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State Tax For Township, City Is Determined

Raise In Rate Causes Both To Be Increased Over Last Year's Levy

Both the Township and City of Farmington must pay a greater amount of State tax, than in 1928. The amounts to be raised were determined early this week.

The increases indicate that there has been a very substantial boost in the State tax rate. We do not for this increase, the City of Farmington would pay less State tax this year than last, and the increase in Farmington Township would have been a great deal less.

Farmington Township will pay this year in State taxes \$399,976.85. Last year the amount was \$240,181.64. A considerable part of this increase is a result of higher valuations set by the State Tax Commission last week, but about 40 per cent of the increase is the result of a higher rate put in effect throughout the State.

This higher rate will require the City of Farmington to pay \$1,700 more in State taxes than it did a year ago. The City's State tax this year is \$10,717.16, as compared with \$8,995.61 in 1928. The City valuation set last week is higher than last year, but its percentage of the entire County's tax is only .009. The effect of a reduction had the same State rate been in effect.

Officials say that the higher State rate is due to efforts to make up a deficiency which has existed in the State treasury for some time.

WEST POINT PARK CAPTURES LEAGUE BASEBALL TITLE

Carl Goers Is Strong In "Pinches" and Shuts Out Hamtramck 4 to 0

In a game that kept every one of hundreds of fans on edge with excitement throughout eight and one-half innings of tense baseball, West Point Park won the championship of the Inter-County League last Sunday by defeating Hamtramck 4 to 0. The team will soon receive the Governor Green cup awarded the winner.

The game was a pitcher's duel in which Carl Goers won by superior strategy and ability to master trying situations. Finishing Hamtramck had Goers in difficulty, with men on base, but each time he tightened and turned them back.

West Point Park's heavy hitters, after being completely baffled by Goers in the early innings, began to hit the ball hard in the fifth inning, and scored in the three following frames, as the Hamtramck pitcher weakened. Hobbie tripled in the sixth and scored the first run on another triple by Charles Wolf. In the seventh, Hammerschmidt walked, Roy Wolfram doubled and Hobbins sacrificed, accounting for another run. Two more in the eighth put West Point Park safely in the lead when Roy Clement doubled, Harry Wolf tripled, and M. Clement singled. Crowe, who had struck out eight of the nine West Point Park men who faced him in the first three innings, was taken from the box.

West Point Park plays at the Fowlerville Fair Thursday, and if they win will play in the final game there Saturday.

As a result of winning the Inter-County League championship, West Point Park has been matched with River Rouge champions of the Down River League, for a three-game series. The first game will be played Sunday at West Point Park. Carl Goers will again be on the mound for West Point Park, with Hammerschmidt catching.

The crowd Sunday was large, despite the forbidding weather conditions, and another capacity gathering is expected next Sunday. A large number of River Rouge fans are expected to follow their team.

The Rally Day program for the Baptist Church was a success. They set a goal at 150 and the number present was 140.

Everybody Went To The 'Wedding'; 'Bride' Weds Thrice In 26 Hours

We went to the wedding. So did eight hundred and seventy-two other people, and everybody laughed until their sides ached. The audience was a rather lonesome place for a man. Ninety-nine and 44 hundredths percent of all the spectators were women. And half the men in the cast were "women," too.

Many mysteries were developed and revealed. Some will probably never be solved. One, for instance, was as to how the "butler" was able for over an hour to keep on announcing the various personages without letting out a gufaw or even a smile.

Someone who was "in the know" told us the secret. After each and every presentation, the

"butler" went backstage and "exploded." Then he came back, gritting his teeth and determined not to laugh until he got backstage again.

Everyone had a good time, but three moustaches were lost. They were the property of three men whose appeal was such that the director chose them for "women." Two of the moustaches were lost after three weeks old, and one still farther advanced. The new ones will be "triplets" of the same age to a day.

Undoubtedly the men had a great time at the "Womanless Wedding." But if they had been real women and sitting down in the audience, they would have had an even better time.

For Wider Grand River In The City

Report Shows Highway 100 Feet Wide Shows 36 Per Cent Of City

That Grand River avenue is the most overcrowded street in the Metropolitan Area, and requires widening to 120 feet, as soon as possible from downtown Detroit to the Six Mile road in Redford, is the declaration of the Detroit Rapid Transit Commission in a report this week to the Detroit City Council. The report, which urges prompt action to relieve the present great congestion, is of interest to Farmington and all communities served by Grand River avenue.

The report reads as follows: "Grand River avenue has no counterpart on the opposite side of the city, nor is there any likelihood of one ever being created. Consequently Grand River stands alone as a single great artery serving the northwest section of the city and forming its only direct route to and from the business district.

Grows In Importance "At Redford its traffic flows on to the 204-foot superhighway that is being built at Farmington while at the edge of the central business district its right-of-way is reduced to 60 feet, and its traffic must of necessity use other streets already burdened with their own traffic.

"Every vehicular traffic count has shown the constantly increasing importance of Grand River avenue. Through recent annexations there are now about 50 square miles, or 36 per cent of the city area, lying between Livonia avenue and Grand River, and Eight Mile road, that is dependent upon Grand River as its only direct trunk line to and from the central business district.

"Every north and south street above Grand River, as well as every east and west street north of Grand River, within the territory described, pours its cityward traffic into Grand River avenue. The territory described is roughly seven and one-half miles square, with Grand River cutting (Continued on page five)

WILL URGE MILK ORDINANCE AT MEETING MONDAY

City Commission To Be Asked To Take Action Requiring Pasteurization

Argument for enactment of a milk ordinance, which would prohibit the distilling of milk in the City of Farmington, is expected at the meeting of the City Commission next Monday evening.

The movement for passage of such an ordinance is said to have been inspired by recent magazine articles tending to show that milk which is not pasteurized may be the cause of a disease which, while not often fatal, causes prolonged illness, and in some cases, death.

A citizen favoring the ordinance stated that he had read a number of articles and pictures in the Commission articles and pictures based on laboratory work indicating he declared that pasteurizing of milk is imperative to protect the health of the community.

Township, City Have Accounting

Bills To Each Other Near Same Figure For Past Two Years

An accounting of City and Township debts and credits is being made this month by the Farmington Board and City Commission. A review of the books reveals the odd fact that although the items cover the period since the City was incorporated, each owes the other about the same amount of money.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the Township Board, on motion of Walter Heedler, voted to pay the City's bill of \$1,044.68. This bill covers items to July 1 of this year, a large part being fire department calls. The Board also voted to submit the Township's bill up to October 31, and asks the City from the City from July 1 to the first of this month.

The Township's bill against the City amounts to \$1,044.56, to October 1. Approximately \$992 of this amount is for lights on the Orchard Lake road, for which the Township pays with its own or highway lighting, but which are inside the City.

The Township thus has a balance in its favor of \$399.98, aside from the City's bill since July 1. The numerous fire calls during the past summer make likely that the bill will offset a considerable part of this balance, so that the two governmental units will find themselves about "even up" on their transactions.

Besides the \$992 which the City owes for lights, there is a balance of \$248.54 due the Township on the original settlement when the City was instituted, and \$174.45 for the police booth. The cost of maintenance of the booth from October 4, 1927 to July 2, 1929, was \$1,029.47 for lights, telephone, etc., according to the figures compiled by Township Clerk Willard Campbell.

NORTHWESTERN A. C. WINS OPENING FOOTBALL BATTLE

All-Americans Are Defeated By 13 to 0 Score; Northwood Inn Next Opponent

Continuing their winning habits of last year, Northwestern A. C. football team was victorious in the first gridiron game of the season last Sunday at Northwestern Field. The All-Americans team, after holding Northwestern scoreless during the first quarter, was unable to withstand the Northwestern attack, and was scored on in the second and fourth periods.

Northwestern showed good form in its first game, both on offense and defense. Its total of 13 points while All-Americans were held scoreless, indicated that opponents will have a hard time preventing last Sunday's Northwestern squad from scoring this season.

Next Sunday Northwestern will play Northwood Inn at Northwestern Field. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. T. H. McGee spent Wednesday in Pontiac.

Why invest your money in a machine you use 1 day in seven? Our washers run every day. Send us your laundry. Northville Laundry.

Fall Of 9 Feet In New Building Fatal To J. Sim

Baptist Church Member Fatally Injured While Looking Over New Sunday School

Four hours after he had fallen from the first floor into the basement of the new Farmington Baptist Sunday School building Wednesday evening, John Sim, 41 years old, a member of the church, died at Pontiac City Hospital. He passed away at 3:45, without regaining consciousness.

The tragedy stunned members of the Church, who were rejoicing in the rapid progress being made on the new building, and were looking forward to its dedication Sunday.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church.

The accident occurred just before 8 o'clock Wednesday evening as members of the Church had gathered for a meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Sim had been in the new building, looking it over, and started out just as darkness fell.

As they came to the entrance, where a plank was thrown across the opening about eight feet square, Mr. Sim cautioned his wife to be careful. As she crossed the plank and stepped off, she heard a scream, and turning, saw that Mr. Sim had fallen. She ran into the Church and called the members.

Mr. Sim apparently struck the back of his head on the edge of a concrete block. The lower row of blocks in the basement just out a few inches from the rest of the wall.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the injured man up from the basement. The fact that there was no stairway and that he was a man of unusual weight. By means of planks and a ladder, several men were finally able to get him up to the surface.

Dr. H. E. Boice and Z. R. Ashenbrenner were called. Dr. Boice arriving first. He advised that Mr. Sim be taken to a hospital at once. Heeny's ambulance service was called and rushed to Pontiac, with Dr. Ashenbrenner accompanying the ambulance. Every effort by physicians was unavailing.

Mr. Sim is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Sim, and a sister. He was born in Canada, and resided in an apartment in the Farmington Improvement building.

Funeral arrangements are not yet completed.

BISHOP J. F. BERRY IS SPEAKER HERE ON PROHIBITION

Methodist Leader Says Progress Is Being Made In Spite Of Great Difficulties

Bishop Joseph F. Berry of the Methodist Episcopal Church spoke at Farmington Methodist Church Monday evening. He talked on the Prohibition question.

Bishop Berry said that "Prohibition is making progress in this country and will eventually win. It is uphill work for two reasons: the drinking customs in this country have been in operation for over a hundred years, and are firmly imbedded in the social usages. Large financial interests are back of it, and are much averse to abolishment because of great pecuniary loss. Also the saloon was in politics and, and naturally the saloon politicians hated to be deprived of power in affairs."

On the whole, Bishop Berry reported progress is apparent.

WEST POINT PARK WINS

West Point Park's baseball team defeated a team of picked stars led by Harry German at the Fowlerville Fair Thursday. West Point Park will play in the final game at the Fair Saturday, against the winner of the Pleasant-Lake-Williamston game Friday.

Shields, pitching for West Point Park, allowed only three hits.

Sanitary Ordinance Cases Ready Friday

Attorneys for the City and for the three property-owners contesting enforcement of the sanitary ordinance, C-A 0-28, apparently are ready to take the hearing scheduled for Friday, afternoon, October 4.

The trials will be held in the court room in the City building before Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., at 2 o'clock. Clarence K. Peterson will appear for the City and James H. Lynch for the defendants.

To Lay Concrete On Cut-Off Soon

Officials Put Fears Of Some At Rest Regarding Pavement This Year

Farmington citizens need have no fear of a long delay in paving work on the Grand River widening and Cut-Off project, according to statements of a road authority this week. The opinion of many, reluctantly expressed, that no paving would be done this fall is hereby declared a delusion thus far, it is declared.

Not only will concrete be laid, but the entire stretch on the Cut-Off, from Grand River to Farmington road, will be paved before the crews leave for the winter, it is said. With favorable weather, there should be no difficulty in getting the work done before the continuous cold sets in.

Paving of a 20-foot highway can be done at the rate of about 600 feet a day. It is stated, and the Cut-Off stretch can be paved complete in about ten days. When the laying of concrete is begun, a full crew of men who will work every day until completion, is expected to get on the job.

Gridding on the Cut-Off is believed to be about finished. Much of the right-of-way, particularly within the City, required very little work.

Progress on Grand River, while apparently so far advanced, is reported good.

DOYLE STAYS ON DEPUTY JOB, BY LAWYER'S ADVICE

Farmington Man Still In Uniform And Retains Badge Of Office

Advised by legal counsel whom he has retained, Lee Doyle of Farmington is still in uniform and wearing his badge as a deputy sheriff of Oakland County. His employment as a deputy was to terminate Tuesday, October 1, according to an order of Sheriff Frank Schram some weeks ago.

Counsel for Doyle at a conference with Sheriff Schram last Saturday, presented to the Sheriff the petitions with names of 305 residents of this section asking that Doyle be retained.

Following the conference, the attorney strongly advised Doyle that under the circumstances, he should continue on duty and retain his badge and car as a deputy until the Sheriff requested him to turn them over.

The name of Deputy William Tamm was drawn into the Doyle matter when according to Doyle's attorney, reference was made during the conference in the Sheriff's office to a supposed statement attributed to Deputy Tamm. Doyle's counsel said that Sheriff Schram declared "it had come to him that at one time Deputy Tamm asked Doyle to get into his car and go with him after a drunken driver, and Doyle refused."

Sheriff Schram stated, the attorney said, that "if Deputy Tamm says this is true, Doyle will be all through right then." Sheriff Schram also is said to have stated he would come to Farmington some time Saturday and interview Tamm and Doyle together.

The view of Doyle's attorney is that if a suggestion was made that Deputy Doyle was incompetent, in connection with the request for his resignation, this gives the officer ground to demand explanation and proof of the charge.

Start To Build New Trunk Line Near Farmington

New North-And-South Link Will Follow Farmington-Novi Town Line

After about two years of discussion and disagreement as to location, State officials are reported to have practically decided on an entirely different route for a new north-and-south highway to run through this section of Oakland County and connect Genesee, Wayne, and Monroe Counties.

The new trunk line highway is planned to follow the Farmington-Novi Townline roads, crossing Grand River about two miles west of Farmington. At its north end it will not only intersect the Dixie Highway, but will in time it is planned, extend northward up through the State. At its south end it will connect with Trunk Line No. 23 to Toledo.

The proposed highway, to be known as the Haggerty Highway, would serve a purpose similar to that of Telegraph road, providing a still longer cut-off, and a much greater short-cut, for the traveling from Flint, Bay City, Saginaw and other points, to the lower part of Michigan and Toledo.

The highway will have a 20-foot concrete pavement on a 120-foot right-of-way. It will be State Trunk Line No. 56.

Early plans for this highway, "No. 56," created so much of a stir that at least two different routes were suggested, delegations were sent to Lansing, and finally, the disturbances were settled by the Legislature over the "gap law" by the last Legislature. The plan which the State is said to have virtually decided upon now will take the highway more than three miles east of its originally planned route, in this part of the County.

When first proposed, the road was to go through Northville, or part of that village, then north to Novi, and along the Novi-Walled Lake road. Difficulties were reported at Northville and the lower part of the Walled Lake section. Northville residents, it is understood, desired that the highway go out Center street, which runs northward from the heart of the business section, and which is now not a through road.

A reported plan to place the highway west of both the villages of Northville and Plymouth, missing both towns, also was said to have been made with opposition.

If the State Administrative Board approves the proposed new highway, as is regarded likely, this will undoubtedly agree to a considerable extent the status of Halsted road. Petitions for paving that road under the Covert Act from Grand River north to the Fourteen Mile road have been filed with the Oakland County Road Commission and approved. Petitions for paving the same road still farther north are also understood to have been signed.

In this connection, Road Commissioner Isaac Bond said this week that he believed the State might well consider using the Halsted road for the Haggerty Highway instead of the Townline road a mile west, but that plans were so far advanced that a change at this date would be unlikely.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PLANS GREATER ACTIVITIES

With a bigger and better program arranged for the coming year, the Epworth Methodist League extends a cordial welcome to all.

Beginning with Sunday, October 6, we are starting a "win-my-thum" contest. The leaders who were chosen are Eleanor Talbot and Billie Seger, who have given the names of "The Ironquins" and "The Mohicans." They have a big surprise at the end of this contest.

A. G. Leonard is to be the speaker for Sunday evening. We meet at 6:30 p. m.

Billie Seger, First Vice-president

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