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## Officials Make Tax Reports For Township, City

### City Said To Be Leader Among Communities Of County In Tax Collected

Reports showing the amounts and percentages of 1929 taxes collected in Farmington Township and City have been completed by officials. They show in detail the taxes collected and returned.

According to reports, Farmington City is said to be among the leaders in the County, if not actually first, in percentage of local taxes collected. The statement drawn up by City Treasurer Geo. Gildemeister shows that 92.4 per cent of the City taxes was collected. The percentage of State, County and School taxes collected by the City Treasurer was 82.8 per cent.

Total taxes collected in the City for County, State and School purposes, was 61,049.04, according to Mr. Gildemeister. Returns taxes amounted to \$12,354.48, the total tax levied being \$73,403.52. Of this amount, \$32,307.24 was school tax, making a State and County tax total of \$41,131.88 levied on City property.

In the Township, 69.8 per cent of the entire tax was collected, according to the report compiled by Supervisor Harry N. McCracken. The percentage of County tax collected was somewhat higher, being 65.5 per cent. The State tax was almost the same, 65.9.

School taxes collected in the Township were lower, however, being 58.2 per cent of the total levied. Small percentages of road and drain taxes collected in various districts brought down the percentage for the entire Township considerably.

On County Highway No. 81, only 11.7 per cent of the tax was paid on County Highway No. 81, only 29.6, and on No. 84, only 41.8. On State Highway No. 474, the Eight Mile road, only 27.1 per cent was paid.

The total taxes collected by Township Treasurer Elmer Hanson were \$212,355.47, of a total tax roll of \$348,955.93. Return taxes thus amounted to \$126,620.48.

While the percentages of taxes paid in many instances appear small, officials express the belief that Farmington Township and City stand much higher than many other parts of the County particularly in the lower section, and are in much better financial condition.

## ROLVAAG'S WORK IS DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF CLUB

### Resident Of India To Give Address At Next Meeting On April 2

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Harrison Johnson Wednesday, March 19th.

Mrs. Dickerson gave an interesting account of the life of the Norwegian-American writer, Rolvaag. Miss Boynton gave an interpretative review of the most famed of his books, "Giants of the Earth," and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Ritter read some of its most vivid descriptive passages. The program closed with an article on Norwegian music by Mrs. Dehany.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, at the Baptist Church. Members may invite guests. The program committee, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Ethel Thayer, have arranged for a speaker, Mrs. Gerge Stokes, for many years a resident of India. Mrs. Stokes will tell of her experiences in the Orient, and also of her present work in Detroit as probation officer.

Helen L. Hard, Sec'y, Pro Tem

### LARGE TREE SHIPMENT

Sixteen freight cars of nursery stock are being unloaded at Novi by Clarence Aldrich, Clarenceville nursery proprietor, most of the stock being evergreens. This is probably the largest shipment of evergreens ever received at that station.

Eight men are occupied at the unloading work.

Mrs. Harry Bartlett entertained ten of her old neighbors at a dinner on Thursday.

## Farmington Speaker



Mrs. J. K. Pettigill of Lansing, president of the State Parent-Teacher Association, whose address in Farmington Thursday evening has been long anticipated by members of the Farmington association.

## Club Asks That Tracks Be Kept

### Farmington Exchange Club Goes On Record As Favoring Retention Of Trolley

Whether or not the trolley tracks on Grand River road from Eight Mile road into Farmington will remain when the new paving is completed is still in doubt. County Road Commissioner Isaac Bond told members of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Efforts will be made to have the tracks retained, but it cannot now be predicted whether they will be successful.

By unanimous vote, the Club passed a resolution stating that it is in favor of retention of the tracks.

It was stated that if the tracks can be saved, it would probably be the program to fill in the space between the tracks with crushed stone and tar, which would provide a good driving surface, although not as good as concrete.

The opinion was expressed that if the tracks were lost, hauling costs on many products would be doubled. It was estimated that Farmington firms receive at least 300 car loads of freight over the tracks each year.

## BOYS AND GIRLS EXHIBIT CRAFTS AT W. POINT PARK

### Classes In Sewing And Woodwork In Five Schools Place Work On Display

An exhibit of arts and crafts presented by pupils of several schools, and attended by Pierson School, and Wilcox School, were displayed at the West Point Park Community Hall was well received. Sewing and woodwork was displayed.

Twenty-three girls of the sewing classes in the schools were presented with certificates of achievement by Miss Green, State club leader. Twenty-five boys received certificates from Mr. Pierson.

First year champions were, Marjorie Hinchman of Pierson School, and Lillian Price of Wilcox School; second year, Dorothy Beach of Pierson, Kenneth Owen and George Berger of Pierson were named among first and second year boys and Leo Hasley of Wilcox was named among second year boys.

The winners of championships at the West Point Park exhibit are expected to enter in the Wayne County competition at Dearborn High School April 19.

## O. E. S. WILL GIVE CARD PARTY NEXT TUESDAY

A fairly large number marked the "advance officers' night" celebrated Tuesday evening although inclement weather reduced the attendance.

## Rev. J. Callahan Recovering After Auto Accident

### Pastor Of Farmington Church Seriously Injured When Bus Strikes His Machine

Rev. James A. Callahan of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington, is recovering from serious injuries suffered Monday night when his automobile was struck by a bus on Six Mile road. Rev. Callahan is in Receiving Hospital, Redford, where he was rushed after the collision.

Rev. Callahan was unconscious for some time after the accident, in which his car was pushed against a pole and reduced to a pile of wreckage. He suffered two broken ribs and his nose was broken. It was feared at first that his skull was fractured but X-ray pictures showed no fracture.

Rev. Callahan was driving home, westward on Six-Mile road, about 10:50 Monday night. As he started across the intersection of Coolidge Highway, a bus running south on Coolidge and making a left turn, struck Rev. Callahan's car head-on. Visibility was poor, due to the storm at the time.

It is understood, Judge John J. Schulte, Jr. of Farmington passed the spot a few moments later, and recognized the wrecked car. After learning that Rev. Callahan was at the hospital, Judge Schulte and others made arrangements for the towing-in of the machine.

Rev. Callahan has been pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church since the summer of 1928, when he came to Farmington from the University of Detroit.

It was said that the signal light at the intersection at which the collision occurred was set at "go" for Six Mile road traffic at the time of the accident.

## SLEET AND SNOW HINDER TRUCKS, CAUSE ACCIDENTS

### One Slightly Injured In Collision On Grand River; Trucks Stalled On Hill

The snow, sleet and rain storm which descended upon this section this week caught motorists unawares and resulted in a number of accidents, besides much inconvenience. One man was slightly hurt.

Clarence Maes, living on the Twelve-Mile road, was cut above the right eye in a collision on Grand River avenue near Middle Belt road Monday afternoon. Several other cars were damaged in mishaps in the Clarenceville section on the road, and towing calls were frequent.

Half a dozen trucks were stalled at the bottom of Smith's Hill on Grand River west of Farmington Tuesday morning, when rain fell and made the road a sheet of ice. The trucks were unable to get traction up the hill.

The road was later sanded by a maintenance crew.

### BOY SCOUTS OF FARMINGTON GET TENDERFOOT PINS

### Twenty-eight Aged Presented With Insignia At Court Of Honor Tuesday Eve.

Twenty-eight Farmington Boy Scouts, the full membership of the new troop, received their "tenderfoot" Scout badges at a court of honor held in Farmington Methodist Church, Tuesday evening. The event was attended by a number of parents of the boys, and others interested in the development of the Farmington troop.

Nine Clarenceville Scouts received their second class badges at the same time, and one received a first class badge. The Wallace Lake Troop was also in attendance.

Farmington troop members are now all outfitted in new Scout uniforms and are showing much enthusiasm for the work. Scoutmaster Norman Hall is being assisted by Deputy and District Scout-leaders in the work of the troop. A number of Farmington men have shown considerable interest in furthering the movement.

## Dismiss Slander Case At Request Of Prosecutor

### County Officials Notify Judge They Will Not Proceed With Macomber Charges

Two criminal complaints against Mrs. W. Allen Nelson of Farmington, based on charges made by Trustee Frank T. Macomber of the Board of Education, were dismissed Wednesday morning without a hearing by Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, Jr. on request of the Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's office. The dismissal followed postponement of the hearing last Friday afternoon.

Macomber charged Mrs. Nelson with verbal and written attacks. The former charge grew out of a spirited discussion between Trustee Macomber and several women residents of the School District in the corridors of the High School building two weeks ago, during a recess in the Board of Education meeting. The second charge was based on a letter said to have been received by Mrs. Blanche Roos, president of the Board. Mrs. Roos turned over the letter to Mr. Macomber. It is understood that the letter contained references to him.

On Friday morning, a few hours before the case was to be heard, the jurors and principals were notified that the hearing was postponed one week. Judge Schulte stated that although he had received a letter from the Prosecutor's office asking that the case be dismissed, he did not wish to do so without a representative of the Prosecutor's office being present and making the request in court. Judge Schulte stated that on a previous occasion when he had dismissed a case on request of the Prosecutor's office had expressed dissatisfaction with the matter.

On Tuesday afternoon Judge Schulte conferred at Pontiac with Assistant District Attorney Charles L. Wilson, and on Wednesday morning, following a conference with Mrs. Nelson, announced that the case had been dismissed.

A number of residents of Farmington understood to have been subpoenaed as witnesses or would have been subpoenaed had the trial been held.

## SHOTS FIRED AT AUTO, TWO WOMEN ARE ARRESTED

### Clarenceville Residents Taken To County Jail After Being Taken On Warrants

Following their arrest on charges of felonious assault, two women residents of Clarenceville Township, in Clarenceville section, were this week lodged in the County Jail. They will be brought up for examination in Farmington justice court Friday evening at 7:30.

William L. Merrihew, a Clarenceville contractor, told authorities that while driving to Pontiac last Thursday evening, March 20, on Switzer road, in West Bloomfield Township, his car was shot four times. He recognized the back of the car.

Merrihew is said to have told the authorities that he had a few moments before the defendants were taken to the County Jail, and recognized them. His brother, Frank, was with him.

The women, Mrs. Mae Terrell and Mrs. Anna Potch, were arrested Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff William Tamm. Justice of the peace Ernest Blanchard, before whom they were arraigned, set bonds at 1,000 each, two sureties. Unable to furnish bonds, the defendants were taken to the County Jail.

The examination Friday evening will be before Justice Blanchard, and Assistant Prosecutor Charles L. Wilson will present the case for the prosecution. It is said: Mrs. Potch is suing her husband for divorce, and her husband has filed a cross-bill.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller called on Monday and a William Herbst at Anchor Bay on Sunday.

## Recovering After Crash



REV. JAMES A. CALLAHAN

## Bond Issue For New School Lost

### District Six Electors Turn Down Proposal At Special Election; Vote Is Small

For the second time within two years, electors of School District No. 6, Farmington Township, Monday evening defeated a proposed bond issue for building a new school. The vote was decisive against the proposition, although only a small proportion of the electors cast ballots.

Last month the District voted 28 to 15, to build a new four-room school. However, the election Monday night was found necessary because the amount of the bond issue to be approved was not stated in the notice of the meeting on February 25, at which the proposal to build a school was carried.

Of the 54 men and women voting 32 voted against the bond issue, and 22 for it. The amount of the bond issue was to be 45,000, with which it was proposed to build a four-room school, on the Noble School site.

The Board cannot now proceed with the building. Asked what the Board's plans would be a member stated that it would be necessary to ask the State Department of Education to extend for another year the District's permit to teach school in the residence in which one of the classes is now taught. The District has two two-room schools, the William Grace and Noble schools. There are about 200 pupils in the District.

## OFFICIALS WATCH 'MECHANICAL BRAIN' REGULATE TRAFFIC

### Mayor Lamb Attends Demonstration Of Control Device Operated By Weight Of Cars

Twenty-five officials of cities in this part of the State, including Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington, witnessed a demonstration last Monday evening of a "mechanical brain" traffic control, which automatically clears the way for automobiles approaching the intersections at which the device is installed. The demonstration took place at Coolidge Highway and Plymouth road.

The device, according to Mayor Lamb, is operated by the weight of cars bearing upon a plate set in the concrete highway, some distance before the signal light. The wheels of a car, passing over the plate, cause a contact, which actuates the apparatus located in a box nearby. As the contact is made the apparatus switches the light from red to amber and then green, enabling the car to pass without stopping.

Many motorists, unaware of the installation of the new device, would approach the red signal and stop, expecting to wait for the light to change, and unaware that it had changed as their car passed over the plate in the road.

The switching apparatus is controlled by a motor, which is in a box about three and one-half feet high and 20 inches square. The plates are covered with tar road-filling material, so that there is no bump when cars pass over the plate.

## All Teachers Who Apply Are Hired Except Principal

### Board Refuses Crawford Contract; Nineteen Of 21 Teachers Make Applications

Contracts for the coming school year will be presented Friday afternoon to eighteen of twenty-one teachers of the present Farmington School faculty, it was learned Thursday. Nineteen teachers filed their applications Monday, in accordance with the new ruling, and all were granted contracts with the exception of A. R. Crawford, principal.

Two members of the High School faculty, Miss Lois MacKeller, teacher in English and Journalism, and Miss Helen Webster, teacher of French and English, did not apply for new contracts. It is understood that they have decided to quit the teaching profession.

The Board's action was taken at a special meeting Wednesday night, the newly-elected superintendent, John Dalrymple, attending. The teachers were present, the president, Mrs. Blanche Roos, Mrs. Florence Lee, secretary, and Trustee Frank T. Macomber. Trustees Arthur Lamb and Lloyd Gulien were absent.

Mrs. Roos stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering teachers' contracts and that she regarded a motion to go into executive session unnecessary, that the Board could be considered in executive session without a motion. The Board members and Mr. Dalrymple then took up the question of the teachers' contracts.

The contracts are to be returned by the teachers with their signatures when they return to Farmington Monday, April 7. Mr. Dalrymple will select the new principal.

## TRINITY SHRINE HONORS RESIDENTS OF FARMINGTON

### Reed Webster, Mrs. Bond And Mrs. Bicking Named To High Offices

Trinity Shrine, W. S. of J. Northville, held an open installation of officers Thursday, March 20th.

Mrs. Merenna Hay of Northville was installed Worthy High Priestess, assisted by Mrs. Belle Pike, Deputy Supreme High Priestess, and Reed Webster of Farmington, Watchman of Shields.

Other elective officers from Farmington are:

C. Ada Bond, Noble Proptress. Imogene Bicking, Worthy Guide. Appointed officers from Farmington are: Isaac Bond, King. Josephine McGee, Queen. Ethel Middlewood, Handmaid. Martha Staman, Organist. Mrs. West, Queen's Attendant. Edith Tolman, Queen's Attendant.

The installing officer was Mrs. Minerva Parrott, Past Supreme High Priestess, assisted by Mrs. Belle Pike, Deputy Supreme High Priestess, and Mrs. G. W. O. S., Mrs. Sec'y, and Mrs. Thelma Collins.

After installation, Mrs. Webster was presented with a Past High Priestess ewel and Mr. Van Dyne with a Past Watchman's Jewel. Mrs. Webster also received a lovely eighteen piece set of etched glassware from her officers and several other beautiful gifts.

Several young ladies from Farmington took part in the program which followed. Miss June Johnson sang a solo and did also Miss Roberta Russell.

Miss Gladys Baker's dancing class gave a number, and Margaret Webster furnished a reading. Refreshments were served.

## TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Troy, mother of Mrs. Frank T. Macomber, died at the home of Mrs. Macomber on Brookside drive, Farmington, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. She had been ill for some time. Funeral arrangements are not yet completed.