

THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS 15-MILL TAX AMENDMENT

New Ruling Limits Property
Taxes; Legislature Discusses
Allotment

Lansing, Mich.—Many requests have been received by the Department of State for an explanation of the "15-mill tax limitation" amendment, adopted by the people last November.

The amendment provides that all property taxes, except money needed for interest and payments on outstanding public debts, be limited to one and one-half per cent of the assessed valuation or \$15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. There is another section of the amendment that allows cities with appropriate charter provisions to increase the limitation to 20-mills. By a vote of two-thirds of all the voters any assessing district may make this increase, but this provision can be virtually disregarded as records show that it is seldom that two-thirds of all registered voters visit the polls at any one election. The amendment is clear in that it requires two-thirds of all voters, not two-thirds of the votes cast, in order for assessing districts to increase the limitation to 20-mills.

Effect Varies

The amendment will have a different effect upon every community in the state as the percentage of indebtedness in comparison to operating costs varies. For the fiscal year 1931, the total property tax levy in Michigan was \$254,000,000 but for 1933 under the amendment, this must be reduced to approximately \$156,000,000. Of this, about \$102,000,000 can be used for operating expenses. (A part of this reduction is due to a decrease in the total assessed valuation from \$7,853,000,000 to \$6,819,000,000, but many tax experts expect to see the assessed valuation rise next year, 1932 tax figures are not compiled but the 1933 levy is expected to be \$70,000,000 lower than 1932.)

The total public debt in Michigan amounts to \$850,649,000. Of this amount \$330,700,000 is being retired from income other than the tax on real estate. The balance of the indebtedness must be retired from taxes levied in addition to the 15-mill allowance. This amounts to about \$8 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation so that the average tax rates will drop from \$22.36 in 1931 to about \$14.36 in 1933. While the average drop in taxes will be 25 per cent, this percentage will vary considerably in the various counties and different townships, villages and cities of each county.

Different interpretations of the effect of the amendment on the primary school fund, set the reduction in the amount this fund will receive at from \$4,100,000 to \$7,800,000 and it is likely that court action will be necessary to decide the question. The apportionment of tax money raised under the amendment to various governmental units is now one of the questions before the legislature.

FISH BITE ON BUTTONS

Lansing, Mich.—While a brook trout may consider a tan shoe button as a possible delicacy, a herring or cisco would prefer glittering mother-of-pearl of a shirt button.

One northern Michigan trout fisherli devotees will use nothing else than a tan shoe button fastened to a hook and he usually gets his fish. One lake fisherman is known to have excellent luck at frequent intervals by attaching an ordinary rubber band to his hook. But while through accident or otherwise some anglers have found that peculiar bits of odds and ends have been successful in deceiving fish into grasping a concealed hook, 99 out of a hundred fisherman will conform to the conventional baits, according to the Fish Division.

TO MAKE DRIVERS LIABLE

An attempt to make every automobile driver liable for injuries to guest passengers in privately owned cars is the ultimate intent of a bill introduced into the State Senate by W. F. Boyle of Menominee. This bill, claims, Richard Harfst, general manager of the Automobile Club of Michigan, will increase the cost of liability insurance by 100 per cent.

WATCH FOR SMELT RUNS

Lansing, Mich.—Within the next two weeks, Beulah, Boyne City, Feoskey and residents of other townships along the Great Lake shores will begin their spring watch for the first indications of the 1933 smelt runs.

FISH HAVE MANY NAMES

Lansing, Mich.—There isn't a species of fish in Michigan's waters that is not known by at least a dozen other names in various states, according to the Division of the Department of Conservation, and frequently diversity of names causes confusion.

Mississippi

A raindrop fell up in the Rockies
On the basin's western rim,
Melting snow in Minnesota
Trickled in a tiny streamlet,
Puddles seeping from the mountains
In the Appalachian chain,
Dancing, racing to a meeting,
Curling, swirling to a meeting,
To a million, billion meetings
With some other drops of rain.

Down, down the far flung Old Missouri
Racing, chasing hither, yon
Lashed by cataracts to fury,
Foaming, swirling, pressing onward.

From the Pennsylvania coal fields
Under heavy freighted barges,
Past Virginia and Ohio
Driving onward to the Sea.

Once a raindrop, now a river
Growing, growing, no more dancing,
Surging, charging, sweeping, lashing,
Crashing, crushing to the Sea.
More streams feeding
Big Tom Bigbee,
Arkansas and
And Kansas too.

Seething, restless, heedless waters
Ever working onward, downward
Toward an antiquated city.

Rivers, rivers all converging,
Mixing, mixing many waters,
Swirling, curling, pressing onward,
Ever onward to the Sea.

We, the lords of all, creation,
Masters of the earth and sky,
Try to keep you in your channel
Yet you crash your way to freedom.
Break the levee, flood plantations,
Show the weakness of our efforts,
Baffle genius, baffle science,
Crashing, crunching, crushing onward
Ever Onward to the Sea.
Mighty, mighty, mighty river,
Headless strong, relentless waters
How you awe me with your grandeur,
Mighty Father of all Rivers
Mighty, mighty Mississippi!

HARRY J. MERRITT.

Royal Oak, Mich.

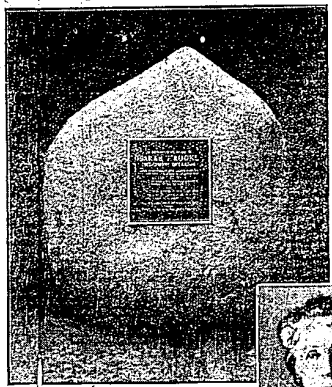
HENS MOTHER PHEASANTS

Lansing, Mich.—The domestic hen is still rated as the best mother to State Game Farm, ring-necked pheasants and despite considerable experimenting with incubators and brooders at the game farm and at Michigan State College. It is probable that for some time the hen will continue to be used extensively in the propagation of game birds, the Game Division of the Department of Conservation believes.

WATERS OFFER MORE SPORT

Lansing, Mich.—An acre of water is much more productive than a similar acre of land so far as sport is concerned. A report is issued by the Institute for Fisheries Research of the Department of Conservation, showing average yields of fish per acre in various waters, indicated that the sporter can obtain more satisfaction on a single acre of water than on a much larger area of land.

Monument Honors Heroic Operator Who Gave Up Her Life for Others



Natural boulder with tablet erected by her fellow telephone workers to commemorate the sacrifice of Sally Rooke, who warned others and was herself drowned in the flood of the Dry Clamaron.



There are in this country public memorials erected to honor nineteen men and one woman in their capacities as representatives of public service organizations. Among those so commemorated are such famous names as Robert Fulton, steamboat pioneer; Henry L. Flagler, railroad developer; James J. Hill, railroad "Empire Builder"; Samuel F. B. Morse, telegraph pioneer; Samuel Rea, railroad president; and Cornelius Vanderbilt, railroad builder.

And then there is Sally Rooke.

The Only Woman Thus Honored

Sally J. Rooke, to give her full name, was not a pioneer in transportation, nor an empire builder, nor a captain of industry. She was a telephone operator.

But she takes her place, and no humble one at that, alongside these well-known figures to whom memorials have been erected in honor of their accomplishments. She is the only woman thus honored.

At Puleon, New Mexico, on August 27, 1904, a raging flood poured down the Dry Clamaron and carried nineteen people to their death. Though urged to save herself, Sally Rooke stuck to her switchboard and

saved the lives of hundreds of persons by warning them to flee. But, she herself went down into the black waters of death.

4,000 Fellow Workers Contributed
The memorial is unique for another reason. It was paid for by individual ten-cent contributions, more than 4,000 telephone men and women from all parts of the country contributing dime so that they might have a share in honoring this telephone girl who upheld the best traditions of the service.

The monument is a huge boulder found in the "black diamond" granite fields near Salto, Colo. It has been left in its rough, natural state, except for the embedding of a bronze tablet on the face. This reads:

In honored memory of
SALLY J. ROOKE
TELEPHONE OPERATOR
who perished in the flood waters of the Dry Clamaron at Puleon, N.M., August 27, 1904,
while at her switchboard warning others of their danger.

With heroic devotion she sacrificed her life that others might live.
"Greater love hath no man than this,"
Erected by her fellow workers.

Pledges Party



Charles P. Webster, Democratic County Chairman, pledged his party to carry out the wishes of the people, at the Party Banquet in Farmington Tuesday night.

FARMINGTON ACRES Mrs. H. A. McIntyre

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss were callers in Detroit, Friday.

Mrs. I. E. Sherwood, who has been ill for sometime is not much improved in health.

Miss Grace McIntyre was the week end guest of Miss Dorothy Love, of Novi.

Mr. Thomas Fortson and Al Ashley of Farmington were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred DuCharme, Saturday. The occasion was Mr. Ashley's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hofmann, entertained 18 members of the German Business men's Union of Ferndale, at their home Saturday evening. Neighbors also were present.

Miss Imogene Young and Miss Gertrude McIntyre, visited the latter's great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Dumas in Detroit, several days last week.

Mrs. Jerry Fioot and Alex Heenie of Detroit were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre.

Discussion Group To Meet Friday Evening

The discussion group which meets every two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Gosman will gather Friday evening for another period of exchanging ideas. It is planned to spend part of the Friday evening meeting in a discussion of the sales tax. The group meets at eight o'clock and all are invited to attend.

Milwaukee has a surplus of five million dollars. And not even a scandal brewing.

The recent riots that merely discarded a King and a Queen was not enough to clear the decks. Some knaves seem to have been left in the pack.

Now an electric dollar is being proposed. Just think what a shock it would be to a lot of the boys to wake up some morning and find one in their pocket.

No Laughing Matter



—By Automobile Club of Michigan.

GREAT LAKES THEATRE

14830 Grand River, Detroit 2250 Seats
(Only 15 minutes from Farmington)

Fri. & Sat., Feb. 17-18

TWO BIG FEATURES

Edmund Lowe, Wynne Gibson & Dickie Moore

in "THE DEVIL IS DRIVING"

Also

"The Mask of Fu Manchu"

Starring Boris Karloff, Lewis Stone and Myrna Loy

OUR GANG COMEDY

Sun. & Mon., Feb. 19-20

Double Feature Program

CLARK GABLE

NO MAN OF HER OWN

—Also—

POWELL

Lawyer Man

JOAN BLONDELL

ADULTS 25c, CHILDREN 10c

Farmington Township Primary Election Notice

TO BE HELD

Monday, March 6, 1933

FROM 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., EASTERN STANDARD TIME

For the purpose of nominating a candidate for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Justice of the Peace (full term) one member Board of Review, four (4) Constables and one (1) Overseer of Highways.

POLLING PLACES: Precinct No. 1, Isaac Bond Schoolhouse, Orchard Lake Road; Precinct No. 2, Township Welfare Store, 2874 Grand River, east of Middle Belt Road.

Registration Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Township Clerk, will, upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the Second Saturday before any regular, special, or official primary election and the day of such election.

NOTICE is further hereby given that I will be at the Clerk's office, and at my residence, 20310 Pearl street, Farmington, February 7th and 14th, February 21st, the 20th day preceding said election. (LAST DAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25) from 8:00 o'clock a. m. until 8:00 o'clock p. m. on each said day, for the purpose of REVIEWING the REGISTRATIONS and REGISTERING such of the qualified electors in said TOWNSHIP as SHALL PROPERLY apply therefor.

WILLARD CAMPBELL,
Farmington Township Clerk.