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Tax Returns Show Marked Improvement

With sixteen and one half per cent of the tax collections paid so far this year, indication is given that the financial condition of the low income group is improved over what it was last year.

Among those people who have paid their taxes are many who have been unable to pay them in full in recent years. George Oldemaster, city treasurer, commented that things are "picking up" or people would not be paying with such promptness. The taxes which have not been collected are owed by persons and corporations with large holdings. It is expected that they will be paid before penalties are added.

Low Tax Rate

Owing to a surplus in the city treasury, the tax rate is less than it was in 1934. This fact, taken together with the penalties which will be assessed for late payments, may be partly responsible for the percentage of taxes which have been collected thus far.

A week remains before penalties for late tax payments will take effect. Taxes paid after August 1 will be penalized two per cent, while those which are not paid until September 1 or after will be assessed four per cent.

APPEAL MADE TO PROTECT HIGHWAY SIGNS

Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner, made an appeal today for the protection of highway signs, when he visited Farmington to inspect the state highway.

At the same time, Oscar G. Olander, commissioner of the Michigan State Police, announced that he had broadcast instructions to state troopers to launch a vigorous campaign against this type of theft and mutilation. He asked the cooperation of local law enforcement authorities in the campaign.

Young People Suspected

Commissioner Van Wagoner has been informed of wholesale thefts and mutilation of state highway signs, particularly reflective signs. The commissioner said he believed most of the vandalism was the work of young people "who are merely trying to play a prank."

"The loss of one warning sign life and death of another," he said, "is an appeal to all our people that they do what they can to stop this thievery and vandalism."

Countess Maritza Opens Monday at Navin Field

Monday, July 29, will see the opening of the week's engagement of "Countess Maritza," Emmerich Kalman's great musical success, being presented by "Opera Under the Stars" at Navin Field. The current production of Oscar Straus' "The Last Waltz" with Gladys Baxter has its last performance Sunday Night.

"Countess Maritza" will be the seventh of the outdoor musical shows to be presented this summer although it probably will rank first in the matter of beautiful melodies, brilliant production and romantic interest. Rated as among the most useful of all recent operettas this fanciful romance of Gypsies and Princesses, produced on the mammoth outdoor stage and with spectacular settings, will be one of the most ambitious productions of the season. Gladys Baxter, who starred in "Blister Buxer" and "Last Waltz" was retained to play the lead in this outstanding operetta.

There is a charm of romance in the story of the high born countess who invents a fictitious fiancé to avoid the importunate suitors who seek to share her wealth and her position. She loses her heart to the overzealous but does not discover the fact until a fascinating Gypsy tiddler threatened to win him from his highborn mistress. There are complications when a very handsome woman with the name of the countess has invented appears to claim her hand. Ultimately, the Gypsy breaks her fiddle, the overzealous is discovered a nobleman in his own right and there is a promise of wedding bells as the curtain falls.

Theft Recovered, Guns Seized; Gypsies Maintain Innocence

Gypsy fiddlers of a certain nomadic band will no longer play in Oakland County as a result of a tribe's promise to exclude that territory from its itinerary when authorities seized four guns and recovered \$200 which police authorities had been stolen from William Mandilka of Walled Lake.

Noticing Mr. Mandilka's innocence when they stopped at his farm for matches, one of the gypsies claimed she could cure him of the affliction. According to police reports, while she was engaged in this attempt, her companion, another gypsy woman, was accused of taking \$200 which Mandilka said was in a chest of drawers.

Mr. Mandilka's son obtained the license number of the gypsies' car when he pursued them after the \$200 was found missing.

The car was discovered two hours later in a Hazel Park garage where it had been left to be greased and to be kept out of sight. A policeman notified authorities when he saw an occupant of the car re-

move a revolver from one of the pockets.

When the persons who had left the automobile to be serviced returned, they were met by deputies. The other members of the tribe were found at Eight Mile and Ryan roads in Macomb County. However, Mr. Mandilka and his son were unable to identify the women as those who were accused.

Questioned by sheriff Spencer C. McElroy, Joseph Stephenson, alleged leader of the band, maintained the innocence of himself and of his band, although he surrendered \$200 to Mandilka.

The women members of the band were released from the Hazel Park jail after being held for several hours. The men were released from the County Jail soon after.

The four revolvers which were found in the car and on the camp site are being held by Sheriff McElroy to determine if they are registered, "if they are not," he said, "they will be confiscated."

Man Being Held After Fatal Crash

Pending an investigation on a charge of negligent homicide arising from an accident at Ten Mile and Orchard Lake roads, a 41-year-old Hazelhurst aviator, Fernande, is being held in connection with the death of Mrs. Edith Boudreau, 31, 491 West Hazelhurst av., and of her father Frank Gallagher, 40, 119 West Main street, Oakland.

Boudreau is charged with having neglected to stop at Orchard Lake road, a stop her father, while traveling west on Ten Mile road. His car crashed into the left side of an automobile driven by Mrs. Carrie Walters, 40, 119 West Main street, Oakland.

Mr. Boudreau was dead upon admittance to Royal Oak Private Hospital. Gallagher died there from his injuries Sunday evening. Gertrude Gallagher, 66, wife of the dead man, was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital where her severe lacerations and a fractured right shoulder were treated.

Child injured.

Eugene Boudreau, year old son of the dead woman, was also taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by Howard Bond. His injuries were slight.

Riding with Mrs. Walters were her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. William Jones 81 and 71, Clarkston; a daughter Phyllis, 10, and Rita Wille, 7, of Pinconning. Their bruises and slight cuts were treated by a physician at the scene of the accident.

Mrs. Boudreau is survived by her mother, Mrs. Gallagher, her husband, and their four year old son.

Youths to Exhibit Work At Oakland County Fair

The fifty-sixth annual Oakland County Fair will be held in Milford for four days, beginning August 7 and extending through August 10.

Milford counts among its inhabitants some of the most skilled and most successful farmers and stockmen in the county. As producers of purebred stock, as dairymen, as seedmen, they take rank among the best in Michigan.

Their sons and daughters show equal skill in animal husbandry, crop improvement and economic venture. 4-H Clubs scattered throughout the rural sections backed up by agricultural courses ably taught in nearby village and small city of the county, form a net work of advanced agricultural and social outposts.

The County Fair is primarily for the youth of the county to demonstrate its prowess along economic and home improvement lines. These are augmented by art producers in many lines of effort. But a fair would be complete without entertainment and amusement. The management of the Oakland County Fair promises this in abundance. It will be clean and wholesome, recreational and uplifting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hatton are motoring to Camp Cavell Sunday. Miss Fritzie Hatton, who has been attending the camp, will return with them.

Elkins Elected Post Commander

Charles Elkins becomes the fifth Post Commander of Grove-Velevator Post of the American Legion when he assumes his office for the ensuing year as a result of the Legion's meeting for the election of officers held Thursday.

Henry Mizer was chosen senior vice commander, while Erwin Plesnerberg was elected junior vice commander.

Roy Smith, captain, Sandy Caplin, sergeant at arms, and William J. Hogarth, historian, were elected to their respective offices.

At Smith's request, publicity man to take charge of disseminating information regarding Gala Day.

Commander Elkins appointed William Carpenter, adjutant, and Fred Wendlandt, financial officer. The executive committee of the Legion will consist of Al Smith and Joseph DeVriendt whose terms will expire at the end of the year. Homer Elsenford and Carl Goers assume their positions on the committee for a two year term.

Following the election of officers, refreshments were served at the Legion's headquarters.

EARLE WALTERS DIES SUDDENLY IN DETROIT

Earle Walters, 44, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Walters and brother of John of Farmington, died suddenly at his home, 12332 Kensington ave., in Detroit this morning.

While the deceased had never lived in Farmington, he was well known in this vicinity through his having made numerous visits at the home of his relatives.

Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, Viola, and two daughters, Jean and Mrs. Trilby Priddy, and by his relatives in Farmington.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Armstrong Funeral Home, 5275 Third avenue, Detroit.

SALE OF 285,000 CRATES OF BERRIES GETS UNDERWAY

The Benton Harbor municipal fruit market and subsequently the Farmington housewife soon will be getting the raspberry.

Not the Bronx cheer type of raspberry, but the savory red and black varieties which have been moved from farms in Southwest Michigan to Farmington grocers and fruit dealers.

Sale of both red and black raspberries has started in Berrien County, Michigan, the county the Federal Government has designated the largest raspberry acreage in the nation. Through its main trading center, the Benton Harbor city-owned market moved nearly seven million packages of fruit and vegetables from farms to Farmington and other communities.

Cyclist Hurt Critically In Accident

Doubt is held for the life of 14 year old Archie Diehr of Farmington Township who is still unconscious in Redford Receiving Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, a fractured shoulder, a broken collar bone and a severely lacerated back incurred when he came around a corner on his bicycle and collided with an automobile driven by Miss Meriah Andrews of Farmington.

The accident occurred at 8:15 Wednesday morning at the intersection of North Farmington Road at the Eleven Mile Road.

In her statement to assistant prosecutor Miss McClintock, Miss Andrews stated that she had been driving north on Farmington Road at approximately 40 miles per hour when Archie, who had been going west on Eleven Mile Road, made a right turn onto Farmington Road directly into the path of her automobile.

Archie headed south on his bicycle, sidestepped Miss Andrews' car according to her statement on the right hand side, denting the front fender, bending the headlight, and falling into the gutter.

She stated that she did not see the boy until he had come out of Eleven Mile road and was headed for her car. Her assertion is substantiated by the fact that the corner is a blind one, Eleven Mile ending at Farmington Road, and that the view, both from Farmington road and Eleven Mile road, is obstructed by a chain bank.

Miss Andrews goes on to say that Archie, who was coming from the left, lost control of his bicycle and started to weave into her path. She claims she had no chance to apply her brakes, but she did swerve to the left to try to avoid hitting him.

No Witnesses

There were no witnesses on the scene at the time of the accident, however, James Laya of Farmington, who was south on Farmington road, arrived at the scene a few minutes after the collision and he, with John Trombley, who lives at the corner of Farmington Road and Eleven Mile, and Miss Andrews, drove into her car and rushed him to Farmington to Dr. J. W. Norton's office. After looking at the boy, Dr. Norton recommended that he be taken to the nearest hospital without further delay.

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington was called from Redford Receiving Hospital and brought Miss Andrews back to Farmington where she gave a statement to Judge John J. Schulte's office to assistant prosecutor McClintock.

Police Version

Reconstruction of the accident by the police differs from the statement made by Miss Andrews. From evidence furnished at the scene, it is the contention of the police that he was dragged back by the car after the collision.

Police deduction is strengthened by the fact that parts of the bicycle were found as far back as 60 feet from the corner. The police are of the belief that Archie struck the front fender, turned a complete somersault, striking the door handles with his back and striking his head on the rear fender.

Police also disclose that upon testing the brakes of the car, they found that only the left rear brake was working properly.

C. E. Sorenson's Cows Continue Making Records

C. E. Sorenson's Guernsey cows are still making new records for production, two more of them having just finished attaining new official heights for production which entitles them to entry in the Advanced Registry of the American Farm Bureau Cattle Club.

These animals include two year old Maherwood Beatrice, 24661, producing 1222.9 pounds of milk and 61.0 pounds of fat in class O, and a year old Bourneville Lady, 24743, producing 1065.5 pounds of milk and 62.5 pounds of fat in class O.

Committees Chosen To Complete Plans For Legion Gala Program

Appointments of committees to assume charge of the various activities which are being planned for Gala Day, sponsored by the Grove-Walker Post of the American Legion, were made at the last meeting of the Legion.

While no definite decision has been made as to the exact program for the three day Homecoming Celebration, it may be roughly outlined as the committees appointed that the activities will be planned to suit every disposition.

The first prize, a Chevrolet coach which every person who buys a ticket will have an opportunity to win, will be raffled under the direction of Homer Elsenford, Judge John J. Schulte, and Joseph Himmelreich.

Rides and amusements will be furnished by Joseph DeVriendt, Homer Elsenford and Joseph Himmelreich.

Carl Goers, Curtis Hall and Doctor Weaver will have charge of the baseball game, while the other exciting events will be arranged by Norman Lee and William Hogarth.

To Have Pet Parade

What promises to be an unique part of Gala Day is a pet parade which will be judged by Dr. Norton and Spencer Hoeney.

Concessions are being planned by Charles Elkins, Homer Elsenford and Henry Mizer.

Judge Schulte, Al Smith, and Louis Schroeder are making arrangements for the programs and circulars which will be distributed several days before the opening of Gala Day, beginning Saturday, August 21 and ending Monday, September 2.

William Carpenter and Homer Elsenford were appointed to manage the property and supplies which will be placed on the site extending from Grand River, behind the police booth, to Farmington road.

In addition to the first prize there will be many others given to holders of lucky numbers.

VALIE ENJOYS BIRTHDAY CAKE BAKED HERE

Billy Valie may not mean much to most people, but when they realize that he is "Sonny Boy" who with Al Jolson made talking picture history their interest is aroused.

Mrs. Nate Elsenford, Farmington, is the honor of baking the ninth birthday held at Dotkin's Inn where Billy and his mother stayed while they were playing a theatrical engagement in Pontiac.

Moving picture fans first saw Billy in the first all talking picture produced on the screen. It was "The Singing Fool," starring Al Jolson. It was not until his next picture "Sonny Boy," however, when the picture was current, the clever acting of Billy brought tears to the eyes of the millions of people who saw it.

Both the novelty of the picture and the skillfully played role of "Sonny Boy" by Billy Valie, made it one of the most popular productions of the year.

In addition to "The Singing Fool" and "Sonny Boy," Billy was starred in "Sunny Side Up" with Janet Gaynor, as well as in short features.

Heart Trouble Fatal To Mrs. Wadenstorer

Mrs. Rosina Wadenstorer, 68, Drake road, died from heart trouble at her home the afternoon of July 13.

Mrs. Wadenstorer was born January 9, 1867 in Toddin, England. At the age of 28 she came to the United States where she made her home in Farmington.

After marrying Corbenna Wadenstorer, September 29, 1898, Mrs. Wadenstorer moved to Farmington with her husband where she spent the remaining 33 years of her life.

Surviving Mrs. Wadenstorer are a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, Almo Rosa and LaVerne Wadenstorer, six sisters, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Interment was at Southfield Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCulley and family are spending two weeks at Bass Lake.



CARL GOERS

Drunk Driver Sentenced

Unable to wait for the courts to mete out justice in the customary manner, an irate parent, whose children were slightly bruised when the car in which they were riding was struck by a drunken motorist, settled the matter in the way he thought best with the result that Brian Anderson, 25, 55 Beaufort street, Detroit, is suffering from an injured nose during the first few days of his jail sentence.

According to reports Brian Anderson crashed into three cars Sunday night. With the exception of Anderson's nose being slightly altered, no other injuries were sustained by the occupants of the cars. The motorist who changed Anderson's facial appearance was not present when police arrived at the scene. Anderson was still in his car, apparently unconscious of what had happened. In a loud voice he was declaring to the people who were attracted by the accident that there was no doubt in his mind as to his drunkenness. Police surrounded him and his condition was not so bad as he thought, and that everything would be all right if he would just accompany them.

Judge Milton Cooney of the Pontiac Municipal Court sentenced Anderson to 30 days in jail and revoked his driver's license for one year.

Ross VanVolkenburgh Chosen Scout Leader

Ross VanVolkenburgh of Troop 45, Farmington, was selected first honor camper in the group of one hundred boys from Farmington attending Camp Aravam the past two weeks. This announcement was made at the closing Court of Honor and entertainment Friday evening, July 13.

Honor campers are chosen by vote of the camp staff, and are selected for their conduct, attitude, cheerful participation in all parts of the camp program, both work and play, and for their spirit of friendship toward other campers.

It is customary to select one patrol of eight each camp period, and Ross was chosen as patrol leader of this group.

In addition to meeting the above requirements and contributing his own music to the evening program, Ross earned merit badges in bugling, pioneering, camping, cooking and life saving, and was a member of the American Red Cross Junior Life Saving Corps.

Scott Family Moves To Pickett Avenue Home

Mr. and Mrs. Judson P. Scott and their daughter, Miss Mary J. Scott, are living at 2405 Pickett avenue, after moving from their former home in Rosedale Park several weeks ago.

Mr. Scott owns a music shop in Detroit where he maintains a piano and violin teaching studio. Mrs. Scott and Miss Scott are well known for their ability as music teachers, the former being a teacher of piano and the latter a violin instructor.

Mrs. Scott and her daughter plan to continue with their teachings.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Legg of Detroit spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James B. Snyder.

Drain Project Seen As Boon To Township

Residents in Farmington Township as well as the entire community will be benefited if the application for the drainage project, authorization for which was given by the Township Board at its last meeting is accepted and the work gets underway.

The drain would begin in the vicinity of North Farmington road and the Twelve Mile road and extend for three miles in a north-westerly direction to Thirteen Mile Road. An area of 500 acres would be drained and made cultivable providing this project is completed.

Fifty-one laborers and one foreman would be employed for 10 months on this project. Differing from other relief works, the drain wouldn't require the expenditure of the township's money because, with the exception of shovels and the like, no materials will be necessary. The State furnishes 20 per cent of the materials in addition to the labor that is required. It is estimated that \$5 per acre of the \$17,000 which would be allotted for the drainage project would be spent for labor.

In connection with this, Isaac Bond, Orchard Lake road, said: "Not only the workmen themselves will benefit by this project, but a good many others will benefit indirectly in that they will have the advantages of it without having to bear the burden of its cost, which in the case with many relief projects." He added that up until this time very little had been done for the rural areas.

Was Menace To Health

Mr. Bond recalled the time when some years ago the State condemned the area which will be drained as a menace to the health of all who lived in the vicinity. Stagnant water and low marsh lands attracted mosquitoes and other insects which transmit sickness. Nothing was done at the time, however, to remove the undesirable conditions.

The completed drainage project will add enormously to the value of the land which it will effect because it will convert heretofore wasteland into a fertile agricultural area.

Home Talent Play Indefinitely Postponed

Farmington will not have a home talent play, at least not on the dates previously announced, because a musical comedy cannot be held without a cast—and it is impossible to assemble enough amateur actors and actresses to play the parts.

For some unaccountable reason, the enthusiasm with which the proposed production was received, suddenly waned. The cast, at one time complete, was depleted by those who had signified their willingness to take part and had then found the play dates interfered with an important engagement or vacation.

It was the opinion of many that the play was scheduled for too early a date and not enough time was allowed the cast to learn the lines. This fact, coupled with members of the cast dropping out, made it impossible to give the musical comedy on the dates announced. The difficulty which was experienced trying to enlist replacements for those who had resigned led to the decision to abandon the play, for the present at least.

There has been some talk by the director, Miss M. S. Van Doren, and enthusiastic members of the committee in charge about doing some production sometime in October. However, no definite date can be set at this time.

Members of the Salem Evangelical Church Ladies Aid, sponsors of the play, are enthusiastic in their praise for Miss Van Doren and the production selected, and have asked that, if a presentation is made in October, both Miss Van Doren and "Listen To Me" be returned to Farmington.

The Sunshine Harmony Group of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church are holding their annual picnic and August meeting at Riverside Park, Thursday, August 1, with a pot luck luncheon. Those planning to go are asked to meet at Mrs. Henry's at 12 o'clock.