

Township, City Valuations Will Be Much Lower

Reduction In City Will Be 20 Per Cent, Totalling Over \$500,000

Property valuations in Farmington Township and City will be cut substantially this year, it became known this week. Reductions in the Township will average 10 per cent, and in the City 20 per cent.

The lowering of valuations by Farmington officials is part of a County-wide program to bring assessments down to levels which many officials believe they should approximate. For some time there has been a feeling generally among County authorities that valuations are above their proper level.

The reduction contemplated in Farmington by Assessment Commissioner Hodge will total over a half million dollars. Mr. Hodge's tentative assessments total about \$2,133,000 as compared with \$2,660,000.

Township assessments will vary according to various properties. Supervisor Arthur P. Coe states, but the reduction will probably average about 10 per cent.

Less Taxes
Officials of the City believe that along with the reduction in assessments, they can hold down the tax rate so as to effect a saving in the actual amount the taxpayers will be called upon to pay. Leaving the tax rate at its present figure, \$16 per thousand, with a 20 per cent reduction in assessments, might, some city officials believe, run the City too short of funds for next year. However, it is anticipated that the raise in rate, if any, will be less than the lowering of assessments, thus bringing about a saving of some extent.

The lowering of valuations in the Township will probably necessitate a corresponding increase in the tax rate, so that taxes will be no higher for the coming year, according to Mr. Coe. The heavy burden from previous years, particularly the \$35,000 added to school district taxes, is anticipated that the raise in rate, if any, will be less than the lowering of assessments, thus bringing about a saving of some extent.

WILL HOLD CITY BUDGET HEARING TUESDAY EVENING

Estimate Of City Needs For Coming Year, \$7,700 Less Than For 1930-31

A public hearing on the City of Farmington budget for the year 1931-32 will be held next Tuesday evening in the City building. At that time the amount to be raised by taxation will be decided upon.

A proposed budget, drawn up by the Board of Estimate, consisting of Mayor Lamb and City Clerk Power, was presented to the City Commission Monday evening, pursuant to requirement of the charter. The suggested budget calls for a total of \$40,713.25 to run the City during the coming year, as compared with \$48,416.32 during the current year. The Commission discussed the budget briefly, and is to vote next Tuesday evening on its adoption.

The schedule presented showed that over \$4,300 is to be saved through reduction in bond interest, and sinking fund requirements, which are no longer needed. Another \$800 is saved in salary cuts already made. Other reductions contemplated are \$1,000 in the general fund and \$1,500 through cutting of the sewer appropriation from \$2,000 to \$500.

Citizens are invited to attend the meeting, which is at 7:30 p. m., and participate in consideration of the budget.

O. E. S. Special Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

Farmington Chapter O. E. S. No. 239 will have a special meeting on Tuesday evening, May 25 for Initiatory work. Lunch will be served at the close of the meeting at which time a silver collection will be taken. On Monday, May 25th, members of the O. E. S. Chapter will unite with the Masons for a 6:30 dinner in the Masonic dining room. Later the chapter will sponsor an evening at cards, a small charge per person. 8 prizes will be awarded for first and second high score in both bridge and domino. Members of the Lodge and Chapter and their friends are cordially invited.

Leads Commandery



D. D. Speltman, Photo. William C. Way of Farmington, recently installed as commander of Northville Commandery, who will lead Farmington and Northville knights attending Northville Presbyterian Church in a body next Sunday morning.

Record Crowd At West Point Game

Herman Lau And West Point Park Battle For First Place Sunday

First place is at stake in the semi-pro division of the Detroit Federation league Sunday at West Point Park when the Herman Lau nine of Detroit clashes with West Point Park at 3 p. m. Both teams are undefeated and the winner will hold undisputed possession of the top position.

Herman Lau captured the semi-pro crown last year under the banner of Tool Shop, and have two victories this season. The Detroit team comes here with a lineup of veteran players well known to sandlot fans, including LeClair, Wurster, Dugray, Isola, Scarlett and Bowers. The latter is the team's first string hurler, and is expected to start against West Point. Last Sunday he held the strong Dearborn Cleaners to four hits.

West Point Park baseball team clinched its hold on first place in the semi-pro division of the Detroit Baseball Federation Sunday afternoon by defeating Regal Finance, 8 to 3, at West Point Park. The game was the third straight victory in the federation for the Parkers, and they remain one game ahead of Herman Lau. (Continued on page five)

LANDSCAPE EXPERT TO LECTURE HERE WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

O. I. Gregg Of Michigan State To Talk On Perennials At M. E. Hall

As a means of developing interest in the Farmington Flower show to be held next fall, a lecture illustrated by stereoscopic views will be given by O. I. Gregg, head of the landscaping department of Michigan State College, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Methodist Community Hall. There will be no charge for admission.

Mr. Gregg will speak on "Perennials," and all those interested in the Flower show to be given next fall by the people of the churches of Farmington, are urged to attend and hear the talk. The lecture is really interesting because it is built up before the audience with a painting that is quite realistic. First it is a plan of the area as it viewed from above and next time Mr. Gregg builds it up as a perspective view of the home grounds in color that brings out the beauty of the buildings and shrubs.

Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, head of the Flower show committee, is in charge of arrangements for the lecture.

"LADIES' NIGHT" MONDAY

Farmington Masonic Lodge will hold its first annual "Ladies' Night" next Monday evening in the lodge dining room. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m., to be followed by a card party. Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S., will co-operate with the lodge in the affair.

About 50 Farmington Masons attended Accacia Lodge in Detroit Tuesday night, the Farmington degree team doing degree work for which they were highly praised.

16-Year Old Boy Hero Of Fire In Clarenceville

Vincent Burns And Companions Save Residence On Base Line Road

The coolness and presence of mind of a 16-year old boy saved a burning home in Clarenceville Tuesday evening when the residence of Miss Louise Heise was badly damaged by fire. The quick thinking and action of Vincent Burns, 16, living nearby, saved the home from destruction.

Burns, with four other boys, three younger than himself, and George Nacker, checked the fire with a hose, and had practically controlled the flames when the fire department arrived. Mr. Nacker and the boys all live near the Heise residence.

Burns was diving past the Heise residence, on Base Line, just west of Grand River, looking toward the house, he saw reflections of the flames in the windows. He ran to the back of the house and shouted "Fire!"

Fortunate that the city was so close, the place and Vincent ran for the hose. Meanwhile his cries had brought four other lads, Roland Taylor, George Dailey, Martin Dailey, 15, and Roland Dorman, 15. The four were at the Taylor home next door.

Sends For Light
With the coolness and judgment of a veteran fire chief, Vincent directed his assistants to sandlot fans, including LeClair, Wurster, Dugray, Isola, Scarlett and Bowers. The latter is the team's first string hurler, and is expected to start against West Point. Last Sunday he held the strong Dearborn Cleaners to four hits.

Farmington fire men finished putting out the fire with chemicals. The fire had started in the kitchen. Miss Heise had just left the house to visit her sister, Miss Henrietta Heise, who is seriously ill at the home of a brother, Charles Heise, a block away. Either the electric stove or electric iron had been left turned on.

Early construction is believed to have saved the house from being destroyed. The kitchen was gutted by the flames. Miss Heise had had the entire house redecorated by a noted Detroit interior decorator only three weeks ago. The entire residence will have to be decorated again. The amount of loss has not yet been determined.

The fire occurred about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening.

AN ADVERTISEMENT BRINGS SURPRISE TO THE ADVERTISER

"Never Knew So Many People Read The Paper"—Couldn't Supply Them All

An announcement in last week's Enterprise was "something new" to most of the readers, but it brought perhaps the most surprise to the man who was responsible for it. He is A. L. Ross, proprietor of Farmington Bakery.

Last week it was advertised that the Bakery had begun baking of the new "Vega-Whet" Bread, and would supply its patrons with the "vegetable bread."

"I never thought so many people read the paper—and so thoroughly," said Mr. Ross this week. They started coming in and asking for the new bread Friday.

"I baked some more Saturday morning, and they kept on coming in. That supply was all gone by four o'clock. We are now baking more, but twice as many loaves as before, and they still keep coming for it."

Business Women's Club Re-elects All Officers

Officers were elected Monday evening by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Farmington, at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Thomas James. All officers were re-elected, as follows: Mrs. E. Middlewood, president; Miss M. Oldenburg, vice-president; Mrs. G. H. Williams, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. Schoenberger, recording secretary; Miss Martha Stamann, treasurer.

First In Farmington To Ask New Licenses

The first Farmington residents to apply for automobile drivers' licenses under the new law were A. L. Ross and Mayor Lamb. Mrs. Arthur Lamb. All three made application to Chief of Police Lee Doyle last week. Mr. Ross being the first.

Licenses will be forwarded directly to applicants by the Secretary of State. New licenses must be obtained by all drivers under the new statute, which became effective May 1.

Leadership, Power Of Gandhi Told

Former Missionary Recalls Meetings With Indian Leader, Describes Personality

The personality, leadership and power of Mahatma Gandhi, the great Indian leader, was vividly described before the fifth annual layman's conference of the Methodist Church, Ann Arbor district, in Farmington, M. E. Church Wednesday evening by Dr. F. R. Fisher, former missionary in India. Over 200 laymen and ministers from 16 Methodist churches in this area attended the banquet.

Dr. Fisher now pastor of Ann Arbor Methodist Church, became close personal acquaintances with Gandhi while in India, and continues to correspond with him. He told of an incident a number of years ago in his library in India, when Gandhi revealed to him his plan for bringing about self-government for India.

Dr. Fisher said that he told the Mahatma that he could not hope to succeed against 75,000 British soldiers, 250,000 native soldiers, and 1,000,000 native police. Gandhi replied, Dr. Fisher said, that he would win because he intends to fight without arms, but with a greater weapon—the doctrine of "Ahimsa." Dr. Fisher explained, but can be translated only by a complete sentence: "I will not kill or cripple or limit any other human being in order to advance or benefit my own life."

"Greatest Revolution"
Steadfast adherence to this doctrine, Dr. Fisher said, has accomplished at the hands of Mahatma Gandhi a successful revolution by the greatest number of people ever engaged in a revolution in the world's history, 320,000,000 people; and this without a cannon fired or a battle fought.

Dr. Fisher said that Gandhi's achievement had been made possible through the influence of Christian missionary work in India, the great leader himself having been a close student of the Bible, Gandhi dug deep into Hindu religious thought and discovered there the idea of "Ahimsa," and was aided in formulating his doctrine by Christian teachings, Dr. Fisher said.

The result, said the speaker, is that Christian ideals, "which America professes but does not practice," are coming back to this country from India. "And if these ideals are thrown back at us," asserted Dr. Fisher, "And they attack our present political and economic and social life, then we should not complain, because they are the very doctrines we have been teaching these people for years as the foundation of Christian faith!"

Dr. Fisher cast many interesting sidelights on Gandhi's personality enriching his address with personal narratives. The speaker who is but 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs only 90 pounds, is not the ascetic, humorless person many people believe him to be. On the contrary, Dr. Fisher said, he has a very high and interesting sense of humor, can outdo anyone about him in physical activity, and is an excellent companion.

The meeting was the first layman's conference ever held in Farmington. Charles Dolph of Northville, president, presided, and district superintendent John F. Martin made a report.

ON BREWER JURY

Mrs. Rena Lamb, wife of Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington, is sitting in the case of Willis M. Brewer, former County auditor charged with embezzlement of \$2,500 in County funds appropriated for the American Legion Children's Bilet in 1929.

State Asked To Give Permit For Grand River Jitney Line

Farmington City Commission Gets Another Offer Of Lower Fare And More Frequent Service; Petitions In Circulation For New Bus Line

An application for a permit to operate a jitney bus line on Grand River between Farmington and Five Points, with lower fares and more frequent service, has been filed with the State Public Utilities Commission at Lansing, by Troy Alberson of Grand River. It became known this week. Hearing on the petition is expected in a short time.

Mr. Alberson, who lives on Norborne Avenue north of Grand River avenue near Hemlock street, appeared before the Farmington City Commission Monday evening and presented his proposed schedule and fares. Petitions asking the Public Utilities Commission to grant him a franchise have been signed by 500 residents along Grand River and many in Farmington.

Fail To Appear
Meanwhile, officials of the Eastern Michigan Railway failed to appear before the City Commission, in response to a message sent them last week. The message advised them of the offers received for lower fares and more frequent service.

Resident Here 60 Years, Dies

Funeral Services To Be Held Friday For James Conroy, Eighty-three

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. for James Conroy, 83 years old and for 60 years a resident of Farmington, who died suddenly at the dinner table Wednesday at his residence on Grand River avenue. Death was caused by a stroke.

The deceased was the son of Dennis and Eleanor Moran Conroy, who settled on what is now known as 10-Mile road, but which for years was called "Conroy Road," being named for the family. He was the last surviving member of a large family of children which included four brothers, Edward, John, William, and Thomas; and eight sisters, Anna, who married William Kennedy; Ellen, whose husband was Mrs. Tolman; Julia, wife of Edward Minkley; Frances, who married Albert Canfield; Elida, wife of Constantine Collins; grandfather of C. Gale Collins; Mary, who was the wife of Orville Wait, and Sarah and Lucy Jane, unmarried.

Surviving Mr. Conroy are a daughter, Mrs. Roy Brown and two grand daughters, Frances and Mrs. Juliette Taylor. Mr. Conroy was a widower. He was married to Agnes Carr, who died about 20 years ago.

Deceased was one of the oldest residents of Farmington, having lived here 60 years last January. Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson of the Farmington Methodist church will officiate at the final rites. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Spencer Heeny.

LEGION AUXILIARY ANNOUNCE POPPY POSTER WINNERS

Eleanor Chaney And Victor Schoen Receive Gold Prizes As Winners

The American Legion Auxiliary of Farmington awarded gold prizes Tuesday, May 19th in the assembly room of the Farmington High School to the winners of the "Poppy Poster Contest." Eleanor Chaney, 7th grade and Victor Schoen, 6th grade, were the winners.

Honorable mention went to the following students: Jean Gullen, Dorothea McCullen, Betty Adams, Thyrza Lester, Douglas Parker, Mark Frink, Ernest Ham, Virginia Fisher, Russell Lorenz, Bobby Hogle, Rosemary Lucke, Billy Parker.

There will be a "Bridge Tea," given by the Auxiliary at the new Legion Home on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, May 22. Bridge and cards will be played. The public is cordially invited.

On Saturday, May 23, members of the Auxiliary will sell poppies in this community.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Clarence Bickling returned Friday from Pontiac General Hospital, where he underwent a minor operation.

"Buy A Poppy!"

Mrs. J. C. Clark Named Head of Past Matrons

Mrs. J. C. Clark was elected president of the Farmington O. E. S. Past Matrons' club at its annual meeting held Friday at Rosemond Hills. Mrs. C. B. Walter was chosen vice-president and Mrs. A. E. Nacker, secretary and treasurer for the year.

The Past Matrons who attended the annual meeting and dinner were: Mesdames Lytle, Seeliger, Bond, Banfield, Middlewood, Schweder, Allyn, Hogle, Walter, McGee, Clark, Steele, Holcomb, and Nacker.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lytle at Pontiac, May 28.

"Buy A Poppy!"