

Question Box

(Editor's Note: In cooperation with the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, the Enterprise presents the first in a series of questions and answers on job insurance. This installment will deal with some of the questions now being asked by the 1,000,000 workers covered by the law. Workers of Farmington are invited to submit questions either to this newspaper or to the Information Service of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, 814 Fox Building, Detroit. The next installment in this series will answer some of the questions being asked by employers.)

1. What is unemployment compensation?
2. Is the payment of benefits to the only way unemployed workers are helped by the Michigan Unemployment Compensation law?
3. No, the law endeavors to stabilize employment and to provide new employment for the unemployed through the agency of the Michigan State Employment Service, a Commission division.
4. What does the worker gain by the establishment of this law?
5. The payment of benefits enhances the worker's sense of security and thus promotes morale. His receipt of these benefits permits him to maintain his purchasing power at a certain level, thus reducing the cost of relief and the cost of taxes. The maintenance of purchasing power stimulates business and puts a brake on depressions.
6. Are all workers in Michigan covered by the law?
7. Only workers in certain occupations employed by an organization or employer having eight or more workers employed during 20 different weeks of the year.
8. What are the occupations excluded from coverage by the law?
9. Agricultural work, Domestic Service in private homes, Service as an officer or member of the crew on a vessel on the navigable waters of the U. S. Service performed in the employ of a son, daughter, or spouse. Service performed by a child under 21 in the employ of a father or mother. Service performed for federal, state, county, or municipal governments.
10. Service performed for non-profit organizations formed and operated for charitable purposes.
11. Who pays for unemployment compensation?
12. Only the employer pays. The employer pays a contribution of three percent on the wages paid to all of his employees during the year.
13. When will the first claims for benefits be accepted by the Commission?
14. On and after July 1st, 1938. First payments will not be made until approximately one month later.
15. How much compensation will a totally unemployed worker be entitled to receive if he is unemployed after that date?
16. The rate of compensation amounts to approximately one half of the worker's past average weekly wage, but will not exceed a maximum of \$16 a week, for a maximum of 16 weeks in any one year.
17. How much must the worker have earned to be eligible for benefits?
18. The worker must have earned at least \$50 in each of three quarters since July 1st, 1937.
19. How is the weekly benefit rate computed?
20. The weekly benefit rate is four percent of the worker's earnings in the calendar quarter since July 1st, 1937, during which he earned the highest amount. Example: A worker earns \$250 in the first quarter, \$300 in the second quarter and \$400 in the third quarter. His benefit rate will be four percent of the \$400, or the maximum of \$16.

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Scout News

The big event of the week for the Scouts of Farmington was the birthday party Tuesday. The Girl and Boy Scouts both had birthday parties in March and it seemed fitting that they should combine to make the party a success.

At 6:30 p. m. 50 boys and girls and 51 adults ate a planned pot-luck dinner. All but one or two boys (no names mentioned) had all they could eat of good food.

After the dinner parents and Scouts gathered in Community Hall where they had a chance to get acquainted with each other under the leadership of John W. Hunt, our neighborhood commissioner, who introduced Harold Jacobson of Pontiac, Commissioner of the Oakland Circle District.

Mrs. Homer Arnett, wife of Troop 15 Scoutmaster, returned from Ann Arbor in time to play the piano for the group singing. The boys furnished more volume but the girls furnished the melody. The parents carried their part well, too. During the regular program the Boy Scouts gave a color ceremony as an opening signal of welcome to the parents, information about the organization was portrayed, scouting father the value of scouting for girls. While all the girls took part in the play, the father was played by Miss Dorothy Goers and the daughter by Elaine Arnett. During the play Miss Elaine received her Tenderfoot pin and membership card, making her a regular Girl Scout.

Miss Erickson, who assists Mrs. Cole, Girl Scout leader, announced the numbers on the program. The party closed with the Scout Benediction and a song used by Troop 45. Jack Samuelson and Susan Slocum blew taps.

We wish to thank the leaders, fathers, mothers and friends who made the party successful and worthwhile. Special thanks to those in the kitchen.

Following the regular meeting of Troop 15 Monday night a court of review was held. Three members of Troop 45 of the Bond school presented applications for merit badges. They are Jack Simpson, merit badge in cooking; Ralph

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Wilson, first class merit badge in fishing; Ted Leonard on Eagle Scout who is working for the Palm, merit badge in reading.

Troop 45 took the advancement trophy because they had more points in advancement than Troop 15. Troop 45, get busy and regain the trophy.

Seven members of Troop 45 went to Redford High to use the swimming pool Friday night. Scouts must show their registration cards and take their own towels and soap. The period from 7 to 8 o'clock is for beginners, 8 to 9 for advanced swimmers and 9 to 10 for life saving candidates. See your Scoutmaster for further information.

Four members of the Troop took a hike Saturday, cooking their own dinners, looking for Spring plants, birds, and playing games.

Bank Robbery

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Farmington bank. Police say he was identified Tuesday morning as one of the bandits by Deputy De-Vriendt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Kalkreuth, cashier and teller in the bank, Charles Lee and Francis Davis, who saw the bandits' escape, and Miss Ruth McDowell, school teacher, who entered while the bandits were robbing the bank.

According to police, Mrs. Kalkreuth identified McDonald as the man in the felt hat who entered the savings gate into Mr. Kalkreuth's office. He went around the counter and told her to lie down on the floor. Miss McDowell, authorities say, confirmed the identification.

Mrs. Kalkreuth is said by police to have identified McDonald as the man who went to the directors' room in the rear of the bank where he and Mrs. Arville Tripp, clerk, were eating lunch, forcing them to enter the lobby and recline on the floor.

In Town During Rush

Officer DeVriendt declares McDonald is one of the men who were in town two or three days during the license plate manhunt at the branch office of the Secretary of State in the Peoples State Bank building. DeVriendt said he expected the men to "pull a job" at the State office and kept watch. He also noted the license plates of the 1936 black Chevrolet sedan they drove.

A similar sedan was found abandoned by the bandits on Farmington Road south of Five Mile Road shortly after the bank hold-up. The license plates had been removed, and Officer DeVriendt believes that when a certain red-wheeled Plymouth is found, the tags will carry the same number as those which were on the Chevrolet when DeVriendt saw it late in February.

Car Collide

The Plymouth is said to be the vehicle the robbers used after they abandoned the first car. A few minutes before the robbery several persons along Grand River near Grove street saw a Chevrolet and a Plymouth moving rapidly west on Grand River. The car ahead swung left to head down Grove and the machine behind side-swiped it. The driver alighted to see the results of the collision, but finding the damage was slight, continued. Police are sure all three men were known to each other and were the robbers, as the drivers did not argue about the collision, indicating they were going to the same place.

It is the theory of police that the automobile containing two men was driven through Grove and Orchard streets and up Farmington Road to the corner, in order to assure the two occupants of a parking place on either Farmington Road or Grand River near the door of the bank; and that meanwhile the man in the other machine drove slowly west along Grand River and parked near the corner on the opposite side, thus "covering" the entrance of the bank while the other two were carrying out the robbery.

Following the hold-up, the two who went in the bank are believed to have driven down Grand River only as far as Grove street, there turned in and doubled back over Grove and Orchard streets to Farmington Road and then south to Five Mile. Meanwhile the driver car is believed to have been driven straight down Farmington Road to meet the other at the spot where the get-away machine was abandoned.

Witnesses of the accident said that a man in a felt hat had a white cloth, either a handkerchief or a handkerchief, under his hat at the time. The driver wore a cap and a dark overcoat, the witnesses said. No trace has been found of the driver of the second car.

Both vehicles were reported stolen in Detroit February 17.

Baronowski, who is also an ex-convict according to police, is McDonald's room-mate, DeVriendt said. He was arrested about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Officer DeVriendt and others are said to have identified him as "the other man" who wore a cap and a dark overcoat and guarded the door of the bank during the robbery.

Noon Slept

Only Mrs. Kalkreuth was in the front part of the bank when the bandits entered. She was cashing a check for Robert Stewart, grade school principal, and both were forced to lie on the floor. When Mrs. Tripp and Mr. Kalkreuth entered had been brought in and reclined also, the bandits began scooping currency from the tills, making no attempt to ransack the drawers. During the proceeding Miss McDowell and George Wolfgang, Detroit News distributor, came into the bank and were forced to take their places on the floor. Wolfgang came in carrying a wallet with \$157 for deposit. He was met with the salutation: "I'll take that."

Byron Lapham, assistant cashier, saved himself a suit cleaning bill by being out to lunch.

The bank had a check from its surety company within four hours after the robbery, covering the loss in full. Questioning by the State police and a "G-man" necessitated

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suspension of business for the afternoon, while fingerprinting and other information was sought.

Friday's hold-up immediately revived memories of the Farmington bank robbery of 1926. The bandits then escaped with \$10,000 in cash and \$50,000 in bonds taken from the vault. They were seen and shot at by Ben Meyers and others. They eluded pursuers, however. A gang later were arrested and tried, but conviction was not obtained.

Mrs. Glen Cargill entertained at luncheon at Dearborn Inn last Wednesday.

Mrs. Byron Lapham and son Richard attended a baby party in Redford, Tuesday afternoon.

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