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CONSIDER THE CASE OF FERNDALE

"Building up takes time," bellered forth the Ferndale Enterprise to its subscribers in an article last week. "Improvements costs money, but are worth getting," further continues the editor of the Ferndale paper, as he evidently sets about the business of making excuses for an increase in municipal taxes for the coming year.

We were struck with this article—not for any literary effect—but because it reflects actual conditions confronting the residents of the mid-hole just north of the Eight-Mile road on Woodward avenue, the messy-looking, scrawny-appearing community known to the world as Ferndale.

It is not our intention to speak lightly of the average resident of Ferndale; undoubtedly, many fine people reside there. But the fact that a greater tax abounds in Ferndale than in Birmingham, with less to show for it in the way of public improvements, does not speak very well for the intelligence of the former place. (Nor has our own Birmingham yet reached the pinnacle of community comfort and convenience.)

A village or city, duly incorporated, is not unlike any other corporation; citizens and stockholders each pay money for membership; but, unlike an industrial corporation, if strict attention is not paid "to business" then bankruptcy of a kind is inevitable—real bankruptcy for the industrial corporation and higher taxes for the municipality. It therefore behooves stockholders in each kind to watch their board of directors and—far more important—to help them constantly in any way possible.

Let us refer to the balance of the article in the Ferndale paper; it is reprinted word for word; after reading if residents of Birmingham ought to feel glad that they live north of Royal Oak:

"The commission entering into office the first of the new year have a number of disagreeable duties to perform, especially in endeavoring to make our newly arrived residents feel comfortable and happy. Many former residents of Detroit who came to Ferndale to live, fail to realize they can hardly expect all the improvements of the big city. These improvements take time and use up plenty of money. Many citizens who come before the commission complaining of bad roads and wet cellars, fail to realize that Ferndale is a pretty large place, larger than Highland Park, and the question of drainage will take time to properly remedy.

"An effort is being made this year to remedy in a measure some of these defects. Of course it means a larger budget, but improvements costs money.

"Seven or eight years ago Ferndale was nothing but farm land, therefore what has been accomplished to date is really wonderful.

"Residents of even three or four years can vouch for the changes they have seen.

"Ignorance on the part of many residents as to the location of their homes brings a lot of trouble. Building in low spots is often not realized until rainy weather sets in, and then an indignant protest is entered at some session of the commission.

"Proof observation we have seen that the public officials get blame where they should not.

"If your village taxes are a little higher this year kick not, they were only $14.50 per thousand last year. Improvements cost money, but be patient with the men you have just elected, who we believe will put forth their best efforts in the interests of a better and more desirable Ferndale."

ECO CITY HAS A REAL PROBLEM

Residents of Eco City last week registered a kick with the Bloomfield Township Board relative to their taxes. They claim the amount of money they pay into the annual winter tax fund is more than they get in returned improvements. They are beginning to find out what every other community has found out, i. e.: that it costs money to administer government.

However, if the residents of Eco City would investigate the matter, we believe that they would do less kicking. As a matter of fact, it is more than possible, we are told, that the entire amount of taxes paid in Eco City this winter will not even cover the cost to the entire school district of educating Eco's children in our schools; and only half of the money collected this winter goes toward the school tax at that—the balance being for state, county, township, road, and a few other miscellaneous tax funds.

As long as new people move into Eco, still new problems will have to be met by that community; and each problem will cost more money. It behooves the people of Eco to get together and mass their influence and their resources toward the common cause of community comfort and convenience.

Michigan's yellow and black automobile licenses are larger than ever before—so is the tax paid for one. Evidently Governor Groesbeck believes in giving the most for the money.

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It is estimated that Detroit spent a million and a half dollars New Year's Eve, celebrating the event. The opening of the world's most expensive filtration plant in the Fourth City seems to call for a volume of stuff to "chase."

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It is said that Swiss watchmakers can split a hair into 500 strips and measure the thickness of each part, so exact are their tools. As we remember it, they are also the only nation who specialize in making cheese with holes.

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In Japan, ninety per cent of the people can read. Speaking as an American, we'd say that is some record! We wish that all Chinese laundrymen would be proportionately well versed in the English language.

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Recognizing the dog as the original and most reliable burglar alarm, a great insurance company cuts rates for residence burglary, theft and larceny insurance where one *is* kept. Then along comes the County Clerk with a levy for dog tax.

LIVIN' ROOM LYRICS

By CHARLES S. KINNISON of Birmingham

FOOLING

I wonder what my verse should be
That I shall write today.
What shall I write,—now let me see—
What is it I should say?
It isn't hard to write a rhyme—
There's lots of words that fit;
Why, I can rhyme most any time
Or make a try at it!

And if you'll wait a minute, now—
My tricks will be displayed,
For I believe I'll show you how
These rhymes of mine are made.
Let's write a line that ends like this—
Well, let us say, with "fun".
Now, watch us close, or you will miss
The way this thing is done!

And now the next thing that we do,
Is scratch our head—and mine
Is just a little baldish, too,
Though not enough to shine.
And so our dome is scratched with care,
And, friends—it has to be!—
For if, alas, I lose my hair,
My wife won't care for me.

But, pardon me—I'm off the track—
This isn't writing verse.
The muse is lame today, alack!
I go from bad to worse.
I've scratched my head and rubbed my ear,
My brow is deeply knit—
But all in vain; so, friends, I fear
That I had better quit.

But I've forgotten, I declare,
To show my tricks to you.
But secret stunts to bare—
I have not one that's new.
We just sit down and muse a bit;
You see, we've lots of time,
And after while the verse is writ
And thus we end the rhyme.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage from Frank W. Wass and May Wass, his wife, of the Township of Troy, Oakland County, Michigan, to the First National Bank of Birmingham, Michigan, a Federal Banking Corporation, which said mortgage is dated the 4th day of October, A. D. 1918 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland on the 9th day of October, A.D. 1919, in Liber 399 of Mortgages on page 172 on which mortgage there is due and unpaid at the date hereof for principal and interest, insurance and taxes the sum of Two thousand, one hundred one and 28/100 (2,101.28) Dollars, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the money or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 5th day of April A.D. 1924 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, Central Standard Time, we will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Easterly or Saginaw Street entrance to the Oakland County Building in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held) the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so aforesaid due on said mortgage together with 7% interest from the date of notice and costs allowed by law and provided in said mortgage including an attorney's fee, said premises being situated in the Township of Troy, County of Oakland and described as follows:

Lot number twenty-five (25) Herman Hendrickson Subdivision of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 34 in Town 2 North, Range 11 East, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 18 of Plats on page 25 in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County aforesaid;

subject to all the restrictions as recorded in the said Register's office.

Dated Dec. 28, A. D. 1923.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF BIRMINGHAM, Mortgagee.

JOHN J. GAFILL,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
910 Ford Bldg., Detroit. 36-48

DONDERO, HOWARTH & HOXIE, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, ROYAL OAK, MICH.

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Liberty Ice Company, a Delaware Corporation, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 29th day of January, A.D. 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, A.D. 1923, in Liber 261 of Mortgages on page 475-476 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Forty-six thousand Forty-six and 31/100 (46,046.31) dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty and no/100 ($30.00) dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the 15th day of March, A.D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much of said premises as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, together with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with attorney's fee, to wit:

The South One Hundred (100) feet of the East Fifty (50) feet of Lot number Fifty-three (53) of Truesdell's Addition to the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Oakland County, Michigan.

FIRST STATE BANK OF
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN,
Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO,
Attorney for First State
Bank of Royal Oak.
Dated, December 3, 1923. 33-45

DONDERO, HOWARTH & HOXIE, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, ROYAL OAK, MICH.

MORTGAGE SALE

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Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March, A.D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

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Dated, December 3, 1923. 33-45

PATTERSON & PATTERSON, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, PONTIAC, MICH.

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made for more than thirty days in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Clarence A. Bone, Jr., and Nell M. Bone, his wife, to Pontiac Commercial & Savings Bank, of Pontiac, Michigan, a Michigan Banking Corporation, dated the fifth day of January, A.D. 1920, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of January, A.D. 1920, in Liber 260 of Mortgages, on page 540 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, and taxes, the sum of Eighty-two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Twenty-two Cents ($82,168.22), and an attorney's fee of Thirty-five Dollars, ($35.00), as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday, the 13th day of March, A.D. 1924, at one o'clock in the afternoon, Central Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Easterly Entrance of the County Building in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit: Property situated in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, described as follows: Lot numbered twenty-four (24) Voorheis Addition Number Two (2), City of Pontiac, also Lot One (1) Bartlett's Addition, City of Pontiac, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Also, following property situated in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan: Lots Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36) Bloomfield Hills Addition to the Village of Bloomfield, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Also, Lot Twelve (12) of Silver Beach Subdivision being part of Section Eleven (11), Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan.

Also the following described land situated in the County of Cheboygan, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:—

Lot Number Two (2), (also known as the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter) and Lot Number Three (3) (also known as the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section Twenty-two (22); and the south half of the northwest quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section Twenty-three (23); and the northeast quarter, and the north half of the southeast quarter of Section Twenty-six (26); and the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five (25), all in Township Thirty-seven (37) North, Range three (3) west, Michigan.

PONTIAC COMMERCIAL
& SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee.

PATTERSON & PATTERSON,
Attorneys for Mortgagee,
Pontiac, Michigan.
Dated, December 15th, 1923. 34-46

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MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage from Doc Oliver Chandler and Pearl Beatrice Chandler, his wife, of Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan, to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 30th day of October, A.D. 1920, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland on the 3rd day of November, A.D. 1920, in Liber 260 of mortgages, on page 345, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-three and 43/100 ($223.43) dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty and no/100 ($30.00) dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March, A.D. 1924, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

Lots Two Hundred Forty-nine (249) and Two Hundred Fifty (250) of Benjamin F. Mortenson's Pleasant Gardens Subdivision of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Town One (1), North Range Eleven (11) East, Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan. Recorded in Liber 14 of Plats, page 30. According to the recorded plat thereof.

FIRST STATE BANK OF
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN,
Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO,
Attorney for First State
Bank of Royal Oak.
Dated, December 3, 1923. 33-45

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Advocates Entering World Court and Cooperation With League Without Full Membership at Present—Suggests League Membership Be Opened to All Nations and Provides for Development of International Law.

The American Peace Award brought forth 22,165 plans and many thousands of letters. Since many of the plans were the composite work of organizations, universities, etc., a single plan often represented the views of hundreds or thousands of individuals. The content of these plans is therefore an index of the true feeling and judgment of hundreds of thousands of American citizens.

These plans come from every group in American life. Some are obviously from lifelong students of history and international law. Some are from persons who have studied little, but who have themselves seen and felt the horror of war—or who are even now living out its tragedy.

But among them all are these dominant currents: that, if war is honestly to be prevented, there must be a face-about on the part of the nations in their attitude toward it; that by some progressive agreement the manufacture and purchase of the munitions of war must be limited or stopped; that while no political mechanism alone will insure cooperation among the nations, there must be some machinery of cooperation if the will to cooperate is to be made effective; that mutual counsel among the nations is the real hope for bringing about the disavowal of war by the open avowal of its real causes and open discussion of them; and finally that there must be some means of defining, recording, interpreting and developing the law of nations.

Statement of Jury of Award

The Jury of Award realizes that there is no one approach to world peace, and that it is necessary to recognize not merely political but also psychological and economic factors.

The only possible pathway to international agreement with reference to these complicated and difficult factors is through mutual counsel and cooperation which the plan selected contemplates. It is therefore the unanimous opinion of the Jury that of the 22,165 plans submitted, Plan Number 1499 is "the best practicable plan by which the United States may co-operate with other nations to achieve and preserve the peace of the world."

It is the unanimous hope of the Jury that the first fruit of the mutual counsel and cooperation among the nations which will result from the adoption of the plan selected will be a general prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all materials of war.

ELIHU ROOT, Chairman
JAMES GUTHRIE HARBORD
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The Question to Be Voted Upon

The substantial provisions which constitute the plan selected by the Jury of Award, and upon which the vote of the American people is asked, are hereby submitted by the Policy Committee as follows:

I. ENTER THE PERMANENT COURT

That the United States adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice for the reasons and under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

II. COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, WITHOUT FULL MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT

That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States Government should extend its present cooperation with the League and propose participation in the work of its Assembly and Council under the following conditions and reservations:

Safeguarding of Monroe Doctrine

1. The United States accepts the League of Nations as an instrument of mutual counsel, but it will assume no obligation to interfere with political questions of policy or internal administration of any foreign state.

In uniting its efforts with those of other States for the preservation of peace and the promotion of the common welfare, the United States insists upon the safeguarding of the Monroe Doctrine and does not abandon its traditional attitude concerning American independence of the Old World and does not consent to submit its long established policy concerning questions regarded by it as purely American to the recommendation or decision of other Powers.

No Military or Economic Force

2. That the only kind of compulsion which nations can freely engage to apply to each other in the name of Peace is that which arises from conference, from moral judgment, from full publicity, and from the power of public opinion.

The United States would assume no obligations under Article X in its present form, or under Article XVI in its present form in the Covenant, or in its amended form as now proposed, unless in any particular case Congress has authorised such action.

The United States proposes that Articles X and XVI be either dropped altogether or so amended and changed as to eliminate any suggestion of a general agreement to use coercion for obtaining conformity to the pledges of the Covenant.

No Obligations Under Versailles Treaty

3. That the United States will accept no responsibilities under the Treaty of Versailles unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

League Open to All Nations

4. The United States Government proposes that Article I of the Covenant be construed and applied, or, if necessary, redrafted, so that admission into the League shall be assured to any self-governing State that wishes to join and that receives the favorable vote of two-thirds of the Assembly.

Development of International Law

5. As a condition of its participation in the work and counsels of the League, the United States asks that the Assembly and Council consent—or obtain authority—to begin collaboration for the revision and development of international law, employing for this purpose the aid of a commission of jurists. This Commission would be directed to formulate anew existing rules of the law of nations, to reconcile divergent opinions, to consider points hitherto inadequately provided for but vital to the maintenance of international justice, and in general to define the social rights and duties of States. The recommendations of the Commission would be presented from time to time, in proper form for consideration, to the Assembly as to a recommending if not a law making body.

Author's Name Not to Be Revealed Until After Referendum

In order that the vote may be taken solely upon the merits of the plan, the Policy Committee, with the acquiescence of Mr. Bok, has decided not to disclose the authorship of the plan until after the referendum. The identity is unknown to the members of the Jury of Award and the Policy Committee, except one delegated member.

JOHN W. DAVIS
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"The Love Child" At the Garrick, Detroit, Next Week

"The Love Child," the strong drama which ran all last season in New York, will come to the Garrick Theatre tonight, for an engagement of one week. "The Love Child" was originally written by Henri Bataille and produced in Paris with Rejane in the role of the mother whose heart is torn between the love of her sweetheart of 17 years, and her duty to her illegitimate son by a former lover. It was adapted for the American stage by Martin Brown and produced by A. H. Woods, who selected Janet Beecher for the Rejane role, and Lee Baker, that sterling actor, for the character of the lover. With these two excellent players, "The Love Child" scored a well deserved success in New York and is now on tour. It attracted large audiences in Philadelphia and Boston and should prove one of the outstanding dramatic treats for playgoers of Detroit, for the coming year.

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