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State Valuation Re-Check Covers Whole Of County

All Townships And Cities To Be Included In Review Of 1931 Figures

Townships and cities of this area and of all of Oakland County are to be included in a review of the valuations that were fixed in 1931 by the State Tax Commission, it was stated Wednesday by officials of this area who went to Lansing on the matter. An earlier announcement had indicated that the State Commission intended only to re-check its valuations in Avon, Bloomfield and Waterford Townships, which townships had started a suit to upset the assessments placed upon properties therein.

Announcement of discontinuance of the suits against the Commission included a statement of agreement made that the Commission would, in consideration of the dropping of the suits, go into the three townships and work with the local assessing officers on a review of all of the valuations. Three supervisors, Chairman Bruce Leggett of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, Charles Hamilton of Novi Township, and Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington, went to Lansing to interview the State Tax Commission and ascertain whether the same consideration could not be accorded to the remainder of the County.

The outcome of the interview was that members of the Commission announced that the entire County would be given an opportunity for review of assessments under an arrangement whereby the local assessing officers may co-operate with the State officials to arrive at just valuations.

An important part of the Commission's statement was to the effect that consideration will be given to property upon which complaints were not made last year, as well as to those cases regarding which complaint was made. Anyone desiring to make complaints and ask for reduction, however, should notify the assessing officer of their local governmental unit at once in order to assure consideration.

The statement was later confirmed in a letter to Supervisor Leggett.

WELL KNOWN WEST POINT PARK MAN IS CRITICALLY ILL

Hope Is Held For Recovery Of Earl Wolfe Following Serious Operation

Hopes are held out by physicians for the recovery of Earl Wolfe, widely-known citizen of West Point Park, who was suddenly taken seriously ill Wednesday morning and submitted to an operation at Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Mr. Wolfe, who had suffered from stomach trouble for a long time, experienced a violent attack and the operation disclosed a perforated ulcer. Following the operation peritonitis set in, and for a time it was feared that Mr. Wolfe would not recover.

On Thursday the patient rallied and surgeons felt much encouragement, particularly in view of Mr. Wolfe's own display of courage and buoyant spirit.

Important Messages For You!

Important messages will be found in this issue for every reader, from the firms and men listed below. Read what they have to say—it will save you time, money, and inconvenience.

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To Conduct Demonstration



H. D. Hootman, Michigan State College, will demonstrate fruit-tree grafting Friday at McCracken Orchards. Story on page 4.

Russell To Show New Ford V-Eight

Farmington Ford Dealer Shares In Presentations Throughout The Country

Intense interest that was manifested throughout the country in the presentation of the new V-type eight-cylinder Ford motor car, announced this week, has been reflected at Olin Russell's Ford Sales and Service in Farmington. The salesroom has been a place of busy activity during the past few days, in preparation for the coming of the new car. The "Ford" announcement Thursday, confirmed reports that the new V-type Eight would sell at approximately the same prices as the former Model A four-cylinder models. Of two of the most popular models, the Tudor sedan and coupe, the former sells for only \$10 more than the price of the previous four, and the coupe is priced the same, \$490.

Nearness of this area to the factory will make the additional charges for delivery small. Accessories are in addition to the prices listed as f. o. b. Detroit.

"Introduction of the New Ford Eight marks one of the most important events in the history of the automobile," says a company statement. Aside from a sales standpoint, the presentation of the New Ford holds importance for this section in that it represents a tremendous effort to lead the country out of the depression, and the area around Detroit would be first to feel the effect of a marked success in sales of the new models.

While the new V-Eight motor and the sensationally low prices have attracted most attention, interest is keen also in the beautiful new bodies and late trend styling of the cars, set off by the new rounded radiator which has become a feature of many more costly automobiles this year. Many other features, such as silent second gear and synchronized gear shift, down-draft carburetor with silencer, and counterbalanced crankshaft are subjects of much discussion.

One of the 14 body types is expected to be in display at the salesroom in Farmington Friday. Full data on the cars and each of the body types is available at the salesroom, 33400 Grand River.

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Annual Township Business Meeting Holds Interest

Rumors Heard Of Proposals That May Provoke Discussion; Meeting At 1:00 P. M.

With but one ticket in the field for offices in the election to be held Monday, interest in Farmington Township centers on the annual business meeting which is to be held at one o'clock of that day, at voting Precinct No. 1, the Bond School, Orchard Lake road.

Only one contest has appeared, Claude Wilson announcing that he will run for constable as a sticker candidate. He was not a candidate at the primary, although 182 Township voters wrote his name on their ballots. Wilson was deputy sheriff in this area for a number of years, until he was shot at Fourth Gate some years ago by a max officer, were seeking to capture on a burglary charge.

More recently Wilson has been on duty at the Sheriff's booth at Farmington Junction. Wilson's opponents will be Fred Menke, Henry Dehanke, William Gregor and William LaForge, there being four to be elected. The four men named were nominated at the primary, these being the only ones whose names appeared on the ballot.

Rumors Are Many Whether anything will take place at the business meeting apart from the usual routine discussion of the few Township matters ordinarily left for decision that day is unknown, and probably will not be until the meeting gets under way. However, there have been rumors of proposals to be made which might develop considerable discussion and debate.

If history repeats itself with reference to last year's gathering, the meeting Monday will be far apart from the usual routine discussion of the few Township matters ordinarily left for decision that day is unknown, and probably will not be until the meeting gets under way. However, there have been rumors of proposals to be made which might develop considerable discussion and debate.

LOW PRICES, NEW SCHEDULE NOW IN FORCE AT THEATER

Adults And Children To Be Admitted In Early Evening At Matinee Prices

A new low-price policy with a new schedule of performances is announced this week by Joel Smouse, manager of Public Redford Theater at Redford. The change offers advantages to those who "come early" to the performances and is expected to be a most popular one.

In view of the fact that relatively few are able to attend and attend during the past week, it has been decided to offer matinee prices for the evening performances, providing those who wish to take advantage of this come to the theater early. For those who purchase tickets between 6:15 and 6:45 p. m. the matinee schedule of prices, 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children, will be offered. Week-day matinees will be discontinued in favor of the new early-evening price arrangement.

The popular Saturday and Sunday matinees will be retained, with adults' admissions lowered to 20 cents on Saturdays from 1:45 to 6:00 p. m., and 25 cents on Sundays, from 1:45 to 4:00 p. m. "The new low prices will be especially appealing," states Mr. Smouse. "In view of the fact that we have obtained for the near future some of the finest pictures we have ever shown. They include the best motion pictures produced of the current season, with stars at the height of their popularity at this moment."

Livonia To Have Sticker Contest For Supervisor

Supervisor Zeigler Faces First Opposition In Years, In Manuel Layland

The first opposition that has appeared to Supervisor Jesse Zeigler of Livonia Township in a number of years will contest with him at the polls Monday, when the name of Manuel Layland will be put forward in an attempt to wrest the office from Mr. Zeigler, who has held the position for ten years.

Mr. Layland's name is a sticker candidacy, one which has developed within the past week. Supporters of both men are showing great activity in various quarters of the township.

Another sticker contest will be that for justice of the peace, which office Gustave Adams will attempt to take from Mrs. Mabel Rodhe, incumbent. Mrs. Rodhe defeated Adams, 329 to 203 in the primary March 7.

Other nominees of the Republican party will be without opposition, so far as is known, so that interest is especially keen in the battle between Zeigler and Layland. The leading workers in the latter's campaign are Harry Fuller and George Minchick.

Mr. Zeigler said Thursday that he was not surprised or worried by the opposition to his re-election. He said that he believed it was centered in discontent arising from the fact that the Township "cannot give everybody all they ask for." He said that he viewed the opposition to him as but part of the general unrest, that "everybody holding office is on the pant now," and that if all the voters want to the polls he was confident of the result.

Mr. Layland, who lives just south of Grand River and Fourth Gate road, said that he was not making an active solicitation for votes and would not do so, that the campaign for him was being carried on entirely by others. He has lived in his present home about nine years, coming from St. Louis, where he acted two years as alderman and was active in other public affairs. Until recently he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

The supervisor contest is expected to swell the total of ballots cast beyond that of former years.

Dr. Norton To Occupy Dr. Holcomb Residence

Dr. Joseph W. Norton, osteopathic physician and surgeon, who started practice in Farmington last summer, this week announces removal of his offices and residence to the home hitherto occupied by the late Dr. E. F. Holcomb and family, at Grand River avenue and Warner street.

Dr. Norton will occupy the Holcomb residence on Saturday, April 2, moving from his present address, 33712 Grand River on that day. The same telephone number, 404, will be retained.

Reader Finds By Advertisement He Can 'Buy Better For Less' At Home

A striking example of the power and achievements of advertising occurred during the past week, when an Enterprise reader, an erstwhile, somewhat unwilling customer of an out-of-town business place, found out that he could get in Farmington what he wanted, in better quality and at the same price as at "mail-order" stores.

A nation wide advertising program of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, is aimed to let the people know that they can "buy Firestone tires from their local dealers at prices as low as those found anywhere." Olin Russell, Farmington Ford Sales and Service, decided to take part in this campaign and began with a Firestone advertisement which listed prices on the famous "Oldfield" tires, which are offered for the same price as "mail-order" tires, though of heavier construction and superior quality.

Early this week a resident of the area of north of Farmington walked in and said that he "had noticed in the Enterprise" that he could buy tires for his Buick car here at home, for the same price as he had been paying for mail-order tires. He ordered a pair for his Buick car, and that day he was out on and he drove away, expressing his satisfaction with his purchase and the opportunity to "buy at home" even more advantageously than elsewhere.

The Farmington agency handles Firestone tires in all sizes for all cars and trucks.

Clinton McGee Chosen Banquet Toastmaster

Selection of Clinton McGee, formerly of Farmington, as toastmaster for the annual Oakland County Jefferson Club banquet at Masonic Temple in Pontiac Thursday evening, heightened the interest of this section in that event.

Mr. McGee was one of the speakers at the dinner two weeks ago, in honor of Pontiac bankers by business men of that city. He upholds a family tradition, two brothers, James G. Flint and Clyde of Chicago, being talented after-dinner speakers.

Consider Water System Change

Report, On Alteration In Pumping Equipment Due Next Monday Evening

Action on an important change in the City of Farmington's water pumping system, which has been under consideration for some time, may be taken Monday evening. Commissioner Emory Hatton, who has been making a thorough study of the subject, expects to have a report ready for the meeting of the Commission that evening.

For the past year or two officials have given some attention to the matter of simplifying the rather complicated system of pumping which has been in use for a number of years. Besides a pump and auxiliary pump, there is a compressor and an auxiliary compressor. Water is pumped from the wells into a tank, and compressed air is forced into the bottom of this tank, driving the water up into the mains. Four wells are in use.

The plan now considered is to select the best of the wells and install therein a turbine pump, which would, it is said, provide for all the city's needs. It is asserted that there would be sufficient saving in power requirements to repay the cost of installation in from one to two years. The cost of the turbine pump is about \$1,500.

Commissioner Hatton, although not expressly directed by the Commission to make the study, has spent considerable time in the past year, analyzing the problem and sifting the claims of pump manufacturers regarding the possible saving, in order that the Commission's decision might be made with as exact advance information as possible. The aim has been to avoid any further outlay for equipment, unless it could be made with virtually absolute certainty that it would be better while, particularly in view of the Commission's desire to hold down expenditures at present.

Consideration of the problem and Mr. Hatton's report Monday evening would afford the Commission plenty of time to include the necessary appropriation in next year's budget.

More City Pay Cuts, Drop Officer, Petition Urges

Recommendations To Commission Outlined In Paper; Other Asks Assessment Action

Two petitions, one urging further reduction of salaries of city employes and elimination of one police officer, and the second asking that the city assessor disregard the State Tax Commission's 1931 valuations in making his 1932 city assessments, are in circulation in Farmington, apparently for presentation to the City Commission at its meeting Monday night.

The petition relating to city expenses asks that "the budget for 1932 be cut to the very lowest possible amount" and makes several suggestions. The first, that the Commission meetings be cut to one a month, was acted upon by the Commission some time ago, that body having voted at its January meeting to hold only one meeting a month thereafter.

The item of most interest, that of city salaries and wages, asks that pay of city officials and employes "be adjusted to the present day basis of taxpayers' earnings and ability to pay." Along with this is the suggestion that the daytime police post be discontinued.

Reductions in salaries of all city employes were made by the Commission the first week in January, effective February 1, the reductions amounting to a total of \$1,400 a year. Salaries since the reductions have been as follows: chief of police, \$125 a month; night officer, \$100 a month; city engineer, \$100 a month; engineer's assistant, \$100 a month with quarters, light and water.

The statement in reference to elimination of one police position declares that "we are paying the county for protection and not getting it."

FIVE HOMES ARE RENTED IN WEEK IN FARMINGTON

Few Vacancies Remain As New Residents Prepare To Occupy Homes

One much-welcomed improvement in local conditions, and also a sign of spring, appeared this week in the recording of a number of new occupancies of hitherto vacant houses, as well as much moving about.

Five houses were rented during the past week, leaving practically no vacant houses remaining in the town. The brick home owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb, on the south side of Grand River opposite Warner street, will be occupied by Herman Kresger, who is returning from Keego Harbor. New residents will occupy the Carey Howard home.

Three homes in the Valley View Prospect section were rented to new residents this week. The house formerly owned by LeRoy Fleming and until recently occupied by the Eugene Brunk family will be occupied soon, as will the former V. B. Evans home. A lease for a year has been taken on the former Charles Samson residence, until a few months ago occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Worsfold.

Other changes include the removal of Dr. Joseph Norton to the Holcomb residence, Mrs. Holcomb moving to Walled Lake; Mrs. Theodore Hodges moving back to her former home from Pontiac; Mrs. Sheppo moving into the Maple avenue home recently vacated by the Lee Hill family, and the return of Will Walters and family to their home vacated by Dr. Norton.

CITY OF FARMINGTON WATER BILLS Are due and payable April 1. Pay either to City Clerk or to Peoples State Bank. N. H. POWER City Clerk