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## Teachers To Pay Income Tax in 1940

Farmington's teachers and city officials and employees will be required to pay an income tax next year. Formerly the wages of public officials and teachers have not been taxed but under the new Public Salary Tax Act of 1939 they will be, and several thousand new income taxpayers throughout the state of Michigan will be added to the already large list of 370,000.

This law passed at the last session of Congress, puts to rest the old question of public salary taxation. The salary of federal employees has always been taxable, but until this year, beginning January 1, 1939, state salaries were not taxable under federal taxing authority. All public school teachers, all state and county officials, and city and village executives and employees must pay income tax. Some of them have been paying tax on income received from other sources, but until the current year have not been required to include the salary received as a teacher or public official. Married couples, where one or the other has income from the state or a political subdivision, must now combine their incomes to determine taxability.

How It's Figured

For the benefit of those who may be paying their first income taxes this year, the tax for 1939 and subsequent years is upon the net income which is determined by subtracting the allowable deductions and personal exemptions from the gross income. Ordinary deductions are interest paid on indebtedness (like a mortgage, car loan, etc.), taxes paid (except income and improvement tax); benevolences to one's church or any organized charity, bad debts, which may become worthless during the year for which the return was made, and 10 percent of the earned net income.

Exemptions

The personal exemption of husband and wife living together is \$2,000, and an additional \$100 for each child under 18 years of age. Single persons without dependents have an exemption of \$1,000. Persons with a gross income of \$500 or less are exempt from the tax on Form 1040-A; those below \$500 on Form 1040-A. These forms may be procured from the Collector of internal revenue, Detroit, and will be available after January 5, 1940. These forms will be extended and mailed to reach his office by March 15, 1940.

## KIWANIS CLUB PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY

A Christmas party of the Kiwanis club Wednesday evening. Committees to take care of the arrangements have been appointed and plans are being made for one of the gayest gatherings of this season.

The Kiwanians heard a talk on the relationships between the club and the church at their meeting Wednesday evening. The speaker was Matt J. Quickstad, lieutenant-governor of Division One of the Kiwanis. He emphasized the fact that next year will be Kiwanis' 25th anniversary and reminded Farmington members that a convention is to be held in Detroit, on January 22.

At Dunham, of Royal Oak, and past lieutenant of Division One, was also a speaker at the meeting. He elaborated a bit on the theme introduced by Quickstad, telling of the close cooperation which is desired between the Kiwanis club and the church and community.

A committee composed of Joseph Himmelsbach, president, A. L. Ross, and Tracy Conroy, was appointed to represent the club in the packing and distribution of the Goodfellow's Christmas baskets. The baskets are to be delivered Saturday.

## Santa Claus Due To Arrive Here Saturday

Santa Claus will come to Farmington Saturday to distribute candy among his loyal supporters, the youngsters. He will appear as a guest of the Exchange club at their big Christmas party to be held at the Town Hall.

Those in charge of making plans for the affair say there will be 250 pounds of candy to be divided equally among Santa's young followers. The party will begin at about 4 p. m., at which time Santa is expected to appear on the scene.

## Gas Well in Back Yard Solves Winter Fuel Problem

The use of natural gas from a well situated in the backyard is a privilege which may be enjoyed in the future by residents of this area. One such well was opened Saturday by Frank W. Potts at his residence at 20215 Middle Belt Road.

Potts, who is a gas and oil contractor, declared that a study of the underground formations in this area led him to believe that there is a large amount of the gas beneath the surface. He said he believed that the gas-carrying formation may extend from Milan, Michigan, northeastward as far as Port Huron, and may be from six to 10 miles wide.

Potts drilled his well last winter but out-of-town drillers had kept him from "shooting" it before last week.

## Residents Urged To Buy Seals

All residents are reminded that they may do their bit in the battle against tuberculosis by the purchase of Christmas Seals. Those persons who have not received their seals from the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association may get them from children in the grade schools.

Sales of the seals throughout the county were reported to be brisk. The seals are being sent in requests for more seals.

The seal sale in rural schools is usually conducted on a competitive basis, the children working under "Captain Fleeting" and "Lieutenant Seal" to secure the most seals. The seals are sold by children only in districts where it is difficult to reach all purchasers through any other medium.

Funds realized from the sale of Christmas Seals finance a number of health education activities in the schools. The Inspirational "Princess Watter", program is given throughout the school year. The funds are also available to parent-teacher associations and shown to children in the upper grades; and the Wolverine Health Bulletin is distributed monthly to all rural schools. The funds are also used to assist both teachers and pupils in their health programs.

## P. T. A. CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD IN NEW GYMNASIUM

Ninety members and friends of the Farmington P. T. A. held the Christmas party Tuesday evening, held for the first time in the auditorium of the new building. John Hunt conducted a number of games, in which everyone took part. Following the games, a group of high school girls, including Barbara Nash, Mary Redding, Doris Baldwin, Mary Hood, Joy Heath, Mary Butler, Laura Lachen and Mary Ann Karle, sang Christmas carols. Communion was administered by Alvin Benner, with Miss Marjorie Parsons at the piano.

The hostess for the evening was Mrs. Spencer Heeney, assisted by Mrs. Edwin Tamm. Miss Frances Erickson and Miss Marian Demore. Refreshments were donated by Mrs. Heeney.

Dancing completed the evening's entertainment, with music furnished by Betty and Her Pal.

## Farmington Girls Fill Stockings For Children

The true spirit of Christmas is displayed this year by a group of four Farmington school girls, who have filled 150 Christmas stockings for children of the Maybury Sanatorium, near Northville.

Miss Frances Erickson, sixth grade teacher, donated candy to help fill the stockings and the four girls worked hard in order to have the gifts at the Sanatorium in time for Christmas. Last year Mary Ann and Cherry filled 24 of the stockings.

## STUDY DELINQUENCY

As a result of the recent conference of ministers called by the Child Guidance Institute at the University of Michigan, a study committee of clergymen was set up to determine how the churches of Michigan can speedily carry out the study toward the reduction of juvenile maladjustment and the control of delinquency.

This was accomplished by the use of the equivalent of 300 quarts of nitroglycerine. The explosive, which was handled by an expert trained in the use of nitroglycerine, was used in the gelatin form which is considered safer than the liquid.

After the lifting of a heavy section of iron pipe high into the air and deposited it several hundred feet away from Potts' front yard, not far from his house. The hissing flow of gas which rose in the pipe immediately after the blast was quickly "capped" off and the pressure valve adjusted.

Potts said tests showed that the gas burned well, was clean and non-pollutious. Indications were that the gas supply would last many years with undiminished pressure, Potts said.

Several residents in the area have shown interest in having similar wells dug, and Potts said he would be glad to undertake the work. State law forbids the use of gas from "home" wells for commercial purposes but it is expected that a good many persons will want wells for home use.

## Red Cross Group Completes Drive

The Red Cross drive for 1940 memberships netted over one hundred dollars, according to Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt, Farmington chairman. The workers who conducted the drive wish to thank everyone who supported the drive as well as Mrs. F. J. Nash, Mrs. Fred Menke, and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 45, under Scoutmaster Lee Moates, for their assistance in putting the drive across.

The proceeds from the Farmington drive will be turned over to the Oakland County chapter whose headquarters are in Pontiac.

Dr. Harold A. Furlong, chairman of the American Red Cross, received word from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, concerning war relief. Mr. Davis stated that from the time the American Red Cross has been in close touch with the war relief situation in Europe but mindful of responsibilities at home, has not felt that the needs abroad are such as yet to make the American Red Cross campaign for war relief fund.

Mr. Davis declared however, that many needs exist, and those who can aid, should make their contributions promptly either by cash or by the use of their own resources. Those responsible temporary agencies dealing with a special phase of war relief needs, it must be remembered, said Davis, that the Red Cross is a permanent organization, authorized under the authority of an international treaty and a congressional charter; and it has continuing and primary responsibilities for the conduct of Red Cross work in the United States to more than ten thousand communities where its chapters are active.

In the recent Roll Call the public again generously responded for the support of the regular work of the Red Cross, said Davis. From the outset of the European war the Red Cross sought and received contributions for relief to war sufferers of all countries, and those who designed the people for which they wish to have their contributions utilized. Such designated contributions will be expended wholly and exclusively for assistance in accordance with the wishes of the donors. With the recently developed conflict in Finland all the chapters have been advised that contributions designated for relief in that country will be appreciated.

## W. C. T. U. WILL MEET TUESDAY

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Archie Leonard on Glendale Avenue, Tuesday, December 26, at two o'clock. The devotional exercises will be led by Miss Helen Hard. Christmas carols will be sung, and Mrs. J. Charles Irwin will give a selected reading.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON FRIDAY EVENING

The West Farmington school will hold its annual Christmas program at the West Farmington school, on Friday evening, December 22, at eight o'clock.

## Township Begins Tax Collection

Collection of Farmington Township taxes will begin this week. Mrs. Loretta Cox, Township Treasurer, moved into her quarters in the Farmington State Bank building Thursday where she will serve taxpayers during banking hours. The tax roll this year totals \$82,140.81, a substantial increase over last year's roll of \$70,840.25. The main reason for the increased valuation, which this year totals \$4,547,755.01, according to Supervisor Arthur Cox, is the addition of the new Farmington City school and various improvements in other schools throughout the Township. Last year the assessed valuation was \$4,442,960.

## The Tax Roll

The tax roll is divided as follows:

Welfare tax	\$ 2,273.38
Township tax	6,821.64
County Expenses	19,298.41
County debt	4,763.93
Drain tax (Hazel and Clarenceville)	5,591.99
School districts:	
No. 1 Eagle	\$ 1,512.00
No. 2 Schools	563.60
No. 3 Fairview	19,298.41
No. 4 Frac, West Farmington	1,420.84
No. 5, Farmington City	5,240.89
No. 5, Frac, Clarenceville	5,347.50
No. 6, Noble	4,711.62
No. 6, Frac, Bond	5,989.94
Walled Lake Consolidated	57,534

There is a total of \$82,140.81 to be raised through the Township. The biggest increases are in school districts 5 and 6.

Mrs. Cox wishes to remind dog owners that the dog tax is due at the same time as the property tax and is payable with it.

## BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES TO MILFORD, BEATS NORTHVILLE

Farmington lost its first league game Friday night when they were defeated by a strong Milford outfit by a score of 26 to 23. The game was played on extremely even terms until the waning moments when Milford put on a final spurt which gave them the slight lead.

Farmington's scoring was evenly divided with Jim Barrons, forward, Don Oldenburg, center, and Tom Bacon, guard each getting six points. Farmington led at the half 10-8.

Coach Bob Hutson's boys came back Wednesday night however, to erase the Milford defeat by noosing out Northville 22 to 21 in a thriller. Jim Barrons was the leading scorer with nine points, but a smooth teamwork of his mates provided the narrow margin of victory. Farmington now has a record of two games won and one lost. In league play it has won one.

The last one on the list is the Farmington reserves won easily over the Northville seconds 26 to 9.

A game originally scheduled with Holly for Friday night was shifted at the request of Holly to January 5. The game will be played at Holly despite the fact that Farmington's vacation period does not end until January 8. A return game with Holly will be played at Farmington later in the season.

## Services Held Monday For Farmington Boy

Funeral services were held Monday, December 18, for the late Mr. Grace Green, of 22 Mile Road, who died December 15 at Marline Hospital in Detroit.

He was a member of a C. C. C. camp at Elizabeth Lake, near Pontiac. He is one of five children. Services were held at the Salem Evangelical church with Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Burial was at West Farmington.

## FARMINGTON BOY RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION

Don B. Gould, (formerly of 20205 Purling Brook Road, Farmington, and a graduate of the Farmington High School, class of 1938, who is now in the U. S. Navy, Pacific Fleet, played right half on the city's football team. His team won three games out of the ten game schedule. In addition, Don received honorable mention on the All Navy Football Team.

## Churches Plan Christmas Services and Programs

While the rest of the city celebrates Christmas Day with exuberant and boisterous enthusiasm, the churches will be observing the Yule in their quiet traditional way. A number of special programs have been planned in the various churches with singing and group worship playing a large part. Our Lady of Sorrows church will hold a midnight mass on Christmas eve and there will also be masses on Christmas Day at 8, 9, 10, 10:30, and 11 a. m. The church will have special adornments and Christmas effects. On the Epistle side of the nave there will be a creche with miniature figures representing the Virgin Mary, the child Jesus and Joseph.

The Nativity will be the central theme of the Methodist Episcopal church in its programs and services, according to Rev. D. C. Stubbs, pastor. The members of the church school will present a program Friday evening at the church which will include singing by the junior choir, a pageant, recitations and dialogue by various members. The program will start at 7:30 p. m.

## City, Township Get Payments

The City of Farmington received \$1,608.13 this week as a delinquent tax payment from the County Treasurer's office. Farmington Township was paid \$3,546.07. These payments came from delinquent taxes collected in November. County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks reported the collection of \$97,846.29 more in November of 1939 for delinquent taxes and the redemption of lands sold at tax sales than in the same month in 1938. Tax collection for this month this year was \$38,140.89 as compared with \$22,293.50 for November a year ago.

The City of Farmington's share of the cash received for redemption of lands sold at tax sales amounts to \$123.63. The Township will receive \$4,113.46.

Delinquent tax collections for the month totaled \$109,510.65 as compared with \$29,932.21 for November, 1938, but the redemption of State purchases and individual buys of tax lands totaled \$216,629.41 as compared with \$22,311.59 for November last year.

Of delinquent taxes collected for November the State receives \$5,264.76; county \$18,372.63; county debt fund \$2,683.12; county road fund \$32.16; Covent road fund \$8,342.42; drain fund \$33,570.53; and townships, cities and villages, including school districts, receive \$79,944.83.

Of the cash received for redemption of lands sold at tax sales, the State gets \$15,055.45; county \$22,293.50; county debt fund \$5,010.27; road fund \$10,852; Covent road fund \$25,218.22; drain fund \$5,911.53; and townships, cities and villages \$12,075.04.

## Church Club To Hear Speaker on January 7

The Farmington Methodist Supper Club will hear a talk on the modern significance of the pyramids at the January 7 meeting. It was announced by Murel Burdick, chairman of the program committee.

Burdick announced the coming meeting at the Christmas meeting held December 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Butten, 2208 Liberty. A question and answer period will follow the speech.

After a short business meeting Rev. D. C. Stubbs read the story Luke, Mr. Lloyd Gulien described the Christmas story, and Mr. John Dutton, refreshments, Mrs. Sarah Hopkins, Mrs. Asa Kahrl, Mrs. Roger Mehanie, Mrs. Margaret Estes and Asa Kahrl.

The club welcomed new members anyone wishing to join get in touch with any member of the membership committee.

TO DISCUSS PEACE

Peace will be the topic of discussion at the University of Michigan Fall Party, Jan. 5 and 7. Six aspects of peace to be debated by the students are civil rights, the character and origin of war, United States preparedness in Canada, neutrality, press and propaganda, and relations to South America.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lavigne of Clarenceville announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Elaine Lavigne, to Jack Nelson of Farmington. No wedding date has been set.

## Goodfellow Drive Goes Over The Top

The annual drive of the Farmington Goodfellows went over the top thereby assuring needy families of this area of happiness on Christmas Day. Although final receipts had not been totaled Thursday morning it seemed likely that nearly a thousand dollars will be available for the relief work.

The work of preparing baskets of Christmas cheer was to get under way Thursday afternoon. There were also orders of clothing and other needed articles to be filled. A committee representing the three organizations participating in the drive, the Exchange club, Kiwanis club and American Legion, expects to have everything in readiness by Saturday morning when the baskets will be delivered to the homes of those on the Goodfellow's list.

The sale of papers on Friday proved an outstanding success and added \$505.54 to the fund. Members of the three groups, covering all heavily traveled intersections as well as the business district of Farmington, sold a grand total of 2,200 papers. From eleven a. m. until dark the impromptu "newsboys" it attracted drivers and pedestrians alike with polite but firm "requests" to buy a paper. One sure-fire method of selling was to jump onto the side of a car as it stopped for the red light and hand out the paper. The success was forthcoming. A phoney police whistle also proved effective in attracting attention.

The funds were swelled by a contribution of \$95.30 from the Town of Grosse Pointe. At their meeting Tuesday evening members of the Township Board voted to give \$150.00, and of course, the benefit football game played Sunday added another \$65.00.

At last reports the results of the American Legion football party, held Wednesday night at the Town Hall, had not been determined. It is expected, however, that by the time the final returns are in there will be about a thousand dollars with which to provide a merry Christmas for the needy.

Those in charge of the distribution have given assurance that while every effort will be made to include every needy family, there will be no waste. It is planned to save any surplus money for next year during the winter and for emergencies the year round.

## EXCHANGEITES HEAR MEMBER OF HIGHWAY DEPT.

Charles E. Hayes, a member of the staff of the Michigan State Highway Department, was the speaker at the Christmas party of the Exchange Club Wednesday noon. Mr. Hayes gave an interesting talk about the work the highway department is doing. He also told the Exchangeites of the highway department which the highway department has made and will distribute for showing throughout the state. The picture was filmed under the direction of the road department and shows the work of the highway unit. It is titled "Winter in Michigan" and will be available for showing in the near future.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the Christmas party where the club is sponsoring Saturday. All children of Farmington and the surrounding area are invited to attend the party, which will be held at the Town Hall. Santa Claus will be present to give candy to the youngsters.

No definite plans have been made concerning next Wednesday's program, but it is probable that an election of officers will be held.

## High School To Close At Noon on Friday

Farmington high school will close for the Christmas-New Year holidays Friday at noon. On Friday afternoon the school is sponsoring a moving picture show at the Town Hall to which all students are invited to come. Following the movie, there will be dancing.

The picture will be shown to the grade pupils later in the afternoon. Students this year will have two weeks of holiday vacation. School will be resumed Monday, January 8.

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