

Post Office Dept. Warns Of Chain Letter Scheme

An upsurge of college campus chain letter schemes involving United States Savings Bonds, Postal Money Orders and cash has prompted Chief Postal Inspector Henry B. Montague to order a nationwide crackdown on violators of the postal lottery and fraud laws.

The Chief Inspector noted a step-up in chain letter activity in college towns across the country. This participants, he said, appear for the most part to be college students.

HE CITED reports of chain letter schemes at colleges in Mississippi, Wisconsin, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York, among others.

Mr. Montague warned that even though some of the chain letters involved are transferred hand-to-hand, and state "Do Not Mail," the schemes still may be violations of the postal lottery and fraud laws, in that the proceeds from the chain letters are usually mailed.

The terms of 18 U.S.C. 1302 are broad enough to encompass anything concerning the conduct of a lottery, including bonds sent pursuant to an end less chain scheme, even though the letters may be distributed by hand.

MR. MONTAGUE noted that the U.S. Treasury Department also disapproves of the use of these schemes as a means of selling savings bonds. As early as February 1955, the Secretary of the Treasury asked all Federal Reserve Banks to advise all issuing agents to reject applications for savings bond

When the applicant states or where the agent believes the applicant's purchases were made in connection with a chain letter scheme.

A reminder of this ruling has recently been sent by the Treasury Department to all of its state directors.

The typical chain letter provides for a monetary item to be sent to the name on the top of an enclosed list, after which that name is removed and the new participant's name is added to the bottom of the list.

Generally, when savings bonds are used, the letter is purchased with a bond and another bond is sent to the person at the top of the list, whose name is then removed. The new participant adds his name to the bottom and tries to sell the bond to two additional participants in order to continue the chain and recover his investment.

Mr. Montague noted that efforts to avoid prosecution under the lottery laws by eliminating the element of chance are evident in some of the recent chain letter schemes. This gimmick involves having the potential participant place his own name on the bond used to purchase the letter, as a co-owner.

However, Mr. Montague noted, the General Counsel for the U.S. Post Office Department has ruled that despite this device, the scheme remains a violation of the postal lottery and fraud laws.

First I-94 Stop At Farmington

A few days ago a motorist said for directions about the best route from Muskegon to Wayne County's Metropolitan Airport on I-94 just west of Detroit.

She was told to turn right at the first stoplight on I-94 after leaving Muskegon.

She found this hard to believe, but decided to do as told and see what happened.

The instructions were correct. The first stoplight beyond Muskegon on I-94 and I-96 is at Farmington, where the expressway ends only a few miles from the Detroit city limits.

During the drive, she found her self at the airport entrance.

SO A PERSON literally can drive from Muskegon to Farmington on I-94 and I-96, without encountering a stoplight anywhere along the route. In the process, you will bypass Lansing, Grand Rapids and all points in between. A visitor from some other state or country, motorizing via I-96, might reasonably conclude that Michigan is chiefly farmland.

Most of us have realized at least vaguely that motorizing along, and communities as well, have become more drastically changed by limited access freeways than by any other single influence.

This has been particularly true in Michigan which at present has a higher percentage of new freeways than any other state. Some states with toll roads have more interstate highway system mileage than Michigan. But in toll-free superhighways Michigan's completion percentage tops all the rest.

The physical appearance of the territory through which they travel has been greatly changed by construction of the freeways, and the altered relationship between communities is equally great.

Today the state's second largest city, Grand Rapids and its capital city, Lansing, are only names on signs as you drive uninterrupted, the length of I-96. If you start at the Farmington end, your first stoplight will be at Summit Avenue on the Norton-Glade Expressway in Muskegon.

Drivers on the go should remember to make the right stops. The Institute for Safe Living states that the following are wrong stops: On pedestrian crosswalks; in travel lanes; too far into intersections; sudden stops in traffic; beyond any stop sign.

Builders Exchange Predicts Boom Year for Contractors

The Detroit area and much of Michigan are going to enjoy one of their greatest non-residential building booms in years, predicts William C. Dennis, secretary-manager of the Builders Exchange of Detroit and Michigan.

Dennis, who bastes his forecast on data of 1963 and the first 2 1/2 months of 1964, as well as proposed construction for the remainder of the year, forecasts a record \$625 million year in statewide contract awards reported by the Exchange.

THE BUILDERS Exchange, which is made up of 1,700 contractors, sub-contractors and materials suppliers of the non-residential industry in Michigan, last year reported contract awards totaling \$487.5 million, a million of it in the six-county area around Detroit, \$203.5 million in the balance of the state.

The 1963 figures were the best since the boom years of the mid-40's, according to Exchange figures.

The 1964 explosion in construction of such major items as factories, schools, shopping centers, office buildings, churches and hospitals is a natural phenomenon, according to Dennis.

3 Secretaries Finishing Course

The Misses Pamela L. Busch, Susan L. Erickson and Connie G. Valenti of Farmington, are completing courses in the Cooperative Secretarial Curriculum at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

The Cooperative Secretarial Curriculum at WMU is a work-study program designed to give students actual working experience during their first two years of college. During the sophomore year they attend classes on a half-day basis and use the remaining half-day for employment in a business which will make use of their classroom instruction. The students are permitted to choose courses which fit their needs, schedules and abilities.

Miss Busch, daughter of A. J. Busch, 28706 Millbrook, is employed in the WMU Education Department.

Miss Erickson, employed in the WMU Management and Marketing Departments, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Erickson, 24894 Pennine Dr. Miss Valenti is working for the principal at the WMU University High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Valenti, 30283 Widdow Ct.

Explain Special Assessment Powers of Local Government

The words "special assessment" are little known or understood, but they are important to every citizen and his pocketbook.

Different units of government have the power to levy a special assessment against a particular piece of real estate. This power is usually used by local governments to finance the construction or improvement of roads, bridges, sewer systems, sidewalks and the like.

A particular group of property owners in an area may be assessed the cost of real estate improvement on the grounds that this particular area receives a special benefit or convenience greater than that of the general public in the community as a whole.

BUT IN ORDER for the local government to accomplish this special assessment, certain steps, including one or two public hearings, are taken.

The first hearing, if held under local procedures, is known as the "necessity hearing" and is held to determine if a public use or benefit of local notice is given.

Notice of the time, place and purpose of this hearing is published in a local paper and, in addition, notices are sent to every owner and party in interest affected by the special assessment. The local tax assessor's office is responsible for mailing these notices to the property owner.

At the second hearing, the necessity hearing, interested parties can challenge the necessity of the project, the inclusion of his property in the special assessment district, the amount of the assessment and other related matters.

IF THE GOVERNING body fails to proceed with the hearing, a special assessment roll is prepared. This roll will carry each property in the special assessment district and the tax assessment against each.

More Dangers From Smoking

A warning that heavy smoking during pregnancy increases the possibility of cerebral palsy has been issued by the Detroit Cerebral Palsy Center, a Torch Drive agency.

Dr. George V. Pendy, medical director of the Center, said that of 2,736 births studied recently in Baltimore, the prevalence of cerebral palsy was 18.8 per cent, compared with 11.2 for non-smokers.

The United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation and the Federal Government's National Institute for Neurological Diseases and Blindness showed that over one-half of the individuals born with one of the more common forms of cerebral palsy had been premature," Dr. Pendy said.

THE INCIDENCE of premature birth in various parts of the cerebral palsy series was 31.2 per cent, compared with only 9.2 per cent in the control series.

Along with heavy cigarette smoking, expectant mothers were warned against contact with people having measles, influenza, and chicken pox, contact with situations which might lead to accidents or injuries, exposure to toxic materials, such as lead, chemicals, and an unnecessary x-rays, and taking drugs not specifically prescribed by her doctor.

Cerebral Palsy is caused by injury to certain parts of the brain, through lack of oxygen from the mother to the unborn child. It can affect the ability to walk, to talk, to see, to learn.

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN

The Board of Education of the Farmington Public School District will receive bids on supplies and materials for improvement of the North Farmington High School Athletic Field (plastic hose, heads, grass seed, fertilizer, road salt, and other miscellaneous sprinkling equipment), at the Administration Building, 32500 Shawnesse, Farmington, Michigan, until 4:00 p.m. April 8, 1964.

At that time bids will be opened and read aloud. Detailed specifications may be obtained from J. M. Read, Assistant Superintendent, at the Board of Education office, GR-4-1050.

All proposals should be firm for a period of thirty (30) days after the reading of the best and lowest bid.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities therein.

BOARD OF EDUCATION Farmington Public School District Farmington, Michigan BARBARA ANN BROWN, Secretary

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Earl Maki Has 12 Day Leave

Earl R. Maki, EdM Third Class, has returned to Norfolk, Virginia, after a 12-day leave. He will return to his ship, the U.S.S. Ogletorpe, which has been in for repairs after a six-month Mediterranean cruise.

During the cruise, the U.S.S. Ogletorpe stopped at several ports including Barcelona in Valencia, Spain; Anagni Bay, Sardinia; Rome, Naples, Genoa, Italy, and Athens, Greece.

Earl is a 1961 graduate of Farmington High School. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maki of Flanders in Farmington Township.

Township of Farmington Board Proceedings

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington Township Board was called to order on March 23, A.D. 1964 at 8:02 p.m. by Mr. Curt Hall, Chairman.

Present were Mr. Hall, Avery, Cairns, Bassette, Oppenheuser, Duke and Walter. Also present was Mr. Joseph T. Brennan, Township Attorney.

Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 9, 1964 stand approved as published.

MOTION by Cairns, supported by Bassette, that licenses be renewed for Cue Rack at 21320 Eight Mile Road and Playtime Recreation at 2844 Grand River Avenue. Carried unanimously.

MOTION by Walter, supported by Cairns, that the language of prohibition in the police ordinance, as submitted, be approved as follows:

Proposition to authorize mileage for police and fire protection. Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all properties in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, two mills on each dollar (\$2.00 per \$100.00) of the assessed valuation, as state levied for a period of ten years from 1964 to 1973, both inclusive, the proceeds of the levy thereof to be used for the purchase and maintenance of police and fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing for same and for the maintenance and operation of the police and fire departments of the Township of Farmington?

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried unanimously.

MOTION by Duke, supported by Oppenheuser, that the preliminary plans and specifications for sanitary sewers in Heather Hills Subdivision, Heather Hills No. 1 and Heather Hills No. 2, to serve lots 14, 15 and 16, be approved. All inclusive, in the amount of \$86,500.00 be accepted as prepared by Pate, Hirm & Bogue, consulting engineers, and authorized by the Township Board, for 1964 to hear any objections as to necessity for said sewers. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried unanimously.

MOTION by Duke, supported by Bassette, that the request from Philip C. Northford for transfer of ownership of 3362 Class A, 1958 Oldsmobile, less with 2 Bars and Dance-Entertainment Permit, from Stuart E. Herbergh, Trustee in Bankruptcy for King of Kings, Inc., and transfer of location from escrow at 30689 Grand River to 31423 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington, Oakland County, be approved. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays. Carried unanimously.

MOTION by Cairns, supported by Duke, that the sum of \$120,000 be appropriated in the Budget for Matching Fund for local improvements as deemed necessary by the Township Board. Carried unanimously.

On MOTION made, supported and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
BY CLYDE D. CAIRNS,
Farmington Township Clerk

Kendallark's New Director Is G. Assemany

On Saturday night, April 25, the Kendallarks of Farmington will present a Spring Festival under the direction of their new director, George Assemany.

Mr. Assemany joined the Kendallarks in September, 1963, and directed the group in their Christmas programs, which included a show at the Stater Hilton Hotel given for the Leukemia Foundation.

Assemany received his musical training at Wayne University, at Palestine Institute, a Detroit Catholic Dominican School for Liturgical Organists and choir directors; and at the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts.

He previously directed the Corillon chorus and choir, a mixed group originating in Detroit, which won wide acclaim in Detroit and regular, special or official primary election and the day of such election.

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To the Qualified Electors of FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Clerk, will, upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village, who is qualified to vote, and who will APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the fourth day before and regular, special or official primary election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE

APRIL 20th, 1964 - LAST DAY

The Thirtieth day preceding said Election

As provided by Sec. 3, Chapter 2, Part II, P. A. 306, 1929, and Sec. 1, Chapter 3, Part II, P. A. 1933, Act 1, P. A. 1941, Act 291, P. A. 1945, and Act 708, 1951.

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. on said day for the purpose of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REVOKING such of the qualified electors as do not wish to vote in the election, and the name of the elector who has been so reviewed shall be entered in the registration book.

The name of no person but an ALLEGED RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration, and entitled to the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, Clerk

April 2, 1964