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## Asserts We Must 'Level Wealth' To Solve Problems

### Phases Of Economic And Unemployment Situation Discussed By Pastor

Declaring that manufacturers must stabilize employment, paying more wages per hour as production per man increases, and that the government must courageously and firmly attack the problem of "worthy needy and social parasites," that there must be a Federal plan of old-age pensions; that there must be greater distribution of mass wealth, with suggested limitation of the wealth of any one person to \$1,000,000; and that legislation must limit employment of husband and wife to one, Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson of Farmington, Methodist church presented to the Farmington Exchange club Wednesday noon results of his months' study of "the economic problem of unemployment."

"To bring things back to normal a majority must be given a living income and assured a continuance of the same," said Rev. Johnson. "We have everything but acted."

Rev. Johnson asserted that by use of machinery and "speeding up," production has been increased. It is necessary now, he said, "if the average production per man is three times what it was in 1916, to reduce his working hours to one third, pay him the same wages as in 1916, then by close figuring add to the article enough in cost to take care of this increased labor used in making the article, making a 75-cent article sell for 73 cents. What we need now is some manufacturer who will take this challenge and put a new system to work. I firmly believe if one manufacturer is large enough to do it, others will follow. In addition a proper form of unemployment insurance must be worked out."

### State Must Help

Rev. Johnson said the state must employ at its many different jobs such people as cannot or do not secure employment elsewhere, with the right to discharge those who fail to put in a day's work, and allow them but one dollar a week to live on.

Rev. Johnson said of the old-age pension that any plan adopted must be nation-wide in scope, declaring "in my opinion, the greatest trouble in the United States Government and the industrialists of this country will not get down to business and decide on some accurate plan that will govern the entire country. No one state can tax its industry to pay unemployment and old-age pensions and meet the competition of other states." It is necessary that there should be a federal government plan backed by Federal law.

Rev. Johnson said the government must adopt protective legislation for the borrower, setting a smaller legal rate of interest.

### "Must Level Wealth"

"I believe we must have a profit motive," said Rev. Johnson, "but let us say that the one dollar is enough wealth for any man... Instead of ten having one man worth a billion dollars, you will have one thousand men controlling the billion dollars. This will retain and even increase the incentive to gain... It might be in the form of a tax requiring that 50 per cent above one million dollars be paid to the State."

Rev. Johnson asserted that we must keep sharply in mind our foreign problem, and that "the money exchange and the tariff gives us much concern." Embargoes and tariffs are the playthings of the commerce of yesterday. We cannot cast them aside at once, but certainly in the new world we are facing there will have to be great changes.

"Legislation must regulate the employment of husband and wife allowing but one to be employed by any concern, business or mu-

## Inspired Subs Of Farmington High Win Honors At District Tourney

With three players in the lineup who were second-string men early in the season, and with four second-team players as substitutes, Farmington High School's basketball team made a sensational showing in the Class C District tournament at Orion last week, reaching the final and qualifying for the regional tournament at St. Clair this week.

The Tritons were defeated by St. Fredericks in the Class C final Saturday night after they had disposed of Oxford and Or-

## Recount Changes Southfield Vote

### Charles L. Collins, Defeated By 2 In First Count, Wins By 3

A recount of votes cast in the Southfield Township primary gave Charles L. Collins the nomination for treasurer Wednesday afternoon, over Mrs. Fannie Adams by three votes. Mrs. Adams was given a two-vote margin in the tabulations following the election.

The recount, requested by Mr. Collins, caused the discarding of many ballots, Collins losing five votes and Mrs. Adams, 16, which swung the nomination to Collins. The recount tabulation gives Collins 183 votes; Adams, 180; Rohl, 144 and Dowsett, 64.

A crowd of about 40 people watched election officials recount the ballots at Southfield Town Hall on Berg road.

### Takes Five Hours

Counting of the ballots required almost five hours. Mrs. Adams was visibly disappointed over the outcome, but inasmuch as the only steps that she could take are believed to consist in raising legal technicalities in regard to the election, it is doubted whether she will make any effort to affect Collins' nomination.

Earl L. Phillips of Pontiac, attorney for Southfield Township, was in charge of the recount proceedings. Collins was represented by Arthur Moore of Royal Oak and Judge Aldrich, of Detroit was Mrs. Adams' representative.

### Little Dispute

There was little argument over the ballots among the attorneys, the three lawyers having agreed before the recount started that the law would be interpreted strictly in regard to the marking of ballots. Most of the ballots thrown out were held invalid because the voter apparently attempted to erase after having made a mistake, then marking the ballot in such a way as to constitute a "distinguishing mark."

Mr. Collins is a music teacher and piano tuner living in Southfield Community near Fourth Gate. Mrs. Adams had been secretary to the present treasurer, Arthur Baynes. Collins will be opposed by Norwood Tibbitts, Democratic nominee, at the election on April 6.

Mr. Collins asked the Enterprise to state for him that he wished to highly commend the clean campaign conducted by Mrs. Adams. The reason for his statement being reports of last week to the effect that supporters of Mr. Collins were claiming irregularities in the election.

municipal government. . . . Lastly, character must be the goal of education."

### Must Have Chance

"Humanity must have a chance to express itself in work and play," concluded Rev. Johnson. "It must have a chance to achieve. Its claim to happiness cannot be turned aside."

(Editor's note—The above report of Rev. Johnson's speech is, obviously, a condensation, necessitated by the limited time since the speech was delivered.)

## County Girls To Be Guests Here For Conference

### Program To Present Many Prominent Speakers, Style Show And Group Meets

More than 150 girls of Oakland County schools and several from Wayne County will be in Farmington Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week to attend the Vocational Guidance Conference. The girls will be guests of the Farmington Business and Professional Woman's club, which is sponsoring this meet as a club project.

### Four Off Team

On February 10, of the day of the St. Fredericks game, eight members of the Farmington high school team "skipped" school. All of the boys were reinstated after being kept out of the game that night, but the father of one of the boys forced him to quit. Later two other members of the team left the squad and another was dropped by the coach because of an indifferent attitude. This made it necessary for Coach Shadley to re-organize his team, and work out an entirely different combination.

### Defeat Oxford

The reorganized Farmington team caused a mild upset by defeating Oxford last Thursday night in the first round game of the tournament, 16 to 13. They caused even greater surprise the following night by swamping Orion, 24 to 14. Orion was completely outclassed by the inspired Tritons.

### Fall In Final

Inability to penetrate a stubborn St. Fredericks' defense proved the undoing of Farmington on Saturday night in the finals. The team lined up in all three games with Fend and Cairns, forwards; Maas, center; Drake, Howarth and Nicholson, guards. Drake and Howarth alternated at one of the guard posts, each playing half of the game.

Walled Lake was awarded the sportsmanship cup for being the most sportsmanlike team and the neatest appearing players on the floor.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Hake Is Buried In Farmington

Funeral services were held last Thursday for Elizabeth M. Hake, who died at her home in Plymouth, March 10. The final rites were from her home with burial in Farmington.

The deceased was the daughter of Isaiah and Phebe S. Johnson, and was born one mile east of Farmington where she lived until 1893, when she moved with her parents to Farmington. She was married to George Hake of Livonia in 1902, and then moved to Plymouth.

She died at the Byer Hospital in Ypsilanti after an illness of seven years. She is survived besides her husband by one sister, Mrs. W. H. Lewis of Farmington and a host of other relatives.

### PING PONG MATCH

Between Farmington school teachers and Farmington Exchange club will be held at the Farmington High school gymnasium, on Thursday, March 19 at 7:50 p. m. Admission fee of 10 and 20 cents will be charged to benefit school Ping Pong fund. 19-11-c

## Unusal Values Offered

Shoppers of the Farmington area are presented with an unusual money-saving opportunity through specials being offered by several leading places of business in Farmington on Saturday, and in one case all next week.

Along with many fine bargains the Farmington Hardware company will offer two bake sales on Saturday in their store. One will be a sale of home made pies, cakes, fried cakes, beans and other delicacies cooked by ladies of the Evangelical Church. Another will be a cookie sale of

fresh baked goods made right in the store by ladies of the M. E. Church. Both of these sales will be held afternoon and evening. The Fred L. Cook Co. offers many fine values in their 59c sale, which will start Saturday and continue all next week.

Pauline's Market and Delos Hamlin will have several specials in meats and other foods on Saturday.

Detailed advertisements in regard to the above mentioned specials, which are bound to save you money, appear in this week's issue of this paper.

## Delinquent Tax List

### At The Enterprise

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the various Oakland County properties for sale this year by the State of Michigan, because of delinquent taxes, may do so by calling at the office of the Farmington Enterprise.

The list published in the Birmingham Ecentric, consists of over 86,000 descriptions of many of which are subdivision lots in the southern part of the county. This year's list is one-third larger than that of a year ago.

## Constable Given Circuit Verdict

### Men Win Suit Brought By Woman Following Auto Seizure

Constable Carl F. Pettibone, of Farmington won a verdict in Circuit Court at Pontiac Monday, in a case in which he was sued for the value of an automobile it was claimed he had seized illegally, and in which the advantages of the new Michigan code of court procedure were strikingly demonstrated.

James L. Hogle, a bondsman for Constable Pettibone, was nominally a defendant, and R. E. Beekley, proprietor of Farmington Motor Sales, testified as to the value of the car.

The case, one of many tangles, had its inception when John Dayton, Plymouth attorney, sued Mrs. Zillah Baines, then of Milford, for \$205. He won a verdict June 28, 1929. In September, 1929, Constable Pettibone, on behalf of Dayton attached the car, and sold it for \$325.

Meanwhile, however, it developed that on June 27, 1929, one day before Dayton obtained his judgment, Mrs. Baines had assigned the car to her husband, Wesley Baines. The husband sued Constable Pettibone and Mr. Hogle for the value of the car, claiming the attachment was illegal.

Before the case came up for trial, Mr. Baines died, and his wife took out papers of administration of his estate in Wayne County, as executrix, thus becoming the actual plaintiff.

Following testimony, the jury, instead of debating for and against the parties and perhaps bringing in a compromise verdict, as often happened formerly, was asked by Judge Glenn Gillespie to decide whether or not the assignment by Mrs. Baines to her husband was made with intent to "hinder, delay or defraud" creditors. The jury found that it was, resulting in a decision for the defendants, Mr. Dayton and Paul A. Paré of Farmington appeared for the defendants and Donald Noble for the plaintiff.

## LEGION AUXILIARY FORMS INITIATION TEAM AT MEETING

### Regular Meeting Of American Legion Ladies Held Monday In New Home

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the new home, Monday, March 9th.

An initiation degree team was formed with the following members: Mrs. Lillian Fisher, president. Mrs. Bertha Schroeder, 1st vice president. Mrs. Labelle Lueke, 2nd vice president. Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt, past president. Mrs. Dorothy Smith, chaplain.

Mrs. Bertha Westfall, sgt.-at-arms was enjoyed. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Bertha Schroeder and Mrs. Dorothy Smith. Bridge was played, prizes given and refreshments served. Members are planning to visit the Plymouth unit.

## Interest Lags In City Election To Be Held April 6

### Attention Centers On Possible Contests For Treasurer; Few Petitions In

Although interest in the Farmington City election to be held April 6 "perked up" a bit during the past week, nothing has developed to indicate that there will be anything like the vigorous contests for official places that has marked elections elsewhere throughout this part of the State recently. Indications are that many, if not most of the offices will go uncontested, with only a few petitions filed to date.

Chief interest was centered this week on the office of treasurer. George Gildemeister, incumbent, filed his petitions some ago, believing that Hiram Nichols, who was treasurer before Mr. Gildemeister, did not intend to be a candidate. Mr. Nichols, however, decided to be a candidate, and a petition has been circulated, for him and is reported ready for filing at any time. It is regarded unlikely that they will be opposing candidates, however, and a withdrawal is expected.

Meanwhile petitions have been put in circulation for Mrs. Bertha Westfall for the same office, and Mrs. Westfall has stated she will be a candidate. Mrs. Westfall is the only woman candidate to appear thus far.

### No One Wants It?

Although there are three vacancies to be filled on the City Commission, only one petition has been filed for Commissioner Carl Hogle. Petitions are reported in circulation, however, for Fred Staman and Amos Otis. The only other possible candidate suggested thus far is Ben Meyers, who stated, when interviewed, "It's all news to me."

H. A. Sealey had declined to be a candidate for re-election to the board of education, and petitions are in circulation for Edgar S. Pierce for that office.

Petitions for Mayor Arthur Lamb and Clerk Nathan H. Power for re-election have been filed, and others are in circulation for Judge John J. Schulte and Constable Carl Pettibone for re-election. No opposition to these officials has appeared. Assessor James L. Hogle is to be opposed for re-election by W. Adams Nelson. It is expected that Joseph A. Karle will be a candidate for re-election to the Board of Review.

The election board to have charge of the voting April 6 will be named Monday evening by the City Commission. The last date for filing petitions is March 24. City Clerk Power reports a considerable number of new registrations.

## Salem Man Dies While Visiting Friends Here

Judson Taylor, 65, of Salem, died suddenly last Thursday afternoon while visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams of Farmington. Mr. Taylor attended the funeral of Mrs. George Hake and then came here to visit. He died soon after his arrival at the Adams home. He had been apparently in good health.

### H. PAULINE IMPROVED

The condition of Henry Pauline, Farmington merchant, who was critically injured in an auto accident recently, was reported greatly improved Thursday morning. Mr. Pauline is in Redford Receiving hospital. The improved condition is encouraging to his physicians.

A delegation left Thursday at 3 p. m. to attend the Sixth District meeting and banquet at Milford. Students of Farmington schools still have plenty of time to start their "Poppy Poster." The time limit is April 1.

—J. Lueke, Historian.