

Gross Governmental Debt Hits \$333 Billion in '58

Federal, state and local governments collectively owe \$333 billion more into debt in fiscal 1958 than they did in 1957, Tax Foundation, Inc. estimates.

The gross debt of the three levels of government reached \$333 billion in fiscal 1958, a new record high, largely caused by \$5 billion increase (over fiscal 1957) in gross Federal indebtedness. Total government debt in 1957 was \$323 billion.

The largest portion of this tremendous fiscal 1958 obligation belonged to the Federal government, \$276 billion, according to the Foundation's new edition of its biennial reference book, "Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1958-1959."

The 272-page 10th edition contains statistics on government debt, taxes, and spending at the three levels of government. It also offers up-to-date information on the relationship of government to the national economy and covers social insurance programs and government enterprise operations.

In 1948, the Federal public debt reached a post-World War I high of \$252 billion, but since then has risen almost steadily.

Old As Hills Skiing A Big Sport Business In Michigan

Skiing, as old as the hills, is all began in Norway some 7,000 years ago.

According to historians of the sport, skis were first used during the battle of Oslo in 1200 A.D.

Earliest ski runners, they tell, were made from animal bones and strapped to the skier's feet with leather thongs. This primitive contraption later evolved into a single long pole. With this refinement, the sport caught on and spread from Norway to the Alps in the late 1800's and by immigration to the United States.

In Michigan the sport of skiing has been around for more than half a century. Ishpeming, the state's winter paradise, has been holding ski-jumping tournaments since 1887 and the National Ski Association was organized there in 1905.

And in the National Ski Association's Hall of Fame.

Yet, even a decade ago, skiing was not generally popular, except with a fringe of devotees who practiced on the long slabs of wood and climbing up hills "herrinbone" style "a r d work." And bumping was for downhill skiers, this was real sport — if you could get to the top of the slope.

It came to ride up and schuss down, as long as your legs and skis held out, the fun really began. And skiing's fantastic growth got underway.

Now with fast and easy uphill transportation by easily available means except the skier's feet, and ski slopes practically everywhere, the skier's winter man's (and woman's) winter sport.

This season the Michigan Tourist Council's statewide ski lists 60 winter sports centers in operation. They cater to beginners as well as would-be experts.

Robert J. Furlong, executive secretary, "For the trend today is toward family-type recreation, and these little ski towns beside the mountains are the new centers of winter sports."

Michigan's ski slopes range in length from 800 to 6,000 feet, he said, the longest being at Boyne Mt. Lodge in the northwestern portion of the state's lower peninsula. And the world's highest artificial ski jump is a butter-slippery slide down a 400-foot high shaft at Pine Mt. Lodge near Mt. Pleasant in the upper peninsula.

Michigan's ski centers and winter sports areas dot the state's map from the northern reaches of the lower peninsula's "cooper country" to Kalamazoo and Pontiac "down below."

Six new ski centers opened for the first time this winter while other resorts are offering ski enthusiasts expanded facilities. The Michigan tourist chief said. None of the state's 69 areas manufacture their own snow to insure a longer skiing season and more reliable conditions in marginal snowfall areas.

Michigan ski center offerings include cross-country trails, slalom bowls and ski jumps. Toboggan runs and skating rinks also are featured at many areas. And for lodges, there are several restaurants, snack bars, lounges and warming shelters. Skiing equipment can be rented at most centers. Several Michigan resorts offer "ski week and weekend" packages which include lodging, meals, equipment and instruction.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER at the Language Art workshop held last Friday at the Kenbrook school for elementary teachers in the Farmington school system was Dr. H. Hahn, director of instruction from the Oakland County Board of Education office.

Conservation Dept. Looks Back on Full Year of Activities

Michigan's 50 state parks and recreation areas received a 9 percent increase in conservation activities during 1958. General attendance approached the 18,000,000 record mark of 1955 and camp permits soared to an all-time high of 134,500, a 16 percent jump over 1957.

The widely publicized issue to lease or not to lease a portion of the Porcupine Mountains state park to a copper mining company received a final decision by the Conservation Commission as 1959 approached.

Michigan's hunting and fishing popularity reassessed itself as some 2,400,000 hunters and anglers enjoyed the state's woods, fields and waters.

APPROXIMATELY 1,237,000 hunting licenses were sold while fishing license purchases totaled 1,204,800.

Deer hunters, estimated at more than 400,000, experienced their most successful year since 1920, bagging 92,500 white-tails. They were aided by a game management program which established many deer refuges and a regular 15-day period — in 37 designated food-shortage and crop-damage areas.

From all indications, more than 1,000,000 ringneck pheasants were bagged for the sixth consecutive year; a figure 10-15 percent below the pre-season estimate of 1,000,000. Population dipped slightly and the kill totals dropped from 350,000 in 1957 to an estimated 325,000 this year. According to early season reports, rabbit hunting success promises to be good.

Another outlet was opened to hunters when the Legislature passed a bill establishing a Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Hunters and prospective preserve-owners are keeping a close eye on results from 35 public and private areas now in operation.

Tax Burden at New High; Hits \$109 Billion in '58

Total government tax receipts for Federal, state and local governments reached an estimated record \$109 billion in fiscal 1958, according to Tax Foundation, Inc.

Receipts by all levels of government in this one fiscal year were double fiscal 1950's.

According to one of the 190 tables in the Foundation's new 10th edition of its biennial reference book, "Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1958-1959," published recently, fiscal 1958 was the third successive year in which tax collections of all levels of government exceeded \$100 billion.

The most complete, single source available for tax rates, revenues, expenditures and debt of Federal, state and local governments, the 272-page volume also features the relationship of government to the national economy.

Of the \$109 billion of receipts, the Federal government accounted for \$77 billion, the states for \$16.4 billion and local for \$15.6 billion. The book illustrates how Federal tax collections have risen over \$9 billion since 1954 alone, while, in the same span of time, state tax receipts have gone up by \$4 billion and local receipts have climbed by \$5 billion.

Another table shows that in 1946, Federal taxes per capita were \$284; today (1958) the per capita figure is estimated to be \$451. In the fiscal period 1946 to 1958, the state tax burden per capita has doubled, from \$45 to \$95. Meanwhile, the local per capita burden has risen from \$39 in 1946 to an estimated \$92 in 1958.

Changes followed the death of Wayne Ogden, for a seven years, deputy director.

A 40 PERCENT increase in forest fire rates was registered as 1,247 fires, damaged 11,500 acres.

Conservation education programs, conducted at the Department's Higgins Lake Conservation School, continued their vital role of bringing conservation ideas and practices to teachers, members of sportsmen's clubs, service organizations and other related groups.

Other educational projects were channeled through film loans, television and publications.

Department publications received two of the three annual publication awards of America's Wildlife Society. The Society cited "Red Foxes of Michigan" as the best popular conservation publication of the year. In the technical field, honors went to "Michigan Prairie Grouse."

Grade School Site Purchased

The purchase of a future elementary school site in Section 25 of the township was authorized by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

Approximately nine acres in size, the property is located on Walt Street in the center of the one-and-a-half mile section north-east of the Middlebelt-Nile Mile Road intersection.

Total purchase price for the parcel of land was \$10,600. Also authorized was the expenditure of \$1,218 for climbing ropes and other physical education equipment.

College Courses Being Offered Here

Two college credit, In-Service Training classes will be offered in Farmington during the second semester, it was disclosed this week.

A course in physical science being offered by Wayne State University and another in Michigan History since 1837 by the University of Michigan.

Although primarily for teachers in this area, the courses will also be open to some others seeking additional college credit. Mr. Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent in the Farmington school system, stated.

The classes will begin February 9. For additional information contact Van Ameyde at the Board of Education offices.

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Tips for Driving On Icy Roads

"Do you know what to do if your car starts to skid?" Drivers are urged by the Michigan Trucking Assn. to remember the following pointers when they begin to skid:

1. Take your foot off the accelerator and the pedals; let the car roll free. Leave the car in gear.
2. Turn the front wheels in the direction of the skid, but be sure they are not turned so far or so sharply that you will begin to skid in the opposite direction.
3. The best idea is to avoid skidding in the first place. It can be done. Remember to make all changes in speed and direction as gradually as possible to maintain control. However, if you are on a slippery road, watch well ahead for turns and will in advance. Slow down before starting to turn.
4. Still more important, is the necessity for anticipating stops. Watch well ahead on the road, so that you can make all stops gradually. In traffic, stay well behind the vehicle ahead, to give yourself an escape route from as possible. Stopping distances increase from 10 to 12 times on slippery pavement. Above all, reduce your speed.

C-D to Start Police Class

Several more men are needed for the new Civil Defense Police class which will start for the township Feb. 11. A limit of 12 is expected.

Two Police Chief Irving Yakes has assumed charge of the new C-D class, and will be assisted by state police. During the course the volunteers will learn rules and procedures of police work, and will see several police films, including the Jackson Prison break, a "State Trooper."

The weekly classes start Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m., at the Wheeler street fire station. Anyone interested may phone GR 4-2699, or simply come to the first meeting.

Snow Plagues Mail Carriers

Clean snow away from around your mail boxes and the approach to them was the plea for Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley this week.

"Mounted mail delivery personnel here are making every effort to keep mail deliveries on schedule but, like everyone else, are finding heavy deposits of snow hard to cope with," Trombley said. "It is not possible for carriers to leave their cars and walk to individual mail boxes."

Trombley also asked that patrons having mail boxes without numbers on them or numbers which have been worn off, making them unlegible, restore them as soon as possible.

C-C Meeting Tues. Guffin's

Next monthly membership meeting of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will be at Guffin's, the usual place. Erroneous information furnished last week had the meeting elsewhere.

There is one change, however. The February meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 8 o'clock. A breakfast at Guffin's will be held at the meeting.

As the result of a recent questionnaire of members, the meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month.

Members Tuesday will hear and vote on plans made by the board for an active speaker on school problems will be Supt' G. V. Harrison.

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