

## City Tax Rate Set At \$16 For The Coming Year

Budget Somewhat Above That Of Current Year; 10-Mile Extension Provides Discussion

Decision upon a tentative budget tax rate for 1928-29, and lengthy discussion of the proposed Ten-Mile road extension into Farmington took place at the meeting of the Farmington City Commission Monday night.

The tax rate was tentatively set at \$16 per thousand valuation, which will bring the City a revenue of \$47,553.36, valuations being slightly under \$3,000,000. The suggested tax rate is an increase of two dollars per thousand over last year, part of which is due to requirements for the new fire equipment. The budget will be up for passage Monday night.

Clinton McGee appeared before the Commission and asked that the Commission plan regarding the Ten-Mile road. Mayor Butterfield said that the Commission had no plan, nor was it committed to one, but that he personally had advocated the route down McGee Hill. Mr. McGee declared that members of the County Road Commission had told him that route "would cost \$25,000 more than extending the road straight west to Grand River and there would still be a large element of danger." Mr. McGee said that the route down McGee Hill would ruin his property.

Mayor Butterfield stated that the "extension" was a "straight" one, and that while the Commission is not prejudiced, I believe I wouldn't be doing my duty to this community by favoring extending the Ten-Mile road straight west to Parker's at way back there. No conclusion was reached in the discussion, except that the engineers should consider the best interests of the City, and of others as well.

## CHANGE IN PHONE RATE AT REDFORD AFFECTS THIS CITY

Admission Of Redford To Detroit Exchange Changes Rate For Calls From Here

The recent order of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, by which Redford is included in the Detroit telephone exchange, has had an important effect on Farmington and vicinity. While the rate from Farmington to Redford has been reduced from ten to five cents, the rate from Farmington to Redford is now 20 cents, in comparison with 10 cents heretofore. The reason for this is that when Redford was admitted to the Detroit exchange, rates from other cities to Detroit went into effect for Redford, Northville and Plymouth, both of which formerly had a ten-cent rate to Redford, now also pay 20 cents for calls to that place.

The change viewed as a disadvantage to many towns, has been heralded as a boom to Redford, but it is believed that Redford residents may soon regret it. Formerly, they were allowed unlimited Redford calls on their monthly rate, but now they are restricted to 60 calls per month on a four-party line, with a charge of four cents for each additional call.

The change was opposed by the Michigan State Telephone Company because of belief of the company's officials that Redford was not yet ready for it. The Utilities Commission, however, overruled the opposition.

## Twenty-One Warrants Served In Single Day

Twenty-one warrants were served Tuesday on Township residents failing to comply with the order for the tying or muzzling of dogs, by Warren Henderson of Farmington, assigned to that work. Mr. Henderson is making a tour of this section of the County to enforce the ruling issued by the Sheriff's office.

## SERVES AT CONFERENCE



Rev. Sidney D. Eva, former pastor of the Farmington Methodist Church, and now at Mt. Clemens, served as secretary for his district at the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kansas City, which closed this week. Rev. Eva was a delegate from the Detroit district.

## F.H.S. Team Wins Baseball Title

"Crucial" Game With Plymouth Proves Easy Victory, 17-1, At Plymouth

By a decisive victory over the previously undefeated Plymouth nine last Thursday, Farmington High School's baseball team brought the School its second league championship of the year. The largest score run up by the team this season was recorded, Farmington scoring 17 tallies to Plymouth's one.

Farmington made 20 hits to Plymouth's 5. This coupled with strong defensive play, kept Plymouth from scoring more than once, that score coming on a misjudged fly ball and a sacrifice fly. Plymouth, a hard hitting squad, met the ball often, but a Farmington fielder was usually in front of it.

Five Plymouth men were set down on strikes, making a total of 53 men struck out by Rozenboom for the season.

Farmington's successful baseball season was opened by the defeat of Northville, 15 to 2. Following this, Farmington scored successive victories over Ypsilanti, 2 to 0; Dearborn, 5 to 1; Wayne, 13 to 4, and Plymouth, 17 to 1.

Farmington scored 52 runs for their opponents' 8.

Middlewood set the pace in the five-base blow, getting two, while Otis, Cox and Nielsen each got one.

Of the eight runs scored off Rozenboom, only four were earned. Batting averages are as follows:

The basketball team, composed mainly of the same athletes, brought Farmington the league trophy that sport earlier in the year.

## LARGE ATTENDANCE AT MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES HERE

School Children Attend In Large Numbers, Noble School Winning Flag

A large gathering participated in impressive Memorial Day exercises held Wednesday morning at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, in honor of America's dead of three wars.

Despite inclement weather, the attendance was large throughout the program. The American Legion's efforts to interest children in the remembrance of Memorial Day resulted in a large turnout of boys and girls of the section. Children of Noble School won the flag offered for the best attendance.

Rev. Elmer Palmer of the Farmington Baptist Church was the speaker of the day. Members of Groves-Walker Post composed a firing squad to fire a salute, and Jack Smith sounded "Taps" as the final note of the exercises.

## CORRECTION

On page 6 of this issue, in the Commissioners' Proceedings, two typographical errors appear. The third paragraph, second line, reads that "the City and Township stand 6 per cent of the cost of flags"; this should read "50 per cent."

In the last paragraph appears "at the next regular meeting June 4th," which should read "at the next regular meeting June 4th."

## Recommend That Township Share Of Hall Be 54.75

Committees Agree Only On Township Portion; Three Proposals Fall At Meeting

That the Farmington Township's share of the Town Hall property should be 54.75 per cent, and that the share of the City and the Masonic Lodge together should be 45.25 per cent, was the opinion of members of three committees meeting at the Town Hall last Thursday evening. This recommendation was directed to be returned to the governing bodies of each interested party.

The agreement came after lengthy debate, during which three proposals were offered and turned down. For a time it appeared that no agreement was possible, and the motions were offered, not with hope of passage, but to record the sentiment of the committee.

William Way, of the Masonic committee, declared he believed the division "should be based on the original agreement for building," in which only two parties were involved. Rufus N. Crossman asked whether the City would be satisfied with 21.6, to which Floyd Nichols replied, "No!" He then asked whether the Masons would be satisfied with 20 per cent, to which Mr. Way gave a similar answer.

James L. Hogle moved that "it is the sense of the committee that the proportions be 50 per cent for the Township, 25 for the City and 25 for the Masons." The motion was lost for want of support, and was to the effect that the percentages be: Township, 53.75; City, 21.6; Masons, 20. Mr. Way then offered a motion to the effect that the Masons' share be declared 25 per cent, which was also lost for want of support.

By calculating 25 per cent for the Masons, and taking 75 per cent of the remaining 75 per cent, the committee calculated a portion for the Township which met general approval. It was impossible to secure a further agreement, however, so that it was decided not to attempt declaration of the respective shares of the City and Masons in the remaining 45.25 per cent.

It was the prevailing opinion that the Township officials be asked to make a tentative price at which they would consider a sale of the property to the City and the Masons.

## WORK CONTINUED ON RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR GRAND RIVER

Hope To Be Able To Request Start Of Construction Soon; Fast Car Service Talked

Right-of-way work along Grand River avenue in Farmington and east to the Base Line road is being continued by Clarence Newton and the present Grand River work through to Farmington.

Rapid transit on Grand River avenue in Detroit, which would have an important effect on transportation between Farmington and Detroit, is to be discussed by the Detroit City Council Friday morning. Supporters of the plan for express service on the surface lines, with subways to the car tracks, are urging its installation on Grand River as the street on which the "benefits of the plan could best be realized."

It is claimed that an increase in speed to 18 miles an hour has been achieved on Jefferson avenue, and that this would considerably reduce the time from Downtown Detroit to Redford, and consequently to Farmington, if put into effect on Grand River.

Rev. A. A. Schen will go to Sharon, Mich., Friday to preach the funeral service for a former parishioner, while Mrs. Schen and Mrs. William Kurtz will attend the Women's Federation at Manchester.

## Great-Grandmother, 82, Brings 10 To Banquet

Four daughters, five granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter were the party "chaperoned" by Mrs. John Graham, Jr., 82 years old, at the Farmington Methodist Church Mother and Daughter banquet last Friday evening. Mrs. Graham easily won the award for the mother bringing the most daughters to the dinner.

Three women in their 80's were present, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Thomas Kerr and Mrs. Sarah Keith, the latter two being 84 years old. Nearly 200 attended the banquet, served by men of the church. The tables were beautifully decorated. Local women provided the program.

## 24 Students Are To Be Graduated

Farmington High School Seniors To Receive Diplomas On Thursday, June 21

Twenty-four seniors will be graduated from Farmington High School at Commencement Exercises on Thursday evening, June 21. Professor W. W. Whitehouse of Albion College, has been secured to deliver the Commencement address.

Two boys this year won scholarship honors of the class, Gustav Rozenboom being valedictorian and Walter Nielsen salutatorian. In addition, Rozenboom had an unusually successful athletic career in high school, having been star pitcher on this year's baseball team, as well as an outstanding performer in other sports. Both young men are planning to attend higher institutions of learning.

The roll call of the 1928 graduating class is as follows: Lucile Austin, Mildred Brown, Charles Butts, Virgil Butts, Howard Catherman, Raymond Cox, Evelyn Dennis, Martha Grouper, Wellington H. M. Clayton Langbecker, Ethel Maltby, Howard Middlewood, Walter Nielsen, Anna Palacky, Edward Rozenboom, Gustave Rozenboom, Effie Scates, Louise Sheill, Mabel Gravin, William Starkey, Edna Tucker, Gladys Wood, nee Weston, Leona Young.

Class Night will be held on the evening preceding Commencement, Wednesday, June 20. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday evening, June 17, at the Farmington Methodist Church. Rev. Elmer Palmer will deliver the Baccalaureate, a union service being planned.

On Tuesday, June 19, the eighth grade class will have their graduation exercises and class night, at a banquet in the school. Thirty-four are to be graduated from the eighth grade.

Alumni are planning to hold their annual banquet during commencement week, if possible. Arrangements are in charge of Hinman Nichols, president; Winifred Walling, secretary; Kenneth Wixom, vice-president; and Mildred Prindle, treasurer.

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

John Grimm Re-elected Elder For Three Years; Henry Burkowski President

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Middle Belt and Base Line roads, held its annual election of officers Monday. John Grimm was re-elected elder for three years and Elmer Garchow was re-elected for three years as trustee.

Henry Livrance was elected trustee to fill the vacancy made by Herman Trapp's resignation. John Meyer was elected as school trustee for two years.

Other officers elected are: President of congregation, Henry Burkowski; finance com. Messrs. H. Mix, Ed. Garchow, Arthur Trapp, A. Meyer, Howard Garchow; H. Livrance; auditors, Messrs. Albin Meyer and Lawrence Gagnon.

A baby boy, Allen M. Warner, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warner.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Daines Tuesday night.

## Citizens Urge Early Start On Paving At Two Meetings

Discussion Of Street Program At Session Of Commission Indicates Strong Sentiment For Improvement; Exchange Unanimous For Pavement

Farmington's long-sought paving program was brought sharply into the foreground this week with detailed discussions at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night and of the Exchange Club Tuesday noon. At both sessions a strong sentiment for paving as soon as possible was in evidence.

## Middlewood Sets New State Record In Mile

Howard Middlewood, Farmington High School Senior, brought to a fitting climax his brilliant high school athletic career Saturday when he won the mile run in the State meet at Lansing, setting a new state record for the event. He ran the mile in four minutes, 47 and two-fifths seconds, a new mark for Class C schools.

McCully qualified to run in the finals in the quarter-mile but failed to place, Middlewood scoring Farmington's only points in the meet.

## Death Takes Six Of This Section

President Of Clarenceville Graduates And G. A. R. Veteran Among Victims

Death took a heavy toll in this section during the past week, six residents and former residents passing away. Among them was a former Farmington Township official, and the president of the Clarenceville Schools graduating class.

Arden Beensel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beensel, of Middle Belt road, and president of the tenth grade graduating class at Clarenceville, died Wednesday afternoon in St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, after having been taken to the hospital Sunday, suffering from spinal meningitis. Funeral services and burial will take place Friday in Grand Lawn Cemetery, following private services in Detroit.

The deceased youth leaves besides his parents, a sister, Mina, and brother, Harold. The Beensel family had just sold their home on Middle Belt road and purchased a farm near Fowlerville.

Funeral services will be held Friday for Chaucey Wolcott, 82, Civil War veteran and former township treasurer, and highway commissioner of Farmington Township, who passed away Monday at the home of his son George Wolcott, in Detroit, after a long illness of diabetes, followed by complications. Rev. Frank Bolyne (Continued on Page Five)

## DEPUTY PERSISTS FOR FIVE MONTHS; TWO ARE ARRESTED

Brothers In Custody Charged With Entering Gas Station, Dance Hall

Persistent effort on the part of Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes, working for nearly five months, culminated in the arrest at three o'clock Monday morning of Weir and Edward Richardson, brothers, on charges of entering Charles Heliker's dance hall and Wilber's gas station, at Orchard Lake and Twelve-Mile roads, in December. Both men were arraigned in Pontiac Tuesday afternoon and plead not guilty.

A "hunch" that came to Deputy Stokes, eager to "clean up" the case, yielded the first clue, some weeks ago. Tracing of an automobile through three ownerships finally led to the arrest of the Richardson brothers, Edward at Franklin and Weir at Pontiac. The former is 21 and lives in Clare, Mich., Weir is 31, married and the father of three children, and lives in Pontiac.

The dance hall was entered the night of December 23, and between 400 and \$50 taken. A week later the gasoline station was entered, and goods valued at \$40 taken, besides damages amounting to \$100 being done.

Although not numerous, the citizens who attended the City Commission meeting were emphatic in their declarations that they believe most Farmington residents want to see a paving program under way. The discussion brought out that there is little hope remaining for actual construction this year, but that the project should be mapped out for an early start next spring.

The discussion was begun when Mayor Wells D. Butterfield announced that the meeting was open for discussion and F. DeVe Fleming said, "I'm interested in when we are going to start paving." Commissioner Carl Hogle remarked that it would probably be next year.

"I've heard that every year for two or three years," declared Mr. Fleming, to which Commissioner Leo Gildemeister replied, "You wouldn't want to pave and then tear up the streets again to put in sewers, would you?" Mr. Fleming said that there might be necessary, and Harry Warner suggested that not all the streets to be considered for paving were in the sewer plan. He gave as an example Oakdale avenue, which "is not on the main trunk" and said that it is customary to put in storm sewers when paving.

"We could pave Division street soon if they would ever get the money over there to connect with the Ten-Mile road" remarked Commissioner Clarence Bickling. After discussion of the latter project, Mr. Fleming stated that "a lot of people want paving and want it bad, and thought it was going in this year." Commissioner Bickling referred to the law which prohibits assessment of more than 25 per cent of the (Continued on Page Five)

## PROMISES DURING WAR ARE BETRAYED," ASSERTS LEONARD

Speaker At Exchange Club Program Says "World Is An Armed Camp" Today

That the promises made to America's young manhood who faced death in the Great War, that they "would never have to do it again," has been betrayed, was the declaration of Superintendent of Schools Archibald G. Leonard at the weekly meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Tuesday noon. Supt. Leonard was called upon by Vice-president Arthur Lamb to deliver a talk in commemoration of Memorial Day.

"Ten years after the war which was to end all war, the world is an armed camp," asserted Supt. Leonard. Armies fighting on the plains of China, Italy, under Mussolini, prepared to put on the Mediterranean the largest fleet of warships ever assembled. America committed to the greatest naval program ever conceived. And after the next conflict, the defeated nation will no more be seen on the face of the earth," Supt. Leonard declared.

"All this preparation for war is going on because some men profit from war," continued Supt. Leonard. The Great War made twenty-two thousand new millionaires in America. How can this preparation for war be stopped? The men in control of our government will not stop it. The men in control of our finances will not stop it. Only one thing will. That is the protest of the common people, who must declare against the pensions alone since the Civil War, without counting cost of the war on the waste, "would have bought every slave in this country and set him free."

Previously to Supt. Leonard's talk, Rev. Elmer Palmer offered a prayer appropriate to Memorial Day. The remainder of the luncheon hour was devoted to a discussion of paving.