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Editorials

The Income Tax Is Coming

The income tax (State), like the Campbell clan of the old Scotch ballad, is coming. It will be here quite soon now. Not so many people will be called upon to pay as would have been three years ago, but the tax will still reach enough people to make it worth while—and just the people, by the way, that many think should have been reached long ago.

Turned down at the polls twice in recent years by the voters, fiercely opposed by powerful influences at the legislative sessions, this levy upon people to make them "pay according to their ability to pay" is now, or soon will be, supported by sufficient strength to assure its enactment. It might even be enacted at the coming special session of the Legislature, provided Governor Brucker's call is sufficiently broad to permit, which is regarded as rather improbable. Beyond that however, it is certain to come up at the 1933 session, and favoring it will be many who have always been on the other side.

Not often is there such a reversal of opinion in Michigan in a few years on a question of such great moment. An illustration of the swing of the pendulum was apparent in the remark of the publisher of a good-sized paper published in the western part of the State a few weeks ago. Always, he said, he had opposed the income tax, and did so vigorously as lately as the last legislative session. In the short period of time that has elapsed since, he has, after more extended study of the question, changed his mind, and now believes it not only a necessary but an eminently fair and just form of taxation. Next session will find him vigorously urging an income tax for Michigan.

But the drift in this direction is not confined to Michigan. Remarkable as it is for a conservative State to turn about within a few years, the steady gain of the income tax throughout the nation is still more noteworthy. Twenty years ago only one State had an income tax: Wisconsin, pioneer in so many governmental ideas, was the first, enacting it in 1911.

It was several years before other States followed suit, and additions at first came slowly. During the past year, four States have enacted the income tax, making a total of 20, nearly half of the Union. Legislatures of 20 others considered the income tax at the 1931 sessions of their legislatures, with enough favorable sentiment to make passage almost certain next year in a number of them.

The most recent income tax legislation to be passed, and one which brought forth an exceptionally illuminating discussion of the issue, was in Illinois. The statute in that State aims to do what Michigan is seeking desperately to accomplish—relieve the burden on real estate. The Illinois law recognizes and encourages the home-owner by providing that taxes paid on a home, up to \$100, may be deducted from the income tax. A man with an income of \$5,000 would ordinarily pay an income tax of \$100, but if he owns a home and pays \$100 taxes on it, the latter are deducted and he pays no income tax. Further, income from tax-paying property is exempt, so that a man who owns real estate and receives an income from it, does not have to pay taxes on that income, because he is already paying a real estate tax.

Michigan will probably be treated to almost as thorough an airing of the subject, or at least as great a volume of argument, as was Illinois. The inevitable success of the measure, however, is clear. Most of the opposition to it, anyway, has seemed to be more a matter of dislike than intelligent opinion against it. Nobody loves the idea of telling anyone else, even government employees who never tell anything, just what his income has been to the penny for the past year. Nobody likes to fuss with the long and intricate schedules which make everybody dread the time when income tax-report deadline is near. Nobody likes to recall his gains of the past year when such pleasant recollections are marred by the necessity of paying for the profit, and surely no one is delighted to reflect upon his losses, even though he is exempted from some taxation because of them.

But then, whoever did like to pay any kind of tax at any time anyway? One might as well pay it upon money that he's made and now hasn't got, as pay on real estate that isn't worth what it was when he bought it.

If He Should Be Elected

Success for Judge John J. Schulte in his candidacy for Congress next fall would give Farmington probably the first national elective official in its history. If Farmington has ever had a Congressman, cabinet member, or other officer of the federal government, he hasn't been mentioned in any of N. H. Power's enlightening historical articles, which suffices to say that he just hasn't existed, or else turned out to be such a disgrace to everybody that Farmington's historian considers it best to let him go unsung.

The new Seventeenth District of which we will be a part will probably be one of the largest, if not the very largest in the entire United States. A Farmington-man in Congress could probably claim to come from the smallest town in the country, of any-man in the national legislative body.

All of which may seem to be something and again may mean nothing—but certainly not less than a lot that goes into the Congressional Record.

CHURCHES

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. J. Schoen, Pastor

Third Lenten Devotion.
German service 10:15.
Subject: Why did Christ give himself for us?

Sunday School 11:30.
Ladies Aid Monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

The Friendship Club will meet Wednesday evening at the home of Betty Edgar.

The Brotherhood members will be the guests of the Royal Oak Brotherhood Thursday evening March 3. They will leave the church at 7 o'clock.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily masses at 8:00.

West Point Park Presbyterian Church
Rev. J. J. Adams, Pastor
22233 Gr. Rd. Silver, Redford

10:30 Sunday School.
11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. J. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Morning Worship.
11:45 Bible School.
6:30 Young People's Hour.
7:30 Evangelistic Service.

The Pastor will return to his pulpit after being away two Sundays. The evening service will be a special Father and Son service. All men and boys are invited. Sermon subject "The World's Greatest Father and Son."

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville
(At Switzer Road)
Rev. Paul Grunwaldt, Pastor

10:30 Divine service.
The first and third Sundays of the month the services are conducted in the German language. All others are English.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Sunday morning Rev. F. C. Johnson will continue his series of messages "Jesus and the Needy" with the subject "Jesus and the Untutored." At 7:30 his sermon theme will be "Power to Become."

At 6:30 the young People's Club will meet as usual. Mrs. F. C. Johnson will lead several unusual features which you will enjoy.

Tuesday afternoon all ladies of the community are invited to the church to hear Mrs. C. Van Rooyen formerly of South Africa, tell in her very interesting way many of her happenings both here and in South Africa.

Wednesday at 7:30 we also invite you to our fellowship service of Bible Study, praise, and prayer.

CLARENCEVILLE
Mrs. Clarence Witte
213-12

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and son Wayne and George spent Saturday evening at Highland Park, as the guests of the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner.

Wayne Wagner was a Sunday afternoon guest in Detroit of Lawrence Kerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. Wurster, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. DeLeuil, Floyd D. Hallock and daughter Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witte attended the Round Up in Pontiac Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanes and mother, Mrs. Spencer of Detroit, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dohany.

Mrs. Helen Ely visited her sister, Mrs. Vivian Hally in Detroit. On Thursday afternoon the ladies of the Baseline Pedro Club met at the home of Mrs. Carl Witte. There were three tables of cards. Prizes were won by Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. C. Badger and Mrs. Thome. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlar entertained a number of friends at their home Wednesday evening, their wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing cards.

Mrs. Velma Witte spent Wednesday in Detroit as the guest of her sister Jessie Dunlavy.

Shirley Hallock was a Monday evening dinner guest of Mrs. Alex Johnson.

Miss Bernadine Hogan and Jimmy Doolittle were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gohrs. Mrs. E. Taylor of Sturgis, Mich.

is spending a week at the home of her nephew, Otis Jensen.

Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. M. Brady, Mrs. E. Taylor and Mrs. Otis Jensen motored to Pontiac Tuesday where they visited Mrs. Durham at Pontiac General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fragner and children from Monroe spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dingeman of Northville called on their uncle, V. G. Lockwood, Thursday. John Grace with V. G. Lockwood left Monday for Texas where they will spend a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers visited the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartman, at Ypsilanti, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dingeman of Northville spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen.

Mrs. James Tolman spent Friday at the home of Mrs. C. H. Witte.

Miss Ruth Waack was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook at New Baltimore.

James Monroe an old resident of Redford and Clarenceville now of Colorado is visiting old friends here and also visiting his father Truman Monroe and sister, Mrs. Eril Finn of Plymouth. It has been fifteen years since Jimmy was last here.

Daniel DeQuet, Fred Menke, Wayne and George Wagner with Melvin Witte attended the funeral of Sea Scout John Lopaze in Redford Monday afternoon.

Color-Blindness
The public health service says that some color-blind persons do not themselves know they are color-blind and do not realize it until they are examined or the defect pointed out to them.

Value of Raw Cabbage
Raw cabbage is rated by the bureau of home economics as ranking with orange juice and tomatoes as one of the richest sources of vitamin C, the antiscorbutic vitamin.

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