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By GENE ALLEMAN

The prospect of a multi-million deficit in the state treasury, due to diversion of 76 per cent of the 3-cent sales tax back to home governments including the public schools, still is the A-1 top problem of the Sigler administration.

"A major part of my day, from early morning to late at night, is being devoted to this matter of finances," said Governor Sigler, "and now with the example and message to the legislature. We're going to meet the issue frankly. The people must realize the seriousness of the financial situation which today confronts the State of Michigan."

The governor said he was concerned over the impression, still prevalent in the minds of many citizens, that the sales tax amendment diverted one cent of the three-cent tax back to local governments. The loss of 33 per cent of the state's major source of revenue is one thing; the loss of 76 per cent and now some on the budget message to the legislature. We're going to meet the issue frankly. The people must realize the seriousness of the financial situation which today confronts the State of Michigan."

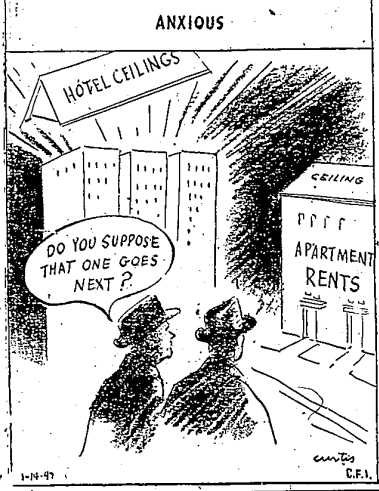
A variety of solutions have been advanced by members of the legislature. Senator Haskell L. Nichols of Jackson proposes a referendum in April on whether a state constitutional convention should be called. Nichols feels that the present constitution has been amended to the point where a brand new charter should be adopted. The need for such revision has been straggling for many years, but state officials have been reluctant to risk such a convention at a time when the voters' temper was subject to erratic fluctuations.

Economic stress in Michigan, coupled with other reasons, contributed to a change in the governorship every two years from 1930 to 1938. Prior to the adoption of the civil service amendment, this brought a biennial turnover of department heads and thousands of employees. The commissioner of the State of Michigan, the appointee of the governor; he barely got acquainted with the office staff and became accustomed to where to hang his hat before a new administration took over.

"This fluctuation at Lansing did not make for intelligent and orderly thinking on the problem of the state constitution. Perhaps the 1947 financial crisis at Lansing may overcome the usual objections."

Representative Elton R. Eaton of Plymouth has introduced a resolution proposing that the sales tax issue be resubmitted to the voters at the coming April election. Eaton was named as chairman of the house taxation committee, and he fully convinced the many citizens were unaware of the consequences of the sales tax amendment when they voted in favor of it last November.

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Washington Digest

Colorful Seminoles Cling To Ancient Tribal Customs

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator

(This is the first of two articles on the effect of post-war conditions on the most misunderstood of American citizens—the Seminoles. It is with Mr. Baukhage, reporting from first-hand observation.)

Somewhere North of the Everglades—the Sun is setting over flat stretches of saw-grass, making a feature whose silhouette of columns on the far horizon, dropping a tint of lilac among the water beyond it, and at my feet, hump shouldered Brahman cattle crowd and stand unshaded by us. Above, great white clouds, as we pass, a heavy, unripe lake black and white coffee tossed in the air by a giant hand.



Back at the turn of the road, that leads to the Brighton Seminoles Indian reservation, smoke curls up from beneath a fire of logs in a palmetto thatched cooking "chikoo" house. The men, less gayly clad but still with their gay kerchiefs and cowboy hats; the solemn children, replicas of their mothers in their bright, flowing garments—shopping at the Five and Ten.

Like most tourists when I first came to Florida, I was startled to meet face to face these women in their gayly colored skirts, their high, bead collars, their astounding hair dress, the men, less gayly clad but still with their gay kerchiefs and cowboy hats; the solemn children, replicas of their mothers in their bright, flowing garments—shopping at the Five and Ten.

It is hard to believe that these

Churches

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 "The Church on the Park"
 Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor,
 Ruth Hick Hammond, Organist

Morning Worship service, 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
 Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

OUR INVITATION
 I love to come to this still place,
 Where deeper peace is always found.
 To kneel as though on holy ground,
 And feel my Master face to face,
 I do not know how I could live
 If there were not this refuge sweet.
 Where I could linger at His feet
 And He to me sweet healing give.
 WELCOME.

WEST POINT BIBLE CHURCH
 Rev. J. H. Sandbrook, Pastor
 Evangeline B. Farrum

SUNDAY
 10 a.m., Bible School, all ages
 11:15 a.m. Morning Worship. A series of messages on the present world conditions as seen in how God is working out his plan in this world.

WEST POINT PASTOR
 Rev. J. H. Sandbrook, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery through Second Grade.
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the church.

FARMINGTON GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
 William Grace School
 Rev. Orville J. Winkler, Pastor

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Middlebelt at Eight Mile Rd.
 E. L. Stumpff, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. for all classes.
 Divine worship at 10:45 a.m.
 Lutheran Hour broadcast over WKLY at 12:30 p.m.

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
 Cambridge and Grand River
 Farmington, Michigan
 Elsie A. Johns, Pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
 Morning worship at 11:15 a.m., the pastor preaching.
 Methodist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
 Evening worship at 7:30 p.m. at 8:00 p.m. a special program.

NOVI BAPTIST CHURCH
 M. J. Reimann, Pastor

Sunday Church Services at the usual hour. Morning, 10:00; Evening, 7:00 (Youth Service) 8:00 o'clock. Special music and speakers.
 Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at the church, 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, FARMINGTON

A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientists, Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: "LIFE"

SUNDAY SERVICES:
 AT 11:00 A. M.

And Sunday School for Pupils up to the age of 20 at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Evening Testimonial at 8 p.m. at First Methodist Church Christian Science Literature Available at 21600 ONTARIO Current Christian Science Literature on sale Wednesday evenings. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Looking Back Through The Enterprise Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 15, 1922)
 Hardware To Open Soon
 The interior of the Lee building at the corner of Grand River and Division is being remodeled and about the first of February Messrs. H. W. Lee and N. C. Lee will open an up-to-date hardware store. New show windows have been constructed and shelving and new show cases will be placed in the store, making the appointments of the store very attractive.

Bank Offers Library Room
 At a meeting of the directors of the Farmington State Savings Bank, held last evening, an offer was made to permit the township library to occupy the room in the basement of the new bank building for library purposes. The present quarters of the library are not convenient and at times they are not comfortable, and this very generous offer will, doubtless, be accepted.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 21, 1937)
 Paul Pare' Named License Plate Distributor
 Automobile license plates will be placed on sale either Friday or Saturday on the first floor of the Peoples State Bank building in Farmington, according to Paul Pare', who received his official appointment as manager of the Farmington branch of the Secretary of State's office on Monday. The change will be made when the audit of the books is completed at the Blackstone Motor Sales, where the branch was previously located.

Many Roads Damaged By Thaw
 Normal traffic is being resumed on main highways in the Farmington area, following the thaw Wednesday morning caused by slight white frost a coating of ice on all the roads of the vicinity. According to reports, the roads in Farmington Township are in the worst condition in history as the result of the freakish January weather, according to Clayton Goers, township highway commissioner. Complicating the trouble has been the alternate thawing of the ground and refuting of the roads, followed by freezing.

FIVE YEARS AGO (January 15, 1942)
 Police Chief To End Work February 1
 Beginning February 1, Farmington will have a new Police Chief. The matter was brought to a head Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the City commission. At the urging and request of Chief Kowalski, a motion was placed on the floor making his resignation effective February 1. Although Kowalski's resignation has been to the commission's hands for several weeks, he had consented to remain until another man could be found.

Register Now For Fire And Police Work
 Civilian defense registration will continue through the balance of this week, with someone at the City Hall to assist all registrants in properly filling out the application blanks. Men desiring to serve as auxiliary firemen and auxiliary firemen are asked to apply as soon as possible, and directly to the Chief of whichever division they wish to work in.

WEST POINT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
 J. Scott Greer, Minister

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 Pastor, Present and Future.
 Sunday evening service, 7:30 p.m. "Bible Facts About Our Bodies."
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m. Subject, "Revolutions."

FIRST BAPTIST
 "The Friendly Church"
 Rev. Fred B. Fisher, Pastor

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. In a series of morning messages on Prayers, the pastor's theme will be "Prayer in Sonship and Brotherhood."
 Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. Junior, Senior and Adult Unions at 8:30 p.m.
 Evening Services at 7:30 p.m. Special music, a biographical sermon by the pastor on the subject, "A Lesson From Saly Stanton."
 Monday, Bromley Troop 15 at 3:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 35 at 7:30 p.m. World Wide Guilds at 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Bromley Troop 4 at 3:45 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 7 at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Midweek Service at 8 p.m.
 Thursday, Alice McDonald Mission Circle at 10:30 a.m., with an Indian luncheon at noon.
 Friday, Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 Rev. Thomas F. Sheehan, Pastor

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:15, 12:30.
 Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00.
 Daily Masses: 6:30, 8:00.

TAKE IT EASY
 DRIVE WITH CAUTION WHEN PASSING A BUS

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
 New High School Auditorium
 Farmington

"Life" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, January 19, at 11:00 a.m. The Golden Text (1 John 5:11): "Whoever keeps His commandments shall not come into condemnation, neither shall he be condemned because he does not keep His commandments."

CARELESSNESS KILLS MORE PEOPLE THAN WAR OR DIS-EASE
 When you're about to cross a street, WAIT for red to clear. Do not attempt to cross in front or behind the bus... TAKE IT EASY.
 (Adapted from New Frontier)

Listen to this
 FROM THE FATHER OF THRIFT WEEK:

"It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright."

Don't expect to achieve success without capital. Give your hopes for tomorrow the solid backing of a steadily growing bank account.

JAN. 17th TO 25th IS NATIONAL THRIFT WEEK
 MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

THE FARMINGTON STATE BANK
 Farmington, Michigan

Our Town . . .

was more than a successful play and a popular movie. It is pride and responsibility. It is our obligation.

We can't emphasize too strongly or too often the necessity for constructive spirit in the Farmington community. When we say our town we mean just that! It is our town — what it is — what it becomes — is up to you and your neighbors. This goes for all of us whether we live in the City or the Township — Farmington is home.

Nor have our efforts been in vain. More and more of us are thinking in terms of making our town better. We are taking the time to sincerely and constructively discuss our problems and work out progressive solutions.

Farmington is a single, independent community which is growing both in population and stature. It is progressing because individuals and groups are interested in bettering their neighbors and themselves.

We have the materials to work with in making Farmington an outstanding community, fine churches, civic organizations and individuals who make up our town. By working together for one common goal — by free and open discussion, by progressive action — we can build the kind of community we want and need.

There is much to be done — there always will be — that's progress! We can do the job together.

That's why we call it OUR town.

Happy Mediums . . .

are possible and often practical. It would seem to be the best answer to the much discussed question of taxes vs. the National debt, which is now being bounced around in Congress.

President Truman started the bouncing last week in his budget message to Congress. He urged the continuance of the present tax program plus a slightly reduced budget, thus leaving a small sum to apply towards the National debt. On the other side are those Congressmen who believe that we should greatly reduce taxes regardless of National debt obligations.

There is a happy medium. Taxes can be and should be reduced. We are no longer on a war standing. President Truman himself has made this point clear with his announcement to dissolve many of the temporary war agencies. We are free and clear to establish a sane and progressive financial program.

On the other side we have, over the past 13 years, subsidized our economy to such an extent that our National debt now lies in almost astronomical figures. If we are to be financially sound and if we are to meet our obligations as Americans — this debt must be paid.

It is not necessary, however, to endanger our progress, in order to meet that obligation. It is not necessary to shackle the American people to war-time taxation in order to meet that obligation. It is necessary to face the problem realistically and work out a middle road.

One important fact has been left out of the publicized discussion. The hundreds of emergency government bureaus that still are expanding and flourishing in Washington. Bureaus that add to the confusion, red tape and expense in the operation of our government. Bureaus formed under the pretense of emergency administration during the depression '30's', and still here, bigger than ever.

Congress must, if they are to enact a workable and just program of taxation, eliminate this now useless governmental expense. If this is done a happy medium can be worked out. Reduced taxes plus organized payments on our National Debt.

What's Happening In Other Town's

PLYMOUTH
 With the purpose in view of enabling Plymouth to make the present ideal location of the public library a permanent one, the Wayne County Library Board has secured an extension of the option for the purchase of the property until next May. The option will be in the name of the Wayne County Library Board, Chairman William Vanduyke states that the Board is willing to work out any arrangement as the City may desire which will result in the property becoming the permanent possession of the City."

HOLLY
 Seven village officials are to be elected at the annual Holly election Monday, March 17. Nominations will be submitted to the voters at the annual election Monday, February 17. Officers to be elected are: president, treasurer, clerk, assessor and three councilmen. Having declared the open caucus method for selecting candidates for office, the Village of Holly this year has scheduled both primary and general elections."

SOUTH LYON
 "Fire destroyed Hilltop restaurant, one mile west of New Hudson on Grand River shortly after 5:00 o'clock last Thursday morning. Contents, valued at about \$9,000.

NORTHVILLE
 "The December report of activities sponsored by the Northville Recreation Committee shows great interest by Northvillites, especially the girls' basketball, girls' bowling and leathercraft. A total of 790 persons participated in the events in a total of thirty-seven sessions. Cooperation with the Ford recreation program is being planned, in which a more complete use of the scout building would come about, and it may be possible that community dances will be held once a month, to start at an early date."

CHARLOTTE
 "Under the direction of Earl Mead, a night class organization meeting was held December 3. The members selected two subjects, home and business education. Show classes will include finishing, repairing, refinishing and cabinet making. Business education includes shorthand and typing."
 Charlotte Republican Tribune

TUNE IN ON THE WORLD'S MOST RAPIDLY EXPANDING RELIGIOUS BROADCAST
VOICE OF PROPHECY
 Address on Starting Bible Prophecy
 Bring in a Helping Hand to MILLIONS
EVERY SUNDAY
 MUTUAL SYSTEM AND 250 OTHER STATIONS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE