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Growers Are Divided on Apple Tax

Opinion as to the value and fitness of a state tax on apples is divided among growers of the Farmington district. The tax has been a subject of controversy among growers since it was passed in 1939, and in 1940 a group of Cass and county fruit growers, including several from this area, questioned the constitutionality of the tax before county circuit court. The court declared the tax unconstitutional. The case then went before the Supreme Court, which reversed the lower court's decision.

The tax finds both favor and opposition in this section. Harry N. McCracken, township clerk and prominent fruit grower, said he favored the tax because he felt that nation-wide advertising of Michigan apples will greatly benefit the industry and growers. He pointed out the success of similar advertising of citrus fruits and apples in other sections of the country. He declared, however, that it would be better if growers were allowed to pay the tax on a hundred bushels at a time, for example, rather than attach a tax sticker to each crate, as the law now demands.

On the other side of the issue, O. R. Regattin, son of Vladimir Regattin, who owns an orchard on Howard Road, declared that fruit growers who have opposed the tax fear that the amount of the tax may be raised in the future, and that they hold the tax law was passed without the representation of the growers. He stated that many growers feel the tax should apply only to first grade fruit, instead of all grades, including culls, as the law now provides. He also stated that a state apple commission to collect a levy of one cent per bushel or two cents a hundred pounds on the marketing of Michigan apples, the revenues to be used to advertise the apple industry.

The law, the supreme court held, was neither unconstitutional nor discriminatory. It declared the tax was not imposed on the production or growing of apples but was a levy on the privilege of placing the fruit on the market.

The decision was in the suit of John T. Mill, L. P. Forman and others against the apple commission.

Collection of the tax had been held in abeyance and the commission's funds impounded pending termination of the case. The commission will make no attempt to collect tax on the 1940 unmarketed crop.

On January 23, 1940, a decision by Judges H. Russell Holland, George B. Hartick and Frank L. Doty held that the act was unconstitutional. An appeal from this decision was filed with the Supreme Court in October.

KIWANIS CLUB TO ENTERTAIN CAST OF MINSTREL SHOW

The Farmington Kiwanis Club will entertain, at their meeting Wednesday, February 25, all persons who took part in the club's recent minstrel show. "Rhythm and Rhyme" the club will hold a meeting in appreciation of the people who cooperated with them in making the show a success.

The program for the club's meeting next Wednesday will be under the direction of Stanley Conn. Special guest at the meeting this week was Richard Stephenson, district manager of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, United States Department of Commerce. Stephenson gave a history and showed samples of publications which the department distributed for the benefit of factory managers, merchants and consumers.

The club is cooperating with the American Legion, Groves Walker Post, and the Farmington Scout organizations to the extent that they purchased 72 tickets for the "Magical Varieties" show to be presented Monday, February 24 at the high school auditorium.

Speaker



Dr. Frank D. Adams, of the Unitarian church, Oak Park, Illinois, speaker at the Groves-Walker Post American Legion and Auxiliary Pan American meeting to be held Thursday evening at the Farmington high school auditorium, traveled extensively in South America last summer and became well informed on the subject of his Farmington talk.

Five Farmington Draftees To Go

Five draft selectees from the Farmington area will leave Wednesday, February 19 to begin their year of training. The selectees, registered at Board 8, Pontiac, are: Ruby Poff, 21, of 35400 Drake Road; Elmer Rice, 23, 4080 Gill Road; Lawrence Gardner, 24, Route 1, Wallace A. F. Jarvis, 22, 25855 Greening Road, and William W. Schulkins, 21, 30326 Ten Mile Road.

Board No. 8, covering Farmington, Novi, Lyon, Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Lakes and Waterford townships, has a quota of 20 men.

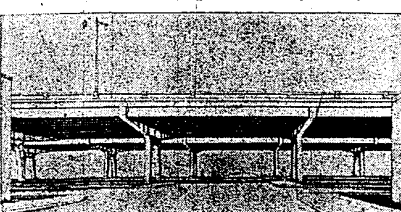
Two men from Wallace Lake are among the six who volunteered for service. They are Harry S. Lawrence, 25, of 715 Wolverine Drive, and Orville M. Christianson, 22, of 6910 West Maple Road.

Other men from Board 8 who will leave Wednesday are: Asberry C. Davis, 23, of South Lyon; Harry L. Gallagher, 21, of Pontiac; Edwin M. Smith, 21, of Wall Lake; Thomas E. Brown, 22, of Detroit; George J. Monti, 27, of Pontiac; Harold H. Lewis, 21, of Pontiac; Oral E. Bousman, 28, of Pontiac; George W. Hall, 22, of South Lyon; and Ori P. Manlove, 25, of Keego Harbor.

FARMINGTON P.T.A. TO HOLD PANEL DISCUSSION

The Farmington Parent-Teacher's Association will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at eight o'clock, in the High School Auditorium. The meeting will be opened by a ceremony conducted by members of Girl Scout Troop No. 1. The program will be a panel discussion on the topic "What do I mean by a democratic way of life?" The panel chairman will be Archie Leonard and the other members will be a clergyman, a teacher, a lawyer, a parent and a member of the American Legion. Dinner will be served by students of the Homemaking Classes, under the direction of Mrs. Genevieve Johnston at 6:45 p. m. to members of the P. T. A. Reservations must be in by Monday, February 17. For tickets, please call Mrs. G. McKay, phone 344.

Section of Proposed Highway



A typical section of the proposed Grand River elevated highway, showing two separate supporting decks—one for eastbound, the other for westbound traffic.

Plan Landing Field and Factory Here

A new industry will take its place in the Farmington area next month when Apex Metal Specialties, Inc. begins operations in its new plant, now under construction. The new plant, located on Orchard Lake Road at Thirteenth Mile Road, will manufacture dies for moldings for automobiles, to be furnished automobile factories.

The new building is to serve a dual purpose, according to W. C. Johnson, designer and builder. Besides furnishing dies for automobile plants, it will house an airplane hangar, and will provide landing field and airplane repair service for owners of private planes. Flying lessons will also be given, Johnson said.

The enterprise will be supervised by Axel Christiansen, owner of the Apex Metal Specialties, Inc. plant, located in Detroit.

To employ local men the front portion of the building will house the Administrative offices and will be two stories in height. Directly behind the offices will be the machine shop where the molding dies are to be made, and the entire rear portion of the building will serve as an airplane hangar. The building is to be 80 by 152 feet in size and it is estimated that expenses for the first year, including cost of construction, will total about \$75,000. The company will employ men from the Farmington area, Johnson said.

In addition it is planned to build a number of hangars along the edge of the landing field. The field, which by reason of soil conditions and contour is naturally adapted to the use of airplanes, covers approximately 140 acres.

Construction of the building has gone along at a fast rate—actual work was started about two weeks ago and Johnson estimates that production will begin within 30 days. Work on the landing field will be started as soon as weather permits and the hangars are expected to be ready for use by spring.

Have Plane Agencies Christiansen and Johnson have the Michigan agency for the Aero-coupe Airplane Co. and also for the Cessna Airplane Co. Owners of private airplanes will be welcome at the field where they may land and take off, have their planes repaired or have lessons in flying. The Aero-coupe plane has received much publicity recently in national magazines as a "spin-proof" plane. Its qualities of safety are designed to appeal to the beginner or to the person who desires to take up flying as a hobby.

Farmington Cleaners Under New Management

The Farmington Cleaners will operate under new management, according to Mrs. Lyman Farrand, who has owned and operated the business here for the past 17 years. New owners are Sam and Eli Lachin, who operate a similar business on Grand River avenue in Detroit. The new owners plan to install equipment which will enable them to do the cleaning and pressing work while the customer waits. This equipment will be placed in a concrete building adjoining the cleaning establishment.

Mrs. Farrand's business was first located on the property now occupied by the Kroger store. Later she moved across Grand River near where the Civic Theatre now stands. She had been in her present location eight years.

The Progressive Bible Class of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Clyde Adams on Monday evening, February 17, at 7:30.

Court Action To Test Appointment

Court action will be sought to decide the official status of Corporation and Securities Commissioner Howard M. Warner, of Farmington, and a number of other Lansing officials appointed by Gov. Dickinson shortly before the end of his term.

Definite plans to file a quo warranto suit in the Supreme Court to challenge the right of the Senate to confirm the appointments were laid Wednesday.

Walter I. McKenzie, of Detroit, is Gov. Van Wagener's choice to replace Mr. Warner. The Senate, however, recently confirmed Mr. Warner's appointment.

Byron L. Ballard, legal adviser to Gov. Van Wagener, stated that the program planned also involves testing the right of a Governor's appointee to take office before the Senate confirms the appointment. If the Supreme Court rules Warner's confirmation invalid, McKenzie then will claim the right to the office without waiting for Senate action.

Ballard said that he hoped to bring the quo warranto case before the Supreme Court in the April term, as the first step in the program of settling definitely the respective rights of the Governor and the Senate.

Kroger Co. Plans New Store Here

Preliminary plans have been completed for the construction of a Kroger Super-Market in Farmington. It was announced this week. The store is to be located on the east end of the present Kroger's store on the property now occupied by the Alfred Walkbank Auto Accessory shop.

This property is owned by Howard Warner, and the building to be occupied by the Kroger store will be constructed by Warner.

The store will be completely modern and fully equipped and will be one of the largest type operated by the Kroger Co. The building will be so constructed as to eliminate supporting poles in the interior of the store. It will be wider and nearly twice as long as the present store.

The present staff of Kroger employees will operate the new store. Abe Johnson, Kroger manager, is taking a course in super-market managing and other employees will take the course when Johnson finishes.

NEW CAFE TO BE OPENED IN FARMINGTON

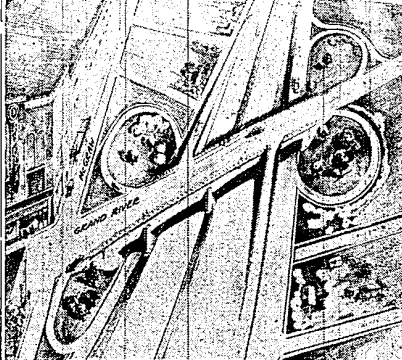
Plans to open a new cafe in Farmington are announced by Parro Tala, proprietor of the Grocery store at Grand River and Seven Mile Roads. The cafe is to be located on Farmington Road just south of Grand River on the property adjoining the Oak Pharmacy. This will lease a new building which is to be constructed by Henry Pauline, owner of the property.

Tala said the cafe would be run as a partnership, consisting of himself and Edna Lana, of Detroit. Tala appeared at a meeting of the Farmington city commission Thursday evening, February 6 and was granted permission to apply for a "Class C" liquor license. In order to approve the application the commission revoked an ordinance in the city charter which limited the number of liquor licenses in the city to one per thousand population.

The cafe is to be entirely modern. Tala said the building will be approximately 25 feet by 80 feet in size and will be constructed of cement blocks with an ornamental brick front. It will be one story in height but will be so constructed as to permit a second story to be added later if desired.

Tala is well known in this area, having operated his store at Grand River and Seven Mile for a number of years. He has been a resident of this community 15 years. Tala announced that he will conduct a contest to choose a name for the cafe. The contest will be open to all, and contestants should send their selections, along with name and address, to Box 200, Enterprise, a prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the winner.

Will Bring Detroit Closer



A section of the proposed all-elevated highway paralleling Grand River avenue, which, when completed, will bring Farmington much nearer to Detroit. Plans call for the Grand River express motorway to run from the Detroit downtown district to Farmington.

Phone Co. Plans Expansion Here

Because of continued growth in service demand, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company plans a \$50,000 equipment expansion project at the Farmington central office.

John R. MacLachlan, manager for the company, said that additional central office apparatus will be installed, including an additional switchboard position and auxiliary apparatus. The work, which is to get under way early this month and be completed in March, will be done by the Western Electric Company.

The new equipment is engineered to increase the capacity of the central office to 1,580 telephones. The additional switchboard position will increase the total at the Farmington office to five.

"The project is made necessary by continued growth of telephone and service demand," MacLachlan said. "At the present time, there are more than 1,250 telephones in service at the exchange, an increase of about 375 over this period last year. There is a substantial residential building development going on in the Farmington community, with indications for still further demand for telephone service."

Now the steeljacks have a robot painting machine that saves them the danger of working at their dangerous tasks. It is an arrangement of magnetized drums, operated from the ground by the controls, and does the work of a several men.

Farmington Stores Keep Pace With Growth of Area

Farmington is growing. New residents are moving to the Farmington area and new places of business are springing up. A new highway is being opened, which will bring Farmington residents a good deal closer to Detroit, in point of driving time.

The merchants of Farmington are not unmindful of this growth. They are doing their share to bring Farmington a more desirable place to live by offering highest quality merchandise at reasonable prices. Their efforts in this direction are demonstrated in offerings which they are featuring this week.

Consumers Power Co. is in the midst of a gigantic midwinter clearance sale at which they have cut prices on 1940 model cars, ranges and refrigerators as much as \$25.00. They offer terms as long as three years.

Ladies, don't walk to Fred L. Cook & Co. Don't miss their February dress specials. They have a wide assortment and you are sure to find just the one you're looking for.

"DeRoy Jewelers, in Redford, offer a Dollar Day special—it's a ten piece glassware ovenware set, priced at only one dollar. And don't miss a good conversation set, don't fail to visit DeRoy's.

Civic Schedules Hits

The Civic Theatre offers tops in entertainment throughout the coming week. The double-feature bill on Friday and Saturday includes "Dr. Eldred Goes Home" with Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres, and "Dancing on a Dime" with

Township Voters Go To Polls Monday

Farmington Township voters will go to the polls Monday, February 17 to cast their ballots in the annual primary elections. A total of 17 candidates will be listed on the ballots, 13 of them Republicans and four Democrats.

Hottest battle of the election is expected in the race for treasurer on the Republican ticket. These candidates seek the position. They are Herald Cox, incumbent treasurer; Mrs. Ann McGarvey and Mrs. Ethel Lint. On the Democratic slate only one candidate, Mrs. Ethel Smith, is running for treasurer.

The only remnant contest is that for Justice of the peace, in which Ovilla Rodin opposes Elsie McCullough on the Republican ticket. Election to this justice seat is being held to fill a vacancy created when Supervisor Ernest Blanchard resigned as a justice to take the Supervisor's job. Another justice of peace will be selected for a full term and Frank Steele, incumbent Democratic Justice, is the only candidate for this position on either ticket.

Supervisor Ernest Blanchard, Republican, is supposed to be re-elected to his position. Clerk Harry McCracken will run for reelection on the Republican slate, while Joseph Vetter will seek the clerk's post on the Democratic ticket.

Completing the list of candidates are the following, all Republican: Everett J. Cooley, Commissioner of Highways; Charles Hays, Board of Review; and Lloyd Leayn, Franklin C. Love, Grant Heliker and William J. Forgie.

Polls will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 8 p. m. Polling place for Precinct One is the Town Hall in Farmington, and for Precinct Two, the township clerk's office, 28734 Grand River avenue.

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS PARE'S TALK ON LINCOLN

Exchange Club members enjoyed a talk about Abraham Lincoln at their meeting Wednesday. The speaker was Paul Pare and his talk dealt with that portion of Lincoln's life which led up to his election as President.

Mr. Pare's talk was a comprehensive study of how the slavery question affected nearly all political action during the days when Lincoln served in the Legislature and of how the Lincoln-Douglas debates caused the rise of Lincoln and the fall of Douglas as a presidential candidate.

He told how the states lined up, either for or against slavery, and how the uncompromising attitude of both sides led up to the Civil War. He also told a number of Lincoln's anecdotes.

A report was heard concerning the speech contest which the club will sponsor among high school seniors. Efforts are also being made to have the district Exchange speech contest held here. It was announced.

Club members cooperated with the American Legion and Farmington Scouts by purchasing a number of tickets for the "Magic Varieties" show which will be held here on February 24.

Daughters of Isabella Presented With Flag

Daughters of Isabella, Our Lady of Sorrows Circle No. 617 of Farmington, held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening in the school hall on Grand River avenue. After the business meeting, twenty ladies of the Charles A. Bartlett Women's Relief Corps No. 9 of Dearborn, presented a silk flag and standard to the circle. A very impressive ceremony took place before which was presided over by Mrs. Martin Dooley. A history of the flag was also given. Mrs. Marie Cronin, Regent of the Farmington circle, accepted the flag. Clara Wurster gave a brief talk on Patriotic Fulfillment. The ceremony, refreshments were served.

Two hundred different anesthetics are now available in the field of medicine. Each doctor may take a pick, depending on the patient, or course. Ether was first used in 1842, coming into general use in 1846.