

City Tax Receipts Gain Over 1936

A return to the "happy days" of nine or ten years ago, when City of Farmington enjoyed the highest percentage of tax collections of any governmental unit in Oakland County, is seen in the record of city tax collections in the first five weeks. Already 62 per cent of the entire tax roll has been collected, a favorable start toward the record over 92 per cent tax receipts reported when Farmington led the County. It is anticipated that taxes will continue to come in at a rapid rate throughout the remainder of August.

At the close of last week's business, \$12,242.27 of current taxes had been paid in, or about 62 per cent of the 1937-1938 levy of \$19,760. Last year's receipts for the first four weeks amounted to \$10,138. The tax levies for the two years are about the same, that for 1936 being \$19,479, or about \$300 less than the current year.

Collections thus far this year are almost 35 per cent higher than the percentage paid during the first month two years ago, which amounted to only 25 per cent of the total levy.

City Treasurer George C. Gillemester points out that property owners, by paying taxes during August, will avoid the four per cent penalty which must be added September 1. Only a two per cent penalty is being added for taxes paid during August. The four per cent penalty will extend from Sept. 1 of this year to March 1, 1938 after which time taxes not paid will be considered delinquent and be returned to the county treasurer. An additional penalty of three-fourths of one per cent will be added to the four per cent penalty for each month the taxes remain unpaid after March 1.

INCREASED TRAFFIC JUSTIFIES ROAD WIDENING

The peak load traffic on Northwestern Superhighway since the completion of the widening of this road from Wyoming Avenue to the Base Line Superhighway indicates that this widening was necessary to facilitate faster and safer movement of traffic from the city to the lake resorts.

This work was done under the supervision of the Board of Wayne County Road Commissioners who have jurisdiction over this highway and was financed by the Federal Government through the P.W.A. The balance, or \$59,375.00, was paid from the gas and weight tax revenues returned to the county.

In accordance with P.W.A. regulations, the work was done under the supervision of all supervision and inspection by the engineering division of the Road Commission.

It is the policy of the Road Commission to have cores drilled from all completed pavements to determine the strength of the concrete. This was done on Northwestern Superhighway and in spite of the fact the concrete was designed to attain a maximum compressive strength of 3,500 pounds per square inch, the results of the tests on 51 cores drilled from the pavement showed an average of 5,466 pounds per square inch with the highest strength 7,375 pounds. According to Warren J. Worth, testing engineer, the strength of one of the cores was so great that the reflex action in breaking this core broke the testing machine.

In addition to the cores, cylinders were removed daily, and strength tests run when the concrete was seven days old. These cylinders also showed high strength.

Traffic studies have been made on this road as well as on all other county roads, and as was the case here, widenings are undertaken when traffic demands necessitate such action.

Northwestern Superhighway now ends at Wyoming Avenue and although the original plan was to eliminate all so-called "bottle necks," there is such a condition at Wyoming and Penick Avenue that the widening has been contemplated, no definite action has been taken.

'Luckiest Farmington Family' All Escape Injury in Mishap

Five Farmington people are congratulating themselves on their good fortune—namely, that, as the days go by, it's all true. For all five of them, and a pet dog, escaped serious injury when their car skidded on wet pavement and overturned in a ditch during a rainstorm last Friday, and only a few cuts and scratches remain as evidence.

While Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Weaver and children, Bobby and Mary, and the maid, together with the dog, were on their way to Charlevoix where the family expected to spend the rest of the summer, a storm

came up. They were driving on a stretch of high-crowned macadam road some distance this side of Bay City. As the road became wet, Dr. Weaver, fortunately, slackened the speed of the car. Suddenly there was a low spot in the pavement, about the length of the machine, and as the car went into and out of the sunken portion, it started to skid. At the time, the machine was traveling about 45 miles an hour.

Hit Mail-Box
The vehicle skidded for some distance, then turned completely around, struck a mail-box, and then turned over on its side in a ditch. A quick glance around seemed to indicate that none were seriously hurt, although Mrs. Weaver had been caught in the steering wheel and Mary, three, who had been sitting on her mother's lap in the front seat, was standing on her head.

Dr. Weaver found that all were trapped in the car and had fire broken out, all probably would have been burned to death.

When the machine hit the mail-box in its skid, the running board was curled up so as to prevent opening of the door on the side toward the heavy-duty division.

The car of bolts will be announced next week and will include champions and near-champions who have fought in the many Detroit championships such as the Detroit Free Press Golden Gloves, Detroit Times Diamond Belt, Catholic Youth Organization contests, and the Chevrolet Motor championships. Leo Jones, Athletic Director at the latter organization, will be the matchmaker and will have complete charge of the fights.

Champion Signed
One of the newest contestants signed for the fight is Marvin Reese, the 170-pound Irishman, who will probably be matched against Tony Rupinski who won the Mid-West C.Y.O. Championship this year in Cincinnati. Rupinski weighs 170 pounds and is a hard aggressive puncher.

The committee in charge of the fights are endeavoring to sign a number of local fighters for the card. At present only four men from this vicinity have signed for bouts. They will probably be matched against other fighters from Detroit.

Among the fighters who will appear on the card are: Tom Walling, 112 pounds, finalist in the C.Y.O. Championship; Tony Roma, C.Y.O. Heavyweight Champion; Ed Marston, 137 pounds, Lightweight Golden Glove Champion; Marvin Reese, 170 pounds, Tri-State Champion; James Stewart, 155 pounds; Al Kozal, 125 pounds, runner-up Golden Glove winner; George Rickmore, Adam Pianga, 115 pounds, Free Press Golden Glove Champion; Fred Middle West boxer; Tony Rupinski, Mid-West C.Y.O. Champion, 170 pounds.

Farmington young men who will box are: John Cox, 132 pounds and Ed Rosenblom, 150 pounds. Also on the list is Vincent Cox, 132 pounds, of Pontiac, formerly of Farmington. It is possible that Walter Cybart will also fight on the card. The fights will start at 8:00 o'clock, and there will be 2,000 seats erected in front of the school grounds for the spectators.

Committee in charge of the boxing show is as follows: Judge J. J. Schulte, General Chairman.

Leo Jones, Program.
Roger Guerin, Tickets.
Philip Gagnier, Refreshments.
Frank Davis, Booths.
Leo Charles, Transportation.
Joseph Butler, Equipment.
Maurice Fitzmaurice, Maintenance.
Henry De Hanke, Ushers.

Any boy of Farmington or vicinity who would like to enter a boxing match, get in touch with Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt at the Farmington Police Booth.

The contestants are requested to state their name, address, weight and any experience they may have had in boxing.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at Schroeder's Billiard Parlor, Hatton's Farmington Hardware Store and the Oak Pharmacy. General admission seats are priced at fifty cents and reserved seats at seventy-five cents.

School Board Again Cuts Bonded Debt

Continued improvement in the already healthy condition of the Farmington School District is shown this week as Mrs. Florence E. Lee, secretary of the Board of Education, again calls for tenders to retire \$4,000 of the school district's own bonds, just as \$1,200 worth of bonds and certificates of indebtedness were purchased by the board in December of last year. Tenders on the 4 1/2 per cent and 4 1/4 per cent refunding bonds dated October 1, 1935 will be considered by the board to an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Tenders will also be accepted on certificates of indebtedness bearing a three per cent interest rate and dated October 1, 1935 not to exceed \$1,000.

Payment of the \$1,000 in bonds will mean additional substantial savings to the school district, similar to that which was effected in December. The reduction in interest amounts to over \$170 a year, and the bonded debt of the district is reduced by a substantial amount. The record of the past year is far beyond anything anticipated by either school officials or bondholders. Under the arrangement made with the bondholders when the refunding of the school district bonds was carried through in 1935, the \$2,000 had accumulated in the sinking fund. The first step was taken within a year after the adoption of the plan when the board voted to retire \$1,200 of the bonded indebtedness instead of the originally planned \$2,000 each year. Included in the arrangement was the plan to retire all of the school bonds in 30 years at the rate of \$6,000 each year. The first call for tenders to the amount of \$1,200 and the present call for tenders to the amount of \$4,000 indicates the excellent financial condition of the school district.

Should no tenders be submitted, the board will automatically retire those bonds bearing the lowest interest numbers until the stipulated amount to be retired has been reached.

FARMINGTON LOSES TO GARDEN CITY BY 12-3 SCORE
Behind masterful four-hit pitching by Waldo Scott the Garden City baseball team trounced Farmington 12 to 3, at Garden City Sunday. Scott, pitching for Garden City, was in rare form and struck out fifteen men to set a Michigan Inter-County League record. Scott has now started a game since he was injured in the game with Plymouth Schrader at Plymouth Park on July 5th.

Garden City collected eighteen hits off two Farmington pitchers. Lovell Hill of the home team set the pace by getting four hits in five trips to the plate. Besides Hill's timely hitting, he also played a bang-up game behind the plate when Slug Tatro hurt his knuckle by a foul tip. Since joining Garden City this season, Hill has played one infield, outfield and has pitched. Garden City into a number of victories. It was not until last Sunday that Manager Renschel needed a catcher in a bad way, and the Ace was the first man he called to take over in the job. Besides setting a couple of men off base, Hill did a creditable job of catching Scott and did not throw him off his stride when Tatro was injured.

A four-run rally by Garden City in the second inning was started by R. Wolfstrom, who singled with a sacrifice. Hill doubled, Dean and Smith each doubled. Scott singled Smith home with the fourth run. Three more runs were scored in the third inning, and a two-base hit by Joe Higgins accounted for another run in the 3th inning. Singles by Scott, Higgins, and Hill combined with a double by Slug Tatro accounted for four more runs in the seventh inning.

Farmington scored two runs in the fourth on two singles, a walk, and some bad fielding. An additional run was scored in the sixth on a walk and two errors.

Miss Billie Power is now employed at the J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit.

Save Trees In Gd. River Widening

The long-awaited widening of Grand River avenue to a width of 100 feet, from Farmington Road west to the city limits, in all probability will be accomplished without destroying or injuring the beautiful rows of trees along the avenue, according to indications as preliminary work goes forward for the project. Saving the trees has been one of the chief concerns of the new land residents of the community in the years since widening first began to be discussed, and information thus far indicates that the trees can be preserved without harm despite the necessary cutting-back of the ditches.

While the trees from the intersection of Grand River at Oakland Road westward, will in all probability, all be saved, it will, it is understood, be necessary to remove the row of trees along the Town Hall property on the north side of the avenue, from Farmington Road to Oakland Road. However, several of these trees are said to be already in a decadent condition, and removal would have to come soon, regardless of the widening. The trees are quite close together, and it is said that even though the street were not to be widened, a thinning-out process would be necessary to save the best of this row.

Suggest New Planting
It is pointed out that a row of good-sized trees could immediately be planted in the park property, along the inside of the sidewalk, to replace those to be removed. A suggestion to this end made four years ago when widening was a lively topic, is not seen by officials to have been a foresighted one, but while the four years' growth would by this time have provided a row of trees of good size, it is conceded that the best that can be done now is to do the planting at the earliest feasible date.

The City Commission, at its August meeting last Thursday evening, passed a resolution approving the widening project as outlined by State Highway Commissioner Murray D. VanWagoner. It is anticipated that work will begin some time next month.

'Farmington Night' At Michigan Theatre

P. Owen Pauline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauline of Farmington, will appear with the stage revue at the Michigan Theatre, Detroit, beginning Friday, August 12. Mr. Pauline has for several months been engaged in vaudeville work in New York City. The company plans to visit Cleveland and Chicago before returning to New York in September.

Mr. Pauline plans to hold a "Farmington Night" at the Michigan Theatre, as a surprise to him. It is planned to make Wednesday evening, August 18, the night, and seats will be reserved for all those attending. Art Power, president of the Farmington Exchange Club, urges all members to attend.

In order that reservations may be made all those planning to attend are asked to call of Eugene Power, office of the Michigan Theatre, at Farmington, to notify A. L. Ross at Farmington Bakery, no later than Monday evening, August 9.

Miss Shirley Mae Kahri is now home after spending a week in Detroit with her cousin, Audrey, who is attending the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Sadie West of California spent the past week at the home of William and Mrs. Tamm.

Farmington Merchants Feature "Vacation Specials"

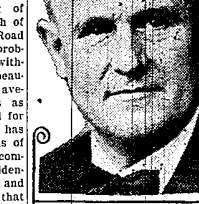
Vacation specials are again featured this week by Farmington merchants. Many of the stores are making special arrangements for vacationers, such as offering special rates on rooming houses, and offering special rates on vacation homes. The Farmington Lumber and Building Company is offering a complete line of R and S water and pump pumps. They'll get a whole lot of pleasure from refreshing their vacation during the hot weather. The Consumers' Power Company will install an automatic gas water heater in your home for only a few cents a day.

The Farmington Lumber and Building Company offers to finance the building of small homes. See them for complete details.

Farmington Mills again offer a complete line of Laro Feels. The Bell Telephone Company, in their ad on page eight, list the new rates to several points in and without the state.

The Penniman-Alten Theatre at Norville are again presenting a special program over the week-end.

Plans Sewer Project



Commissioner Emory Hatton, in charge of sewers, is directing plans for modernization of the City's system through three units to be laid this autumn.

First Concert Held in 'Shell'

The Farmington High School Band, conducted by Ralph Ranta, will present another program of its summer concert series Thursday, August 12, at 7:30 p. m., at the new bandstand located at the west end of the Farmington High School athletic field. Several well-known marches are on the program, which includes the popular semi-classical number, "Whisper and His Dog." The complete program follows:

Capl. McConde March.....Lives
King Lear Overture.....Hazel
Whisper and His Dog.....Pryor
Stars and Stripes Forever.....Sousa
Exaltation.....Coerre
Mose Trombone.....Fillmore
Selections from Tannhauser.....Wagner
Ching Bing, Boom (Mythical Revue).....Mader
Loyal Citizens March.....White
Cricket and the Bullroger.....Foder
Friede of Our Nation.....Barton
Star Spangled Banner

BEST OF OLD AND NEW TO BE AT STATE FAIR

Bringing with it far more of the color and glamor of old-time fairs than other years have boasted, the State Fair for 1937, is, according to announcements, planned to present a curious and interesting cross-section of the best of the old flavor, enhanced by features as new as tomorrow.

Under the direction of Frank N. Isbey, general manager, the setting for this year's State Fair, Sept. 3 to 12, has first of all been improved, rebuilt and added to, including a striking new entrance, and a new Civic Center dominated by one of the finest orchestral shells in the state.

As a result of a study of fairs in the past, not only in this state but throughout the country, those features which have been found to have the greatest public appeal are to be emphasized, according to Mr. Isbey, and the delightful contrast to the familiar homogenous conditions of an old-fashioned Fair, some of the finest "top" entertainment the country has to offer from stage, screen and radio, will be presented in modern accent.

A public installation of officers of the Protected Home Circle will be held Saturday, August 14, at 8:00 p. m. at Burr Road and Outer Drive.

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The aid in draining all of the northwest section of town through this link is to be provided by a unique plan worked out by Commissioner Hatton and Engineer Buchanan. The plan, which will also help to relieve pressure during storms on all of the Grand River sewers from the business section east to Broadview Drive, provides for extending the Shawwassee street line down the hill from Warner avenue, along the north side of the Bagnall property, to the creek near the athletic field. This will be a storm sewer only, overflowing in case of a heavy rain.

The third link will be a heavy storm, the rain-water will flow over the sewer-water level and go on down the hill and directly into the creek. This will turn a large volume of water into the creek much faster than if the water were all conducted from the Shawwassee street sewer into the Warner avenue line and thence into the Grand River line.

The third link will care for an unhealthy condition which has existed for years at the intersection of town line in the vicinity of the Clark Coal Yard and the Eastern Michigan System property, now owned by LaSalle Wines and Champagne, Inc. Many years ago the old D.U.R. held a small sewer from the north side of Grand River across the south side, the line

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City To Build 3 New Sewers Next Month

Completion of a modern and adequate sewer system for all of the City of Farmington is moving a step nearer realization as plans go forward for construction this autumn of three



The Commission at its August meeting approved plans prepared by Bruce Buchanan, engineer, under direction of Street Commissioner Hatton. The plans have been in process for some time.

By the project, one area that has never had sewer facilities and two others that have suffered seriously for years because of inadequate drainage, will be served with modern facilities ample to take care of their needs.

No Bond Issue
In order to carry out the sewer building program, the City will defer projects for widening three bridges, which had been planned for the coming year. Commissioner Hatton proposed that by using an appropriation of \$2,000 in the 1937-38 budget for the bridge work, which could be borrowed for the sewer jobs, and with the sewer appropriation and other funds available, the City will be able to build the three sewer lines on a pay-as-you-go basis, without bond issue and without borrowing. The Commission agreed that the need for sewer improvement is more pressing than widening of the bridges, and approved the plan.

Drain Church Property
One of the most troublesome situations in the community, in the center of town and of interest to an unusually large number of citizens, will be corrected as a part of the project. This portion will improve drainage for Salem Evangelical Church, the basement of which has been flooded frequently. The sewer line will run alongside the church property from Oakland Road to the corner of the rear, then westward along the court to Grace street, serving there by the Trombley and Habermehl residences. This will be entirely new construction.

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