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## Flood Quota Exceeded; \$350 Raised

Exceeding its flood relief quota by three times the amount requested by the American Red Cross, Farmington area residents are opening their pocketbooks as well as their hearts for the millions of flood refugees in the valley of the swollen Ohio River.

On Thursday over \$350 was turned over to Red Cross headquarters by Mrs. John J. Schulte, head of the Farmington chapter of the Red Cross. In addition to the money raised, several truck loads of clothing, gathered from Farmington homes, are on their way to the stricken area for the needs of flood sufferers.

Farmington's original quota was \$25 but this was raised to \$125 Thursday morning when Cary T. Grayson, national chairman of the Red Cross, announced that \$10,000 would be needed for relief purposes instead of the \$2,000, as first requested.

## Money—Not Clothes

At this time the Red Cross needs money instead of clothing. Funds are needed for medical supplies and other needs to prevent the spread of disease in the flood area. Farmington's response is generous beyond all expectations and we are still collecting money. Donations may be left at the Farmington State Bank, The Farmington Enterprise, or at the office of Schulte and Pare. Later announcements will be made concerning the need for clothing.

Mrs. John J. Schulte.

By Thursday morning, however, \$350 had already been collected and pledges from various individuals and organizations substantiated the belief that residents in the Farmington area would set a high example of generosity by giving more than three times the amount requested from the community.

Collection of funds began Tuesday night when volunteer workers for the Red Cross made a house-to-house canvass of the majority of Farmington homes, collecting \$75 in the first two hours of its drive. Miss Mildred Prindle, Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, and others aided in the collection of money amounting during the first part of the drive. Clothing was gathered at the garage of Olla Russell, Inc., by Curtis Hall and his assistants.

City employees spent Wednesday and Thursday morning gathering donations of clothing, which was taken to Red Cross headquarters in Detroit. The clothing and food supplies collected at the Ford garage were taken to the Ford Motor company in Highland Park where they were sorted, crated and shipped to the flood area.

A copy of a telegram received by Mrs. Schulte from Cary T. Grayson stated: "In order to meet hourly increasing need of flood victims in eight states Red Cross calling on people of United States for minimum relief fund of ten million dollars. Stop! Farmers received in adequate millions of men women and children driven from their homes and now depending upon Red Cross for emergency relief including food shelter bedding clothing and general necessities. In view of weather in many flooded sections and suffering of refugees and greatly increased need for instant relief Stop! Feel sure people your community will wish to aid promptly and generously you to take immediate action also your chapter quota of 125 dollars." Cary T. Grayson, chairman.

On Friday night, January 29, Mrs. Martha Pauline, Mrs. Hazel Hogarth, Mrs. Lena Oshman, Mrs. George Walters and Miss Violet Walters will attend a school of instruction at the Northville chapter of the O. E. S., at the invitation of Miss Margaret Bryan, worthy matron of the Northville chapter, that was attended when she was a member of the special meeting of the Farmington chapter on Tuesday evening. At this meeting two candidates were initiated.

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## Proposes Impounding Cars To Cut Deaths By Drunk Drivers



JUDGE JOHN J. SCHULTE

## President's Ball Attracts Many

Final arrangements were completed Thursday morning for Farmington township and city's Birthday Ball for the President at Botsford Tavern on Thursday evening. Expectations that an unusually large crowd would attend the ball were based on the many tickets which were sold previous to the dance. The ticket sale was limited to 100 as that is the maximum number of couples that can be accommodated in the hall.

Headed by Paul A. Pare, the members of the joint committee selling tickets are Howard Warner, Robert Burns, Hyman Levinson, Fred Wilkinson, Albert Koss, J. J. Smith, Spencer Heenev and Norman Lee.

On the reception committee for the dance are Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Becker, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Heenev and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss.

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. FRED COOK

Mrs. Fred Cook will be hostess at the next meeting of the Farmington Women's Club on Wednesday, February 10. The topic is "Great American Sculptors and Their Work." Mrs. Lotta Dalrymple is in charge of the program. The roll call will be responded to by art notes.

The club met with Mrs. Mary Johnson on Wednesday afternoon. At Mrs. Florence Lee, chairman, was absent due to illness, Miss Meriah Andrews, who was the other member responsible for the day's program, introduced those from the Farmington High School who were to give the program. Mary Power rendered a trombone solo, "The Song of an Evening Star" by Tannhauser; and Ernest H. Miller, who substituted for Dale Barr, who is ill with the mumps, gave the affirmative; and George and Paul Pare, Jr., on the negative. Each side of the question was well handled, and the club appreciated the opportunity to listen to the high school debaters.

At the high school debate, Walter Weaver, who is debating coach at the high school, then introduced the debate on the question: Resolved: That the electric power in the United States should be governmentally owned and operated. He introduced the debaters, Roger Walker and Leon Roberson, who will be present and will tell interesting stories of his life. At the conclusion of this part of the program the World Wide Guild girls will be initiated into the Guild and take the name of the World Wide Guild.

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Impounding the cars of drunk drivers is the best means available to curb the rising toll of auto deaths, is the belief of Judge John J. Schulte who is asking Oakland County's legislators to propose an amendment to state law, giving justice courts the power to impose additional punishment to drunk drivers.

"It is a matter of common knowledge that there are many drivers on the road today, who, although their licenses have been taken away from them because of conviction on a charge of driving while drunk, are using their automobiles daily and menacing more lives," Judge Schulte declares.

"I believe that the best way to stop this slaughter by drunk drivers is to impound their cars for 100 days and fine them \$100. By keeping them off the road, we will have fewer deaths in Michigan as the result of trying to mix alcohol and gasoline."

At present the usual time for driving while drunk is 90 days in jail and the revoking of the license for a period of one year, a means which Judge Schulte believes is too lax.

"It has been proposed to make a felony on conviction of such a charge but I think this is a little too harsh. To brand a man a felon is serious. Sometimes the police are a little over-zealous in his arrest. In that case, to make a man a felon when he actually wasn't drunk while driving wouldn't be satisfactory."

"I think though, that the state legislature should make it mandatory for the car to be taken away from all drivers who are convicted on the charge of being intoxicated while driving. Perhaps it would help to bring an end to the rising death toll on Michigan's highways."

## LAST RITES HELD FOR MISS CLARA ROBERTSON

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Heenev Funeral Home for Miss Clara Robertson, 23 years old, of Union Lake, who died of blood poisoning at the Contagious Hospital in Pontiac on Friday. The body was taken to Defiance, Ohio, the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robertson, for burial. A brother, Philip Robertson, lives at the corner of Maple and Jackson Roads.

Rev. Albert Bass of Detroit and Rev. Wik of Walpole Lake officiated at the service.

## Baptist Church to Hold Fellowship Nights

On Friday night, January 29, the Farmington Baptist Church will be the scene of Fellowship Nights, to which Rev. Gilbert Miles invited the people of the community. The first program is called "Minnie E. Wilbur Night," when a memorial service will be held in the memory of Miss Minnie E. Wilbur, who for many years was an active member of the church.

A pot-luck supper will be served at 6:30, followed by a candle light service conducted by the World Wide Guild girls, of whom there will be in foreign countries. Some of the former members of the church, including Rev. E. W. Palmer and his family, and some of the older members who knew Mrs. Roberson, will be present and will tell interesting stories of his life. At the conclusion of this part of the program the World Wide Guild girls will be initiated into the Guild and take the name of the World Wide Guild.

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## Scout District Chairman



Joseph Himmelsbach is one of the three district chairmen of the newly formed Clinton Valley Area Council of Boy Scouts. It was voted at the annual meeting of the Oakland Area Scout Council held in Pontiac Friday to include the northern portion of Macomb county in the new division to be known as the Clinton Valley Area Council of Boy Scouts. Dr. Paul F. Voelker, president of Grand Rapids College of Applied Science, previously state Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the speaker. Serving with Mr. Himmelsbach as district chairmen will be George Martin of Rochester and Robert Unger of Oxford.

## FORMER RESIDENT REQUESTS REPORT ON BLACK LEGION

Of particular interest to residents of the Farmington area is the activity of Rev. J. H. Bollens, former resident, who, as chairman of the Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights, this week called on Judge Paul Gadola of Genesee County for a report on the Judge's Grand Jury investigation of the Black Legion.

Rev. Bollens, whose father was pastor of the Salem Evangelical Church in Farmington for many years, spent his childhood and young manhood in Farmington and has relatives and many friends in this area. Since accepting the pastorate of a Detroit church, Rev. Bollens has been active in liberal affairs and in investigations of oppressive societies such as the Black Legion.

Rev. Bollens is chairman of the conference, which consists of 311 Michigan farm, labor, church, fraternal and civic organizations. His request of Judge Gadola for the publication of the report of the Grand Jury investigation of Black Legion activities is as follows: "Honorable Paul Gadola, Judge of the Circuit Court, Flint, Michigan.

Dear Sir: Several months ago you undertook a Grand Jury investigation concerning the Black Legion. To our knowledge, there has, as yet, been no report issued on the results of this action.

There has been and still is great interest in this matter, not only in the city and state, but throughout the country. The publication of the report would therefore be welcomed by everyone interested in the preservation of democracy and constitutional rights.

We would greatly appreciate advice from you as to when the Grand Jury report will be forthcoming.

Yours truly, Conference for the Protection of Civil Rights, (signed) Rev. J. H. Bollens, Chairman.

## "Sit-Down Strike" Is Exchange Club Topic

A round-table discussion on various phases of the "sit-down" strike in the automobile industry was held at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club. Arthur Power was general chairman of the program.

It was decided to include in future programs of the club the speaker-discussion type of program, civic and local program discussions, and musical programs.

## MANY ATTEND BRIDGE LUNCHEON

The bridge-luncheon held at Our Lady of Sorrows parochial school was held at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club. Arthur Power was general chairman of the program. It was decided to include in future programs of the club the speaker-discussion type of program, civic and local program discussions, and musical programs.

## Hears From Flood Victims; Children Aid With Pennies

The first direct communication from victims of the Ohio River flood was received in Farmington Thursday morning from relatives of Mrs. Katie Myers who is employed in the restaurant of Mrs. Gus Pappas in Farmington.

On a postcard, Mrs. Myers related the following message: "Guess you have read of the terrible flood in Louisville. We were all shipped in box cars, some of us to Salem, Indiana. We are sleeping in the Army and the people of Salem are feeding them. The only thing we have left is in one suitcase. The water was over all the roofs on Michigan avenue (Louisville) where we used to live. Your daddy had another stroke in the box car. We thought he was dead. If you want to write, he is in care of the Army in Salem, Indiana."

## Unusual Primers Aid Students

"Reading, 'Hitting, and 'Rithmetic"—the studies of the three R's still form a major portion of the day's work for beginning students in the Farmington school. But gone is the old-fashioned primer, and in its stead have come new and fascinating books designed to make the studies interesting as well as instructive.

Children in the kindergarten and first grade of the Farmington school are discovering that the first of the three R's—reading—is probably the most interesting thing in their school day. The reason for this enthusiasm on their part is the use of a new type of primer now being used in the Farmington school.

New this year, the book appeals to grow-ups as well as to youngsters. Each page is gayly illustrated with pictures of characters in the stories told. Children are particularly delighted with the duck, whose comical antics, expressions of fear, shock, happiness and hunger, according to the story.

In addition to the life-like pictures in the primer, a further attraction is the definite plot around which all of the stories are built. Characters are introduced to the students, complications in the plot add to the increasing interest until the end of the short story when all ends well and they "live happily ever after."

There are two pre-imprimers and three primers in the series. Students discover that each character in the stories is the same age and has the same interests as does the reader. As the young pupil progresses from kindergarten to the first grade, he finds that his friend in his primer are the same as those in his pre-primers but they too have grown one year older.

That the experiment with the new type of primer is successful is shown by the fact that the reading supervisor of the Detroit Elementary schools, after making a visit to the school this week, is considering incorporating the plan into the Detroit school system.

Miss Donna Plimpton, kindergarten teacher, has charge of the group. The classes of Miss Joan Wendergem and Mrs. Otis were also visited by the supervisor who made at this time the Farmington school is much advanced in comparison with the Detroit groups of the same grades.

## Redford Fair Group to Try Rail-Splitting

Those belonging to Ye Olde Redford Fair Group or friends who are interested in the fact that the reading supervisor of the Detroit Elementary schools, after making a visit to the school this week, is considering incorporating the plan into the Detroit school system.

Another social event is being planned by the group. The sponsor of rail-splitting contest on the south bank of River Rouge on Beech Road, between Nine and Ten Mile Roads at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, February 13.

Corrected information has been received by The Enterprise concerning the new officers of societies of Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Roger Guerin is president of the Holy Name Society. Vincent Beckley is vice-president of the Holy Name Society. Vincent Beckley is secretary, and Dewey Willford is treasurer. The Ushers club is headed by Roger Guerin as president; Jack Sterling as vice-president, Jack De Milo as secretary and Philip Gagner as treasurer.

## City Buys Back \$5,000 More Bonds

Reducing the municipal debt for the second time within a year by means of purchasing some of its own recently-issued refunding bonds, City of Farmington's bonded indebtedness is now \$60,000 following the retirement this week of bonds amounting to \$5,000.

Approximately \$1,050 of interest will be saved in the next seven years. The bonds were to mature in 1943 and represent the total amount scheduled to be retired in that year.

The actual purchase price of the bonds amounted to \$5,075.50, the additional cost representing a proportionate share of the premium paid by the refunding company when it purchased the issue from the city and other minor expenses entailed. This amount, however, will be saved in six months as there will be no interest to pay on the bonds.

All of the purchase was made out of current funds in the city treasury. Operating expenses of the city average \$225 monthly, according to estimates made by City Treasurer George Gildemeister. Before the purchase of the bonds was made there was a balance of \$16,185 in the city treasury, which gave the needed surplus over the approximate \$16,000 necessary for municipal expenses during the remaining five months of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1937.

An additional \$5,000 is expected to be paid to the city before the fiscal year is over. Treasurer Gildemeister estimates. Approximately \$500 a month accrues to the city in delinquent taxes and there are two water collections remaining which will total approximately \$3,600.

In September of 1936 City of Farmington purchased the first group of its own bonds, saving \$1,800 during the next 12 years. The bonds were to mature before the year 1943, the maturing bonds amounting to \$5,000.

## BRIGHTON IS FARMINGTON'S NEXT OPPONENT

The Brighton girls return to Farmington Friday night for their second game of the season with the blue and white high school team. Outclassed here in their first game of the season, Brighton has failed to win a single game in the league. However, they are reported to be much improved and several weeks ago they gave the strong Milford team a good race. They led Milford, however, the route and Milford took Farmington's team last week. The Brighton team is big and rangy but it is hampered by lack of a suitable gymnasium even more than the Farmington team.

The Farmington team lost a hard game at Milford and with it went all but their last chance for a piece of the league championship. They will need to win every game from now on to tie for the title. To do this will mean that they will have to defeat Keegoons, Milford, and Milford, all tall, rugged teams who come to Farmington for games where their height gives them a decided advantage on the small playing floor.

The game at Milford was hard fought and the blue and white played without the benefit of the "breaks" of the game. At the beginning, Ralph Banfield, regular center, was in bed with the flu and Louis Newlin, who had recovered completely from the same trouble, then, with the team beginning to click and leading at the end of the first period 7 to 2, Howard Turner went out on fouls before the second period was more than a minute old. The loss proved fatal as the team began to lose ground. They still led 8 to 7 at the half but Milford jumped into the lead immediately in the third period and began to pile up a lead.

However, the smaller Farmington team kept fighting back and the patched line-up began to function toward the end of this period and in the latter stages of the game made a determined rally to cut a 24-10 lead. Milford lead to two points. The play continued but they might easily have won but the end came too soon for the hard-fighting team.

Dewayne Hoffman led the attack with 15 points, being high guest mark of the game. Louis Newlin showed a recovery of form, also. The team began to work better after his insertion into the line-up early in the second half. (Final score was 28 to 30 for Farmington.)

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## MRS. ALICE JONES NOVI RESIDENT TAKEN BY DEATH

Arrangements were completed Wednesday for the funeral services Thursday of Mrs. Alice Jones, 85, who died at the home of a relative, Mrs. Paul Ware, at Plymouth on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Jones lived at Novi for many years until about five years ago when she moved to Plymouth. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Fred Durfee of Novi; a son, Buddington Jones who lives at Portland, Oregon; and a step-son, Jordan Jones, who lives on the home-stead farm on Twelve Mile Road. The funeral was held at the Schrader Funeral Home in Northville. Burial was in the Novi cemetery.

## Girl Reserves Entertain Woman's Club

Edith Kohn, Betty Mitchell and Edna Coyne were the reception committee for the Girl's Reserve that greeted the ladies of the Farmington Women's Club, when the Girl's Reserve of 36 members entertained the Women's Club in the basement room of the high school on Monday afternoon.

During a brief business meeting, the girls repeated in unison, their pledge, and their slogan; and they sang their club song. Mrs. Gilbert Miles told of her pleasant experience with the Girl's Reserve, which is a "Young Sister" organization of the Young Women's Christian Association. She told how other reserves are followed by the gleam. The meeting was closed by the organization prayer.

A delightful play, splendidly done, entitled "Lunch in the Suburbs," was given by eleven of the girls. The ladies were invited to the 7th grade room where tea was served. Among the girls helping to serve were Ruth Kripko, Velma Woodly, Phyllis Martin, Lorraine Reed, Gladys and Margaret Scudard, Betty Newlin, Vernice Van Marter and Virginia Dietrich.

## MRS. ROSS HONORED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Pebe Ross was the honor guest at the general meeting of the Methodist Ladies Aid held at the home of Mrs. William Eckler, on Thursday afternoon. A birthday cake and many gifts, in honor of Mrs. Ross's 84th birthday, made the day an especially pleasant one.