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Education Cure For Crime, Says Judge McGaffey

Scores Legislative Bodies For Failures In Dealing With Crime Prevention

Strong faith in American youth and severe criticism of attempts at crime correction in Michigan were expressed by Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Oakland County Judge of Probate, before members of Farmington Parent-Teachers Association Tuesday night.

Judge McGaffey appeared in Farmington upon the invitation of Mayor Arthur Lamb. Prof. Tenny, superintendent of the Juvenile Home at Pontiac, also spoke.

Judge McGaffey was firm in the belief that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" laying particular stress upon good home life as being the paramount influence in curbing crime. Less than one percent of inmates in penal institutions ever attended Sunday school, Judge McGaffey asserted, and 90 percent of the current criminals started to steal before the age of 15, the speaker continued.

His Legislation
Judge McGaffey was particularly critical of legislative failure at crime prevention. He said that legislative discussions were confined not to means of prevention but to penalties, making direct reference to the recent legislative debates on capital punishment and the whipping post. Judge McGaffey lamented the apparent policy of legislatures in appropriating "millions for jails and not one cent for prevention."

America is spending annually \$150 per capita to curb crime, more than the total of the war debt, the speaker pointed out. "Penal institutions," Judge McGaffey said, "are run by men untrained for the position but with the best political pull."

Called "prohibition" Judge McGaffey said that at one time when he had placed a large number of offenders on probation, he was called by critics the "prohibition" judge. The judge said, however, that in spite of severe criticism for his policy on certain occasions, he was still firm in the belief that imprisonment was to be imposed only as a last resort.

Judge McGaffey closed his address by describing several personal experiences encountered in dealing with youth. He said in closing, "criminals don't come from good homes—they come from neglected homes."

Prof. Tenny, who presided Judge McGaffey, described the Juvenile Home at Pontiac and gave several examples of how delinquent and neglected children had been cared for.

Mayor Lamb introduced the speakers.

LIVONIA TOWNSHIP STUDENT RECEIVES PERFECT RECORD

Miss Catharine Harlan Makes All "A" Average At Michigan State Normal

Miss Catherine Harlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harlan of Livonia Township, was one of 53 students at Michigan State Normal College to receive all "A's" in her scholastic report for the fall term, her parents were recently advised. Miss Harlan is a junior at Ypsilanti. There were 14 members of her class to receive such a distinction.

Miss Harlan was graduated from Northville High School in 1926 and taught for four years at Milford. She is active at Ypsilanti in extra curricular activities, being a member of the girls' band and the college orchestra. Mrs. J. Harlan heard a concert at Ypsilanti Sunday in which her daughter took part.

Mr. Harlan is treasurer of Livonia Township.

Mrs. F. E. Bradley entertained fifteen women at a one o'clock luncheon in honor of Mrs. Emily Checkette.

Addresses P. T. A.



Livonia Township Primary Date Set

Early Indications Point To Many Contests For Offices In Livonia Township

Dates for filing nominating petitions and the primary election in Livonia Township have been set for February 12 and March 7 respectively, corresponding with the dates chosen by Farmington Township Board. The Livonia Board made its decision at its monthly meeting this week.

Political activities are hardly underway in Livonia but early indications point to spirited contests for practically every office. Petitions are at present being circulated for Jesse Zeigler for supervisor, John Harlan for clerk, Arthur Trapp for highway commissioner, and W. H. Canfield, Albert Hirsch, Ed Howard and Ray Owens for constables.

Officers to be elected at this year's election include supervisor, clerk, treasurer, highway commissioner, justice of the peace, one member Board of Review (full term), and one member to fill a vacancy, four constables, and four overseers.

Polling places for Livonia voters will be at the corner of Seven Ave. and Farmington Roads and at Sheldon's office, Rosedale Gardens, on the Plymouth road.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES AT TRENTON; WAS 79 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Cloie DuBois, Sister Of Mrs. James Hogle, Dies At Daughter's Home

Cloie Gordon DuBois wife of the late Edgar DuBois, and former resident of Farmington died at the home of her daughter Mrs. L. E. Midworth at Trenton, Michigan, January 30.

Mrs. DuBois was born in Newark, N. Y. in 1852 and married to Edgar DuBois of Redford, Michigan in 1876. She is survived by three children, Theodore of Akron Ohio, Gordon of Grand Rapids and Mrs. L. E. Midworth of Trenton and was a sister of Mrs. J. L. Hogle and an aunt of Mrs. M. B. Pierce, both of Farmington. Mrs. DuBois was a woman of high ideals, her brave, courageous outlook upon life was always an inspiration to those with whom she came in contact and a large circle of friends and relatives will long hold her in cherished remembrance.

The funeral was held at the home of her daughter in Trenton and burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Trenton, N. J., on Monday, February 1.

Farmington Boy Aboard Battleship Stationed Near Eastern War Zone

The thunder of guns in the Orient and the employment by the United States of the Asiatic fleet and marines to protect American interests in the disturbed area is brought close home to Farmington as a Farmington boy is aboard a United States vessel in Pacific waters.

Irving W. Lancaster, son of Mrs. Lyman Farrand, is a gunner aboard the U. S. S. West Virginia, mother ship of the Pacific fleet, now established at Honolulu.

Lancaster left San Pedro, California, last week aboard the West Virginia, when the Pacific fleet was ordered to the Philippines.

Second Party To Enter Candidates In Race Rumored

Addition Of Two More Candidates For Treasurer Runs Total To Seven

Rumor that a Democrat ticket would be placed in the field in Farmington Township this spring and two additional announcements of candidates for Township treasurer added interest to the political situation in Farmington Township that had already promised to be one of the most interesting in years.

Reports were heard Tuesday that preparations were being made for the entrance of an "opposition" ticket. No confirmation of the reports could be obtained. A meeting was held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ina Surman but she denied Thursday that the meeting was of a political nature. When asked if she intended to be a candidate for clerk again this year she said that she had not decided. No petition is being circulated for her nomination, Mrs. Surman said.

Two additional candidates for treasurer, swelling the total to seven, were announced this week when petitions appeared for P. R. Deleuil and Jay C. Button. The other candidates are Mrs. Loretta Cox, Charles (Jack) Habermehl, Fred Lahr, Willis T. Roberts and Roy Schroeder.

Two additional candidates also appeared for the office of overseer. They are J. W. Currie and John L. Thomas. Louis Smith has a candidate for several weeks.

The former policy of electing four overseers has been displaced by the township Board in deciding that one would be sufficient.

Thus far four present incumbents are unopposed. They are Supervisor Arthur Coe, Clerk William Campbell, Highway Commissioner Goers and Ernest Blanchard, Justice of the Peace.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF FARMINGTON WILL HEAR DETROIT MAN

Italian Program Heard At Last Meeting—Benefit Card Party A Success

The Farmington Woman's Club is meeting Wednesday February 3 at the home of Mrs. C. N. Wilbur, on Grand River Avenue, members responding to roll call by name as an Italian artist.

The program, Historical Italy, "Mussolini, The Man," was given by Mrs. G. Hall and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

The next meeting will be held February 17 at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb on Grand River Avenue. Henry Butzel of Detroit will be the speaker.

The card party for the club held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hatton was a success, both socially and financially. There were 21 tables of bridge.

Rev. E. W. Palmer will conduct a series of Evangelistic services at the Puritan Avenue Baptist church in Detroit starting Monday night, February 8, and continuing until February 21.

Farmington Boy Aboard Battleship Stationed Near Eastern War Zone

Officially the fleet is participating in its annual winter maneuvers. Actually it is standing by in readiness for further developments in the Far East.

Lancaster has been in the Navy for more than four years and has sailed besides the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the South Atlantic when his ship took part in maneuvers off the Brazilian coast.

Mrs. Farrand said that her son has a ways expressed a desire to see China. She is apprehensive now at his wish may be fulfilled in an entirely different manner than ever expected.

Sponsor Of Bank Plan



ARTHUR J. LACY

Supervisors Vote To Waive Appeal

Rumors Of Appeal By Bonding Companies Dim Possibility Of Early Dividends

Appeal from the decision rendered by Judge Frank L. Doty holding that county money on deposit in two closed banks at Pontiac could not be considered as preferred claims was waived Wednesday by Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The vote was 32-5.

Supervisors Arthur Lamb of Farmington City and Arthur Coe of Farmington Township voted against appeal.

The committee on ways and means of the Board returned a recommendation to the Board unfavorable to appeal.

Hopes that a dividend might soon be forthcoming from the closed banks following the decision of the Board were somewhat dimmed when it was indicated that bonding companies interested in Oakland County finances would file an appeal, probably within a few days.

Previous to the voting the Board had met in executive session for two hours for a discussion of the County's financial condition with Civil Counsel George A. Cram and Prosecutor Clarence L. Smith.

There was some discussion by Supervisors before the vote was taken but the general opinion was that to uphold the decision would meet with general approval in the community and tend to hasten release of funds from the closed banks.

To Speak In Farmington



Dr. A. A. Hughes, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, State of Michigan, F. & A. M., who will speak at the Salem Evangelical church Father and Son banquet Wednesday night.

Group No. 1 of the W. H. M. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Frances Halsted on Farmington Road Tuesday afternoon, February 9 at 1 o'clock to tie a quilt.

Depositors' Committee Plan For Bank Wins Approval

Three Hundred In Town Hall Unanimously Endorse Trust Plan To Assure Continuance On Sound Basis; Judge Lacy Speaks

More than three hundred Farmington men and women, meeting in the Town Hall Thursday evening, gave explanation of and then approved a depositors-stockholders agreement for the purpose of maintaining the Peoples State Bank as a going institution and keeping at least one bank in the community.

The endorsement of the agreement plan without a dissenting voice gave indications that the desired goal of between 90 and 100 per cent signing may be realized and the bank resume functioning on a basis of unquestioned soundness in less than 10 days, under guidance of a Depositors' Committee, the bank officials, and the men responsible for the plan, Judge Arthur E. Lacy, Detroit and former State Senator Clarence E. Gittins, also of Detroit.



CLARENCE E. GITTINS

Log Cabin Voted To Scouts' Use

City Commission Turns Cabin Over To Farmington Troop For Meetings

Boy Scouts of Farmington are to have a meeting place of their own, it was decided at a meeting of the City Commission Monday night. The Commission voted unanimously to allow the Scouts the use of the log cabin in the park for an indefinite time, the only provision being made that the boys must keep the premises clean and tidy.

The Scouts appeared in a body before the Commissioners and stood by while their spokesman, Walter Hofmann, petitioned the Commissioners for the use of the building. They were accompanied by Joseph Himmelspach, newly appointed district commissioner of Boy Scouts.

The cabin is said to be in excellent condition except for the floor. Mr. Himmelspach said that several business men and citizens had offered him their services and equipment to build a suitable floor for the cabin. The cabin can be adequately heated by a fireplace in the building.

The Farmington Troop is planning a benefit card party at the American Legion home Tuesday, February 9. The proceeds will apply toward funds the boys are trying to raise for a summer camp.

Farmington Boy Scouts are planning a Court of Honor at the M. E. church next week Thursday night. Plans are also being made to attend the Annual Boy Scout Roundup at Pontiac, February 19, when more than 1,000 Boy Scouts will be present.

Telephone Girls Hold Party In Farmington

The girls of the Fairmont Exchange of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., held a Valentine party at the American Legion home in Farmington Thursday night.

The tables were decorated with Valentine cupids, candles and red hearts. A bouquet of sweet peas and roses adorned the mantle, a gift of the Farmington Greenhouses.

More than 50 were present and gratitude was expressed to the American Legion and Farmington Greenhouses by the girls.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Farrand attended the funeral of Mrs. Farrand's father, Mrs. Robb, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. Watts at Pontiac. Mrs. Robb was known in Farmington, having spent much time visiting his daughter here. Burial was made at Alpena.

Committeemen Draw From 5 Occupations

Men of five different occupations, a farmer, a merchant, a lawyer, a doctor and the Mayor of Farmington are the committee chosen to represent 1,000 depositors of the Peoples State Bank under an agreement for continuing the bank on a "moratorium" plan. They are Ed Dickie, Adolph Nacker, Paul A. Pare, Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner and Mayor Arthur Lamb.

Bank Not Closed

The bank has not closed, but on Tuesday voluntarily discontinued receiving deposits and permitting withdrawals, and will maintain this status until signatures representing a large enough percentage of the total deposits have been received, in the judgment of the Depositors' Committee chosen Thursday night, and the bank officials, to warrant resumption of the customary banking services.

A large number of depositors remained at the Town Hall to sign their copies of the agreement before leaving. Copies will be available at the bank for those depositors who did not obtain them at the meeting and will also be in the hands of the members of the Depositors' Committee.

After paying high tribute to the strength and soundness of the bank as shown by its ability to weather the financial storm through so many months of distressing times, Judge Lacy, following a brief introductory talk by Senator Gittins, outlined the agreement plan. Under the plan, the depositors and stockholders make mutual concessions to conserve the assets of the bank and prevent a forced liquidation under receivership.

To Avoid Ruin

"The primary purpose," Judge Lacy told the gathering, "is to avoid having to turn the assets of the bank into cash immediately by throwing them on the market and selling them at the present low market value, which would result in a loss to you, besides all the other expenses of a receivership. We want to avoid closing of the bank, which would bring on suffering and ruin."

"The necessity for the agreement arises, Judge Lacy explained, because of the shrinkage in value of assets, the general dropping of prices, which includes even U. S. Government bonds, "the best investment on this planet." The government bonds have dropped to as low as 88, Judge Lacy said, indicating the sharp fall in all security values.

Assess Stockholders

Under the agreement plan, 30 per cent of the assets of the bank as transferred to a trust fund. These assets are to be liquidated as advantageously as possible. Thirty per cent of the deposits is also to be set aside, the depositors (Continued on page five)