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TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY?

Is It Cheaper To Rent Than To Buy a Farm in Oakland County?

Whether it is cheaper to rent than to buy a farm in this state is a problem confronting the farmer today.

Interesting data bearing on this much-discussed question has just been made available by the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. A government survey covering 307 farms in Oakland county on which cash rents were paid showed that in 1920 the average cash rent was $393 per acre and that the average valuation per acre was $160. This means a gross return to the owner of 2.5 per cent. In the case of other farms in this county which were rented to kinsfolk, the cash rent was $3.15 per acre, which amounted to a gross return to the owner of 3.6 per cent on the rated value of his land, which was $88 per acre.

While these figures may not apply with equal force to individual farms in the county, elaborate tests in most counties have shown them to be correct. Furthermore, while it is true that these figures are based on 1920 reports and land values in most states have fallen materially since that time, it is believed that cash rents have fallen in approximately like proportion. The ratio between rents and land values given above may therefore be taken as applying to the present year. State and local taxes in most states, are somewhat higher in 1920, consequently the net rent income is usually lower.

What effect existing conditions will have on farm tenancy in the coming decade, there is no forecasting, the Foundation states, but in the long run the rate of net returns must determine the selling price of land.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Walled Lake Consolidated School celebrated the anniversary of the dedication of the school with a banquet and inspiration meeting Friday evening when a Parent-Teachers circle was organized with a membership of over ninety.

The speakers of the evening were Mr. E. J. Lederle, County Commissioner of Schools, B. J. Ford from the department of Public Instruction, Lansing, and Prof. Pierce, head of mathematics at Mt. Pleasant Normal.

CHARLES ELY MET WITH AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr Charles Ely is confined to his home this week recovering from bruises sustained in an auto accident last Saturday evening.

Carl Hatton and Mr. Ely were returning from Northville and on the Base Line near Powers Station Mr. Hatton was blinded by the lights of an approaching car. His auto jumped a three-foot embankment and a head-on impact with a maple tree stopped the progress of the car. Mr. Hatton was not injured but Mr. Ely suffered a general shaking up.

MRS. JOHN TURNER ENTERTAINS

Mrs. John Turner was a pleasing hostess Thursday to the wives of the members of the Rod and river club, who have been deer hunting in the upper peninsula.

Five hundred was the diversion followed by a chop suey supper.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Turner, were Mrs. John Phelps, Mrs. Harrison Johnson, Mrs. Clarence Bicking, Mrs. Olin Russell, Mrs. Ralph Hogle, Mrs. Harold Oldenburg, Mrs. George Gildenmeister, Mrs. B. C. Banfield, Mrs. Louis Schroeder, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, Mrs. W. R. Banks.

VICTORY RESTAURANT SOLD

A. C. Dodds has sold the Victory Restaurant to Paul Krueger of Detroit, who has taken possession. The place will be closed until Monday morning when it will reopen somewhat changed in interior arrangement and with new fixtures.

CELEBRATES 80th BIRTHDAY

On Thursday, November 19, 1924, Mrs. Matilda Nauman was given a dinner in honor of her 80th birthday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William T. Herbst, 1945 Clarkdale avenue, Detroit. Mrs. Herbst was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Clyde Adams of Farmington. The table was beautifully decorated, the center piece being a large bouquet of pink roses, the gift of Mrs. Adams, and the table cloth a beautiful home spun heirloom having been in Mrs. Newman's family for many generations.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by the honor guest. The other guests included:

Mrs. R. S. Taylor, Mrs. B. L. Howes, Mrs. E. Bales, Mrs. J. B. Girard, Mrs. H. V. Grant, Mrs. A. Rastall, Mrs. Helen Coonley, Mrs. O. M. Loud, Mrs. R. Wandel and son, Mrs. Sarah Hammang of Detroit, Mrs. D. L. Dickerson, Mrs. Charles Halsted, Mrs. James Halsted, Mrs. Clyde Adams of Farmington.

NO TRACE OF BANK ROBBERS

No definite trace has yet been found of the six thugs who held up the Farmington State Savings Bank last week Wednesday, getting away with nearly $10,000 in cash and a number of real estate bonds.

President Howard Warner, Cashier Edgar Pierce and the bookkeeper, Miss Marguerite Moore, who were in the bank at the time of the raid, went to Toronto Monday night to see if they could identify a wounded man who was held there under suspicion by the police. They were unable to connect him with the Farmington holdup.

Areoplane pctures are always thrilling. "Going Up" with Douglas McLean as the star is a wonderful air picture. It will be the feature next Tuesday at the Community Hall.

The Enterprise will issue a special Christmas number.

NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, Pastor
10:30 Morning service.
2:00—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening Service.

Farmington Methodist Church
S. D. Eva, Pastor
SUNDAY
Woman's Home Missionary Day.
10:30—Special speaker—Dr. Eugene M. Moore, Royal Oak.
11:45—The Happy Sunday School. Mr. McBride, special speaker in Men's Class.
6:30—The Helpful Epworth League.
7:30—"Lights, High and Low." A visible Sermon. A musical prelude will be part of the evening program.

Evangelical Church
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor
10:15—Services—German.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Advent services—English. Wednesday, December 3. Christmas sale and supper.

First Baptist Church
10:15—Sunday School.
11:15—Morning Service. Rev. Ralph F. Wilson will deliver the sermon.
6:30—B. Y. P. U.
7:30—Evening service at which Rev. Wilson will speak.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.
10:30—Regular service. 1st, 3rd, and 5th German, 2nd and 4th English.
9:30—Sunday School.

Universalist Church
Sunday morning at half past ten—WORSHIP AND SERMON
Dr. A. B. Beresford, Minister.
Sunday Morning at half past ten—Worship and Sermon.
Dr. Beresford will lead the worship and deliver the sermon.
12 Noon—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Here's to the Thankful Day

Oh, here's to Harvest Time, the end of the fall!
The last month of autumn—the best of them all!
The month of Thanksgiving, with turkeys and plum!
The month before Christmas, when Santa Claus comes!
I like old November, because it is not
Too wet nor too dry, nor too cold nor too hot.
Just jolly and sunny and full of good things
Oh, here's to Thanksgiving, with all that it brings!

Farmington School News

We, the Sophomore English class, under the leadership of Mrs. Westcott, have resumed our column in the Enterprise. Additional credit is given to the two students who have the hardest part of the work as this is in line with our class work. During the year we study newspaper and make a newspaper during the course. Also, we go to Detroit and go through "The News" building.

So we, the students, profit by this work while you, the public, who have an interest in our school, are permitted to know what we are doing.

The Staff

Editor in Chief, Ellen Perry.
News Editor, Irene Vader.
Business Manager, Avis Goers.
Society Editor, Nettie Sheets.
Athletics, Harry Wissusik.

Society

The "Girls League" meeting was held November 18, in the assembly room. Several songs were sung, and several talks were given on, "What a high school education means and ought to mean to a girl," by Florence Moore, Nettie Stamen, Louise Roggenkamp and Miss Wallace. After which the meeting was adjourned.

Miss Knapp's Sunday School class held a party last week in the kindergarten room. After the business meeting, they played games and had refreshments.

Nettie Sheets.

Kindergarten

This class has greatly enjoyed learning and dramatizing many necessary rhymes, making grocery and farm books and making and coloring turkeys for room decoration.

After building several kinds of houses of the large blocks, it was decided to begin making clay dishes, so several sets of dishes are now being made.

There are two new pupils, Evelyn Duska and David Kitchen, this week.

First Grade

Besides Miss Schiffler's illness, many of the First Graders are ill, also.

Second Grade

Teddy's class is proud of being able to begin reading the new "Second Reader."

The grade had planned on dramatizing "The Animals That Found a Home," before a large audience in the church, but, because of the teacher's and many of the pupils' illness, they were unable to do so.

Third Grade

The class is making a Thanksgiving scene in the sand box and are enjoying it greatly.

Every morning their teacher reads to them from the interesting book "Pinocchio Under the Sea," after which they study geography and that, at present, consists of the study of cotton.

Fourth Grade

Besides making pictures for a health booklet, the Fourth Grade is planning a Thanksgiving program.

The study of Alaska, together with some special reports, has proved interesting to the class.

Fifth Grade

In the "Good Behavior Contest," the girls are leadng (as they usually do).

The pupils enjoyed making newspapers in English class, last Friday.

A. P. Grace and Dorothy Lipsitz were absent last week.

Sixth Grade

The boys are making book racks and the girls are making pennants and doing cross-stitch work in art class.

The class has been reading the old Greek stories "Achilles" and "Ulysses."

There are only thirty-nine pupils in the Sixth Grade now, Ruth Macomber having been promoted to the Seventh Grade.

Seventh Grade

The Seventh Grade is starting a "Health and Safety and Citizenship Class;" note books being in Art Class, will be used to keep the health papers in.

Each pupil s testing himself on the one thousand most common words.

Athletics

The Farmington football team played their last game of the season at Redford, Friday. The Redford eleven defeated them with a score of 40 to 0. Of all the games played, Farmington has won one, and that form Northville. Plymouth will, no doubt, be awarded the championship of the league, for she has won eight, tied one, and lost two games outside the league.

The basketball teams have started practice, the first game will be with Walled Lake, December 5. The Freshmen team beat the Sophomores with a score of 26 to 6. The editor, being a Sophomore himself, did not consider this worthy of mention, but after considering the question, he decided to print it. Perhaps the main reason was that the Freshmen are such a husky and impulsive "lot," while the editor, is a peaceful soul. The second class game was between the Juniors and Seniors. Needless to say, the Seniors defeated the Juniors with a score of 17 to 11. The editor is neutral.

Harry Wissusik.

Sophomores

Ellen Perry taught geometry clas last Friday, and, as a result, she was ill on the following Monday

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TAXES BOOSTED BY CO. EXPENSE

Lower State Tax Is Wiped Out By An Increased County Budget

The tax payers of Oakland County will be called upon to pay a total of $1842,4867.97 into the public coffer this year, which is $225,945,64 more than was paid last year.

Included in this sum is the $189,139.23 the electors voted last April to be placed in the annual budget to be used to build a county infirmary. Without this one mill tax this year's tax would have been only $36,805.41 more than last year. This year's budget includes $45,000 to be spent for a market site in Pontiac, $9,000 for a county garage, $2,000 for another boiler for the county jail and $500 for the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, all of which are extra appropriations not included in the budget a year ago. The supervisors are raising again this year one-tenth of a mill or $18,913.92 to be placed in a fund being raised to finance the erection of a juvenile detention home, tubercular hospital and contagious hospital.

The 1924 budget contains $457,941 to pay the county's share of the state tax. This tax is $45,539.64 less than teh state tax for 1923. This year's Covert road tax is $335,272.16 or $4,676.01 less than last year. The county road tax for 1924 is $153,000 or $18,856.99 less than a year ago. The county tax shows the big increase and totals $896,254.81 in comparison with $598,236.53 for 1923 or an increase of $298,018.28.

With the growth of the county each year shows increased costs for operating all the departments of government. Increases were included in the budget all down the line. The fund for the retirement of bonds was an exception and was $3,437.50 less this year.

The report of the ways and means committee of the board, found above, gives in detail the amounts that will have to be raised in the townships and cities. In addition to these figures each township has its own expense and the cost of operating its schools.

Following are the sums that go to make up the 1924 budget: Auditors, $18,500; circuit court, $43,000; road commission, $11,000; coroner, $15,000; treasurer, $30,000; clerk, $14,600; county buildings, $17,000; drain commission, $19,400; justice court, $1,000; prosecuting attorney, $14,700; probate court, $21,000; school commission, $20,000; supervisors' expense, $11,000; superintendents of poor, $6,000; register-of-deeds, $20,000; election expense, $4,000; protection of game, $1,500; sheriff, $90,000; retiring bonds, $113,343.75; contingent, $30,000; contagious diseases, $47,000; state institutions, $16,000; mother' pensions, $28,000; Michigan Children's Aid Society, $1,200; Michigan Hospital School, $2,000; Oakland County Fair, $1,000; county welfare commission, $14,000; tuberculosis hospital, $15,000; boys' and girls' club work, $3,000; soldiers' relief, $1,000; detention home expense, $5,000; revolving drain fund, $25,000; county drain at large, $257.91; one-tenth of a mill for buildings in connection with county infirmary, $18,913.92; county market, $45,000; county garage, $9,000; jail boiler, $2,000; Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, $500; one mill, voted by the people last spring for county infirmary, $189,139.23; temporary poor overdraft, $20,000; temporary poor maintenance, $50,000; general poor, $20,000. The receipts from county offices this year totaled $120,000.

The report of the committee on township expense gave the following amounts to be raised in the townships for contingent, highway improvement, road repair, drains, Covert roads at large, bridge, special Covert, library, cemetery and park purposes: Addison, $12,259.10; Ovon, $85,043.35; Bloomfield, $97,518.32; Brandon, $11,962.55; Commerce, $11,427.82; Groveland, $12,641.48; Farmington, $67,617.73; Highland, $8,732.37; Holly, $18,351.30; Independence, $14,517.30; Lyon, $19,112.25; Milford, $30,882.06; Novi, $16,402.28; Oakland, $14,508.07; Orion, $18,259.47; Oxford, $15,423.24; Pontiac, $47,605.08; Rose, $9,816.11; Royal Oak, $432,242.51; Southfield, $71,254.39; Springfield, $7,635.52; Troy, $105,598.68; Waterford, $31,415.24; West Bloomfield, $32,008.38; White Lake, $8,153.49. Pontiac city's expense including its annual budget of last July and its drain at large is $808,047.15, while Royal Oak city's including drain at large and special Covert roads is $331,237.32.

Following are the amounts to be raised in each township and city for school purposes: Addison, $10,202.18; Avon, $63,021.50; Bloomfield, $232,148.44; Brandon, $12,693.48; Commerce, $21,135.08; Farmington, $72,408.03; Groveland, $8,151.62; Highland, $8,908.48; Holly, $32,549.48; Independence, $17,949.97; Lyon $28,100; Milford, $20,432.43; Novi, $24,431.85; Oakland, $7,366.85; Orion, $28,895.56; Oxford $27,257.94; Pontiac, $19,644.93; Rose, $7,394.81; Royal Oak, $761,949.39; Southfield, $31,494.62; Springfield, $8,658.77; Troy, $120,012.72; Waterford, $18,756.91; West Bloomfield, $25,100.47; White Lake, $8,057.03; oPntiac city, $749,814.06; and Royal Oak city, $252,032.24. The total of school money for the county is $2,638,572.89.

ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

James Burns was gathered in by Deputy Sheriff Kreager last Saturday afternoon after investigating an automobile accident on Grand River avenue. A Ford touring car which Burns was driving was run into by a Lansing bus and badly demolished. The Ford was going west on the wrong side of the street while the bus was traveling at the usual rate of speed going east on the right side.

When Burns was extricated from the wreck it was found that he was in an intoxicated condition. The car was one he had taken from his employers garage while the latter was out of town.

Burns was taken to the Pontiac jail Saturday night and when arraigned before a justice Monday morning pleaded guilty and was sentenced to thirty days in jail and a fine of $25, with alternative sentence of forty-five days in jail if fine is not paid.

On the same day John Pratt of Commerce was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Wilson in West Bloomfield township for driving while intoxicated. He was given a sentence of $50 and fifteen days, or forty-five days if fine not paid.

AN OCEAN OF MILK

The members of Exchange Club were pleasurably and instructively entertained at Tuesday's noon-day luncheon by a short talk from Mr. Knight, head of the sales and service department of the Detroit Creamery Company. Mr. Knight's talk was along the line of helping the other fellow which is one of the cardinal priniciples of the Exchange, Rotary and other similar clubs which have grown wonderfully in importance and numbers during the past decade.

The speaker prefaced his remarks with a few statements and figures showing the magnitude of the business carried on by the Detroit Creamery Company in serving the citizens of Detroit. He stated that on Tuesday morning the company delivered 180,000 bottles of milk in Detroit, with 391 milk wagons; that milk was brought into Detroit in the hottest weather from a distance of eighty miles in large trucks, the tanks of which are constructed on the principle of a thermos bottle, with a change of less than one degree in the temperature of the milk. Over 1,500 persons are employed in handling the company's business which reaches an aggregate of $15,000,000 a year.

Dr. E. W. Switzer and Dr. G. V. McNeill of Detroit found fine hunting along the Huron River near Milford, last Thursday.