

# The Farmington Enterprise

## \$27,962 Granted For Town Hall

Word was received from Washington last week that a \$27,962 WPA grant for the construction of a town hall has been received by the Township. Whether this will be used, depends upon the wishes of the voters as they will be held on at the April 3 election.

Night before the grant was announced, the Township board was holding its regular monthly meeting. Mr. E. J. Darling, of the firm Lydon and Smith, architects for the proposed town hall, attended and read a letter he had received from Washington. According to the WPA officials in Washington to show the completed plans for the building before the grant could be made. The cost of these plans, Mr. Lydon said would be \$1,000.

Walter Headler made a motion that the money be provided instead of waiting until April to put the question before the voters. Supervisor Arthur Coe supported the motion, but it was defeated. It was erroneously stated in last week's Enterprise that the motion to pay the \$1,000 was supported. Another motion providing for a vote April 3 on the question of whether the township should raise \$18,000 as its share of a town hall was passed unanimously.

Application for the grant was made last June. It passed through the Flint and Lansing offices of the WPA before being sent to Washington. Since it was made the Township's committee on sites has obtained options on five prospective sites for the proposed building. They were submitted to the board without recommendation and are: the south side of Ten Mile road, 999 feet west of Middle belt road; the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Middle belt roads; two acres of the Fred Staman property facing Orchard Lake road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads; one acre across north of the Fred Staman property; also facing Orchard Lake road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads and the southeast corner of Eleven Mile road and Orchard Lake road.

## Fire Destroys Brooder Owned By La Blanc

Flames probably started by a heating device destroyed Raymond La Blanc's chicken brooder and several hundred chickens Saturday morning. When the Township fire apparatus arrived, the fire had burned the recently built two story structure.

## Fred Maas Awarded \$50 Safety Prize

Fred Maas of 3706 Macomb was found stopping for through highways and signaling turns with a vengeance these days, for last week he won \$50 for being a careful driver. It is to be hoped, however, that John Kroecker of 3102 S. Silvassee has not taken it as an open court of action, for he failed to qualify for the \$50 award. The Safety League is sponsored by a gasoline company, and each week it awards prizes for the best drivers. Those who are spotted for their excellence by unnoted observers. To be eligible for an award, you must have a card from Bill White's service station or from Hi-Speed station, but no purchase is necessary to obtain such a card. Mr. Maas fortunately had his card.

## Life Long Resident, Alice Tuttle, Dies

Mrs. Alice Tuttle died Saturday at an 81-year-old age. She was the widow of the late Herbert H. Tuttle. Before her marriage she was Miss Alice Ryel and was a life-long resident of Farmington. She was the daughter, Mrs. Ruth F. Tuttle at home and a sister, Mrs. Amelia Bennett of Farmington. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Methodist church of Farmington, with interment in Waller Lake cemetery.

## Prof. Benny Goodman Aids In High School Typing Class

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the training given in high school in order to prepare for the office.

Benny Goodman and his orchestra are helping Farmington students to learn to typewrite. John Phillip Sousa is called on for help, too.

"Because rhythm is an important part of good typewriting technique, we try to cultivate it in our students," says Lydon, high school typewriting instructor. "By playing phonograph records as they type their exercises, and requiring them to type in time with the orchestra, whether it is Benny Goodman or Arthur Pryor's, we find that a sense of rhythm often can be brought out and cultivated," Mr. Rohrer says.

Starting out on typewriters that do not have the letters marked on the keyboard, the students are taught how to manipulate the carriage.

## "Broken Dishes" On Next Week

Domestic problems of the Bundsteads, a typical mid-western family, is the subject of this year's senior play, "Broken Dishes," which will be staged Thursday and Friday in the Town Hall.

Dick Reid is playing the role of Cyrus Bundstead, a father who wants his daughter's love affairs to be handled by the family. His wife, who cherishes somewhat different ideas on the subject, is being played by Evelyn Miller Friday night, and Arlene Ross, Thursday.

Directed by the three daughters will be played by Marjorie Workford, Theresa Himmelspach, and Lauraine Dwyer; Thursday, Dorothy Johnson, Virginia Fisher, and Lauraine Dwyer. Other members of the cast are: Harold Aldrich, Russel Buck, Dick Brown, Alfred Erwin, Joseph Noxon and Edward Maas. Grace McKay is directing the play.

Directed by the class as general chairman is Don Coolman. The scenery for the play is being constructed by Bob Snyder, Bill Barons and Harold Aldrich, members of the senior class.

Advertising is being done by a committee under the supervision of Anton Ewer, senior class sponsor. Jeanne Adids and Bob Peterson are in charge of the committee.

The financial part of the play is being handled by Miss Adids, under the supervision of Lynn Rohrer, commercial teacher. The committee on properties is made up of: Retta Alfred Erwin, Audrey Brate, Margaret Brodel and Henrietta Miner. The lighting for "Broken Dishes" is being handled by Bob Hohe, Ernest Rowe and Jack Sherman.

Tickets for the play are 35 cents, and the proceeds will be used for senior class activities. There will be a matinee Thursday.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Republican Party will be held March 7, 1939 at 6:30 at the Birmingham Community House. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the business meeting will follow. A member of the Staff of the American National Red Cross will be in attendance at this meeting.

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place, insert paper and take it out before they know what the keys are. After a week or so, they are shown a diagram of the keyboard, and on the basis of what they learn from this they are taught to stroke. Stroking is learned with the carriage locked and no paper in the typewriter.

No "and" When they begin to type for the first time, in sentences and not combinations of letters like, "and jell." Significantly, "All is well," is their first sentence. From this they embrace the whole alphabet, the numbers and various figures on the keyboard.

When his class has the feel of the keyboard, Mr. Rohrer teaches them words and types along with them on a typewriter. These are used in sentences and music is introduced to bring out rhythm in their stroking. A portable phonograph is used, and the little typewriter is filled with music ballads, popular ditties and popular ballads played against the background of clacking typewriters.

"This is the first year we have used music as an aid to teaching typing. It is not only because it provides a tempo, but because it makes the process of learning a more enjoyable one, which is equally desirable," Mr. Rohrer comments.

Girls are usually better typists, their instructor finds, and he explains this by saying they are more accustomed to work that develops manual dexterity and is adapted to the operation of a typewriter. Boys, on the other hand, are used to doing things that require a grosser movement of the arms, hands and fingers. Girls are often more conscientious, too, he finds, for many of them are expecting to earn their living by typing, whereas many of the boys it will serve merely as an adjunct to some line of business activity.

Another new teaching technique besides the use of music, is the use of words and sentences at the beginning of the course, instead of the usual combinations of letters. This is a better method, Mr. Rohrer says, because it develops behavior patterns enabling the student to type something of use. He is striving to concentrate on each letter, increased speed and accuracy result.

Typewriting is a two year course in the high school and students are not permitted to take it until they reach the eleventh grade. Some may enter sooner, it is possible to drop out of the course at the end of the first year, but many of those who are less competent in typing do.

Part of the training in typewriting is in copying letters. Students learn the correct form and use of the keys. They are also taught to type in form and accuracy. For this reason, neatness and speed are emphasized by Mr. Rohrer.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE SPRING CARNIVAL ON MARCH 13, 14

Final plans have been completed for the Merchants' Display and Spring Carnival sponsored by the Epworth League of the Methodist Church and the dates set as March 13 and 14.

The entire Community Hall and basement of the church are being used, and 18 business firms have taken agencies and will set up displays. They will have booths in which to advertise their products and they range from auto dealers to shoe repairing. The League will have on both of its own where ice cream, hot dogs, candy and baked goods will be sold. Besides these, they will have a shooting gallery, fortune teller, and a booth for the Epworth League. Both Boy and Girl Scouts will have space and another unusual attraction will be the League Peace Booth, by which they will tell the community how they are doing in this important topic of the day.

The carnival will be open to the public from 4 to 10 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14 and the League solicits your patronage.

## Petitioning Under Way In City

White Township office seekers are bustling about in search of votes for their primary election Monday, the City's would-be office holders are indulging in a milder type of political activity; circulating petitions. Indications this week are that the office of treasurer would be the only one affording any contest.

Reportedly circulating petitions for this office are Mrs. Harold E. Fowler, Carl Fogle and the incumbent, George Gidensmeyer. The city treasurer has a term of two years and receives a salary of \$720 a year.

## Kronk's 'State of Industry' Tendered A Cool Reception

That Oakland and Wayne counties are not represented in the State legislature in proportion to their populations or tax receipts has been the object of complaints and proposed reforms ever since the growth of the automobile industry pushed Detroit into the megapolis class. Latest of these is Detroit Congressman John Kronk's proposal to separate Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, Macomb and Monroe counties from the State.

Wayne County contains but 1.1 per cent of the land area of the State, has 38 per cent of the population; it pays more than half of the State taxes, has only seven of the State's 32 senators, 21 of the State's 40 representatives, and a disproportionate portion, Councilman Kronk says in support of his plan, "there is a complete refusal of the rural State legislature to recognize Detroit and Wayne County as anything other than sources of money to be spent out-State."

Much publicity, but little of it favorable, has been accorded the State of Industry. Most damning is the fact that the plan was received thumbs down by Lansing's politicians, and was tendered a reception almost as cool by the University of Michigan's authority on state, county and municipal government, Prof. Arthur W. Bromage.

Bromage's View Professor Bromage, who recently served on the reform Governor Murphy's Commission on Reform and Modernization of State Government, withheld his opinion as to the fairness of the proposal, according to an interview published in the Michigan Daily. He believes, however, that more than a generation must go by before the contours of the Michigan mitten will be disturbed by any ordinary methods. "That it is difficult to change the representation as it exists, is suggested by the failure of an amendment proposed in 1932 by Initiative and referendum to strike compromise by making control of the senate rural, control of the house urban."

Chicago has been the subject of a plan similar to Kronk's State of Industry. Prof. Charles Merriam of the University of Chicago has advocated it for years, but again inertia must be overcome and it may take a generation or so to do it. Bromage believes. Not only Detroit and Chicago, but many a large U. S. city holds similar grievances against its state legislature, because on the basis of the 1929 census. Bromage states, there are 95 metropolitan areas with 45 per cent of the U. S.'s population, only 12 per cent of the land area.

Indignant Senators from Wayne County had the following lead into the Journal of the Senate last week: "It is of course the prerogative of any person or persons seeking publicity to propose any ridiculous scheme, but we feel that the statements to the effect that all of Michigan except the metropolitan area of Detroit is 'low country' and that the legislators from such districts are opposed to the best interests and welfare of the people of Wayne County is the result of either personal malice or gross ignorance."

Bromage mechanically observes that another plan, identically opposed to the "city-state" plan has for years been sponsored by various groups. Chief advocate is Prof. W. Y. Elliott of Harvard University, instead of creating more states, Bromage says, this plan calls for the consolidation of the 48 states into 12 geographical districts in which the metropolitan industrial areas contribute generously to the maintenance of the whole region. Others interested in this scheme: Franklin Roosevelt, Henry Ford.

## PLATES SOLD AT THOUSAND A DAY BY LOCAL OFFICE

Farmington's secretary of state branch office Monday and Tuesday experienced the greatest rush it has ever had when more than a thousand plates were sold each day to motorists who waited in the last 18 hours in which to buy them. At times the line extended 50 feet in front of the office, but at no time was it necessary to wait more than an hour to get plates, according to V. R. Blakeslee, manager of the branch.

A week ago Monday, approximately 100 prudent motorists, waiting for their plates, were out of the office window. As the week advanced, the queue became longer. A window was opened to take care of the rush which generally occurred at the office. Peril rolls played first violin, Jeno Antal plays second violin, Ferenc Molnar, viola, and Janos Scholtz, cello. They first made their bow to American audiences in 1928 at the Chamber Music Festival at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, under the auspices of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.

The Quartet is made up of four distinguished artists. Each a virtuoso in his own line, but as a Quartet, merging into an ensemble which critic generally concede to be unsurpassed. Feri rolls played first violin, Jeno Antal plays second violin, Ferenc Molnar, viola, and Janos Scholtz, cello. They first made their bow to American audiences in 1928 at the Chamber Music Festival at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, under the auspices of Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge.

The Quartet has prepared a particularly beautiful and varied program for their Hill Auditorium performance.

## Township Primaries On Monday

Township voters go to the polls Monday after what observers say has been one of the most active pre-primary campaigns the Township has ever had. Every office, except commissioner of highways will be contested on the Republican ticket, two candidates appear on the Democratic ballot.

Entering the political arena for the first time in several years, Isaac Bond opposes the incumbent, Arthur Coe, for supervisor. A stiff contest is anticipated. Democratic candidate for the job is William Kileen who will need one vote to put his name on the general election ballot April 3.

Clark Harry McCracken faces Herbert Earle and William LaForsie in the clerk race; and Treasurer Loreta Cox is opposed by Clayton Gores, Carl Smith and George Lee. Joseph Graham is the single Republican candidate for commissioner of highways and Charles Henshaw is the lone Republican candidate for the board of review. Walter Headler and Harry Shafer are running for justice of the peace on the Republican ticket and Frank Pare is the single Democratic candidate.

Running for constable on the Republican ticket are Louis Hensch, Allen W. Vandercor, and Grant Heifler.

## Two Precincts

Voting will be done in two precincts. One is in the Town Hall in Farmington City; the other is in the Welfare store at 2824 Grand River. They will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

With the formation of the Township Civic Association early this year, new U. C. candidates in the Association's activities has been the lack of water in the Township. The town hall question has received a lot of attention, too.

In Livonia Township in Wayne County, Supervisor Jesse Ziegler and Clerk Harry S. Wolfe are unopposed on the Republican ticket. Treasurer Arthur Trapp is opposed by Shirley Zwahlen and A. Blakeslee. Highway commissioner Charles Wolforn is not opposed and running for re-election are Henry Henshaw, Chief advocate is justice of the peace is Joseph Grace. Miles Helm runs against him.

Four candidates are out for the job of constable. They are: Middlewood, Charles Canfield, Roy Owens and Norman Wedger. They are not incumbents. Samuel McKinney is the sole Republican candidate for Livonia's board of review.

Voting will take place 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. in the three precincts: one, the community hall on the Seven Mile road; two, Shelburn and Seven real estate office on Plymouth road; and three, the town hall on Five Mile road.

## Exchange Hears Pare On Reconstruction

The reconstruction, that era of American political development, followed the Civil War, was the subject Paul Pare spoke on Wednesday noon before the Exchange Club. Mr. Pare, who is particularly interested in American history, spoke principally of the activities during President Andrew Johnson's administration.

Next week, Walter Coon is the chairman of the entertainment. He will have Duncan Moore, radio news commentator as his speaker. President V. R. Blakeslee says that the rivalry for the prize being offered to the sponsor of the best program is noticeable in the excellence of the programs the club has been enjoying lately.

## GUERNSEY IS SOLD TO POWERS

A registered Guernsey bull has recently been sold by Dr. L. F. Cobb to Wendel Powers of Farmington, Michigan. This animal is Throat River Park's Guernsey 25564 according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N.H.

## Bachelor Case Is Postponed

Arrangement of Russell Bachelor, school teacher, to take place in Farmington, was adjourned one week until this Monday. Adjournment was obtained at the request of the prosecutor's office, which has been too busy to draw the information for the case.

Bachelor, 19 years old, of Farmington Township, is being charged with negligent homicide in connection with the death of Frances Labadie, who was struck by his car Feb. 15 as she was on her way to school with her sister. Bachelor waived examination the day of the accident, and was bound over to the February term of Circuit Court.

When Bachelor is rearranged on Monday, or perhaps later if the prosecutor's office has been unable to draw the information by then, if he pleads guilty his case will be referred to the probation department and sentence passed on the basis of his record, which is believed to be very good.

If Bachelor pleads not guilty, he may decide whether he wants a jury trial, and if the jury or judge finds him guilty, his case will be referred to the probation department. Bachelor is now out on a \$500 bond.

Suzanne Labadie, Frances' six-year old sister, who was seriously injured in the accident, is convalescing at home in preparation for an operation. She sustained no other injuries which will have to be rectified through surgery.

Mrs. Frank Labadie, Suzanne's mother, reports that in the past two days she has seen for the first time since the accident, a noticeable improvement in her daughter's condition. Because of her injuries, Suzanne must maintain a sitting position in bed even when she sleeps, but despite this inconvenience, her mother says she is a "grand patient."

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## Remove Aliens On Local Relief Rolls

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