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Township, City Report Tax Gains

Continued evidence of the improving general business outlook is clearly shown by the reports of Farmington Township treasurer, Loretta E. Cox, and city treasurer, George C. Gildemeister, following the closing of their tax rolls February 23.

In both the township and city, distinct gains were made in the percentage of taxes collected over the preceding years. With two increases of 17 per cent in the township and 19 and 9 per cent in the city, this district will undoubtedly rank high among the municipalities of the state in percentage of levied taxes collected.

50% Collected in Township
Mrs. Cox, collecting 1935 general and debt service taxes for township purposes, reported that approximately 50 per cent collected in all departments. This figure is remarkable in that only 33 per cent of the 1934 taxes were collected and 21 per cent of the 1935. In the township, \$14,282.08 was levied for the township, \$24,920.81 for the county and \$33,465.29 for the schools.

The City of Farmington collected the highest gain, 19 per cent over 1934. Mr. Gildemeister collected 71 per cent, a remarkable percentage, of the city tax levied. Of the taxes levied in the city for county and school purposes, 65 per cent was collected. This is a 6 per cent gain over 1934.

For city purposes, \$20,719.74 was spread, \$13,021.98 for schools and \$7,617.88 for the county.

Mrs. Cox estimates that four weeks will be required for her to complete the delinquent tax book to be returned to the county treasurer for collection. It will take Mr. Gildemeister two weeks to complete his books.

POLICY HOLDERS PROTECTED BY REORGANIZATION

Numerous holders of Detroit Life Insurance Company policies here and in this section are particularly interested in the final move just taken for protection of their interests by the formation of The Life Insurance Company of Detroit.

This is a new Michigan corporation to take over the business of the other company, in accordance with a recent act passed in Detroit by Edward J. Molnet, federal judge.

Thomas F. Lawrence, nationally known in the life insurance field, and president of the new company, issued a statement in Detroit Tuesday in which he reassured those insured in the old company, which has been in the hands of a receiver for some time.

"With the new corporation now approved by the Michigan attorney general and John C. Ketcham, the state insurance commissioner, a copy of the contract and certification of assumption of policies by The Life Insurance Company of Detroit will be sent to all policy holders within twenty days," he said. "There are 22,800 policy holders. Insurance involved totals \$30,600,000."

All premiums paid on old Detroit Life policies will be credited in full amount. Readjustment in the reserve value of policies was necessary, but the new company, in accordance with the amount of insurance payable in the event of death. Present reserves are to be kept intact. The Federal Court, following acceptance of our company's plan by Judge Wood on recent mention of the William S. Raynes, master in chancery, retains full jurisdiction over the administration of the assets of the old company.

Mr. Lawrence is given principal credit for building the business of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company from \$71,000,000 to almost \$700,000,000 in twelve years as its vice president. He was vice president of the Hartford Life Insurance Company before taking over the Missouri Life post. For the past seven years he has been Illinois department manager of the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, with his headquarters in Chicago. He was 1935 president of the Chicago association of Life Underwriters. He is a graduate of Yale, is married and has one daughter, 13 years old.

"I see a fine opportunity to build a real insurance company for Detroit," he said. "We will direct our whole effort to establishing a genuine insurance leadership for our company."

Mr. Locke, treasurer of The Life (Continued on page five)

Short Spring, Pleasant Summer Forecast, if History Repeats

Residents of this section and all of Michigan may look forward to an early spring quickly followed by an unusually pleasant summer, after one of the coldest winters in the annals of the state. That is, if history repeats itself, as is frequently the case.

Authority for this pleasing prophecy is found in the person of city clerk, Nathan H. Power, authority on almost everything else in and about Farmington. The prediction is found in the winter of 1934-44, which however, even Mr. Power, with his tenacious memory, does not personally recall. It occurred before he was born, but he remembers his father's telling him

of that exceptional winter season.

Warning of the long, hard winter to come was afforded the people as early as the previous June. On June 17, 1934, occurred a frost so heavy, Mr. Power says, that one could scrape handfuls of it from the porch. All wheat was killed and before much of the winter had gone cattle starved by the snow. It was impossible to get fodder for the animals. It snowed every day from November through March. On April 1, according to Mr. Power's recollection, citizens of the Township attended the annual town meeting and election by driving bob-tailed through three feet of snow.

Everyone was convinced that the winter would never end, but it did, and so suddenly as to almost take their breath away. Spring opened up quickly, was warm and enjoyable and was rapidly followed by one of the most pleasant summers Michigan ever had.

High Team Picks Tournament foe

Fate, or what is called the "breaks" in sporting circles, stepped up and handed the Farmington high school basketball team what is expected to be a large pill to swallow.

At the drawing held Saturday at Milford, for picking in the district games of the state high school basketball tournament, Farmington drew St. Mary's of Orchard Lake, admittedly one of the strongest teams entered in the class in the entire state, for its first opponent.

As in the past the district tournament is being held at Milford high school Thursday, March 5. Class D games are being played in the afternoon at 2:30, 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock. The Class C games, which Farmington and St. Mary's are playing the third, are being held in the evening at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock.

Donates Trophy
The Milford Service club is offering a rotating sportsmanship trophy to the school showing the most sportsmanship during the tournament. The judges are the tournament officials. The schools are judged by the action of the team on and off the floor, the conduct of the faculty and team, the conduct of students or "fans" attending the games.

Of the eight teams competing for the district trophy and the right to enter the regional tournament, playing winners in other districts, tournaments and state, outstanding and are regarded in pre-tournament predictions as potential winners. Judging by season records and the strength of opponents played to date, St. Mary's of Orchard Lake and Fredrick's of Pontiac have the edge. Closely grouped behind them are Cranbrook of Bloomfield Hills, Walled Lake and Farmington.

Improved Fast
Although boasting possibly the poorest record in the matter of games won and lost among the favored teams of the tournament, Farmington, on the strength of its rapid improvement during the last half of the season, is the "dark horse" and is being closely watched by rival coaches.

Coach Kammerer, commenting on Farmington's chances of defeating St. Mary's, stated that the Farmington quintet, in form, may produce one of the biggest upsets of the tournament.

Farmington "fans" attending the tournament are urged by the tournament managers to take into consideration the limited seating capacity and the fact that eight schools will have spectators present and to come early. There will be no reserve seats sold.

The complete list of pairings for Thursday evening's games follows: Keego Harbor vs. Cranbrook at 7 o'clock; St. Frederick's vs. Brighton at 8:00 o'clock; Farmington vs. St. Mary's at 9:00 o'clock and Walled Lake vs. Milford at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Terry of Redford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Lynn on Sunday.

LEGIONNAIRES WILL GIVE \$2,500 (IN STAGE MONEY) FOR 25c AT WESTERN MONTE CARLO

A bit of the old west will be reconstructed in Farmington Thursday and Friday, March 12, 13, and 14, when members of the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion will sponsor a colorful, out-of-the-ordinary, Western Monte Carlo.

News tablets picked up by the Legionnaires indicates that it will be "the event of the year." Exhaustive plans are being made to insure that nothing will be overlooked. The program, rapidly taking shape under expert management of the

Record Vote In Livonia; Zeigler In

Castling the largest vote in the history of the township, Livonia residents turned out "en masse" for the primary Monday and virtually elected eleven candidates to township offices since the general election petitions filed were on the Republican ticket.

The tremendous vote indicates the keen rivalry and intense interest voters took in the nominating club, Wednesday, through ballot boxes cast were more than has ever been recorded in the township at either a primary or general election. Monday's voting topped the record set at the general election in 1932 when twelve hundred voters visited the polls.

Zeigler Wins
Jesse Zeigler, incumbent supervisor who has held that office for the past fifteen years, was again nominated and, since no candidates filed on the Democratic ticket, will automatically be re-elected. Mr. Zeigler received 788 votes, 592 in precinct one and 196 in precinct two. His opponent, Roy J. Miller, polled 114 votes, 134 in precinct one and 310 in precinct two.

In a wild scramble in the race for the township clerk's office, Harry S. Wolfe defeated three opponents. He received 312 votes, 393 in precinct one and 45 in precinct two. His closest rival, Mr. Levandowski, polled 387 votes, 112 in precinct one and 275 in precinct two. Mr. Wolfert, third highest candidate, received 225 votes, precinct one 154, precinct two 71. The remaining and last place candidate, Leon L. Merriman, received 128 votes, 37 in precinct one and 91 in precinct two.

FARMINGTON MAN REPORTS FAMINE IN BIRMINGHAM

Famine is reported in Birmingham, in certain commodities. Whether the shortage has proceeded sufficiently to cause suffering among the inhabitants has not yet been determined. The famine is reported by Arthur Fowler of Farmington, who has not visited Birmingham recently but who judges by absence of certain mail he had been expecting from that community.

It seems that Mr. Robert Allen, one of Birmingham's most prominent citizens possessed neither the good judgment to bet on the wrong riding team nor the cigar with which to pay for his error, in the Birmingham - Farmington bridge match in the American Legion home recently. Faced with the final score and the demand for immediate payment, Mr. Allen, having agreed to pay for his error, in the Birmingham - Farmington bridge match in the American Legion home recently. Faced with the final score and the demand for immediate payment, Mr. Allen, having agreed to pay for his error, in the Birmingham - Farmington bridge match in the American Legion home recently. Faced with the final score and the demand for immediate payment, Mr. Allen, having agreed to pay for his error, in the Birmingham - Farmington bridge match in the American Legion home recently.

Henry Bradley defeated Carl H. Waack for highway commissioner, receiving 623 votes, 312 for Waack 355. Three incumbent candidates, Roy Owens, Edward Howard and John Whitehead, and Chas. H. Canfield were nominated. Owens received 757 votes, Howard 501, Whitehead, 571, and Canfield 501.

Albert Necker for board of road, two year term, and Samuel McKinley for board of review, one year term, were unopposed.

CLARENCEVILLE RESIDENT DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Harry T. Bentley, 78, who died Friday afternoon at his home on Hamilton avenue. The Bentley family moved to Michigan in 1917 from Wisconsin and have been residents of Clarenceville for the past thirteen years.

Mr. Bentley died of a heart ailment with which he had been suffering for the past two years.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, Wilbur and Lawrence of Clarenceville and George of Washington, D. C., one daughter, Mrs. Gould of Detroit and a sister, Mrs. May Wood of Hutchinson, Kansas.

George Bentley and Mrs. Wood were present at the funeral.

Services were held from the D. H. Stringer funeral home in Redford with Dr. Young of the Royal Oak Congregational church officiating, interment was at Grand Lawn cemetery.

GLADYS ALLEN MARRIED FRIDAY AT CLARENCEVILLE

The marriage of Miss Gladys Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen of Inkerster road, Dr. Douglas Harper of Ann Arbor, was solemnized Friday evening, Feb. 28, at the home of the bride's parents, Roy E. Hall, officiating. The bride was very charming in a gown of white satin and carrying a bridal bouquet of white calla lilies.

Mrs. Clara Harper, sister of the groom, also wore a gown of white and carried calls lilies. The groom was attended by Henry Allen, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony a reception was held, which was attended by the bride's parents and friends. Immediately following the reception the bridal couple left on a honeymoon trip to California, and upon their return they will reside in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Ben Card and son Harry Hitchcock of Ann Arbor called on Mrs. Pebe Ross and friends of Farmington, Tuesday.

Shows Olympic Films



DAVID L. HOLMES

Olympic Games Pictures Shown

Few, if any residents of Farmington have ever seen the Olympic games, but a glimpse of what the coming events in Germany next summer may be like was afforded members of Farmington Exchange club, Wednesday, through motion pictures shown by David L. Holmes, director of track and cross-country athletics at Wayne University, Detroit. Mr. Holmes showed several reels of the 1932 Olympic games at Los Angeles.

Quite as striking as the highly interesting pictures was the insight afforded by Mr. Holmes into the part played by the Olympic games in relation to peace relations. He is widely believed that the international contests are an active and effective factor in promoting peaceable relations throughout the world. At the start of the picture, one of the audience had just said that he thought that "the Olympic games are one of the greatest factors in promoting peace by bringing together all these young people of various nations and cultures at the same moment Mr. Holmes remarked that the picture he was about to show proves America's contention that one of the athletes, at least, forgot entirely the Olympic oath of fair play and deliberately fouled one of America's distance runners, causing the latter to lose their race by a step, and that intense bad feeling between American and Finnish athletes resulted. Other pictures had comment revealed how France bitterly protested decisions in the district, almost to the point of withdrawing from the games, and that numerous other disputes resulting in bitter enmity between nations throughout the world, and probably will at every meet.

Mr. Holmes was introduced by Frank N. Steele, through whose efforts and those of Delos Hamlin, he came to Farmington.

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Bruce Johnson Officer Of College Speech Club

Mrs. Bruce Johnson, University of Michigan sophomore and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson of 18935 Glenwood Boulevard, was elected speaker of the Adelphi House of Representatives at the University for the present semester. The Adelphi House of Representatives is one of the oldest speech societies on the campus and was founded for the purpose of promoting and developing proficiency in speaking.

Baby Eats Poison Tablets, Dies On Operating Table

Fruit Growers Attended Meeting at Pontiac

Among the Farmington area residents interested in fruit farming who attended the State Horticultural meeting at Pontiac on March 3 and 4, were Charles Halsted, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Seelye, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Green, Arthur Green, Wendell Green, Aldon Green, Floyd Howard, Ray Howard, Don Button, Charles Button, Paul Button, Harry McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCracken, Leon Mary, Ray Marab, Will Hunt, Gage Halsted, James Erwin, Mr. Van Marter, Lou Spicer, William Borchart and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Verdun.

Firemen Ask For Co-operation

That people going to fires stay behind the engine, park their cars a distance away and approach the scene only after the engine has been moved, was urged by Fire Chief Ed Thayer at the regular monthly meeting of the City Commission Monday evening.

He asked that the Commission take steps in the interest of safety and saving of property to see that people going to fires cooperate rather than hinder the firemen.

Mr. Thayer continued that the seat of the trouble undoubtedly lies in the fact that spectators are ignorant of the fact that they are impeding the work of the department. He stated that several times during recent fires automobiles have been parked too close to hydrants and on the road between the hydrant and the scene of the fire seriously handicapping the firemen.

The Commission also acted on the suggestion of Mr. Thayer that new firehoses be purchased for the fire department. Mr. Thayer and Harold Oldenberg were authorized by the Commission to make the necessary purchases of one and one-half and two and one-half inch hoses.

Department Commended

A letter, was read by Clerk Nathan Power to the Commission from the M. E. Children's Home Society commending the Farmington fire department for its heroic work in the M. E. Children's home fire recently.

A request was received by the Commission from Southfield Township commending the Farmington fire department for its heroic work in the southwest corner of Southfield Township. The Commission declined because of the prohibitive distance to Southfield and the danger of prospect of leaving the Farmington territory unprotected.

On the recommendation of Fire Chief Thayer and Harold Oldenberg, Elmer J. Darling, Harvey Blough and Wm. Mias were appointed firemen.

COMMITTEEMEN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY

In the interests of scouting, a Boy Scout committee meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening at the Farmington M. E. church.

All committeemen, Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, parents and others interested in scouting are urged to attend.

A large turnout is desired to hear Herbert V. Watson, Scout executive of the Detroit area, speak. The meeting will be over at 8:30. Joseph Himmelspach will preside. This is the third instance a date for the meeting has been set. The two previous meetings were postponed because of conflicting events.

Tower Club Honors Departing Member

Members of the Tower Room club surprised Tony Shoren at a supper party and handkerchief shower at the home of Mrs. Spencer Heene, on Tuesday evening. Miss Shoren, who has been living with Mrs. Heene, is leaving for Chicago on March 6. She will be with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Shoren, and will attend the Baker Business University at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Holcomb and daughter, Nancy, have arrived at Corcoran, California, after a motor trip, according to friends.

Fatally poisoned by an overdose of strychnine and belladonna, three year old William Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper of 20888 Rensselaer avenue, Clarenceville, died on the operating table at Redford Receiving hospital at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon after eating 28 tablets containing the poison earlier in the day.

Efforts of Dr. J. W. Norton of Farmington, who was called by Mrs. Cooper when she discovered her son in convulsions, the Redford receiving staff and the rescue squad of the Detroit Fire department failed to save the boy. He died while physicians were washing his stomach. The pulmonologist of the fire department was unable to revive him.

In the opinion of Dr. Norton, the Receiving hospital physician and Dr. Edmund J. Knobloch, Wayne county coroner, who made the autopsy, there was sufficient poison in the boy's stomach to kill "several men."

Dose 'Would Kill Men'

Reconstructing the accident, Mrs. Cooper believes the box of tablets was on a low shelf and that the boy somehow reached them and ate the entire contents. Mrs. Cooper didn't realize anything was wrong until her son began having violent convulsions, she called Dr. Norton who administered aid and then rushed the boy to the hospital, where all remedies were used in vain.

Either Fatal

Judging from the number of tablets eaten it was agreed there were sufficient quantities of both strychnine and belladonna present that either one of them alone would probably have been fatal.

Funeral services were held from the residence Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was at Parkview Memorial cemetery.

FARMINGTON WILL HAVE AMATEUR SHOW MARCH 26

On the crest of the national tidal wave of amateur talent shows that have skyrocketed to public acclaim, a one-night amateur show will be given in Farmington at the M. E. Community center on Thursday evening, March 26, under the sponsorship of Carl Smith.

The show is open to all persons who have never performed for money. Applications must include age, residence, if in school, the grade, nature of act and whether singing, playing an instrument, or impersonation.

All applications must be mailed or given to Carl Smith by midnight Wednesday, March 18.

Five judges will make the awards. The show is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. EMMA PATTERSON

Mrs. Emma Patterson, widow of the late Smith H. Tryer of Pontiac, and foster daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Crosby, died Tuesday morning at her home on Auburn avenue, She was 72 years of age.

Mrs. Tryer was one of the first of the "Gold Star Mothers" who went to France in 1920 to visit the grave of her son who was killed during the war.

She is survived by four daughters, one son and three grandchildren. Besides two foster sisters, Mrs. A. L. Brannack of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Mrs. F. N. Steele.

Funeral services are being held Thursday afternoon with interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SING OVER W J R TUESDAY

The fifth and sixth grades of the Walled Lake Consolidated schools will sing over WJR on Tuesday morning, March 10, at 9 o'clock. They will be heard on University of Michigan singing class program under the direction of Professor Maddy of the University.

The invitation was personally extended by Mr. Maddy. The broadcast will emanate from the Ann Arbor studio.

The group under the direction of Miss Kathryn Rubert, and Miss Jean Wallace, will sing review songs and one special number.