

WPA Road Job Listed In Report

The Shawwassee avenue reconstruction and new bridge project in Farmington helped raise the total amount of money spent by WPA in Oakland County to more than \$1,630,000 during 1940, according to a year end report by the office of Abner E. Larned, State WPA administrator.

Work on the road and bridge is being held up by weather conditions but it is expected that as soon as warmer weather comes, the WPA crew will go back to work. The laying of some of the replaced water main along Shawwassee has already been accomplished as well as preliminary work towards the construction of the new bridge.

During 1940 approximately 1,813 residents of the county were given work on a total of 37 engineering or construction projects. According to the report 13 more are in operation at the close of the year with approximately 1,600 persons employed.

Among other WPA projects were those sponsored by Pontiac city. About six miles of unsurfaced streets were reconstructed and about 650 linear feet of new concrete pavement was laid. More than a mile of new concrete curb and gutter was constructed and about 1000 linear feet of sidewalk replaced. About a mile of new sewers were completed and some work also was done in reconditioning the sewage treatment plant.

LAND IN TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISIONS TO BE AUCTIONED

Next week the Oakland County "scavenger" sale will shift to property in township subdivisions. A number of state owned lands offered but not sold at the scavenger sale have been withheld from the reoffering sale by the State Land Office Board. Any person desiring to purchase any of such withheld land may file an application on a form available at the Pontiac Sales Office.

Upon receipt of such application, the Board will make a survey of the property involved and if it is deemed advisable, will offer the same at public auction at a date immediately following the present reoffering sale. Notice of the date of such new sale will be released at a later date.

The schedule for next week's sale: Monday, January 6—Beginning and completing the lands in the following villages appearing on Pages 19 and 20 of Book II: Village of Clyde, Village of Holly, Village of Lake Orion, Village of Leonard, Village of Millford, Village of Northville and Village of Oak Park.

Tuesday, January 7—Beginning and completing lands in the following villages, appearing on Pages 20, 21 and 22 of Book II: Village of Orchard Lake, Village of Rochester, Village of Sylvan Lake and the Village of Thomas.

Wednesday, January 8—Land in Township Subdivisions which will constitute the lands to be offered for the balance of the sale of unsold properties offered at the first scavenger sale; Beginning with land in Orion Township plat of the West 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 16 West 1/2 of Section 22 and the West 1/2 of Section 16 of Township 22 North Range 10 East, Bloomfield Township on Page 24 of Book II.

Thursday, January 9—Beginning with land in Bonate Acres Subdivision No. 1, Southfield Township on Page 24, Pages 25, 26 and 27 through land in Bunny Run Country Club Annex No. 5 on Page 28 of Book II.

Friday, January 10—Beginning with land in Campbell Brothers Subdivision in Royal Oak Township on Page 28, Pages 29, 30 and 31 through land in Carroll Lake Heights Subdivision No. 1 in Commerce Township on Page 31, thus completing Book No. 11.

Walled Lake Deputy Joins Radio Patrol

Deputy E. L. McQuern of Walled Lake took over his new duties as an officer of the county's two-way radio patrol, on Tuesday. He recently received his license as third class radio operator, and has been assigned to an extensive territory. The new system provides for two way communication between sheriff's headquarters and scout cars on duty throughout the entire county.

Register of Deeds Reports Record Year During 1940



ORRIN McQUAID

Draft Volunteer Leaves for Camp

Farmington will be represented in the January draft lottery call by Ralph S. Derrick, 20520 Hugh street, Detroit, who is registered with Board 61, Plymouth, was one of five who volunteered for the year's military training.

A total of 21 young men from Board 61 will report to headquarters at 8 a. m. Monday, January 6, and will be sent on to the Detroit office at 9:30 a. m. From there they will go to Fort Sheridan, Ill. for training.

In the volunteer group are Ralph S. Derrick, 20520 Hugh, Farmington; John W. Stevenson, Redford Township; Carroll Lee, Plymouth; Wiley T. Lyon, Grandville; Bertrand A. Lique, Plymouth.

The other 16 are: John H. Birchell, Plymouth; Maurice J. Fullerton, Redford Township; Kenneth W. Wilber, Northville; Orice R. Beeman, Plymouth; Albert J. Madsen, Northville; Harry L. Childers, Plymouth; Albert A. Busch, Garden City; Lewis D. Bulman, Northville; Richard N. Harmon, Northville; Carleton L. Dowdy, Detroit; Maurice M. Parkhill, Redford Township; Clarence J. Holman, Northville; David S. Inall, Plymouth; Fred J. Hostler, Plymouth; Jay Leavengover, Northville and Floyd I. Eichstadt, Dearborn.

Merchants Family Nights To Be Held at Civic

Wednesday and Thursday, January 8 and 9, will begin a series of Merchants Family Nights at the Civic Theatre. Throughout the week, with any purchase of 50c the purchaser will receive a pass, which will permit him one admission to the Civic Theatre for the payment of 10c and presentation of the pass at the box office. Merchants in Farmington who are co-operating with the theatre management, will display window cards, indicating that passes may be obtained at their places of business.

Civic Theatre Starts "Royal Mounted" Club

Membership cards for the Civic Theatre's "Kiddie Club" are now available, according to Manager E. J. Hahler. The club, organized as a "Royal Mounted" club, will entitle kids to earn a free show. The serial "King of the Royal Mounted" will be shown each Friday and Saturday at the Civic, and each kid will have his card punched when he attends shows on these days. When the card has been punched (ten times the holder is entitled to one free show. The coupon, to be cut out and pasted on a card, by each child, is printed on page four of this issue of the Enterprise.

GOLDEN RULE CIRCLE TO HOLD CAPSULE PARTY

The Golden Rule Circle of the Methodist church will hold its annual capsule party Thursday, January 9 at the home of Mrs. B. C. Hanfield on Grand River avenue. Pot luck luncheon at one o'clock.

Holidays Pass With No Accidents

Eleven drivers appeared in the court of Justice John J. Schulte to answer charges of traffic violations over the holiday season. Farmington and the surrounding vicinity escaped with no accidents, injuries or fatalities during the holidays, but there were a number of minor violations chalked up against drivers.

William Bennett of Detroit, appeared before Justice Schulte charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. Bennett applied for Justice Schulte's verdict of a fine of \$75 and \$25 costs. It will appear before Circuit Court in its January session. He posted a \$100.00 bond and forfeited his driver's license pending the outcome of the trial.

Claude L. Crofoot, Detroit, was fined for running a red light at 13 Mile and Redford roads.

Driving the wrong way on Eight Mile Road near Northwestern Highway was the charge against Miles Riley of Detroit. Riley paid a fine of \$5.00. J. Perkins Hicks of Detroit paid \$15.00 and \$10.00 costs. He was charged with reckless driving on Nine Mile Road near Telegraph Road.

A speeding charge brought a \$15.00 fine against Richard Wolverton, of Ionia. Wolverton was tagged by officers while driving at a speed of 70 miles per hour through the residence and business sections of Novi.

Edward Van Buren of Detroit paid a fine of \$6.50 for crossing the yellow line on Grand River avenue in Novi. John L. Jones, of 29301 Purling Brook, Farmington, failed to stop for a "stop" sign and incurred costs of \$3.50.

Justice Schulte assessed a fine of \$5.00 against Joseph Walden, Detroit. Walden ran a red light at the Eight Mile-Liverois intersection. Clarence V. Smith, Walled Lake, was stopped by officers after having a high tail. His driver's license was revoked and sent to the Secretary of State.

Elmer Williams of Toledo, charged with drunk driving, paid a fine of \$100.00 and \$25.00 costs. He was arrested at Telegraph and Twelve Mile Road. His driver's license was revoked and sent to the Secretary of State.

John McLean of Detroit, charged with reckless driving resulting in an accident, was fined \$5.00. McLean's car struck the automobile of Buckley Myer. McLean made payment to Myer to cover the repairs to Myers' car.

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DAUGHTER BORN TO CHARLES BAKERS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

A New Year's baby was the happy greeting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker announced to their family and friends. A daughter, Cynthia Ellen Baker, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, arrived at 7:12 New Year's morning, the first baby of the year at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Mr. Baker was formerly Industrial Arts instructor at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He is now employed as industrial engineer at the Voltec Aircraft Corporation, Stinson division, of Wayne, Michigan. Mrs. Baker is the former Mildred Marie Hoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hoff, of Plymouth.

Garden Club Will Hold Annual Luncheon

The Farmington Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association will hold its annual luncheon Tuesday, January 7 at Botsford Tavern, at 12:30. Election of officers will follow the luncheon. If you have failed to make your dues payments, do so immediately by calling Mrs. Henry Oils.

JULIAN BRYAN; NEWS CAMERAMAN, AT ART INSTITUTE

Complete motion picture tours of Brazil and the Argentine are being offered at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Woodard Kirby, next Sunday afternoon and evening, January 5, when Julian Bryan, world-famous newsreel man, appears in person to report on an expedition to South America that he completed only a few weeks ago.

Civic Theatre to Repeat First Chapter of Serial

As a special feature Saturday, the Civic Theatre will open its 12:15 for a free showing of the first chapter of "King of the Royal Mounted" the thrilling new serial showing at the Civic Theatre on Friday and Saturday of each week. All children are invited to be present at the management at this picture. The regular Saturday matinee will begin at 1:30. The first chapter of the serial, which started last week, will be continued at 12:15 for a free showing of the first chapter of the serial. The second chapter is also shown this week.

Post Office Settles Back After Busiest Christmas

A new record for holiday season business was hung up by the Farmington post office in 1940, according to Postmaster Norman Lee. During the quarter consisting of October, November and December, the post office sales reached \$6,092.26, a figure never before approached by the Farmington office. By way of comparison the sales for the same quarter in 1939 were \$4,911.22 and in 1938, \$4,245.73.

The 1940 total sales, by quarters, were as follows: March quarter—\$3,432.41; June quarter—\$3,307.00; September quarter—\$3,013.46 and December quarter—\$6,092.26. Total for the year was \$13,845.22, a new record for total year's sales, compared with 1939's mark of \$14,306.59.

Staff increased to 15. Despite the fact that Farmington residents did better this year as

Jay Graham Dies Wednesday

Death came Wednesday evening to James Graham, a life-long resident of Farmington Township. Mr. Graham, who was known as Jay to all his friends, was born September 10, 1867, in West Troy, New York, the son of James and Sarah Graham. His wife Ella, died several years ago.

Mr. Graham had been making his home with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Graham of 23185 Nine Mile Road, since last April. He is survived by five daughters, Ethel Young, Opal Grace, Myrtle Knight, Pearl Two and Thelma Wisconsin; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Heliker and Mrs. Edna M. Heliker; a brother, Charles Graham, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Graham home on Nine Mile Road, with Rev. H. H. Savage officiating, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Burial will be at North Farmington cemetery.

NEWLY-ORGANIZED GROUP TO STUDY HOME FURNISHING

The first meeting of the newly-organized Farmington Home Furnishings Group, was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Redding, on Farmington Road, Thursday, December 19. Mrs. Clarence Ridgely and Mrs. Redding, project leaders, gave information for making a beautiful mattress out of United States surplus cotton. Upholstering was explained, and a list of articles needed on chairs and cushions, was given.

Any women in this community who are interested in joining this club must do so immediately, by getting in touch with any of the officers. The course consists of six lessons, and is given in cooperation with the Michigan State College and Extension work, under the guidance and supervision of Miss Emma DuBard and Miss R. Peck.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Russell Cole, 31855 Seven Mile Road, the latter part of January.

To join, contact any of the following officers: Mrs. Russell Cole, project leader; Mrs. Earl Redding, project leader; Mrs. Clarence Ridgely, project leader; Mrs. Howard Midwood, secretary-treasurer.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harger announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Carolyn, to Mr. Robert R. Joyal, of East Jordan, Michigan, son of Mrs. L. H. Roberts of Melbourne, Florida.

NEW RESIDENTS

New Farmington residents are Mr. and Mrs. D. Cecil Domes and Mr. and Mrs. Ed daughter, Delene, who recently moved here from St. Mary's avenue in Detroit. The Domes reside at 23895 Lakeway.

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