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COAL FAMINE NOW IN SIGHT

Coal Famine Now in Sight. Consumers of Coal are Warned to Use Every Economy to Prevent Serious Shortage.

After spending nearly a whole week in an endeavor to secure a supply of coal, and viewing the situation from every angle in several of the coal centers from which our supply is derived, Manager Ralph G. Hogle, of the local Lumber & Coal Company, has the following to say in regard to the coal situation at the present time:

"The coal situation has reached a point where it is worse than at any time during the war, and unless consumers practice unusual economy Farmington may yet face a coal famine."

"We have been able to secure our percentage of shipments of all kinds of coal from the mines, but once the cars are started our troubles have just commenced. We have accepted orders for coal for some for coal consigned to us only to be notified that same has been confiscated for railroad use. Not all the coal seized is being diverted to the railroads as we have lost coal to the McKinney Steel Company of Cincinnati, and the Semet-Solvay Company, of Detroit, which was specially prepared coal for domestic use, and bought by us for the consumers of Farmington. The Michigan Central Railroad and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad have both seized coal consigned to Farmington. We have appealed to the proper officials only to be informed that they are doing the best they can under the existing circumstances and of course they are powerless to replace the coal taken at this time. Unless the general confiscation of coal in transit is stopped soon we will be forced to refuse orders for soft coal Anthracite coal which is all shipped via Suspension Bridge has to come through Detroit and these cars have been held in Detroit for several weeks and this delay in delivery has caused us no small trouble. If consumers are forced to substitute different coal than they have been accustomed to use they should not blame the coal dealers as the conditions as outlined are general throughout the state."

An Instructive Lecture.
Dr. Morris Hindus, the second number of the Lyceum Course, delivered a remarkable lecture on Russia Tuesday evening in the Town Hall. Possessed of an intimate knowledge of Russia and her people, having himself been born there, and an array of facts concerning the history and present condition of Russia, the speaker was able to hold the attention of a large and interested audience.

The lecturer is a keen student of international affairs, and spoke with authority on the great questions of the hour. Dr. Hindus will be welcome again in Farmington and would be assured of a full house.

Financial Creed for All
Every individual in the Seventh district is being urged by the War Savings organization to live up to a financial creed during 1920. Following is the creed suggested by the government:
I believe in the United States of America.
My opportunity and hope depend upon her future.
I believe that her stability and progress rest upon the industry and thrift of her people.
Therefore, I will work hard and live simply.
I will spend less than I earn.
I will use my earnings with care.
I will save constantly.
I will invest thoughtfully.
To increase the financial strength of my country and myself, I will buy government securities.
I will hold above barrier the obligations my country thus incurred.
I will do these things to insure the greatness of America's future.

School Notes

The Girls played a practice game with the Town team. The Independents played National Bank of Detroit and defeated them. Because of the lack of coal there was no school this Wednesday and Thursday. This Friday the Boys' team goes to Birmingham. This is expected to be a good game and all rosters who wish to go by the time to catch the 6 o'clock car. Last Friday the boys played Greenville Park H. S. and defeated them to a score of 44 to 14. This was one of the roughest games that Farmington has played this season.

The Girls' game was an equally hard fought game, the score being 25 to 20 in Bedford's favor. Ted's Catchman making most of the points. If this game had been played on a basket ball floor our team would have stood a better chance. This Saturday night the Juniors will give an Old Time Carnival at the High School. There will be all sorts of amusements, like gym and High School football will be used. Everybody is promised a good time and everybody wants to come and help them along.

Last Saturday night the boys' and girls' teams went to Redford. The Boys' game resulted in another victory for Farmington the score being 2 to 13. This game was one of the hardest fought games Farmington has played. It was a tight game, planning to end and the boys had to play for all that was in them to win. Due to the character of the floor it was much harder to make our points than it would other-wise be. Clinton Tredway did some good playing in the second half, Russell Catchman and Ehlman Nichols making most of the points. Lester Harger and C. Trevelyan making the other points. Dallas Harger as well as Donald Banfield, played a very good defensive game.

Position in Edison Office.
Miss Elsie Heas who has been for the past year acting as "head operator" of the local telephone exchange, has resigned to accept the position as head clerk and bookkeeper in the local office of the Detroit Edison Co., which position she begins on Monday, March 1st.

Beginning March 1st the Edison Co.'s office and sales room in this village will be open during business hours and all business of the company transacted there, instead of at the bank as is done at present. All bills heretofore will be payable at the local office of the company.

Birthdays Party.
About 30 relatives and friends surprised Mrs. Horney Tuck last Saturday evening, February 21st, being her birthday. The evening was spent in playing progressive pedro. Miss Elsie Reutenber and Riley Wolfson received first prizes and Harry and Leona Garchow carried off consolation prizes.

A dainty luncheon was served, among which was a beautiful and delicious birthday cake. Music furnished the entertainment for the rest of the evening. Mrs. Tuck received many pretty and useful gifts. The merry party departed, wishing her many more happy birthdays.

IN OUR CHURCHES

Methodist Church
10:30 a. m., "Will Man Live Forever?" The last number of the series of sermons on "What the Christian Church Believes." 11:45 a. m., Sunday School. 7:15 p. m., "The Ideal Church," Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., Fellowship meeting. Sunday evening, March 7th, will be Father and Son Service. A Father and Son banquet will be held that week, the exact date to be announced later.

Salem Evangelical
C. Wm. Roth, Pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School at 11:30 a. m.

Clarenceville Evangelical
C. Wm. Roth, Pastor. Sunday School at 11:30 a. m. At this church German services are held on the first Sunday of the month and English services on the third Sunday of the month.

Dates Adjusted.
The final adjustment of dates for the Community Lyceum Course has been announced. In consequence of the failure of the Schubert Sextette to appear, the placing of a substitute number has been necessary. The task of adjustment has been difficult, but it is finally and satisfactorily arranged so that Farmington now gets talent superior to the original booking, as well as an additional number for which no extra charge will be made. The future dates are as follows:

Thursday, March 18th, Noah Beilhaar, a tententaire of great popularity.
Tuesday, March 23rd, Dr. M. S. Rice orator.

Tuesday, March 30th, The Apollo Co., a remarkable fine musical group.
Monday, April 12th, The Henry Co., Magicians and Entertainers. This group of specialist in music, art, oratory and entertainment provides a course of superior quality and exceptional merit. The Bureau supplying the talent has given us great consideration, and because of the satisfaction of the Schubert to keep their engagement the Bureau has given us a substitute of a much higher price and greater quality, also giving us Norah Beilhaar, a wonderful entertainer, without cost. Anyone having reserved seat tickets (single) bought for the musical number and not used, are asked to go to Cook's store and receive an assignment; this will prevent any difficulty in seating at the next entertainment.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS OF 1920 PAVE WAY TO INDEPENDENCE

The 1920 War Savings stamps are coming in color and beat the head of George Washington. The price for January is \$4.12 and it increases one cent a month to \$4.23 in December. The 25-cent Thrift stamp also is on the market and used as money for War Savings stamps and certificates. The 1920 War Savings stamp in \$10 and \$100 it will have a maturity value of \$5 January 1, 1925. War Savings stamps of the series of 1918 and 1919 shall not be affixed to War Savings certificates of the series of 1920 stamps. The series of 1920 shall not be affixed to War Savings certificates of 1918 or 1919. War Savings stamps of one series affixed to War Savings certificates of another series will not add to the value thereof. Thrift stamps, as such, are not directly redeemable in cash, but each Thrift card will, as usual, have spaces for 10 Thrift stamps. Each Thrift card may be exchanged for a War Savings certificate stamp, series of 1920, at any post office or other authorized agency. As usual, post offices will require a written demand ten days in advance before payment will be made before maturity, and such War Savings certificate stamps not so surrendered for payment within 60 days after such demand. Otherwise the demand will be deemed to be waived.

THE VILLAGE CANDIDATES

Officers to be elected to Village offices Tuesday, March 8th, 1920. President—Dr. James A. Miller. Clerk—Harley D. Warner. Treasurer—John Lopham. Trustees—Olin Russell, Trustee—Timiley E. Perkins. Assessor—John C. Thayer.

Although only one ticket has been put into the field, there is considerable interest being shown in the village affairs of the coming year. Your vote is urged at the coming election on March 8th.

All Urged To Attend.
The regular meeting of Farmington (Charter Co. P. S.) will be held Friday evening, March 5th. A six o'clock dinner will be served to members and candidates. Chapter will open promptly at 7:45 p. m.

Seed Aid Grain Department.
Establishment of a seed and grain purchasing and selling department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau to serve the thousands of farmers of Michigan has been decided upon by the executive committee meeting in Birmingham. The Michigan Chapter taken over as the nucleus of the new department and J. W. Nicolson, of the Michigan Agricultural College, employed as manager.

Executive officers of the State Farm Bureau checked out the executive committee were Fred Van Nordsdal, Three Rivers, treasurer; C. A. Bingham, Birmingham, secretary and J. P. Powers, Detroit, assistant secretary.

WAY TO KNOCK OUT H. C. L.
"Only the most determined efforts toward thrift, economy, saving and simple living," said William Mather Lewis, director of the Village Thrift department, "will bring about a reduction in the high cost of living, the stabilization of national industry and commerce, and the continuation of prosperous conditions."

START TO BUILD A FORTUNE.

Rome wasn't built in a day. Fortunes are not built in a day, either. It is pointed out that eree, had the water-power plant been completed during the war it would have been necessary also to have constructed a steam plant to lease the nitrate plant; working at full capacity at all times during the war.

We can get you any paper or magazine, publisher, and on 90 per cent of them, can save you money. See us for your reading.

MUSCLE SHOALS NATION'S BULWARK

Big \$60,000,000 Nitrate Plant a Defense for Future Generations.

INSURES NATIONAL DEFENSE
Assurance of Abundant American Explosives a Reason Why Germany Quit.

By GARRET SMITH.
One of the chief fortresses of America's military defense system which developed out of the World War for the Ammonium Nitrate Plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, on the Tennessee River, over three hundred miles from the seacoast, capable of turning out 800 tons of high explosives a day. It assures to the United States for all time the abundance of ammunition without which an army is a helpless eccumbrance and it has made this unlimited supply of explosives available without resort to raw material from outside of the country. The essential ingredient of all modern military explosives is nitric acid. Before the World War America was entirely dependent upon Chile for the supply of nitrate of soda, the only chemical from which nitric acid can be made. In case this country became involved in war with any nation that could control the sea our foe would have us at his mercy, for she could cut off our essential means of striking back.

Other nations, however, were equally dependent upon the Chilean nitrate supply. Germany was purchasing one-third of it. She had expected to hold the sea with her submarines but failed. But a process for extracting nitrogen from the air had been obtained by Germany some years before from Italian chemists. The process had been successful in producing a high grade nitrous oxide fertilizer from which in turn could be extracted ammonium nitrate. Germany, therefore, fell to manufacturing ammonium nitrate from the air on a large scale.

Americans Buy German Secret.
In 1907 an American company, headed by Frank H. Washburn, had secured the American rights to this process from Germany and had gone into manufacturing the fertilizer on the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls. When America found herself in the World War and the Ordnance Department turned to Mr. Washburn's company for help, The Air Nitrates Corporation was formed, with Mr. Washburn at its head, to build the Muscle Shoals plant. It was assisted by several other well known corporations, such as the Westinghouse, Church Kerr Company, which put up the plant buildings, the permanent city and utilities, the J. G. White Corporation which designed and constructed the power plant, the Chemical Construction Company, which designed and built the nitric acid plant, and McGraw Hill Company, which furnished the lifting and buffing machines.

Beginning work in November, 1917, the big plant and new city at Muscle Shoals was completed within one year's time. Had the expected spring drive of 1919 materialized this one plant alone would have been able to supply 10 per cent of all the high explosives used by all the Allied armies on the front during that drive, and the United States was secure for all time from a famine against an ammunition shortage.

When the arrangement was finally made for building the big air nitrate plant, work was begun on a power dam at the same point. This work is completed and operated by the United States Engineering Corps. It will not be completed, however, for two or three more years. It was necessary, therefore, in order to insure immediate operation when the nitrate plant was completed to construct a \$100,000,000 steam power plant, one of the largest steam plants for the production of continuous electric power in the world. It is pointed out that eree, had the water-power plant been completed during the war it would have been necessary also to have constructed a steam plant to lease the nitrate plant; working at full capacity at all times during the war.

Farmington Lodge
No 151 F. & A. M. Regular meetings Saturday Night on before the Full of the Moon.

LITTLE WANT ADS

For Sale—Holstein Bull 18 months old. Inquire F. W. Daines.

Notice—Ready to take orders for Tomato and Cabbage plants. R. G. Adams. 14c

For Sale—Cement blocks, in any quantities. Jess Gates, R. 3, Box 13, Farmington. Phone 66-w-5.

For Sale—No. 1 Timothy and Clover Hay. Inquire of Thomas Irving, half mile south and a mile west of Farmington. 141f

Wanted—Girl or middle-aged lady for light housework. Good wages. Address Mrs. J. M. Bonahue, Redford, Mich. 16p

Wanted—Man for light farming, gardening and general work on farm near Detroit, on Spring Hill. Good house. Married man preferred. Write, call or phone Donnelly, 1702 Ford Bldg. Detroit, phone Main 684. 16c

Wanted—Everyone who is going to have an auction sale to advertise in the Enterprise. It will pay you well. We also print up-to-date auction bills on short notice, and at a reasonable price.

Wanted—Woman, to stay through the day, as a companion; could come on 9 o'clock car in evening; help with housework. Inquire E. Lehman, opposite Warner farm, Farmington. 15c

FOR SALE—6-horse gasoline engine in good condition. Price and location. Ford Sales & Service Garage. 52c

Buyers—For all kinds of farms, also small places, have for many years made a specialty selling farms. Office 9 doors from Grand River car. Address Mr. McAdams, 1260 W. Euclid, Detroit, Mich. Phone 2-Jan-21

Wanted—Tires to repair—Volcanizing, re-treading and retinning. All work guaranteed. Will call for and deliver work at Farmington garages twice a week and will not repair if in our judgement tire is not worth it. We also specialize in Rim-Cuts and handle used tires. Hestler & Schell, Redford. 181f

Card of Thanks.
I wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kind assistance during my illness; also the Busy Workers for their beautiful flowers.
Mrs. Charles Geisler.

Card of Thanks.
I wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us during our recent illness; also the Busy Workers for the beautiful flowers.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teagan
845c and Family.

VILLAGE ELECTION
Notice is hereby given to the Qualified Electors of the Village of Farmington State of Michigan, that the next ensuing Annual Election will be held at the Town Hall on
MONDAY MARCH 8TH
A. D. 1920, at which election the following officers are to be chosen:

1 Village President; 1 Village Clerk; 1 Village Treasurer; 3 Trustees; 2 years; 1 Assessor.

WOMEN ELECTORS
All women who possess the qualifications of male electors are now entitled to vote at all village or other elections provided their names have been duly registered since December 5 1918. The Polls of said Election will open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. of said 8th day of March, 1920. Dated this 27th day of February, A. D. 1920.

H. D. Warner,
Clerk of said Village.