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Treasurer Prepares Tax Statements

Now that residents of Farmington are just beginning to recover from the sleep of Christmas buying, word comes from the City Treasurer's office that winter tax statements will soon be on their way.

A little consolation can be gained however, from the fact that the tax rate in Farmington will be lower than in 1939. The school debt incurred since 1932 still remains the largest single item on the rolls, this year amounting to \$13,039.56. School tax adds another \$10,866.30. The county tax for 1940 comes to \$5,474.38 and the county debt payment from Farmington is \$1,692.26.

School debt incurred prior to December, 1932, comes to \$4,346.22 and at the bottom of the list, in an item of \$5.53, classified as "miscellaneous of roll." All in all, Farmington residents will pay taxes this year amounting to \$35,673.95. The 1939 total was \$37,730.56.

The rate for 1940 has been set at \$24.62 per thousand dollars. Last year the rate was \$25.21 per thousand dollars. March 31 is the last day on which taxes may be paid without an additional penalty of two per cent.

OAKLAND COUNTY CCC BOARD OPEN FOR ENROLLMENTS

The Oakland County Social Welfare Board is now taking applications for enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps, to fill Oakland County's quota for the month of January. Any young man between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two, inclusive, residing in the county, is eligible. Applications for persons from the northern part of the county are being taken at the Oakland County Social Welfare Board office, 1260 West Boylston, Pontiac, and from the southern part of the county are being taken at the Social Welfare branch office, 107 South Troy Street, Royal Oak, Michigan.

The monthly pay of all junior enrollees is \$30 per month. The enrollee without dependents has the privilege of drawing \$3.00 for his own use; and the balance of \$27.00 may be deposited with the paymaster of the camp, and the total deposit returned to the enrollee upon his final discharge from the Civilian Conservation Corps camp. The enrollee with dependents has the privilege of drawing \$8.00 for his own use; \$15.00 to be sent to the dependent; and the balance of \$27.00 deposited on account of the enrollee upon his final discharge.

The enrollee is given the privilege to learn such trades as welding, woodworking, radio, electric, photography, painting, first aid, carpentry, cooking, and is offered the opportunity of going to school in camp under the supervision of an accredited teacher. If the enrollee has not finished his education he can attend high school or high school grades, and will receive a certificate from the state superintendent of public instruction, which carries the same credit as a certificate earned in public schools of leadership.

The CCC enrollee is given plenty of good, wholesome food, and is provided with ample warm clothing; and his health is carefully protected. The camp is under the supervision of a trained civilian supervisor, and the enrollee is in constant association with nearly 200 other young men, which offers him the opportunity to make new friends, to discover new interests, to train his own aptitudes and to develop the qualities of leadership.

Promotions come to many enrollees and they look forward to promotion to "rated" pay and leadership during the period of enrollment, and to a better chance of a good job when he leaves the camp.

Any young man between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three years, wishing to avail himself of the opportunities offered in the CCC is requested to make application at once at the above designated offices.

Mrs. Arthur Lamb spent Thursday in Pontiac.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Keith McClintic, and Mrs. McClintic, of Allen.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore included Mrs. Florence Thornton of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorton, a daughter Nancy of Pontiac, Miss Margarette Moore, and Murray Moore.

Joins Staff at Bank



HAROLD W. AVERY

New Man to Start Work at Bank

A new member of the Farmington State Bank's personnel will begin his duties Thursday, January 2. Harold W. Avery is to be employed as auditor, according to H. C. Knickerbocker, cashier.

Mr. Avery, who has been in the banking business quite a number of years, is an Oakland County man. He was born and raised near Milford and worked six years at the First State Bank in Milford under Mark Leland.

He was employed for a number of years with the Michigan State Banking Department. For the past six years he has been employed as liquidator of banks in the Thumb district, working in banks in Apopka, Peck and Vale. Mr. Avery has had experience in both State and National Banks. He is unmarried.

Auditing work at the Farmington bank has formerly been done by employees who did the work in the office. They would come from their regular jobs. This work has grown to the point where it has become a full time job, said Knickerbocker.

ARMY DAY TO BE OBSERVED APRIL 4 IN MICHIGAN

Raymond J. Kelly, past commander of the American Legion and former corporation counsel of the City of Detroit, has been appointed general chairman of arrangements for the observance of Army Day in Michigan next April.

Announcement to that effect was made this week by Col. E. M. Stannard, chairman of the Council of National Defense of the Detroit Board of Commerce.

Plans for the national defense emergency, the general Army Day committee headed by Kelly is urging persons and organizations interested in observing the day to get an early start with their plans. Key points will include: general appointments to the general committee and name local chairmen throughout the state, where it is anticipated, commanders of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will serve as chairmen as in the past.

Appeals will be made to all patriotic and veteran groups, as well as to the schools and civic organizations, to take part in the observance as usual. It also is planned to arrange meetings for public attendance, both indoors and out; school and club programs, radio talks, parades, and the universal display of the national colors.

Army Day usually is observed on April 6 but, the date has been set ahead two days for the coming celebration because April 6 falls on a Sunday.

WINS \$200 SCHOLARSHIP

Michigan's 4-H representative in an annual rural electrification contest was one of six in the nation to receive a \$200 scholarship in the recent National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. He is Hugh Murray, 17, Mackinac City. Twenty-seven states sent winners to the Congress and six of these were named outstanding. Hugh Murray's work included helping an electrician wire cottages at his father's summer resort. He helped repair electrical appliances and install a large, reflector outdoors, rebuilt a radio, designed and built an electric bell, and helped organize a local 4-H electrical club and won both in county and state fair competition.

Mildred Treadway Dies At U. of M. Hospital

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Mildred Treadway, 32521 Grand River, who passed away Tuesday at the University of Michigan Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Treadway, two sisters, Clara, and Mrs. Lucille Grant of Detroit, and a brother, Clinton. Her father passed away several years ago.

The funeral was held from the residence, 32521 Grand River, by Rev. Elmer Palmer officiating. Burial was in North Farmington cemetery.

Scavenger Resale Nets \$247,480

The Oakland County scavenger sale headquarters in Pontiac will be closed on Wednesday, New Year's Day. On the remaining four days of the week, the sale of properties in Royal Oak and Clawson, will be offered at auction.

An analysis of sales to date, November 25 to December 21, show that 6,114 parcels have been offered and 5,551 of them found purchasers. The total amount of sales to date is \$247,480.72.

The schedule for next week: Monday, December 30—Beginning with land in Northwood Subdivision in the City of Royal Oak on Page 11, Page 12 and through land in Starr Acres Subdivision on Page 13 of Book 2.

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Wednesday, January 1—Legal Holiday. No January 2—Beginning with unimproved lands in the Village of Clawson on Page 14, Page 15 and through lands in Ideal Homes Subdivision No. 1 on Page 16 of Book 2.

Thursday, January 3—Beginning with lands in Kenwood Garden Subdivision in the Village of Clawson on Page 16, Page 17, Page 18 and through land in Royal Oak Park Subdivision on Page 19 of Book 2 completing lands to be offered in the Village of Clawson.

FARMERS' WEEK TO BE HELD FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO 7

Dates for the nation's greatest winter gathering of farmers—the 26th annual Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College—are February 3 to 7, inclusive. It is announced by E. L. Anthony, college dean of agriculture and general chairman of the program.

New plans for serving the gigantic crowds are forming. Since last year's program the college now has use of the new auditorium. Afternoon programs will be held there, with exhibits set up in the plans. Key points will include: general appointments to the general committee and name local chairmen throughout the state, where it is anticipated, commanders of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will serve as chairmen as in the past.

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Goodfellows Distribute 108 Baskets

Baskets of food for 108 needy families in Farmington Township were distributed Tuesday by the Farmington Goodfellows. The distribution of food and clothing to the hungry and needy, an annual custom of the Goodfellows organization, was accomplished through the willing help of the Farmington men who each year pledge themselves to see that no family goes hungry on Christmas Day.

Four trucks were kept busy most of Tuesday delivering the well-filled baskets. Along with the canned goods, each basket were placed several toys for families in which there were children.

The toys represented the part which the Farmington Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts played in the Goodfellow drive.

Figures available Thursday showed the Goodfellows had collected a total of \$819.00, raised by the sale of papers, plus donations from various clubs and organizations.

The canned food which formed the bulk of the baskets was obtained through a "canned food" party held Wednesday, December 18 at the Civic Theatre. Children were admitted to the show upon the presentation of a can or package of non-perishable food.

Clothing orders have not yet been given out, according to Floyd Nichols, Goodfellow secretary. These will be issued as soon as lists have been completed, Nichols said. Persons receiving these orders may use them to purchase clothing at F. L. Cook & Co.

HOLIDAY SEASON INCREASES DANGER ON HIGHWAYS

State Police Commissioner Oscar G. Olander and State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy this week gave Michigan motorists something to think of in making plans for holiday driving.

During the five week period from December 1 to January 4 last year there were 120 fatal accidents in Michigan, according to state police reports, as compared with a total of 97 for the same period in 1938.

Contrary to popular belief, the commissioners revealed that Christmas was the most dangerous day of the entire holiday season for motorists on the highways, surpassing even New Year's eve or New Year's day in the number of fatalities recorded.

Said the commissioners: "Accidents increase in number and seriousness as the Christmas-New Year week approaches. Last year 10 fatal accidents were listed from 4 p. m. on Christmas eve to 12 p. m. on Christmas day, an increase of three over the preceding year and the greatest number for any like period during the entire season.

"It would seem the greatest Christmas present Michigan motorists could give one another would be a determination to eliminate careless driving which accounts for most of the deaths."

The New Year holiday was shown as being a comparative safe period as compared with Christmas. Last year five fatal accidents were recorded on New Year's eve and New Year's day, an increase of one over the previous year.

Motorists were also warned to be on the alert while driving in rural areas, especially during the late afternoon and at night, under such conditions the high majority of fatal accidents occur.

Of the 120 fatal accidents during the five week holiday season last year, it was revealed 98 of them occurred in rural areas after 5 p. m.

"This would indicate," the commissioners said, "that the safest way to assure a merry Christmas for everyone would be to plan your trip so as to be able to reach your destination without taking any unnecessary risks. In rural areas many safeguards are not available that are provided in cities and the motorist must discipline himself against indiscretion accordingly."

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, Mrs. Catherine spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George Augier entertained 14 guests at a party at their home, Friday evening.

A Backward Glance at The Headlines of 1940

As the sand in the hourglass of 1940 runs out and we look back to the coming 365 days, the Enterprise pauses for a backward glance at the news which made the headlines of the past year. Following is a brief summary of 1940 as gleaned from the Enterprise files.

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt produces figures showing that traffic deaths toll in Farmington was considerably lower for 1939 than in 1938. Jan. 3.

Ervin Gosnell, 12, saves lives of the dusters and a brother when fire sweeps their home Jan. 5.

Howard C. Knickerbocker, Howard Warner, Emory O. Hatton, Floyd Nichols and Z. R. Aschenbrenner re-elected directors of Farmington State Bank Jan. 9.

David Burdett, first registrar of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Burke, dies of injuries received in traffic accident, Jan. 10.

Work starts on new Civic Theatre building, Jan. 12.

Census workers visit Farmington stores, Jan. 13.

Plans started for county-wide "Citizenship Day," Jan. 20.

Half-year automobile license plates go on sale at Blakeslee Motor Sales Jan. 21.

All Township offices to be contested in primary election, announces Township Clerk Harry McCracken, Jan. 23.

High School senior class selects "Spring Fever" as annual play, Jan. 25.

Mrs. Theodore Hipp and young son receive burns as fire destroys home, Feb. 2.

Mrs. Katherine Dunavan dies at age of 74, Feb. 7.

Tax payments ahead of last year announces City Treasurer George Gildemeister, Feb. 9.

Mrs. Katherine Sprague, lifetime resident of this vicinity, dies, Feb. 14.

Township primary held with very low vote recorded, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Retta Keith dies at her home, Feb. 19.

City Commission discusses possibility of adopting an electrical ordinance for City, Feb. 25.

Township candidates prepare for annual election, March 9.

Kivans club holds rehearsals for minstrel show "Anchors Aweigh," March 12.

Funeral services held for Mrs. Amelia White, who passed away March 11, March 14.

Scouts make plans for "Father-Son" banquet, March 19.

Trinity Shrine holds public installation at Masonic Temple, March 28.

Ernest D. Barnes, of Williamston, killed on Grand River avenue in traffic accident, March 28.

Light vote recorded in Township election as incumbents are re-elected to offices, April 1.

Maquette best rehearsals for comedy "Calm Yourself," April 2.

George Slusser, 13, dies of pneumonia, March 31.

City Commission approves building of new bridge on Shilwaukee avenue over Rouge River branch, April 8.

Residents warned of danger of spring fires, April 15.

Eugene W. Bayer dies, April 16.

Farmington teachers return signed contracts for coming school year, April 21.

DeVriendt To Leave Deputy Post

A change effecting shorter hours for sheriff's office employees and centralization of deputies at the main Pontiac office was announced this week by Sheriff Spencer C. Howarth. Deputy Joseph DeVriendt, of Farmington, will be transferred to Pontiac where he has been promoted to the detective bureau.

The plan, which goes into effect at 8 a. m. December 31, will enable more efficient operation of the department on a reduced budget, the sheriff said.

Under the new arrangement, Howarth said, deputies who have been stationed at Farmington, Hazel Park, New Hudson, Milford, Walled Lake, Holly, Rochester, Big Beaver and in Southfield Township, will now work out of the Pontiac office.

In past years these deputies handled complaints in their respective areas and came to Pontiac to assist whenever their services were demanded. Each man was given a car allowance of \$225 a year. They were subject to 24 hour duty.

All officers connected with the main office work on duty 12 hours a day, Howarth said.

Under the new plan all deputies will report at and work out of the Sheriff's office. The desk men and turnkeys will be employed 8 hours a day in their regular services.

Howarth said the county will be divided into four districts, each of which will be patrolled by a county-owned and radio-equipped automobile. Nine of these vehicles will be placed on 24 hour duty. No private automobiles will be used.

Because department members will receive their assignments at the main office, the sheriff said, telephone calls for aid must be made to Pontiac. The number is 5194.

"I have long been considering this arrangement," said Sheriff Howarth, "and I believe it will be far more efficient and enable the department to operate with a reduced budget. The Sheriff's budget has been cut more than \$15,000 in the last three years and the 1941 budget is to be approximately \$25,000 less than in 1940. I have been dissatisfied with the way the men have been required to serve."

"With a patrol car in each of the four areas of the county I believe we will be in a position to answer all calls promptly and the citizens will be better off than they have been under the previous arrangement."

"All business will be handled out of the Pontiac office and it will be necessary of course for people living in the country to call the Sheriff's office for aid. The arrangement will centralize all of the county law enforcement work at the county jail."

SCOUTS HOLD FIRST PARTY AT NEW HALL

The Girl Scouts held a party at the new hall Thursday, December 18. This was the first party to be held in the new hall, and Brownies and Girl Scouts of Farmington, ages seven to 15 years, together with Council members and leaders gathered for an afternoon of fun. The program consisted of singing and dancing, and movies were shown at Girl Scout activities at Camp Sherwood this summer. Refreshments were served, and each girl received a Girl Scout gift from the Council. The Goodfellows received several Christmas baskets and a decorated tree, which the Girl Scouts had prepared.

The Brownies and the Girl Scouts want the community to know that they enjoyed their party in the new hall and wish to extend season's greetings to all who helped to make the meeting place possible.

Miss Frances Brown entertained a group of friends at a Christmas party on Tuesday evening.

Miss Carol Harger is spending Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harger.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer J. Heene entertained 15 guests at dinner on Christmas day.

Mrs. Margaret Eiseleford flew from New Jersey to spend Christmas and several days, with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eiseleford and visiting friends in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith of Pigeon were Christmas visitors at the Homer Eiseleford home.

Evard Arnes named new Farmington high school principal, August 24.

Mrs. Jessie Campbell killed in traffic accident, August 24.

Clarenceville School sets September 9 as opening date, August 24.

Baby Jacqueline Young killed by car in driveway at Novi home, August 11.

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