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City Budget For 1931-32 Adopted; Tax Rate Is Set

Tax Rate Increased From \$16 To \$17 To Offset Valuation Decrease

Farmington City Commission Tuesday night adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931. The budget for next year totals \$41,613.25, as compared to \$48,416.32 last year, a decrease of nearly \$7,000.

The Commission also voted to raise the tax rate from \$16 to \$17, making the rate this year \$17. This increase was adopted to partially offset the large decrease in valuation, over \$500,000, this year. The \$1 increase in rate is proportionally more than the loss in valuation, which means considerably less will be raised by taxation.

The budget drawn up by the Board of Estimate, consisting of the Mayor and Clerk, was adopted by the Commissioners with the changes in several items, but without the original total being altered.

Separate Items

The Commissioners decreased the general fund to \$6,000 as compared with \$9,000 last year. Three items, cemeteries, expense for auditing books and light and fuel for buildings, which have heretofore been lumped in the general fund, are listed separately. The Commissioners expressed the belief that as many expenditures as possible should be itemized, in order that the taxpayers may know in detail how the city funds are expended.

The proposed budget provides for expenditures of about \$8,000 more than the revenue from taxes. Water tax provides approximately that amount each year.

Of the major items, the sidewalks, streets and fire department appropriations are left the same as last year, while the Police Department and sewer items are smaller. The former was cut from \$4,500 to \$3,500, and the sewer item decreased to \$1,500. The Board of Estimate had cut this item to \$800, but it was set at \$1,500 at the suggestion of Commissioner Hatton, head of the sewer committee, whose program of construction will require that amount.

LODGE TO HAVE ITS ANNUAL PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

Former Leaders Of Farmington Masonry To Be Fed; Pontiac Man To Speak

One of the most important events of the year for Farmington Lodge No. 151, F. and A. M., will take place next Monday evening, June 1, the annual Past Masters' Night. Arrangements are being made for an enjoyable program, in addition to the ceremonies.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. in the lodge dining room, to be followed by music and an address. The Farmington High School orchestra will provide several selections, and additional music is also being arranged. E. J. Doerr, worshipful master of Pontiac Lodge No. 21, will speak. Arrangements are in charge of Arthur Lamb.

A large number of Masons and members of the Eastern Star enjoyed the first annual ladies' night Monday evening.

Native Of Farmington Dies In California

Word had been received of the death of a Farmington native, Marvin Power, who passed away in Chico, California. He was a cousin of City Clerk Nathan H. Power.

Marvin Power was born in Farmington nearly 30 years ago, and attended school under a well-known teacher, Miss Wheelock. He was an able teacher, and had been granted a teacher's pension by the state of California after his retirement a number of years ago.

NOTICE

Would the lady and gentleman who had chow dog at Dr. Cavell's of Northville for removal of stick from mouth last week, please telephone me. Am very anxious to know if dog is all right on account of the bite I received.

E. B. Cavell, V. S. Phone 39, Northville 30-1-p

Lecturer At Club



Professor R. D. T. Hollister, University of Michigan, read Shakespeare's "Macbeth" before Farmington Women's Club Wednesday afternoon.

Free Movies To Be Shown Again

Farmington Merchants Unite In Repeating Attraction Of Last Summer; Start June 6

Free motion pictures will be shown in Farmington on Saturday nights again this summer, repeating the exhibits of last summer. The entertainment will be provided by Farmington merchants, who are uniting in paying the expenses of the pictures.

The movies will be exhibited in front of Farmington Town Hall, as last year, except in case of bad weather, when they will be shown in the hall.

The Farmington High School band, under the direction of Edward Eaton, will again furnish music to accompany the movies. The continual development of the band, with its winning of honors in several contests during the past year, makes it a feature of even more interest than last year. A committee of Farmington Exchange Club has been in charge of enlisting the co-operation of the business and professional men who will provide the motion pictures.

TALK GIVEN ON HOT SPRINGS AT EXCHANGE CLUB

Harley Warner Tells Of Noted Resort In Arkansas, Mecca Of Tourists

Farmington Exchange Club members enjoyed an interesting and instructive talk by one of their number, Harley Warner, at the noonday meeting Wednesday. Mr. Warner spoke of Hot Springs, the world-famous resort in the foothills of the Ozark mountains. Unlike many mineral water cures, that of Hot Springs is controlled by the U. S. Government. Mr. Warner said, "The hot water comes out of the 'East Mountain' east of the city, and is piped to the many large hotels, at a charge of \$80 per year per tub, regardless of the amount of water used. The water, cooled by piping and by addition of cold water, is prepared for bathers, baths being taken with the water about 100 degrees. Most of those taking the baths do so in order to obtain relief from rheumatism.

In addition to the springs of hot water, the resort is notable for the almost total absence of coal. Heating is by natural gas, which exists in abundance. Mr. Warner said.

Between 75,000 and 100,000 people visit Hot Springs each year, the town having a normal population of about 20,000.

Former Resident Dies At Home In Detroit

Death last Thursday took Charles Rogers, 65 years old, who a number of years ago resided on a farm on the 9-Mile road, between Farmington and Northville. For the past 25 years he had been a resident of Detroit.

Mr. Rogers died at his home in Detroit, and is survived by the widow and seven children. Burial was in Yerkens cemetery, near Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilber are leaving Friday for Alpena to spend the week end with an uncle, L. Warner and family.

Annual School Meeting Will Be Held On June 8

Two Trustees To Be Elected By Farmington District; Meet At High School

Official notice is given this week of the annual meeting of electors of Farmington School District No. 5, to be held Monday evening, June 8 in Farmington high school auditorium. Notice of the meeting is issued by Mr. Norman Lee, secretary of the Board of Education.

Two trustees are to be elected, the terms of Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Emil Rogers expiring this year. Each has served one term having been elected at the annual meeting in July, 1928.

The meeting this year is to be held one month earlier than previous annual meetings, which have heretofore been held in July. Holding the meeting in June is regarded as advantageous from the standpoint of greater prospective attendance, and also in enabling the Board of Education to complete the current year's work and prepare for the next, coincident with the closing of school.

President A. L. Ross of the Board of Education will preside at the annual meeting. Method of election will be as in former years, with the chairman calling for nominations and passing of ballot slips on which the electors will write their choices. The meeting will start at eight o'clock in the evening.

WEST POINT TEAM MEETS HAMTRAMCK NINE ON SATURDAY

Parkers Meet Risdon Sunday After First Defeat Of Season

West Point Park's baseball team will attempt to regain its winning ways Sunday when they meet Risdon Creamery at West Point. The game is scheduled for 1 p. m. The Parkers were shaken from their perch at the top of the Triple A sandlot circuit Sunday by the Herman Laus team of Detroit, which consequently took the top in the standings as a result of their victory. The contest with the Risdon team will be the first game on foreign territory this season for West Point Park.

On Memorial Day, West Point Park battles Hamtramck, in a non-league game to be played on the grounds at Seven Mile and Farmington road.

Inability to hit the offerings of Archie Bowers, Lau hurler in the pinches, cost West Point the game Sunday. Although out-hitting their opponents, 11 to 8, they failed to connect when hits meant runs.

Carl Goers, first string pitcher for the West Point team during the past several seasons, made his season's debut on the mound for the losers, and retired after three runs and five hits had been garnered off of his delivery in four innings. Herman Hartner then assumed the mound duties, and did well until the eighth when the Detroit team scored three times. John Jayska pitched the final inning.

Timely hitting enabled the Laus to best out West Point despite the fact that they were out-hit.

Notice To Taxpayers

City of Farmington

In accordance with a new law passed by the present legislature, delinquent 1929 and 1930 taxes may be paid to the County Treasurer before July 1st without penalty.

The penalty on unpaid 1929 taxes is now 16%, for 1930, 7%. You may save these penalties by paying your delinquent taxes prior to July 1, 1931. Tax statements will be secured either from the City Treasurer or the County Treasurer. Give your property description in applying for tax statement.

HINMAN G. NICHOLS
City Treasurer.

Farmington Business Woman's Club Winner Of State Federation Trophy

A new honor has been added to the many achievements of Farmington organizations and individuals in recent months. The community may now claim distinction not only in music, in exchange club and church work, and in spelling, but also in a new activity, that of its business and professional women.

Although in existence but six months, and with the smallest membership of any group in the State, the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club last Friday won the silver loving cup offered annually for the outstanding achievement of any club during the past year. The cup was brought home from the state convention at Marquette by Mrs. Ebel Middlewood, president of the club.

The work for which the Farmington women won the award was the holding of the vocational guidance conference several months ago in Farmington. One hundred and thirty-five girls from all over Oakland County were brought to the conference, lodged in Farmington homes by the club, and provided with three days of instruction and entertainment.

Reading of the report of the Farmington group's work, at the convention, brought many expressions of surprise and admiration, in that so small a club could successfully carry through a conference of such size.

Exhibit Trophy
The trophy won by Farmington will be on exhibition in one of the P. L. Co. and Co. show windows beginning Friday morning. The cup is the Anna Howard (Continued on page four)

Plan Observance Of Memorial Day

Parade And Exercises In Cemetery Planned By American Legion Here

A Memorial Day parade and services at the grave for "the unknown" soldier are planned in Farmington Saturday by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion.

Marchers in the parade will include Boy Scouts of Farmington and Clarencerville, American Legion Auxiliary, Farmington High School band and school children. They will be led by the color guard of the Legion.

The paraders will assemble at 10 a. m. at the Town Hall and march to the cemetery. Exercises will be held at the grave provided for the unknown soldier. It is planned to have a speaker deliver a brief address in the cemetery.

The exercises will also include a salute by a firing squad, raising of the flag, and sounding of taps by Edward Eaton, director of music at Farmington High School.

At the conclusion of the services in the cemetery, the parade will file back to the Town Hall.

Urge Drivers To Park On Farmington Road

A suggestion is made by Farmington City officials this week in regard to parking on Grand River, avenue near Farmington Road. Due to the south half of Grand River being closed, there is considerable congestion on the north side near the corner.

It is suggested that as many drivers as possible should park on Farmington Road rather than Grand River, and that particularly those who leave their cars on the street or all day should try to keep them off Grand River, in order to make it easier for shoppers at the stores along the street.

OPEN SATURDAY MORNING

Most stores in Farmington will be open only a part of the day Saturday, due to Memorial Day falling on that date.

The majority of the stores will close at 10 o'clock, with a few to open until noon. Both banks and the Post Office will be closed all day, and there will be no rural delivery.

WHO DID WIN?

Farmington Exchange Club golfers played the high school team Monday. The result is still doubtful, both sides claiming victory. One definite result is known, however, Johnny Lapham having led the field with a score of 88, closely followed by Edgar Pierce with 85.

UNited In MARRIAGE

Norman, Grimwade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimwade of Farmington and Miss Anna Kreger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kreger of Salem, were united in marriage on Wednesday, May 13 by Rev. L. E. Elstad, pastor of Northville Lutheran church. The couple will make their home at Chelsea, where Mr. Grimwade manages a store.

The annual meeting of the W. H. M. S. will be held next week at the home of Mr. W. D. Irish. A full attendance being desired. There will be election of officers.

P. Owen Pauline will spend the week end in Chicago.

Repaving Grand River Uptown; To Remove 20 Trees

State Orders Cutting Down Of Score Of Trees, All Outside Walks

Repaving and widening of Grand River avenue in Farmington, from Farmington Road east to the lumber yard, was begun this week, with a laying of new cement at the main intersection. Rapid progress is being made, with a large force of men and equipment at work.

Through cutting down of the street, Grand River avenue will lose 20 large trees which have stood along the highway for a great many years. Orders were received from the State Highway Department Wednesday for removal of the score of trees, twelve on the north side of Grand River and eight on the south side. The trees that are to go have been marked with a hatchet, and removal is expected to begin shortly.

All of the trees are outside of the sidewalks, so that many of the fine old specimens inside which residents have feared they would lose will remain undisturbed. Of the trees to be taken down, a number are in such condition that it is said their removal will be a benefit rather than a detriment. Others, however, are sturdy and beautiful and their passing will occasion no little regret.

The grade of the new pavement in the business section will be practically the same as the old pavement. It is said that special "quick-drying" cement is being used in the new concrete, in order to cut down the time during which the portion of the road now being paved will be closed to traffic. Following completion of the south half, the north side of the street will be repaved.

East-bound traffic continues to turn at Farmington Road down to the Cut-off. City officials have posted a sign on the street barrier, notifying motorists that right turn may be made only with the green light.

TEACHER ATHLETES BREAK TRAINING; OUTCOME IS SAD

Baseball Team Rebels Against Strict Captain; Unruly Brings Them Defeat

A distracted young man paced the floor, evening after evening. Far into the night hours he paced until Friday night. He's still pacing, if reports are to be believed, but where was despair, now there is rage, rage deep down in his soul.

Kenneth Bisbee, sixth grade teacher and captain of as unruly a baseball squad as ever perplexed a leader, did his best. He tried his hardest to keep his men, members of the Farmington schools faculty team, in good condition. So insistent was he on rigid training rules that his men named him "Bucky," evidently naming him after the stern leader of the Detroit Tigers.

Pie, cake, smokes, everything was tabooed, but the "athletes" broke their training rules. So rebellious were they that when "Bucky" Bisbee found it necessary to leave town last Friday afternoon, they arranged a game "on their own hook" with the high school team. They were beaten, 4 to 4, and sadder of all is the fact that their defeat was attributed by everyone to their lack of condition. The sorrowful tidings were carried to "Bucky" on his return.

What he said was not recorded, but perhaps it will be remembered by those who heard it—for a long time to come.

DRIVERS MUST BRING CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Motorists seeking new drivers' licenses are reminded again that they will save themselves and officials a good deal of time by bearing in mind that when applying for a new license, it is necessary to present either a money order or a cashier's or certified check. Police officers are not permitted to accept cash from anyone, under the statute, and must continue to refuse to accept cash.

Chief Lee Doyle of Farmington City and Deputies Tamm and DeVriendt in the Township will appreciate the drivers' keeping this provision of the law in mind.