

SOUTH FARMINGTON
TOWNSHIP NEWS

Mrs. Chauncey Smith of Farmington Road who has been in the Bedford Hospital for the past two months has returned home and is able to sit up a short time each day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burdette of Edwards Avenue, a daughter, Joanne Marie, was born to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sarver.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bentley, Mrs. Meddy and daughter, Celia, Mr. James Bentley, Mr. John McDonald, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Bentley, of Detroit, Mr. Fred McDonald of Rochester, N. Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Farmington Acres were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Measell and son, Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thuenner of Detroit, Mrs. Rex Young of Sears, Michigan, and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre attended the evening session of the Detroit News Cooking School, Friday.

Mrs. Ralph Eckler of Clarenceville and Mrs. Harry Thornton and children of Farmington Road were Dearborn callers Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fendt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sallow, Mr. and Mrs. Youles, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Kahle were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wright on Plymouth Road, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Jones of Detroit, visiting her sister, Mrs. David Measell on Karl Avenue, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houser of Highland Park were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Youngblood, Sunday.

Miss Julie Koss was the dinner guest of Miss Marie Lehmann, of Farmington Road. The occasion being her birthday anniversary.

Miss Gladys Bachelor of Detroit spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bachelor on North Farmington Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cutler and children of Detroit, called on Mrs. Emma Damon, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cope of Highland Park were callers of Mr. and Mrs.

Youngblood Sunday afternoon.

Miss Amanda Markham of Detroit is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Markham of Karl Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grace were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Irving, on Nine Mile Road, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olander from Astoria, N. Y., and Mr. Muller, from Flushing, Long Island, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erickson on Karl Avenue.

BUDS APPEAR ON
FRUIT TREES IN
S. W. MICHIGAN

News that the buds on the hundreds of thousands of fruit trees in Southwestern Michigan are so full that two or three days of warm weather will cause them to burst in full glory of blossoms is undoubtedly welcome news to fruit growers of the Farmington area, for when blossoms come in this section, they follow soon throughout the entire state. The first blossoms always come in this section, followed by as late as three or four weeks in other portions but the spring cannot be far away when blossoms burst here.

The annual celebration of "Blossom Week" is underway at Benton Harbor. Joseph, Michigan May 5 to 12, and with fullness of buds and certainty of warm days, indications are that the 1940 event will not lack for blossoms. One of the oldest festivals in Michigan, there has always been blossoms for the festival excepting in 1938. Committees pointed out that this was caused by the earliness of the season, with the blossoms all blown from the trees by Blossom Week.

As a matter of fact, officials here pointed out that the lateness of this spring fits better with plans for blossoms for May 5 to 12 than an early season, because during the cool weather the buds continue to fill out, bursting forth with warm weather. Further, a late season removes the danger of frost damaging the fruit crop, the most important industry of the section.

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



Long before literary critics had finished pounding out "Bravos!" in appreciation of John Steinbeck's stirring masterpiece, "The Grapes of Wrath," Darryl F. Zanuck had quietly completed his plans for the filming of this most discussed novel of modern literature.

Zanuck, production chief of the 20th Century-Fox studios, paid \$70,000 for the movie rights to Steinbeck's best-seller. By paying this price, the highest ever paid for a novel, Zanuck indicated his uncompromising belief that "The Grapes of Wrath" provides the mightiest and most human moving picture drama of a generation.

A roar of applause went up from all parts of the country when Zanuck's plans were first announced. Thousands of letters poured into the 20th Century-Fox studios. Every letter writer wanted to see the Joads come alive on the screen, as they had lived in the book, vital, warm human beings—life-battered but with a rugged sense of humor.

Another avalanche of applause rolled up when it was announced that Henry Fonda would play the part of Tom Joad. With the announcement that John Ford would be given the directorial assignment, this second avalanche grew and when Associate Producer Nunnally Johnson, one of Hollywood's most brilliant writers, was commissioned to write the screen play even the most critical moviegoers were satisfied that the Zanuck production of "The Grapes of Wrath" would retain all the power, humor and appeal of the original story.

Literally besieged by half the stars and players in Hollywood, who were anxious for roles in what was obviously destined to be a history-making film, Zanuck slowly chose his cast.

With the part of Tom Joad settled on Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell took over the part of that unquenchable woman of the soil, Ma Joad. Lanky John Carradine became Casey, the preacher. Gram-

pa took form in Charley Grapevine, Dorris Bowdon won the role coveted by every young Hollywood actress, that of Rosashawn, Russell Simpson became Pa Joad, O. Z. Whitehead became Al Joad, John Qualen, Eddie Quillan, Connie Zeffe Tibbory, Grannia, Frank Darien, Uncle John, Frank Sally, Noah, Darryl Hickman, Winifred and Shirley Mills, Rutile.

FUND AGENCIES
TO BE OPEN FOR
INSPECTION

"Follow Your Dollar" days of the 80 Detroit Community Fund agencies, during which 60 of the agencies will be open to public inspection, will be held during the three days beginning with National Hospital Day, May 12, and continuing through May 13 and 14.

Among the agencies which will open their doors to the public is the Detroit League for the Handicapped, which furnishes employment to 270 persons over 18 years of age who are either blind, deaf or crippled. These people are engaged in sewing, chair reupholstering, making books of Braille for the blind, and teaching the blind to read Braille with their fingertips.

Their products are sold through two salerooms to doctors, hospitals, wholesale departments, and to individuals at retail. The League also furnishes many Braille books to students in schools and colleges. Visiting hours will be held on Monday, May 13 from four until six in the afternoon with guides furnished to show guests through the workshops.

Another Community Fund agency inviting the public to "Follow Your Dollar" is the Franklin Settlement, an organization built up of educational, recreational and social clubs. It has become widely known for its success with clubs of young people in the "problem age" group from 15 to 25 years, and also includes many married members in its groups. The Settlement is the first neighborhood center in the country to have installed a bowling alley which has aided greatly in promoting interest as a recreational center.

Particularly interesting displays will be made up from art and craft work, woodworking and other hobbies. Franklin Settlement's program will be held Tuesday, May 11.

Hor underprivileged girls are taught the art of becoming old fashioned housewives with real ability in cooking, sewing and general homemaking. Will be shown to the public by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd when they open their House for public inspection on May 13. Caring for teen age girls makes up the work of the Sisters, whose problem it is to provide protection and to prevent otherwise likely delinquency. Girls residing in the House of the Good Shepherd have available complete educational facilities through the twelfth grade as well as other vocational training to fit them for jobs when they leave the House.

Community Fund "Follow Your Dollar" days have been planned by the 60 Community Fund agencies to allow contributors to the Fund how their subscriptions are being applied to do the most possible good in solving Detroit and community social problems.

Reports on the status of soliciting organizations is available to the Detroit Community Fund through its affiliation with the National Information Bureau, a non-profit organization founded during the first World War to assist contributors throughout the United States in safeguarding their war relief gifts.

NYA IS GIVING EMPLOYMENT TO 540 IN COUNTY

Five hundred forty Oakland county youth are being aided in continuing their education through the NYA school work program currently operating in 32 high schools in the county, according to Michigan National Youth Administration figures.

These young people work part-time of jobs selected by school officials who are also responsible for administration of the program in their particular schools. A maximum of \$6.00 a month may be earned by a student for actual work performed.

In the majority of cases it has been learned that this money (averaging less than the maximum because the need for aid is nearly always over the allotted quota for the school) means the difference between staying in school and dropping out.

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AMERICANS HAVE
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FOR WAR RELIEF

During the first six months of the current European war, the American people have given more than \$9,800,000 towards "war relief" in Europe and Asia, according to a report received by the Detroit Community Fund from the National Information Bureau.

Approximately 72 per cent or \$7,000,000 of this total has been received by 12 agencies. The amount includes contributions for expenditures both for rehabilitation of refugees from warring countries and within the belligerent nations.

The problem facing generous Americans is the question of which agency to give to, rather than of how much to give or for what cause. There were some 400 local and national agencies soliciting "war relief" (funds by April 1, 1940).

"Today, as in the last World War," the report continues, "a number of inefficient well-meaning, as well as unscrupulous promoters, are hawking fund-raising drives, asking for money in the name of whatever cause currently has the most popular appeal. Unfortunately, the names of prominent citizens on a board of directors, as well as experience has repeatedly shown, is not sufficient guarantee of an agency's reliability. The way for generous contributors to give with complete assurance is to ask for full information."

Information on the reliability of national and international "war relief" agencies soliciting contributions from local citizens can be obtained from the Detroit Community Fund, Percival Dodge, managing director, pointed out. He emphasized the importance of making certain that donations reach their proper goal and attain the desired results.

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ties in different vocational fields. The present trend of the NYA has been to encourage the assignment of jobs so that students will receive experience in types of work they may follow in later life. In this way helping them to determine which work they have the interest and abilities to perform with greatest satisfaction.

Jobs to which students are assigned in no way infringe on the work of regular school employees. In addition to those receiving help in this county, 16,087 are helped in 808 high schools throughout the state, and 6,345 are receiving similar help on the college and graduate program operated by the NYA in 43 institutions.

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