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## PAY AS YOU GO TAX SOLUTION

There is little, if anything, wrong with the payment tax system of Michigan so far as it applies to the taxation of tangible property. The weakness is in the administration, and not in the system itself. The laws of this state governing taxation are as good as the laws of any state in the Union, and should not be tampered with by the legislature to any great extent.

This in a nutshell, is the recommendation of the state tax commission upon Michigan, together with its recommendations for changes in present laws.

The report of the commission, which is now in the hands of the printer is probably the most complete document of its kind ever presented to the legislature. It contains among other things, a report showing for the first time in history of the state, not only the amount of bonded indebtedness of Michigan and all of its political subdivisions but a table showing the amount of property exempt from taxation in each county in the state.

The amounts are staggering. The total public debt in Michigan is \$517,063,362, upon which \$26,639,256 is paid annually in interest. This total of half a billion dollars has been run up, according to the report, during the last fifteen years. In addition there is \$516,643,360 worth of real estate in the state which is exempt from taxation, and of this amount, \$151,500,000 is located in the city of Detroit.

The table showing the public debt includes all local school, highway, drain and sewer, paving, public service and miscellaneous bond issues, and shows that of the half billion dollar issue, there is at the present time but \$31,077,775 in the sinking funds to take care of the retirement of these bonds. Wayne county leads all others with a debt of \$164,700,000 and has \$20,000,000 in sinking funds, or two thirds the total for the remainder of the state. Genesee county is running Wayne a close lead for indebtedness, having a total of \$146,653,161, and a sinking fund reserve of only \$163,902 to care for the various issues. Kent county, the second largest county in the state, has a debt of but \$12,632,601, and has a sinking fund reserve of \$1,433,275 at the present time.

Bay county has a debt of \$5,121,000 and a sinking fund of \$509,800; Jackson county, debt, \$5,301,430, sinking fund \$92,593; Kalamazoo, debt, \$3,958,480, sinking fund, \$109,777; Muskegon, debt, \$5,240,583, sinking fund, \$214,466.

Oakland, debt, \$14,378,589, sinking fund, \$367,444. Saginaw, \$6,641,204, sinking fund, \$4,815; Washtenaw, \$2,888,511, sinking fund, \$44,554.

The table showing the real estate in Michigan exempt from taxation includes property owned by the federal government, the state, counties, townships, villages and cities, religious organizations, charitable and benevolent organizations, and other miscellaneous. Bay county has \$11,628,000 of this property. Churches lead all with a value of \$3,462,800; Genesee, \$17,555,185, with townships, villages and cities leading with \$11,546,000; Jackson, \$10,802,135, townships, villages and cities leading with \$4,650,000; Kalamazoo, \$12,127,890, townships, villages and cities leading with \$5,081,000; Kent, \$43,400,000 with religious organizations \$17,525,000 and townships, villages and cities, \$17,138,000.

Oakland county, \$19,131,000, townships, villages and cities, \$8,966,000. Saginaw, \$13,414,800, townships, villages and cities, \$7,262,000. Washtenaw, \$13,637,000 with the state, because of the University of Michigan, leading with \$19,960,900.

After setting up their figures on the public debt, the tax commission recommends a pay as you go policy.

Rev. S. D. Eya has been having a tussle with the gripe and was unable to fill the pulpit at the M. E. Church, Sunday. The address was given by Supt. A. G. Leonard.

## DON'T MISS THE ECLIPSE JANUARY 24

Ten million people will be able to see the total eclipse of the sun on Saturday morning, January 24, and many millions will be able to see a partial eclipse. Farmington is located well within the latter zone, so get your smoked glass ready for service.

According to the latest astronomical observations, the total solar eclipse will begin over this locality before sunrise and citizens will get their best view of the spectacle at 9:03 a. m. city time. Unless late sleepers are up and doing before 9:15 a. m. city time, they will have missed the show, as the eclipse will end here at that period. The per cent of eclipse here will be about .95.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Brannach and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCracken, and Mr. Charles Edithson were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele at Old Homestead Farm.

## NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Clarenceville Community M. E. Church  
Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, pastor  
10:30—Morning service.  
2:00—Sunday School.  
7:30—Evening Service.

Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock, will be another of the clear and fellowship meetings at the Clarenceville Community Church. The Farmington Boys' Glee Club will be the added attraction, singing some of the negro spirituals, sacred numbers and also during the service proper. The discourse will be the second of the series on "Personal Religious Problems" which are for the purpose of solving and answering if possible some of the perplexing, troubling questions in religion. The subject is "Our Idea of God: The God we Forget." What is your idea of God? What is your concept of God? What is the nature of God? Can we forget God? and other questions will be touched upon. Then the Big Sing, the singing of old favorites, the heart-warming and cheering songs and choruses.

At the morning service, 10:30 o'clock, a service as good as the evening, the pastor, Rev. H. B. Duttweiler, will deliver the second of the series of sermons on "The Lord's Prayer" and the subject is "The Glorious Name; the Name of Names." The children's sermonette is entitled "Trees in the Enchanted Garden."

Sunday school at 12:00 noon with classes for all, adults, young men and women, boys and girls. None too old, none too young. The Young People's assembly at 6:30 with a study in "Neighborhood Friendliness" or the life story of Jacob Reia.

Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eya, Pastor  
Sunday  
10:30—When God is Helpless.  
11:45—Everybody's Sunday School.  
6:30—The Livingstone League.  
7:30—A Visible Sermon—"You cannot change human nature."

Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor  
10:15—Services, English.  
Installation of officers.  
11:45—Sunday school.  
Reorganization of Bible Class.  
Wednesday, January 21, sleigh ride party, given by Y. P. L.  
Let us know by Sunday who wants to join the party.

First Baptist Church  
Rev. Ralph Willson will give an address morning and evening.  
10:30—Morning service.  
11:15—Sunday school.  
6:30—E. Y. P. U.  
7:30—Evening service.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville  
(At Switzer Road)  
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor.  
10:30—Regular services, 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in German; 2nd and 4th in English.  
7:30—Sunday School.

## STATION F. H. S.

### Kindergarten

The children have completed a paper dining room set this week. The poem of "The Snowman" has been learned, and also winter pictures have been studied. The children have learned some nursery rhymes which they dramatized. They are learning a Swiss dance in rhymes. Evelyn Dusha has returned after being absent for some time.

### Miss Hartz.

First Grade  
A new pupil, Frederick Duckworth, has come to this section of the grade. They are making "Eskimo Couts" to go with the story of the "Eskimo Twins" which they read recently.

### Miss Shifflet.

First Grade  
The children made an Eskimo village last week. They are making a "Health Poster" of healthful things to eat.

### Miss Percy.

Second Grade  
This class has started to study Eskimo land. As a result, they have a table decorated with cotton for snow. Their ice is represented by small pieces of isinglass. This grade has also, a new boy, Arthur Fulkerson. Henry Tudball is back in school.

### Miss Korbis.

Third Grade  
"Rubber" is being studied by this grade. Elaine Duckworth is a new pupil. They are learning to divide by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

### Miss Huff.

Fourth Grade  
This class has been studying the United States in geography. For a morning exercise they are reading "The Bobsey Twins Camping Out."

### Miss Hunter.

Fifth Grade  
They are reading "The Voyages of Doctor Doolittle." Another contest has been started for good behavior between the boys and girls. Each side is positive it will win. We'll see how they come out.

### Miss Tapio.

Sixth Grade  
In language, this class is studying the "Parts of Speech" and is analyzing sentences. Indoor games are being played in hygiene class. "Line Ball" and "Blackboard Relay" were played Monday. Reviews for examinations have been started and nearly every one will be glad when they are over.

### Miss Hudson.

Seventh Grade  
The seventh grade, in history class, is hearing the story of "Tom Strong."

### Miss Frank.

Eighth Grade  
Kathryn Bonfield and David Carnes have been 100 per cent correct on the speed test last Tuesday. The sleigh ride party last Tuesday night was said to be a "rollicking success," good success. Reviews have been started as in other grades. They are planning a play for Washington's birthday.

### Miss Stewart.

Freshmen  
With the hearing examinations, the Freshmen are said to be nearly overcome with grief.

### Sophomores.

The Sophomores are so much above the Freshmen they are not troubling themselves about examinations.

### Juniors.

The Juniors think they are the most preferred pets of all the high school.

### Seniors.

All the Seniors carry little.

DEATH OF MRS. GULLEN  
Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. George Gulen, wife of a former pastor of Farmington M. E. Church, following an operation in a Grand Rapids hospital.

Her death occurred Wednesday morning.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock, at M. E. Church, 12th and Grand Boulevard, Detroit.

round, black banks. We wonder when we had better "hold them up."

### An Observation

Nearly everyone thought it was quite an achievement when Mr. Leonard "came forth" with his Cross Word Puzzle, but it is still more astonishing to note that his 17 months' old daughter is a "Cross Word Puzzle fan" already.

### Doris Sheple.

Hard luck, this time. But just wait! Redford can't do it again. We'll mop the floor with 'em! Although our girls put up a good fight and were "scrappy" to the bitter end, they lost 15-12.

The boys' game also turned out unfavorably for us, 29-9. However, the game was snappy, and although Redford led the game throughout, F. H. S. showed good defensive work.

Next Friday, we intend to reverse the conditions by whipping Northville on her own floor. The Seniors sell "hot dogs" at the games! Yum! Yum!

### Rowland Snook.

On to Washington  
Our high school slogan is: "Help the Seniors go to Washington."

Everyone is as interested as they are in their making this educational trip. We are proud of the way they are working, under the leadership of Miss Wallace.

The "employment agency" is a success. The town people are co-operating with this new idea, and every senior is eager to please its patrons.

Please remember the telephone number "78."

Advancing the Date  
He—Suppose we celebrate our silver wedding next week.

She—But we've only been married twelve years.

He—I know that; but we need the silver.

People who boast of their ability to attend to their own affairs usually manage to butt into the affairs of others.

There are only fifteen million telephone numbers in the United States, so we can't understand how they get the wrong one so often.

Florence Ross—Yes we have it. Customer—You have what?

Florence—Imported doughnuts. Customer—Where from?

Florence—Just out of Greece. Possessions of Festus Pester  
Every silver lining has a cloud.

To the man who is standing on his head the world is upside down.

It is funny but true, that if a story is funny it usually is not true.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and others grate on the rest of us.

Somehow we hear more about Ma Jongg than we do about Pa Jongg. The women are taking the country.

The Passing Craze  
The principal parts of the verb mahjong are like the parts of the verb pingpong.

Pingpong, pingpong, pingpong, ping pong.  
Mahjong, mahjong, mahjong, mahjungk.

Eather (reading the paper)—"I see they gave Mrs. Brown a bath before she was married."

Doris—"Yes, How's that?"  
Eather—"They gave her a shower."

Thurman—"I see Mr. Wescott has bought a car on the installment plan."

Harold—"Yes, and if he doesn't drive more careful they will be taking him to the hospital on the same plan."

The following Farmington citizens have been called for court jury service at the February term:

Arthur Coe, M. B. Pierce, Mary Johnson, Frank Bottford and Arthur Lamb. They will report at Pontine, February 3 for duty.

## ANNUAL BANK MEETINGS

The annual stockholders meetings of the Farmington State Savings Bank and the Peoples State Bank of Farmington were held at the respective banks Tuesday night with good attendance. The reports read showed a substantial increase in business during the past year for both institutions. The stockholders showed their appreciation of the services of both directors by reelecting all of them for another term.

The Farmington State Savings Bank directors are: Olin Russell, H. N. McCracken, E. O. Hutton, Clinton McGee, Charles R. Talbot, Harley D. Warner, Howard M. Warner, H. A. Schroeder, Isaac Bond, G. Gale Collins, Edgar S. Pierce, M. Byron Pierce.

Immediately following the annual meeting the directors met and elected the following officers: Howard M. Warner, president; M. Byron Pierce, vice-president; Edgar S. Pierce, cashier; Hiram G. Nichols, assistant cashier.

The directors of the Peoples State Savings Bank are: Charles H. Ely, Ernest V. Blanchard, James L. Hogle, Dr. J. A. Miller, Leo Gildemeister, Thomas Lytle, Emil Roos, Clarence N. Wesley, John Fitzpatrick, Dr. E. F. Holcomb.

The following officers were reelected at a meeting of the directors:

James L. Hogle, president; Dr. J. A. Miller, vice-president; Thomas Lytle, vice-president; John Fitzpatrick, cashier; Geo. C. Gildemeister, assistant cashier; Charles H. Ely, chairman board directors.

## FAREWELL TO DR.

AND MRS. BERESFORD  
The Ladies' Union were hostesses at a farewell given Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Beresford, Sunday afternoon from 4:00 until 6:00.

The parlors of the Universalist Church were well filled with members of the parish and friends from the village and community who came to shake the hand and say a parting word to the man and his wife who has, for the past four years, been the pastor of the Universalist Church in Farmington.

After the guests were served tea and wafers, a short, informal meeting was held. The Rev. Bolens led the Salam Church, and the Rev. Townsend of the Baptist Church each spoke feelingly of the friendship which had grown with Dr. Beresford and of his fine sterling qualities, and his sympathies for all mankind.

Mr. Leonard, superintendent of our schools, voiced the sentiment of the community in the regret that such a man as Dr. Beresford is leaving our midst. His broad, deep knowledge of books and of material things has influenced all who have come in contact with him.

Dr. Beresford responded in his usual optimistic spirit. The Rev. Bolens led in singing, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."

After four years of recuperation in this small parish, he is ready to return to larger fields of labor for which he is ably fitted. Opportunities in several fields are awaiting Dr. Beresford's acceptance, but as yet he has made no definite decision for all mankind. Their household goods were sent Wednesday from the Manassas to Cincinnati, the home city of their son, Curtis. Dr. and Mrs. Beresford left later for that city. The best wishes of all follow them to their new home.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

There will be a special communication of Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. & A. M., Monday evening, January 19, at 7:30 for work in the first degree. Also on January 22, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., a special for work in the third degree, and supper at 5:00 o'clock p. m.

By order of the W. M.

## O. C. L. E. MEETING

The Oakland County Law Enforcement League will meet at the First M. E. Church, Pontiac, on Monday, January 19, at 7:30 p. m. Annual election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb spent Tuesday in Northville.

## FARMINGTON LOST IN OVERTIME GAME

Farmington Athletic Club, led by their captain, Kenneth Wikom, a former player on F. H. S. team, who was selected as Class B, all state guard last year, lost to the De Molay of Northville in a five minute overtime basketball game last Monday night, January 12th. It was one of the best games played by the Athletic Club so far this season, the score being 22 to 20.

Next Monday, January 19, the Athletic Club is stepping out of its class by booking the "Slugs," a team from the Detroit Edison Co. The Slugs finished in second place last season, and is noted as one of the strongest Class A teams in Detroit. It is composed of former college players who have played together for the last three years.

The Athletic Club is working hard to get in shape for this game as they consider it a stepping stone to better games as the season advances, so they are out to win this game.

The Athletic Club is composed of former F. H. S. players, and all are known to the F. H. S. basket ball fans. They expect to play very Monday night at the High School gym, and give the basket ball fans, turn out and give the boys a good cheer and glad hand.

## LOCAL UNIT

Y. M. C. A. ORGANIZED  
A meeting of the local unit of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in the dining rooms of the Methodist Church, January 8, 1925.

After a delightful supper Mr. Kennison of Birmingham gave an inspirational talk covering his personal experiences in Birmingham relative to the Young Men's Christian Association and stated as his belief that Farmington would make no mistake in furthering a local organization.

The program was continued by Robert Lynd from the county office who outlined the program of the Young Men's Christian Association and answered questions concerning the work to be accomplished here in Farmington.

The county council of the Young Men's Christian Association will be invited to hold its next meeting in Farmington.

The following officers were elected:

President, E. V. Tomlinson; Vice-president, S. D. Harger; Secretary, A. G. Leonard; Treasurer, Leo Gildemeister.

The president appointed the following committees:

Leadership, F. L. Cook, S. D. Harger, Sidney E. Eya, A. G. Leonard.

Finance, Howard Warner, C. W. Lecker, Leo Gildemeister, W. N. Miller.

Representatives on the County Board, E. V. Tomlinson, A. G. Leonard.

The association decided to sponsor a Father-Son banquet.

## GRAND RIVER ROAD TO BE LIGHTED

Supervisor Bond and Clerk Schroeder last week, in behalf of Farmington township, entered into a contract with the Detroit Edison Co. for electrically lighting Grand River road from the Wayne county line to Novi township line, as authorized by the voters at the November election.

It is expected that the 100-candle power lamps will be placed within the next thirty days. The contract calls for lighting Grand River avenue within Farmington village, except where boulevard lights are now used.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT LANSING

At the Tuesday noonday luncheon of the Farmington Exchange Club, President Nichols appointed Isaac Bond and E. O. Hutton as delegates to the semiannual meeting of the State Exchange, to be held at Lansing, January 26.

Dr. Frank Weaver and Howard Warner were appointed alternates. It is expected that a number of members will make the trip to Lansing and join in the jollification and festivities of the occasion.