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City Is Assured Of Smaller Tax Bills This Year

Sharp Cut In Valuations To More Than Offset Rate Increase

Taxpayers of Farmington City will again find a welcome reduction in their tax-bills this year. The reduction in taxation will be accomplished mainly by a sharp slash in property valuations throughout the City, averaging about 25 per cent, and in many cases amounting to 28 per cent. While the reduction in assessments will be accompanied by an increase in the tax rate per thousand, the valuations cut will more than overcome the rate raise, and will result in reduction in the amount of tax to be paid, of about 10 per cent, on the average.

The new rate has not been definitely set, since the 1934-35 budget is yet to be adopted. It will be up next Monday evening. It was presented and discussed at a special meeting Monday evening. If adopted as it was submitted Monday, a tax rate of about \$18.00 will result. The rate last year was \$15 a thousand.

Near 1933 Figure

Slightly more is to be raised by taxation than during the current year, under the proposed budget, the difference being \$1,100. The amount set last year was \$24,201.25, as compared with \$25,361.25 this year. An increase in the total is due mostly to appropriations for materials for CWA work which may be allotted to the City. This is almost offset by anticipated increases in revenues from water, licenses, and delinquent taxes.

How the new budget, with the lowered valuations, will work out for the taxpayer, is illustrated by the following: The owner of a house which was valued at \$4,000 a year ago, in 1933 paid, at the \$15 tax rate, \$60 in city tax; this year the same house will be assessed at \$3,000, and at a tax rate of \$18.00, the owner will pay \$54.00 in taxes, or a saving of \$6.00. In addition, the school, county and state taxes next winter may be expected to be much less because of the lower valuation.

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY MAKES CUT IN CHARGES

For the purpose of avoiding further costly litigation, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company will comply with the May 9 order of the Public Utilities Commission by eliminating the charge of 25 cents per month for the hand telephone. The company has already reduced rates for one and two party residential service in Detroit, and reducing rural line rates 25 cents per month, according to announcement by G. M. Welch, vice president and general manager of the Company, Monday. The rate changes will become effective on the date of the June bill for service mailed to each customer.

While protesting formally to the Commission that its revenue is already inadequate, the Company will place the changed rates in effect and leave the entire question of proper rates to the settlement of the case already in the courts, Mr. Welch said. Notice of compliance with the order was filed in the offices of the commission at Lansing Tuesday.

Elimination of the hand telephone charge of 25 cents per month will become effective after it has been paid 13 consecutive months. The order of the Commission does not contemplate any refunds on hand telephone charges that have been paid over a period longer than 18 months. The optional flat rates to be offered on Detroit residential service, without limitation as to the number of originating local calls, will be at \$8 per month for individual lines and \$4.50 per month for two-party lines. The rural line rate reduction of 25 cents per month will affect all rural lines rates, except that no rate shall be reduced to less than \$1.50 per month.

"We want to avoid any additional costly litigation, and seek an early conclusion of the general rate case," Mr. Welch said. "We protest the Commission's opinion that the rate changes ordered for Detroit and rural line service will not reduce our revenues. No other result is possible than a substantial and serious loss of revenue. However, with the promise of the

As "Savings Account Book No. 1" Was Issued



Farmington's happiest moment in a long, long time occurred when the opening of Farmington State Bank, Cashier Howard C. Knicker, presented to the City, this is almost offset by anticipated increases in revenues from water, licenses, and delinquent taxes.

DETROIT EDISON SERVICE MAN IS KILLED IN CRASH

Donald C. Martin, 28, Detroit Edison Company service man well-known in this vicinity through his servicing of electrical appliances, was one of two men killed in an auto crash at Farmington and Soledad Roads Wednesday. Martin lived in Northville.

Harold Ebert, 22, Detroit, was the other fatality. Arthur Hill, 19, of Northville, who was riding with Martin, was injured, as were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Majeske and their 20-months old baby. The latter were riding with Ebert.

Martin, it was reported was coming north on Farmington Road en route to visit friends in Farmington, and crashed into the middle of the Detroiters' machine at the crossing.

Deputy DeVriendt was called shortly after 6 p. m. Thursday to Lakser Road near 13 Mile, where Lawrence Connolly, 66, Detroit, was fatally hurt when his car went over a guard-rail after a rear tire blew out. Connolly died in Receiving Hospital, Redford.

SPEED LANES MAY SHORTEN DRIVING TIME TO DETROIT

Farmington residents will be benefitted if the proposed plan for establishing high-speed lanes on Grand River between Farmington and down town Detroit is adopted. The time required to reach Detroit will be greatly lessened by raising the speed limit to 45 miles an hour in certain traffic lanes on Grand River avenue in Detroit.

A similar experiment is being made on Woodward avenue and it is proved successful. The high-speed plan will be extended to Grand River avenue and other State highways, according to Murray D. VanVogener, State Highway Commissioner.

Mr. VanVogener also states that automatic traffic signals will be installed similar to those being used on Woodward avenue. The highway department has received a number of letters requesting a higher rate of speed on Grand River avenue.

Commission that these rates are already experimental, and with the expectation that the general rate case will be taken up within a reasonable period of time, it has been decided to put the changes into effect. The general rate case was not reduced our revenues. No other result is possible than a substantial and serious loss of revenue. However, with the promise of the

Boards of Review To Start Their Sessions

The Board of Review for the City of Farmington will be in session at the City Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5 and 6 at 9 a. m. The assessment roll of the city will be subject to inspection at that time.

Farmington township Board of Review will be in session at the Township Welfare Store, 28734 Grand River avenue, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5 and 6 and the following Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

SERVICE IS HELD FOR GEORGE GRACE; DEATH IS SUDDEN

Funeral services for George Grace were held Thursday at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nacker, Rev. Roy Miller of Detroit, officiated. Burial was in Clarenceville cemetery. Mr. Grace was 25 years old.

Death occurred suddenly Monday morning at the Wayne County Training School where he was employed, and was a great shock to his relatives and friends. He suffered a heart attack.

Deceased leaves his widow, Mrs. Viola Grace (nee Nacker), his father, Robert Grace, and two brothers, Donald and Bruce of Detroit.

Conquers Illness



The many friends of former mayor Wells D. Butterfield of Farmington, now of Detroit, will be pleased to learn that he has achieved a splendid recovery following his operation some time ago. Mr. Butterfield is now able to get about, around his home.

New Blanchard Case Hearing Is Due Soon

Hearing of the case of the Receiver of Peoples State Bank of Farmington vs. Ernest Blanchard is expected to occur early in June, according to information obtained at Pontiac. It is expected that within a short time the Wayne County Judge who is to hear the case will have been assigned and ready for the trial.

The unusual ending of the hearing before Circuit Judge Glenn C. Gillespie of Oakland County last week, when Judge Gillespie ended the trial by disqualifying himself due to intimations of bias, has heightened the already intense interest that has been evidenced in the community. A number of citizens of Farmington and vicinity attended each session of the first trial.

Police Dog Bites Child Near Eye

Little Girl Will Be Scarred Throughout Life

Fifteen months-old Joan Louise Hebig, 34009 Edward avenue, Farmington Acres, narrowly escaped the loss of her left eye, but will carry a scar on her cheek for life as a result of being attacked and bitten by her own parents' police dog. The child was bitten within half an inch of her eye, and twice on the skull, by the animal. She has been receiving daily treatments from Dr. Z. R. Aschner.

The presence of her mother nearby may have saved Joan's life. The bite was in the back yard Saturday, with the dog nearby. She had frequently played with the dog, petting it and sitting on it, and the attack was unexpected. Mrs. Hebig was washing the back porch when she heard the child scream. The dog had knocked Joan to the ground and bitten her. Joan Hebig shouted and ran to the yard the dog running away. A neighbor called the doctor.

Dog Is Confined

The Hebiggs have had the dog, which is part police and mongrel, for four years. The animal is now chained and is being kept in an enclosure. Last summer the dog bit a child. Hebiggs nearby, when balls with which they were playing came on to the Hebig lot and struck the dog. Mrs. Hebig said that they consider the dog a necessity, because of having had articles stolen from their garage in recent years.

Joan has two step-sisters. The father, John Hebig, is employed at the Chrysler plant.

F. H. S. SENIORS TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Fifty-two Farmington High School seniors will receive their diplomas next Thursday evening, June 7, at M. E. Community Hall. Paul D. Cahow of Detroit will deliver the Commencement address.

Catherine Storms will give the valedictory and Zella Scholtz the salutatory address. Supt. Dalrymple will present the diplomas. Rev. Palmer and Rev. Landrum will offer invocation and benediction, and music will be furnished by the band and a quartette.

Class Night exercises will be held Wednesday evening, one of the features being the singing of the class song, as the concluding number.

CHANGES IN BUS SCHEDULE ARE NOW IN EFFECT

A few changes appear in the bus schedule between Farmington and Redford, which took effect Friday, May 25.

The starting time of several of the runs are changed, namely: In the eastbound schedule the bus which formerly left Farmington at 7:00 p. m. will leave at 7:30, and another at 9:40 instead of 9:00 p. m. In the westbound schedule buses which left Redford at 8:30 p. m. will leave at 6:35 instead; another at 8:00 instead of 8:40; the next at 10:30 in place of the 10:00 and the last bus leaving Redford at 11:50 instead of 11:45.

These changes also affect the Saturday schedule somewhat, with additional hourly runs beginning at 7:00 p. m. instead of 8:00 and ending at 12:15 a. m. instead of 12:10. The Sunday schedule remains unchanged.

Garden Club Will Meet Next Tuesday

The Farmington Garden Club will meet Tuesday afternoon June 5 at the home of Mrs. Jennie Zebornik, Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile Roads.

All members of the club are asked to make an effort to attend this meeting as the final plans for the third annual flower show, to be held June 14, will be discussed and it is hoped to make their show an outstanding success.

Miss Mary Hatten of Ypsilanti will be the guest speaker and will present interesting high lights of the State Convocation of Michigan Garden Clubs held May 10 at Battle Creek.

Bank Achieves Six Months' Goal In First Week

\$100,000 Mark in Deposits Passed On Saturday by New Institution

Exceeding all expectations, Farmington's new bank has provided a pleasing surprise for all interested in its success by surpassing, in its first week, the goal of deposits that had been fixed for the first six months, a goal that even the most optimistic had felt would require until next fall at least. This goal, \$100,000 in deposits, was passed Saturday of last week and the total is increasing daily.

The check-up last Saturday afternoon, near the close of the first week's business, revealed new deposits totalling \$109,550.00. This is an entirely new money, and exclusive of the funds remaining in the deposit made for the 35 per cent pay-off.

Number Pleases

The number of accounts was also highly pleasing, numbering 530. The larger portion of the deposits were commercial, these totalling \$66,650, with savings accounts amounting to \$42,900. This ratio of about 3 to 2 between commercial and savings accounts is also very satisfactory to the officers of the bank, being much more advantageous than a very large total on one side and a small one on the other.

Since the report on Saturday, a later one has been made up, through Monday showing a further increase in deposits, the total being over \$111,000. This, with a full report of the condition of the bank, in easily understood form, appears on page 4 of this issue.

The deposits totalling about \$170,000 in the statement of condition, about \$59,000 are in the dividend deposit, leaving approximately \$111,000 in new accounts placed by depositors.

The report shows the bank to be in the unusual position of having about \$60,000 more cash on hand than deposits, this being due to the capital and surplus accounts.

To Buy U. S. Bonds

Beginning this week, the bank will start putting its large load of cash into United States Government bonds for investment. Only U. S. Government bonds will be purchased.

One of the most gratifying aspects of the new bank's business thus far is the number of people from out of town who have been brought in. A number of depositors are from Walled Lake, Wixom, Novi, New Hudson and Milford, attracted by the convenience and the soundness that is provided by the half-ownership by the Federal Government, together with the \$2,500 deposit insurance. The bank will continue to keep open Saturday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p. m., as well as from 9 to 3 every day, including Saturday afternoons.

Grand River 'Like Old Times' Saturday Eve

Believe to be due largely to the business stimulation provided by the new bank, Farmington's business section seemed "like old times again" Saturday night. During most of the evening, all parking space on both sides of Grand River was occupied as far as the Ford and Chevrolet garages, with a number of machines parked double much of the time. The parking space east of the Kroger Store was also fully occupied.

Shoppers are reminded that there is a great deal of free parking space available in Farmington's business section. Besides the lot just east of Kroger's, there is additional space further east, in the rear of the police booth, and another space just south of the Consumers Power Co. office.

SENIOR CLASS TEA

In honor of the Class of 1934 of Farmington High School, the Young Peoples Club of the M. E. Church entertained at a tea Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00.

The program featured a solo by Lamont Hamlin, readings by Miss Doris Heron and a violin solo by Carl Smith. Punch and wafers were served.

It is hoped that this may become an annual affair.