

Township, City Ahead In Taxes

Despite the recent business slump, taxes both in the Township and in the City are being paid at a faster rate than last year, according to the reports of the treasurers. Township taxes are more than 30 per cent collected within the first two weeks. This is far better than in many years. City taxes also show a definite increase in percentage over any of the past several years, more than 25 per cent of the total levy being already collected.

Township Treasurer Loretta E. Cor reports that \$21,600 of the \$65,500 assessed in the Township has already been collected. The township's assessment is increased \$3,791 over last winter's levy of \$62,715.

Treasurer George Gildemeister of the City of Farmington has collected \$5,039.74 of the \$20,894.03 levied. This 25 per cent collected is much higher than the amount received in the first few weeks of the tax period last year.

The city assessment is spread on the winter rolls as follows: county tax, \$5,563.10; county debt service, \$1,840.85; school tax, \$9,718.52; school debt service, \$3,952.10; and excess of roll, 6.26, totaling \$20,894.03.

Mrs. Cor is collecting in Farmington State Bank and receives taxes during the regular business hours. Mr. Gildemeister collects in Peoples State Bank building.

Mail date on which payments can be made without penalty is March 1.

Democratic Club Elects Paul Paré President

New officers are directing the affairs of the Democratic Club, City and Township of Farmington, having been elected at the monthly meeting held in the American Legion Home, last Saturday night. Thirty members were present.

The new officers are: Paul Paré, president; Fred Wilkenson, vice-president; Mrs. Florence Lee, Secretary-treasurer; and Harold Bailey, Albert Koss, Paul Schrieber and Harvey Perry, trustees.

The next meeting of the club will be held in the Legion Home on Saturday, February 5, 1938 at 8:15 p. m.

All former and old members are urged to attend the next meeting. Any person not now a member, who wishes to join, is urged to come. New residents in the community are extended a cordial invitation to come and get acquainted with others in the community.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING JANUARY 26

The Farmington Woman's Club will hold its meetings at the home of Mrs. Georgia Bagnall, January 26. Mrs. McCullough will speak on the "Machinery of Government" and Mrs. Ross on "Group Solidarity."

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ella Irsh, Wednesday.

Mrs. Paul R. Schrieber had charge of the program for the day. Mrs. Schrieber read a southern story "Lilash" by Edgar Valentine Smith.

Mrs. Wm. H. McCullough gave a report on the meeting of the Oakland County Federation, held at Birmingham Community House, January 7th.

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Luncheon will be served to members and their friends who attend the art exhibit. Reservations will have to be made.

Commission Plans To Make Improvements

The City of Farmington plans several improvements voted at the City Commission meeting this week.

Commissioner Harold Oldenburg was authorized to purchase a stove for the Fire Hall to replace the furnace which has become inadequate.

Commissioner Delos Hamlin was asked to investigate the possibility of placing a floodlamp on the new band stand at the skating rink, to facilitate night skating.

The possibility of building more benches in order to accommodate children of various ages has also been considered.

Pedagogues Teach Alumni How Basketball Is Played

Farmington High School faculty working on the principle of "never putting off until the second day," baskets that can be made in the first quarter, and teaching the Alumni team that "you can't foul all the people all the time" defeated the latter team 25-25 at the High School gym, Tuesday night.

The Alumni took an early lead after Paul Shoemaker, high school coach made the first point, a free throw, and led 5-4 at the end of the first quarter.

During the second quarter the faculty leveled their pedagogical eyes basketball and led by Ben Ewer, also a coach of the High School team, were in front 19-9 at the half.

Meanwhile the Alumni team were beginning to sigh for the days when they were students and basketball had not yet been "streamlined." However, they built some points, the Faculty would undoubtedly have made them write "I shall not miss free throws" at least a thousand times for homework. The team made only five out of fifteen free shots.

The Faculty then started to get that "old feelings" in the second quarter and the Alumni team spouted. The score at the end of the quarter was 27-21 in favor of the Faculty.

The final quarter saw much action but little scoring from either team. The four-point rule was waived.

The summaries:

Faculty	G	F	P
Shoemaker	2	1	4
Ewer	1	4	5
Stewart	1	6	0
Arnet	0	0	0
Thompson	1	0	3
Middlest	1	0	3

Alumni

G	F	P	
Spaller	6	1	9
Cartman	1	1	2
Calma	0	0	2
Lee	0	0	2
Lancaster	3	0	2
C. Lee	1	1	2

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Exchange Club Plans Programs

Farmington Exchange Club is planning a change in handling its programs during the next six months. Every member of the club will serve on the program committee, Chairman Howard Otis announced at the meeting this week.

The members will be divided into groups under a chairman and will compete to see which group can present the best program. A table set, donated by Vic Blacklee, will be awarded to the chairman of the winning group. The members of the winning team will receive fog-lights awarded by Mr. Otis.

The January group is headed by Oleis Leland and Fay McDuffy, with Spencer McNeely and Rev. Carl Schuler assisting him. Earl Grosvenor is captain of the February group and is assisted by Bayard Tupper, Dr. Joseph Norton and Lloyd Gullen.

Lloyd Gullen will lead the group in March. C. McFarth, William Leslie and Vic Blacklee are members of this group. Ed Pierce is the president over the committee in April. Curtis Hall, John Schulte and Dr. Lee Halsted are members.

Arthur Power will lead the committee in May. Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Earl Vivier and Roy Plimpton are his assistants. Howard Warner is the June chairman. Helen Hamlin, M. Bradley and M. Van Avery form his committee.

Other committees named include: Publicity, H. Levinson; Boy Scouts, G. Checketts, chairman; Rev. D. Stubbs and Rev. G. Miles assistants; Sherie, Walter Con; School and Civic affairs, Robert Brown and Floyd Nichols; and Membership, Roy Plimpton, Emory Hatton and Arnold Stolt.

Missionary Lectures At St. Paul's Church

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Debators Discuss Modern Morality

An additional week of preparation for the contest again has been granted by the postponement of the big debate between teams representing Farmington-Exchange Club and the Epworth League.

The debate will be held Sunday evening, January 30, instead of January 23 as previously announced.

The problem of the judges was made not one. With such a subject as modern morality, the contestants were given their own ideas of the question.

The debate question is: Resolved, That our generation has a higher type of morals, higher ideals, and knows a higher type of religion than the previous generation. The Epworth League have been given the affirmative side of the subject, that is, they are not only to defend the present generation from the attacks of an older and more experienced group—but they must also build up the subject when the subject is an improvement on the last.

As previously announced, the judges of the debate are Judge John J. Schulte, Glenn H. Leland and Edward J. The "Epworth" debaters are: Dorothy Johnson, Deulah Sherman, and Doug Parker. Lloyd Gullen, Earl Grosvenor and Arthur Power will uphold the older generation for the Exchange Club.

The Farmington City Commission has concurred with the vote of Farmington Township Board in recommending that money left as the surplus of the Centennial fund go to the Goodfellow.

It rescinded its previous vote in favor of the fund going to the library.

However, payment of the money will not take place until the estate of the late N. H. Power has been settled. Mr. Power was treasurer of the Centennial committee.

It would be necessary to hire two or three men in order to issue licenses in Farmington, since the new law requires an eye test and oral and written examinations.

A list of proposed traffic charges must also accompany driver's application and anyone having outstanding tickets will not be issued a license.

Rumor that Farmington was considering a police force was culminated in the appearance of representatives of the Metropolitan Secret Service Agency before the City Commission Monday night, requesting consideration in case a bureau was started. Members of the Commission are not planning a police force at the present time.

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Bank Again Shows Big Gain In Year

A remarkable gain in every department again shows in the annual report of the Farmington State Bank presented at the annual meeting of the stockholders Tuesday, January 16 at 10:30 a. m. An increase of eight per cent is shown in assets and a 12 per cent gain is noted in the number of accounts, thus continuing the large gains made in the previous year.

The 1937 net earnings amounted to \$12,000.44, and the common stock now has a book value of \$25.06 per share in comparison with \$21.54 at the start of 1937. This is an increase of \$3.52 or a gain of more than 10 per cent.

Thus the stock is now worth \$10.05 more than originally paid by the stockholders. A little less than four years ago. The common stock equity is now \$26,651.76 as compared with \$37,500 when the bank was started.

The total assets of the bank amount to \$890,599.90 showing that it is rapidly approaching the million dollar mark.

The increase in assets amounts to \$65,503.65 or eight per cent over the amount at the beginning of 1937. A total of 1844 accounts are listed, an increase of 445, or 32 per cent over last year.

Preferred stock of \$7,500 has been retired during the last ten days, reducing the original subscription of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from \$25,000 to \$17,500. This reduction will save the bank \$25 a year in interest, since a three per cent interest charge is made by the government agency. This also brings one side of the day when the bank will be entirely home-owned.

Another evidence of advancement by the bank in 1937 is recent payment of the first dividend of 50 cents on each share of common stock. This dividend amounted to \$1,200.

All directors of the bank were re-elected at the annual meeting. They are Howard M. Warner, Z. R. Aschenbrenner, Howard C. Knickerbocker, Bruce S. Dickie, Emory O. Hatton and Floyd Nichols.

The new social club, known as the Clarenceville Kennel Club has been formed. In Clarenceville, Membership is approximately 80 people.

The newly elected officers of the club are: President, Elsworth Jean; Vice-President, David Lloyd Jones; Secretary, Cyril Wilkerson; and Treasurer, Lansing Gardner.

The aim of the club is to provide places of amusement for youth. Meetings are held every other Thursday night at the clubhouse, a two-story building which has been leased on Helen street. This building was formerly the property of Sid Gunning.

All profits earned by the organization will go toward civic improvement. A skating rink is now being planned.

Final Deadline For Tax Payments Nears

With the final deadline rapidly approaching, Auditor General George T. Gundry today called upon the tax-paying public to check their tax receipts to ascertain if they are delinquent. Explaining that better than one and one-half million property descriptions still remain delinquent, the Auditor General said he was fearful that many taxpayers did not yet realize that their taxes are in default and liable to public sale next May 3rd.

Mr. Gundry said the taxes, together with penalty and accrued interest, must be paid by May 1st, or time up to May 2nd, at County Treasurers' offices. He again called attention to the fact that even though taxes are paid, they may appear on the published list as delinquent but will be withheld from sale by the County Treasurer.

FARMINGTON BOY FOUND LIVING IN OHIO

Harold Wurster, a pupil of Farmington High School, who was reported missing for some time, has been found living with his sister in Ohio.

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Morals Controversy Begins Sermon Series by Rev. Miles

So much interest has been aroused by the recent "morals controversy" which flared up in the neighboring town of Northville that the Rev. Gilbert Miles, pastor of Farmington Baptist Church will begin a series of sermons next Sunday, January 16 at 10:30 a. m. upon the articles in "The Enterprise." The sermons will continue for eight weeks.

Rev. Miles' first sermon will be "A Fight for the Plain," "The Troubled Maker," "What Next?" The general public is invited to attend.

An interesting comment on the controversy is given this week by the Rev. Miles, who offers a somewhat different viewpoint from other pastors on the question raised by the speech of the Rev. Thomas W. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Northville at a meeting of the Rotary Club of that town several weeks ago.

Rev. Smith declared the failure of men to attend church in Northville indicates "a low moral tone in the town." Rev. Miles in his comment seems to disagree in part at least with the opinion of Rev. Smith, as well as the opinion expressed by other pastors.

New School Band Leader Named

Citizens of Farmington and especially those interested in music will be glad to hear of the transfer of Ralph Banta to the Farmington Music Director, for the past two and one-half years. Mr. Banta will resign at the end of the present semester and will join the Detroit Society.

Mr. Banta has been very successful in directing the school band and glee club, as well as being director of the music school.

Mr. Banta's position will be filled by Mr. Alvin Bender, Mr. Bender graduated from Adrian High School in 1926. He attended Adrian College for two years and then transferred to the University of Michigan where he played in the University band for three years. He graduated from the University in 1935. He has had work in a private conservatory in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was also a private teacher of clarinet and saxophone at Western Hills High School at Cincinnati. Mr. Bender, also, assisted in music in Adrian High School, and has had charge of music in Pontiac since he came to Farmington.

Three years ago Mr. Bender was elected of the Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity at The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICER TO BE IN CITY, JANUARY 18

Walter B. Redman, manager of the Pontiac field office of the Social Security Board, will be in Farmington on January 18, 1938 from 1:00 until 2:00 p. m., having his headquarters in the post office.

At that time Mr. Redman will be prepared to give all services of his office in connection with the social insurance portion of the Social Security Act. Employers and employees may receive information about this plan at that time. Mr. Redman will also have blank forms for persons who wish to obtain account numbers. He will be prepared to take claims for those persons under the Social Security Act.

Persons who reach the age of 65 after having worked in occupations covered by the old-age insurance plan are entitled to these payments as are the heirs of persons who have died after working in these fields of employment. Claims may be filed while I am in the Farmington office on the 18th.

So far the Pontiac office, in the Peoples State Building in that city, has issued more than 6000 account numbers since it became a Social Security office on August 22nd. It also has completed more than 100 claims for lump-sum payments of the type to which Mr. Redman referred.

Disposition of four criminal cases were made by Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, this week. George Jenners, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor was sentenced to 90 days in the Oakland County Jail.

Walter Ricketts, Route 2, Northville, was charged with drunken driving and was sentenced to a fine of \$100 or 55 days in the Oakland County Jail.

Cases of John T. Decker and John F. Fisher, charged with negligent homicide, were dismissed by Judge Schulte.

Wesley Mathews pleaded guilty to running through a red traffic light and paid a fine of \$3.35. This was a first offense case.

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