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COUNTY'S VALUE FIXED AT \$300,233,353.00

The board of supervisors at its Monday session adopted the majority report of the committee on equalization which fixed the county's value at \$300,233,353.

That value was placed on the county by the board of supervisors Monday afternoon when it adopted the majority report of the equalization committee.

The minority favored adding one per cent to the tax commission's figures of last October on all the townships and cities. The majority report favored adding to the tax commission's figures and adding from one-half of one per cent to two per cent to the cities and townships in accordance to their location and general prosperity. The latter report was adopted by the board.

The total of the real estate of the county as assessed was \$256,300,955. The committee added \$23,563,772 to some of the townships and cities and deducted \$1,502,899 from the realty figures in others leaving a total of the real estate as equalized at \$275,361,919. No change was made in the personal, which was equalized as assessed and totaled \$24,171,434. The real estate and personal together give the new county valuation of \$300,233,353.

A year ago the county's valuation of \$309,233,353. A year ago the county's valuation was placed at \$215,819,150 by the supervisors.

An appeal to the state tax commission was made by three of the supervisors. That body came in and reviewed the figures of the supervisors and placed a value on the county in October of \$295,508,090. This year's valuation is in excess of that figure. It is believed that all the supervisors are satisfied with the new equalization and that no appeal will be taken this year.

Taking the state tax commission's figures of last October as the basis, the equalization committee added two per cent to the real estate in Avon, Bloomfield, Commerce, Farmington, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy and Waterford townships and the cities of Pontiac, Royal Oak and Farmington; one per cent to Highland, Independence, Milford, Novi, Oakland, Orion, Springfield, White Lake and West Bloomfield townships; and one-half of one per cent to Addison, Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Lyon, Oxford and Rose townships.

Adoption of the majority report of the equalization committee came only after a hard fought battle. Saturday the committee had submitted a report in which one per cent had been added to the valuation of every city and township in the county with the state tax commission's figures of last October used as the basis for the figuring. This procedure found little favor with the supervisors from the northern and western townships and they were instrumental in getting the report referred back to the committee Monday morning.

Monday afternoon the equalization committee reported both majority and minority reports. The majority report called for the addition of from one-half to two per cent to the state tax commission's figures of last October on the northern and western townships having been favored with less of an increase than the cities and the southern and eastern townships. The minority report was the report of Saturday with one per cent added to all the townships and cities alike.

The board first took a vote on the adoption of the minority report and it failed to carry. The vote stood 16 for 18 against and was declared lost.

M. B. Armstrong then offered an amendment to the majority report that West Bloomfield township be increased to two per cent instead of the one per cent additional that appeared in the report. The vote on this resolution was 18 to 14 and Chairman Alfred Gale declared it lost saying it would require a majority of the board elect or 19 to carry.

Supervisor Duncan McRae's motion to table the report until

OPEN AIR MEETINGS A SUCCESS

The first of a series of open air services was held last Sunday night at the Town Park. More than a hundred people were in attendance. The first part of the service was given over to the singing of old time songs. This was followed by a short talk by the Baptist pastor.

There being no other evening services in town it is hoped to make these meetings of a community type.

The music will be even better from now on as a plan has been secured to help in the song service. In case of cold or rain the meeting will take place in the Town Hall, so all can come and enjoy the service without worrying about the weather.

Mr. Palmer's subject for this week is "Wanted a Head."

SUIT IS UNCONTESTED

Mrs. Locell D. Robinson of Farmington was plaintiff in an uncontested suit for divorce heard yesterday by Judge Glenn C. Gillespie in which a decree was granted against Roy O. Robinson. Married April 29, 1918, Mrs. Robinson charged her husband soon made false charges against her concerning her conduct with other men. She said he was also lax in his support. They separated January 4 of this year. A property settlement was reached. Charles C. Conklin was the attorney.—Pontiac Press.

CLARENCEVILLE PASTOR BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Reports concerning the work of the various departments of church and Sunday School presented this week showed marked progress in all directions at the Clarenceville Methodist Church. Several improvements have been achieved, new families have been received by the pastor, and the Sunday School and congregation are increasing in numbers, also old bills of long duration have been paid off and according to several speakers at the meeting the outlook is more encouraging than for several years. The highest praise of the constructive work of the pastor, Rev. Felton, in the face of great difficulties and his handling of many problems financial and otherwise dated back several years was given by several speakers and on motion made and seconded and supported Rev. Felton by a hearty unanimous rising vote was invited to return as pastor next year. Arrangements were made for improvements in the equipment of the primary department of the Sunday School and committee appointed for repairs on the church property. Other important business was transacted and the meeting was closed with prayer by the pastor.

Monday guests at the Grace house, were Mr. Grace's brother, Wallace Grace of Detroit, Mrs. William Turner and daughter Ethel Ruth of North Farmington.

The next day was voted down. At this point Supervisor Sidney Burgdorf of Milford moved for a reconsideration of the vote on the increase in the per cent on West Bloomfield township. It carried. When submitted to a vote it was more decisively beaten than previously having lost 12 to 22.

Without more discussion the board proceeded to vote on the adoption of the majority report of the equalization committee and it carried 30 to 3.

The board then adjourned until July 28 the date for the formal opening of the contagious disease hospital. The board will assemble that morning and go to the contagious hospital to take part in the opening.

Farmington city real estate as assessed, \$247,420. Farmington real estate as equalized, \$286,914. Personal property as assessed, \$194,170. Total \$3,056,934. Farmington township real estate as assessed, \$7,733,225. amount added to real estate \$6,007. Real estate as equalized, \$7,739,232. Personal property as assessed, \$283,070. Total \$8,022,302.

Rolling Play, "Applesauce," Coming at the Chautauqua



"Applesauce," a feature dramatic offering of the coming Redpath Chautauqua, is a happy play with a message of cheer, sunny skies and silver linings, from the pen of Barry Conners. It is one of those synthetic concoctions of homely American virtues, sweet childhood, glib young men and violent jerks at the heartstrings, well calculated to thrill and delight every member of the audience. It will be presented here by a fine cast of New York actors.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips of Detroit who have purchased the Charles Dredge home at Clarenceville will move in next week.

Miss Louise Perry who has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kaercher at Denton, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson and Mrs. Elizabeth Ironside of Detroit visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seates a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams left Wednesday evening for their home at Harbor Springs, Mich. They have been making their home here with the Misses Steele on Grand River avenue.

Added responsibilities have been heaped upon John Fitzpatrick, cashier of the Peoples State Bank. It's a boy, born Friday, July 11, and weighs 7½ pounds. The young banker will be known as John Fitzpatrick, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele returned home Wednesday evening from a motor trip to St. Joseph, Elkhardt, Ind. and through the southern part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Steele were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Don Button.

Helen, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham, suffered serious burns Tuesday when her clothing caught fire from matches with which she was playing. Her mother's hands were quite badly burned extinguishing the flames.

HELEN MAE GRAHAM

Helen Mae Graham, 2½ years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham, passed away Thursday morning from burns received Tuesday when her clothing caught fire.

Funeral services will be held Saturday from the home at 2:00 o'clock with interment at North Farmington Cemetery.

The Enterprise and entire community extend sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hancock, a son, Sat., July 10.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ervin, a son, Friday, July 9.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. March, a son, Friday, July 9.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jeannette, a daughter, Rose, Sunday, July 11.

TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS FOR POSTMASTER

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations for the position of Postmaster at Walled Lake at Pontiac. Receipt of applications to close August 4, 1926. Full particulars can be obtained at the Walled Lake post-office.

CONROY FAMILY REUNION

From 133 members of the Conroy family reunion, 77 were present at the annual picnic held at the home of James Conroy and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown on July 11. A very enjoyable luncheon was served on the lawn, after a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

President, Harry Minkley, Detroit.
Vice President, Don Conroy.
Secretary, Miss Charlotte Canfield, Detroit.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Hinburn, Farmington.

Mrs. George Conroy of Conway, a former resident of Farmington, sent a beautiful message to the family.

We sit in the evening twilight Enjoying the fast falling dew. Our thoughts go traveling backward Dear Cousins, tonight to you.

Uncles and Aunts we remember, Brothers and Sisters, too. Sons and Daughters are all numbered. In the thoughts that we send to you.

Fathers and Mothers among you Cling fast to our memory That we could at this Reunion Again each dear face to see.

For time is leaving its marks On those who are living now. In spite of the youthful feelings Time wrinkles severely the brow.

And to those who the life journey have ended, In the years that have just gone o'er,

We also remember and hope with longing To meet, on that "Beautiful Shore."

May God's blessing rest upon you And give you a Wonderful day. While loving greetings, we send you Good wishes and happiness, for Aye.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

A very pleasant gathering met Monday evening, July 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wick when in response to an invitation by Mrs. Wick about 35 members of the Young peoples society of the Evangelical church came to complete a happy birthday surprise for Mr. Wick.

A social time with games was followed by an elaborate potluck, buffet luncheon. A beautiful birthday cake made by Mrs. Wick adorned the center of the table. Several pretty gifts were left Mr. Wick. They departed at a late hour leaving best wishes to the honored guest for many more such birthdays.

MUNICIPAL JUSTICE COURT

The following parties were convicted or cases dismissed by John J. Schulte, Jr., Municipal Justice for the week ending July 14, 1926:

Jack Kabushin, 16520 Log Cabin avenue, speeding, \$20.

Lloyd Schlessinger, Detroit, speeding, and reckless driving dismissed.

Keiren Caughlin, 4444 17th street, Detroit, speeding, warrant in hand of sheriff.

Arthur Spaller, Farmington, assault and battery, dismissed.

Vernel Palmer, 5947 12th st., Detroit, reckless driving, \$5.

Ralph Hartzell, 5966 Stanton avenue, reckless, driving, sentence suspended.

Frank R. Goodrich, 9671 Grand River avenue, Detroit, reckless driving, sentence suspended.

T. C. Fluty, Farmington, reckless driving, costs \$2.25.

Harbert Boardman, 6391 Roosevelt avenue, Detroit, summons issued returnable July 15.

Lloyd Schlessinger, Detroit, negligent homicide examination August 3.

Harold Budry, Fair Grove Mich., reckless driving, dismissed for want of evidence.

G. Edson Hallack, 30 Summit street, Pontiac, improper parking, sentence suspended.

Joseph Kolch, 1245 Michigan avenue, Detroit, reckless driving \$5.95 costs.

CLARENCEVILLE M. E.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class of the Clarenceville Methodist Episcopal Sunday School was reorganized and new officers were appointed at a meeting held in the church. New rules and by-laws were also unanimously adopted whereby the membership of the class was restricted to duly elected members who are regular attendants at the sessions of the Sunday School and are locally co-operating in the building up of the church and Sunday School.

The general superintendent, Mr. C. W. Locker was made ex-officio member of the executive committee. Mr. H. Felton is the teacher of the class. A Look Out committee was appointed and all meetings are to be opened with prayer and closed with prayer. No person has a voice or vote in meetings but regularly appointed members and officers, regularly attending the Sunday School sessions. The following officers were unanimously elected, their tenure of office beginning immediately:

President, C. D. Wilson.
Secretary, Mrs. Rudd.
Treasurer, Mrs. Wilkinson.
Auditor, Mrs. Franc.

Teacher, Rev. H. Felton. A Look Out committee consisting of the officers and C. W. Locker and Mrs. P. Fairbairne was appointed unanimously. The class assemblies with the general school at 11:45 Sunday morning in the church auditorium.

FEDERAL CAMERA MAN

COVERS STATE FARMS

Many of Michigan's most interesting farm activities are being photographed this summer by a camera expert from the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Starting from the Michigan State College on July 13, George Ackerman, the government photographer, is following out an itinerary which will carry him through nearly half the counties of the state during a two weeks trip.

SHOREHAM PARK

WALLOPS PONTIAC TIGERS

In what is termed as a slugging match, the Shoreham Park baseball team, composed of Farmington players, defeated the Pontiac Tigers by a score of 15 to 7. Shoreham Park will play the Liberty A. C. team of Detroit at the same grounds, Five Mile and Farmington roads, next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted visited Mrs. Martha Hutton in Ypsilanti Sunday, instead of Mr. and Mrs. James Halsted as stated in last week's Enterprise.

SCHOOL SITE PROPOSITION

CARRIED 26 TO 24

The proposition to bond School District No. 3, Farmington City and Township of Farmington, for \$30,000 for the purchase of additional school sites, which was submitted to the taxpayers at the annual school meeting Monday evening, carried by a close vote, 26 to 24.

Many who favored the measure were so confident that it would carry that they neglected to attend the meeting and were greatly surprised at the result.

The financial report of the secretary covering receipts and disbursements for the past year was read and approved. The full report will be found on page two of this issue of The Enterprise. Fred L. Cook was elected as a member of the board to succeed himself.

It is the intention of the board to acquire property on Grand River avenue on both sides of School street in front of the present school property located on Thomas street.

FIFTH-TWO YEARS A

SCHOOL OFFICER

At the annual school meeting of Pierson School, District 2, situated at West Point Park, very prosperous reports were read. After some inquiry among officers, Dr. Thomas founded that William Harlan, retiring Moderator of the district, holds the state record for service on any school board, a record of fifty-two consecutive years.

Mrs. Anna Addis succeeds Mr. Harlan as Moderator, Harry Wolfe retaining the position of director.

The officers of the past year laid the foundation for a playground equipment fund by dropping their checks for their year's salary in the hat. Enough was added by the others present to make a substantial total. Mr. Albert Nacker is custodian of this fund. A resolution of appreciation for the services Dr. Thomas has rendered the district, in the building of the new school house was read and incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Bible Class of the M. E. Sunday School will give a Silver Tea lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook on Wednesday p. m., July 21st.

Business meeting at 3:30 p. m. Roll call—Bible quotations "Tea" from 5:00 p. m. until all are served.

M. W. E., Sec.

LOCAL BANK RESOURCES

OVER TWO MILLION

The Farmington banks make a fine showing in their statements of June 30. The total resources of the two institutions are \$2,075,176.23, a substantial increase over previous reports.

CLARENCEVILLE M. E.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

At a meeting of the teachers and officers of the Clarenceville Sunday School held last Sunday reports showed that the Sunday School was growing in several ways and that numbers and financial resources were steadily improving notwithstanding the usual summer exodus of children and parents. It was unanimously voted to hold the Sunday School picnic on August 14 at Island Lake. The committee in charge of arrangements is Mr. Locker, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Rudd and Mrs. Wilkinson.

LIBRARY NOTES

Many thanks for the books returned Saturday but we are still looking for "Pilgrim's Progress," "High Seas" and other books that are long past due: "Brownies in Switzerland," "Anna Alice Chapin," "Humpty Dumpty," "Dodge Louis," "The Sand Man's Forest," "The Sand Man's Mountains," "Noah Brooks," "The Boy Emigrants."

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