods in the Eastern States, Farmington members of the Red Cross have voluntarily set \$100 as their quota to be raised in this vicinity.

Announcement was made this week by Mrs. John J. Schulte, Jr., Farmington township member of the Oakland County Red Cross Board, that she will be prepared from Friday morning on, to receive contributions to be used for relief in the stricken areas.

The law office of Schulte and Park located in the Peoples State Bank Building, Farmington, will be used as headquarters. All clothing, blankets, etc., will be received there.

Contributions are asked by the Red Cross to head this call of mercy and contribute freely. The quota of \$100 is considered low by the Farmington members and it is their hope that considerable more will be given. They also point out that the recent snows and cold weather that followed the floods have created a stringent need for blankets and heavy clothing. Any articles of this nature, not being used by residents will be appreciated by the Red Cross and surely by the homeless thousands in the east.

Transportation Needed
If clothing and blanket contributions are as numerous as expected, it may be found necessary to provide a means of transporting the articles to the Farmington office. Although it is asked, and most contributors will, bring the clothing directly to the office, there may be some who wish to make donations who have no means of getting their articles to the headquarters. In these cases, attempts will be made to call for the contributions. Mrs. Schulte will be pleased to have voluntary workers who may have spare time to devote to this cause.

Donations of money will also be accepted by the Red Cross. It is asked that all checks be made payable to the Flood Relief Committee, American Red Cross, when mailed to Mrs. Schulte.

Similar campaigns are being carried on in every community of size throughout the nation. The Oakland County quota has been set at \$250, a large part of which has already been made. The first Oakland County check was sent to Mr. William Baxter, Jr., manager of the Midwest Branch of the American Red Cross, by air-mail Monday evening. It was for \$1,000, which is over one third of the quota. The call for funds was made last Thursday by Mr. Baxter and came by telegram which is reported below.

Requests Funds
Representatives covering flood areas in fourteen states have greatly increased estimate of relief needs after one hundred and seventy three thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine persons now receiving assistance stop reports of additional destruction coming in from New England and lower Ohio Valley and reports from areas first affected have confirmed and increased estimates of relief needs stop appeal issued Thursday based on three million dollar national goal which is inadequate unless chapters oversubscribe quotas assigned stop urge your chapter make every effort secure substantial over subscription quota assigned stop please wire by Western Union tonight report of collection to date. William M. Baxter Jr., manager.

The above telegram points out the need for each community to oversubscribe its quota because of the impending flood menace along the Mississippi river.

Mrs. Schulte stated that undoubtedly there have been numerous cases where residents have made contributions directly to either Pontiac or Detroit headquarters. The first donation from the Farmington district was for five dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Royal Oak on Tuesday night.

Comstocks Witness Ravages of Worst Floods in a Century

To be observed as an ordinary citizen, even though President of the United States, was the unusual experience of President Roosevelt as he sat in his open car watching, as thousands of others, the thrashing, turbulent Potomac river relentlessly pounding at the historic Old Chain Bridge and the crowds gathering on the shores awaiting minute to see the old landmark torn from its foundations and swept away on the swirling tide.

Among the awe-struck thousands who formed the unwilling audience to the tragedy in which all the leading roles were played by nature's forces, were Mr. and Mrs. Addison Comstock of Farmington, who returned Monday from a week's visit with their son, R. J. Comstock and family of Silver Springs, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D. C.

They will always carry with them mental pictures of one of the most disastrous floods in history. They saw the President of the United States sitting in a car practically unobserved with all attention focused upon the swollen river and all eyes watching the objects being carried away by the current. They saw buildings, the children's toys, human beings and animals floating by.

"We witnessed the thrilling rescue of a fifty year old woman who had been clinging to the top of a building throughout the long cold winter and with her, her dog, which, by frantic efforts, managed to stick to the building and keep from being swept away by the tugging water."

Historic Harper's Ferry, which will be well remembered by every Farmington high school senior, who made the trip to the nation's capitol, was "high and dry" when the Comstocks passed through on their return, seven days later, the whole way was inundated and the streets were virtually rivers.

While in Washington they observed the frenzied efforts of relief workers to help in relieving the suffering of these homeless people. They saw sand bag embankments when the rapidly rising waters threatened several of the capitol buildings and priceless monuments.

The return trip to Michigan was far from uneventful. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock report that heavy rain and blinding snow storms made traveling, especially through the mountains, extremely hazardous. Washouts were frequent and long detours in some cases practically retracing their route, were necessitated by the swollen rivers and streams.

Saturday, coming through Ohio, snow banks as high as their cars were encountered.

FIRE DESTROYS ONE, DAMAGES ANOTHER MONKEN BUILDING

A beer garden, grocery store and dance hall on Middlebelt road and Thirteen Mile roads operated by Joseph Monken was completely destroyed by fire Monday morning at 3:15.

The origin of the fire could not be determined by the Farmington Fire department which responded to the alarm. By the time the Farmington firemen arrived the building was beyond saving. Mr. Monken was unable to explain the origin of the fire. However, the place was operating Sunday evening and it may have started at that time and not been discovered until the next morning.

The loss is estimated at \$35,000. Mr. Monken lives in his home adjacent to the building when he was told of the fire which was discovered by a passerby.

After the fire department left, it again answered an alarm at 5:45 when it was found the Institute of Arts at 3:50 Sunday afternoon, March 25.

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DETROIT INSTITUTE TO PRESENT DARING EXPLORER

Amos Burg, young explorer and adventurer, sailed in a toy boat through uncharted seas at the tip of South America to bring back the first complete motion picture record of this wild and picturesque region. He will show his motion pictures and give a public lecture on "Around Cape Horn in a 25-foot Skiff" at the Detroit Institute of Arts at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, March 25.

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Members of the Sunshine Harmony circle will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. Frances Hallett on Farmington road.

A dessert luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock.

The teachers of the Farmington schools attended the Teachers' Institute at Pontiac last Friday.

School Board Finishes Bond Refunding

The last step in the school district No. 5 bond refunding program which will spread the payment of the district's \$60,000 bonded indebtedness over a thirty year period was taken Thursday at the regular school board meeting in the form of a formal resolution on the refunding.

The bond refunding program which has been in the process of development for some months is designed to spread the payment of the district's indebtedness over a long period, facilitating the prompt payment of the bonds, and putting the district on a sound, workable financial basis.

Of the \$60,000 worth of bonds outstanding, bonds in the amount of \$55,000 have already been returned to the district and the new refunding bonds issued. The remaining \$5,000 is held in two blocks of \$2,000 and \$3,000, one of which is expected to be returned in the near future. The \$3,000 block has not been able to locate the other block.

The new bonds will mature on October 1, 1965 and are callable bonds on any semi-annual interest date, October 1 or April 1.

Under the new refunding program a sinking fund of \$2,000 a year for the retirement of the bonds at the maturity date is set up. However, after there is \$4,000 in the sinking fund the district may retire bonds by advertising the legal length of time before the interest dates.

The district also has the privilege of calling for tenders on bonds. Offers are received from bondholders willing to sell their bonds for less than par value the district may retire them first. If no tenders are received or if the tenders submitted are not accepted by the district, the bonds must be called in numerical order and retired at par value.

The refunding program is considered a large advance step in placing the school district on a sound financial basis. It is a program similar to that used by the City of Farmington is successfully reducing its bonded indebtedness.

ERSKINE TO SPEAK AT DETROIT TOWN HALL WEDNESDAY

John Erskine, famous writer, composer, pianist, and authority on such famous strains of history as Eve, Helen of Troy and the Queen of Sheba, will close the 1935-36 Town Hall season in the Fisher Theater, Wednesday morning, April 1.

Mr. Erskine's original engagement was November 6, but he was seriously injured in an automobile crash on his way to Detroit less than an hour before his leaving for Chicago. His Detroit lecture will be the first and only one permitted him by his doctor since the accident.

The influence of Women—and His Curiosity will be his subject. Speaking of his recent book of the same name, the Chicago Daily News says—"A book that makes Schopenhauer sound like a fanatic. Mr. Erskine must be a busy man. His lecture will bring the same Erskine flare for amusing comment and satire to the Town Hall platform, and may explode a few witty bombshells into the very laps of his audience."

Besides being author of such famous books as "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," Mr. Erskine is a distinguished composer and pianist of concert caliber. He appeared at the Grand Central Hotel in a performance of Osgar Gahwilt's, as guest artist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He has been president of the Juillard School of Music, New York, since 1923, and a member of the Board of the Juillard Foundation which helped put the founding Metropolitan Opera Company back on its feet.

Cars in Accident; No One Hurt

Occupants of two cars which were involved in a broadside collision at the west end of the Farmington Outpost Sunday evening escaped injury but both cars were seriously damaged.

An automobile was driven by Floyd Warner who was accompanied by his wife and three children. They were returning to their home in Grand Rapids when the accident occurred at the intersection of the street and the intersection of 6133 Holcomb avenue, Detroit.

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Butterfield Unable To Attend Founder's Day; Gullen Speaks

Several presentations, the repayment of an old debt and an inspiring talk by George E. Gullen of Detroit, all were contributing factors in making the annual Founders' Day of the Farmington Exchange club one of the pleasantest occasions of its kind in recent years.

The program was incomplete only because poor health prevented the attendance of W. D. Butterfield, former mayor of Farmington and founder of the Farmington Exchange club. However, a letter was read by President Paul Pare from Mr. Butterfield, stating that he regretted that he would not be present. A written invitation payment of the bonds, and putting the district on a sound, workable financial basis.

The occasion was not only the anniversary of the Farmington unit but also the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the National organization and is being celebrated throughout the country.

Members of the Birmingham Exchange club were the guests of the club and contributed towards making the occasion so successful.

In recognition of his progress as a mathematician and his tenacity, Mr. Bob Allen of the Birmingham delegation was presented with a specially made bridge score pad by Mayor Howard Warner.

Because of the sleepless nights Mr. Allen has spent trying to find a mistake in the scoring of the last Farmington-Birmingham bridge match, which Mr. Allen scored, he was awarded a prize. He was awarded a prize for his tenacity and his progress as a mathematician.

Mr. Allen, not to be outdone, made a presentation of his own to Arthur Power, Jr. of the Birmingham delegation. Mr. Power was awarded a cigar of Mr. Power to pay a gambling debt contracted as a result of the recent bridge matches and had not repaid the debt as promptly as he had promised. So, Mr. Power was awarded a cigar with lawyers and finally was forced to report the evasion to the Oakland County Sheriff's office.

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WOMAN'S CLUB BANQUET PLANS NEARLY COMPLETE

Final preparations are being made by the Farmington Women's club members for their "Brides of Yesterday" banquet which will be held Tuesday evening at the Salem Evangelical church in honor of their husbands.

Mrs. Meliah Andrews, chairman of the program, announces that tickets are being sold and reservations are being taken by Mrs. Martha Warner, Mrs. M. E. Pierce and herself. All wishing to attend must have reservations made by the end of this week.

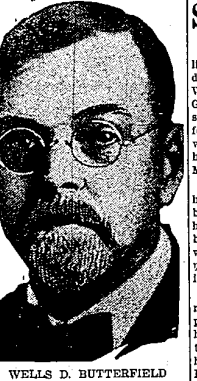
Considerable interest in the banquet has been manifest to date, especially since the nature of the program which is rumored to be of special interest, has not been made public.

Farmington Eastern Stars Hold Meeting

A special meeting of Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S., was held Tuesday evening. A dinner was served in the dining room, the tables being appropriately decorated with spring colors, plants and Easter baskets.

Military degrees were conferred to one candidate. Guests were Mrs. Viola Gorman, Grand Electa of the Grand Chapter of Michigan and Mrs. O. W. High Gate Chapter, Highland Park.

Police Hunt Boy, Missing Since Mar. 18



WELLS D. BUTTERFIELD

Boy Burned In Grass Fire

The first tragedy of what might be called the current grass fire season occurred Friday when twelve year old Donald McIntyre of South Farmington road was trapped in the center of a grass fire and severely burned about the legs.

Playing around the fire, Donald did not notice it spreading and encircling him, and after he made the discovery, the flames were too high and too numerous to brave running through them. He was saved when his screams for help were heard by his uncle, who lives in the neighborhood. By the time he arrived on the scene the boy was wrapped in flames. After firefighters started the fire on the boy's legs, Mr. McIntyre rushed him to his home where he summoned Dr. J. W. Norton of Farmington.

The boy's "high top" shoes were removed. It was found that some of the clothing inside the shoe tops was burning.

Will Recover
Although the burns were of a serious nature and extremely painful, Dr. Norton stated that his ultimate recovery is assured. However, it will be necessary for Donald to remain in bed for some weeks.

Although it has not been determined, it is believed that the boy started the fire as a prank. City officials and members of the department agree that parents should warn their children not to play around grass fires or start them in a prank. What is underbrush and grass in fields being mowed much dirt with each warm day, the danger is heightened. Although it is not always realized, on a windy day grass fires are especially dangerous. It is not uncommon for persons to be completely surrounded before realizing what has happened. The danger of such a situation is more probable with a young person who might be playing a prank or a friend to run through the fire to a place of safety.

BOND SCHOOL GIRLS TO TAKE PART IN COUNTY PROGRAM

The Girls' Sewing club, which is one of the units of the Y-H club organization, of Bond school, under the leadership of Miss Velma Seely, closed a successful year at a meeting on Wednesday night, at the Southfield school at the Achievement Day program. Other units also displayed exhibits and awards were presented.

Four from the Bond school unit will be representatives at the county meeting at Washington Junior high school in Pontiac on Saturday. They are the two honor members, Margaretta and Evelyn Hansen, and Marian Gletzer and Fritellia Davidson will be a part of the style review.

WEST FARMINGTON GIRL DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Violan Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starr, Graham of West Farmington, died at her home on Thirteen Mile road Sunday afternoon, a victim of pneumonia.

Violan was born January 18, 1928 and had attended the West Farmington school and the Walled Lake Baptist Sunday school.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from her home, Rev. V. O. Wilk, pastor of the Walled Lake Baptist church, conducted the services.

Interment was at the North Farmington cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, six brothers, George, Ivan, Arthur, Lloyd, Leon and Starr, Jr., four sisters, Mrs. W. McDonald of Detroit, Vern, Wendis and Donna.

O. E. S. To Hold Card Party Thursday

A card party for the benefit of Farmington Chapter, No. 239, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held in the Masonic Hall on Thursday night, April 2. Mrs. Lena Oldham, Mrs. Clara Page, Mrs. Elmer Perry and Miss Louise Perry will be the hostesses.

BAILEYS RESUME TAP DANCING CLASSES
Announcement is made this week that the Dancing Baileys of Northville have resumed tap dancing classes.