

Brucker, Rep. Lee Help City Obtain State Walk Fund

Governor And Legislator Speed Sending Of Checks To City Can Now Pay Bills

A check for \$1,419.36 was received by the City this week from the State Highway Department as the State's share in the cost of sidewalk construction carried on last year on Grand River.

City officials were highly elated at the early remittance of the amount due the City from the State as they had earlier been advised that it would be some time before funds would be available to make the payment.

The money was doubly welcome because it came at an exceptionally opportune moment for the City, its most needy time in many recent years. With the City funds tied up in closed and suspended banks, officials were beginning to worry about payment of current bills and salaries. The State check will enable it to meet these items, for the present, at least, avoiding the necessity of telling creditors the City could not pay, which would have marred the City's unusual record of consistent, prompt payment of every obligation.

Melvin H. Lee, State representative from this district, learned last week of the amount owed by the State and interested in Lansing in behalf of the City. His letter to Mayor Lamb follows: "Honorable Mayor and City Commission, Farmington, Michigan.

"While in your city last Monday evening, Mayor Lamb and Commissioner Gildemeister stated to me that you had a sum considerable in excess of \$1,000.00 coming from the State of Michigan Highway Department, and stated that you could use this money at the present time if you could secure it, and wondered if I could help you in this particular case.

"I made a trip to Lansing today and immediately got in touch with the Highway Department, who stated that they were not in a position to make the payment at this time. I then went to the Capital and talked the matter over with the Governor, and was able to secure the enclosed warrant for \$1,419.36 which I am turning over to you at this time.

"If at any time I may be of service to you, do not hesitate to call upon me. Thanking you for the very wonderful treatment I received while at your Commission meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,
MELVIN H. LEE

Governor Aids City



Gov. Brucker interested in Farmington's behalf and this week obtained for the City the State Highway Department's check for sidewalk work, which enables the City to pay its bills.

Plan Services For Good Friday

Large Number of Holy Week Services Planned By Farmington Churches

Numerous Holy Week church programs, climaxed by impressive services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, are planned by Farmington church leaders for next week. A union service on Good Friday in which members of three churches will participate is regarded as the outstanding church event of the season.

For the fifth consecutive year the union Good Friday service will be held at Salem Evangelical church, with members of the Methodist and Baptist churches, also taking part. Farmington business places will close, it is expected, from one o'clock until 2:45, the hours of the service.

The program as announced by Rev. Elmer Palmer is as follows: 1.00—Organ music, Mrs. Edgar. 1.15—Congregational singing. 1.25—Special music. 1.30—Sermon, Rev. E. W. Palmer.

2.00—Special music. 2.05—Sermon, Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson. 2.40—Hymn. 2:45—Benediction.

Church services will be held throughout next week at Farmington M. E. church, beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through Good Friday. Two visiting clergymen will take part in two week day services. Rev. Elliot Zoller of the Wilson Avenue (Continued on page five)

Work On Cut-Off Will Be Started Within Few Days

County Employed To Receive Major Part Of Jobs On New Project

Approximately 90 families in the southern part of Oakland County are expected to benefit from highway grading work which will start on Farmington Cut-off sometime next week. The Furnari Excavating Company of Detroit has been awarded the grading contract. At least 75 per cent of labor to be employed will be taken from the ranks of the County unemployed.

The new project will join the completed section of the Cut-off just north of Nine Mile road at Farmington road and will run northeasterly more than three miles to join Grand River road at Ten Mile road.

Mayor Arthur Lamb was informed by the contractors that work would be started simultaneously at both ends of the project. The contractors estimate that 10,000 yards of earth will be removed by workmen, 20,000 yards by scrapers and the balance by two steam shovels which will be moved on the job yearly next week.

Employment of men on the project will be in charge of supervisors in this vicinity who will provide written orders for men who need work the most. The contractor has agreed to co-operate with them in employing at least 75 per cent of his labor from their recommendations.

A hearing will be held at Farmington City Hall Friday, March 25 at 10:30 a. m. by officials of the State Highway Department relative to condemnation proceedings of two parcels of lands on the Cut-off right-of-way. The property is owned by the Lorinna Simmons State and Farmington State Savings Bank.

TEN GROUPS TAKE PART IN BUSINESS WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Glady Boucher's Class Of Tap Dancers Win First Prize In Contest

Glady Boucher's class of tap dancers, choosing for its act, "The Wearing of the Green," was awarded first prize at "Stunt Night" sponsored by Farmington Business and Professional Women's club Tuesday night. Farmington High School band took second place and Farmington Women's club was awarded third prize.

The pupils taking part in "The Wearing of the Green" were Joyce Heeny and Betty Lynch, chorus. Ten organizations were entered in the contest. The judges were Miss Gladys Mercer of the Wyandotte Herd, Russell Van Avery of Redford High School, and Edwin Johnson, principal of Pierston school.

Farmington O. E. S. Plans Meeting Tuesday Night

The last special meeting for the year of Farmington Chapter No. 239 O. E. S. for conferring of degrees will take place Tuesday evening March 22 with advance officers accompanying the stations.

Beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock a well arranged program of Easter music will be offered. Numbers will be offered by a girls' quartette, a men's quartette and the combination will be heard in an obit. Miss June Johnson and Edward Eaton will sing solos. There will also be two vocal numbers by Betty Jane and Mary Louise Worsfold and Joyce Heeny.

Members are invited to attend.

Small Markings On 2 Ballots Cost Candidate Southfield Recount, By 1

A line crossed opposite a blank line on one ballot and a single diagonal mark in a similar place on another, held the Republican nomination for highway commissioner of Southfield Township in the balance at the recount of votes Monday. Ruling of these two ballots as "spoiled" left James Kirchoff the nominee by the margin of a single vote. Had the two ballots been counted, Mr. Kirchoff's opponent, Daniel Hughes, would have won by one vote, because both of the spoiled ballots were marked for Mr. Hughes.

Decision of the contest came after the ballots of one entire precinct had been thrown out because the package of ballots had not been sealed in the ballot-box by the election board. This was

Precinct No. 2, in the section known as Southfield Community, north of Grand River and Fourth Gate Road. While the election board was counting the ballots of precinct No. 3, however, Attorney Earl L. Phillips, counsel for the Southfield Township Board, del. voted into Supreme Court cases and found a ruling which permitted counting of the votes in Precinct No. 2. He discovered that although the statute states specifically that the ballots must be sealed in their wrapper, the Supreme Court had

Township Board Approves Plats

Approves Plats Will Bring Township Large Amount In Tax Returns

Engineers' plats covering several hundred lots in a number of subdivisions have been received and accepted by the Farmington Township Board which gave its approval at its meeting Tuesday evening.

Making up of the plats will avoid for the Township loss of delay in receiving thousands of dollars in taxes. Without the plats, it would not be possible to place the lots on the State tax sale lists, hence the descriptions did not meet the State requirements. The plats provide a complete and thoroughly satisfactory description for every piece of property, and owners cannot thereafter avoid paying the taxes through faulty descriptions.

Many of the lots are along the Northwestern Highway, which, cutting diagonally across the Township, left irregular pieces of property, requiring new descriptions.

The plats have been completed in time for use in connection with this year's assessments, and will save the Township large sums in re-assessed taxes. A considerable sum of State and County tax has already been assessed back to the Township at large because of inadequate descriptions, but the new plats, technically known as "supervisor's plats," will prevent this from going on as it has in the past.

The plats have been made by George H. Ruhling and Co., engineers, of Detroit, who are continuing with similar work elsewhere in the Township. Copies of the plats go now to the County and State authorities for thorough checking and approval.

Church Architect III, Misses Celebration



Those active in preparing the decennial banquet program for Farmington Methodist Church Thursday evening learned with regret that the program would have to go on without the presence of the architect of the beautiful church structure, Wells D. Butterfield. He is confined to his home by illness.

Dividend To Be Distributed By Bank Receiver

Checks To Be Mailed To Farmington State Savings Bank Depositors

Depositors of the Farmington State Savings Bank will receive a dividend within the next week or ten days, it is announced by Howard C. Knickerbocker, Receiver. Checks will be mailed out as soon as the necessary procedure can be completed, Mr. Knickerbocker says. An order was signed late Wednesday afternoon in Circuit Court for payment of the dividend.

The dividend will be five per cent. It was hoped that a ten per cent dividend could be distributed at this time, but due to the unsettled legal questions as to the status of public money in closed banks, it will be necessary for the receivership to retain for the present a considerable amount of money which could otherwise have been used for dividend purposes.

The problem as to whether public funds on deposit are preferred claims is yet to be decided by the courts. If it is held that such deposits are not preferred claims, it may be anticipated that another dividend will be ready in the near future. Mr. Knickerbocker said. If the court decision holds that the public deposits must be paid in full by the receiver, the issuance of further dividends will depend entirely on the receipts of money from depositors of the bank. Collection of money thus far has been quite satisfactory, considering general business conditions, Mr. Knickerbocker said.

FIRESTONE MAKES TIRES EXCLUSIVELY FOR ITS DEALERS

Advertisements On Page Eight Points Out Two Special Qualities In Firestone

Finer Firestone tires at the low prices effective this year are advertised in this issue by Olin Russell, Ford sales and service. An entire price scale is shown on page eight.

Emphasizing the quality of the tires, the ad says, "Special brand tires are made by manufacturer without his name, for distribution by mail order houses and other distributors under their own brands. These tires are sold to the public without the responsibility, identity or guarantee of the tire manufacturer. Firestone do not make special brand tires for ANYONE. Firestone Tires are sold through Firestone service dealers and service stores.

FARMINGTON M. E. CHURCH OBSERVES 10th ANNIVERSARY

Three Former Pastors Of Church Take Part In Anniversary Celebration

An attendance of 100 persons was expected to be present at the tenth anniversary celebration of the dedication of Farmington M. E. church Thursday night. Among them were two former pastors of the church, Rev. Sidney D. Eva of Mt. Clemens, Rev. Edward Dunlavy of Detroit, Rev. H. Addis Lespon of Flint had sent word that he could not attend.

The program was prepared by Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, pastor of the church, and Miss Emily Butterfield, was planned as follows: Invocation, Dr. J. A. Halmhuber of Ann Arbor, district superintendent; vocal solo, Mrs. Helen Kennedy Snyder; address, "The House of Happiness," Rev. H. Addis Lespon; greetings from architects of the church, Wells D. Butterfield; address, "The House of Prayer," Rev. Edward Dunlavy; greetings from the building board of the church, Floyd H. Nichols; vocal solo, Mrs. Snyder; address, "The House of God," Rev. Sidney D. Eva.

Four-Ounce Egg From 'Farmington-Fed' Hen

Probably one of the largest eggs ever seen in this vicinity is on display in the window of Farmington Drug Co. The egg weighs a quarter of a pound, and was laid by a "big Buff Orpington" owned by Charles Damon of Farmington Acres.

The exhibit is particularly interesting because Damon's hens, including that which laid the four-ounce egg, are supplied with a feed produced in our community, "Delight Egg Mash," a product of Farmington Mills.

held in a case on that point that if the recount board was satisfied the package had not been tampered with, the votes of the precinct could be counted. The board agreed unanimously that the package showed no evidence of tampering, and the votes were counted. It did not have a decisive effect on the election, although Mr. Kirchoff's margin of five votes was cut to one, Mr. Hughes carrying the precinct by four votes.

"Marks" Decide It was in this precinct that the two ballots for Mr. Hughes were thrown out as bearing distinguishing marks, so if the two votes had been held good, the counting of that precinct would have cost Mr. Kirchoff the election.

The recount gave Kirchoff 104 votes to 89 for Hughes in Precinct No. 1, but this was offset by Hughes' margin of 10 votes in Precinct No. 3, which gave Hughes 72 to 62 for Kirchoff. With a difference of only four votes, the stage was set for the dramatic finish of the recount that came with tabulation of the ballots in Precinct No. 2.

Each Lost Vote Much praise was heard of the "good sportsmanship" displayed by Mr. Kirchoff in readily consenting to the counting of the ballots in Precinct No. 2, after they had been thrown out, as he had a margin of four votes without that Precinct and it was generally conceded before the counting, that the vote there was slightly against him. It was Hughes who asked the recount, the original report of the election board giving Kirchoff 230 and Hughes 225. The result of the recount was 228 for Kirchoff, the present incumbent and 224 for Hughes.

Mr. Kirchoff will be opposed at the April 4 election by the Democratic nominee, Irving Johnson.

William S. McNair, Redford attorney, represented Mr. Kirchoff at the recount, with Mr. Phillips representing the Township Board. Mr. Hughes was not represented by counsel.

Farmington Ping Pong Team Beats Pontiac

Farmington Ping Pong club easily defeated the Pontiac club Wednesday night at the High School gymnasium, winning seven out of nine matches. Lewis Thayer suffered the only Farmington loss in the singles, to a strong opponent and Viola Lamb and Lynn Ross of Farmington fought doubles match to Pontiac. Farmington won 15 out of 22 games.