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25 Per Cent Increase In Paid Taxes

Over 52 per cent of the city taxes of Farmington have been collected thus far this year, according to City Treasurer George Gildemeister, which represents a gain of almost 25 per cent over the previous fiscal year.

"Up to July 29, \$10,135 has been collected on the total assessment of \$19,479.15," he said. "Last year \$5,662.35 was collected on the assessment of \$20,719 or 27.2 per cent."

Commencing on August 1, a two per cent penalty will be added to the taxes for late payment. This penalty will be increased to four per cent on September 1. The four per cent penalty will continue until the first of March when the delinquent tax list will be returned to the County Treasurer.

"The encouraging increase in prompt payments may be attributed to the fact that the owners of many parcels of land and property are now able, with the return of some degree of prosperity, to meet their taxes more promptly than in former years," Mr. Gildemeister said.

A 50 per cent increase in the paying of delinquent taxes was made over last year. In the previous fiscal year \$4,840.59 in delinquent taxes were paid whereas in the year 1935 to 1936 there was \$8,155 paid up, according to Mr. Gildemeister.

However, this represents only the returns up to and including March 1, 1936, approximately two-thirds of the fiscal year. The county treasurer has not yet forwarded the amount collected since the first of March. Therefore, it becomes apparent that the amount of delinquent taxes collected will be far more than the 50 per cent increase over last year.

The city's cash balance also shows a favorable condition. At present there is a total of \$17,201.20 on hand. Out of this amount \$6,500 will be used for the retirement of bonds before the refunding plan, if carried through, goes into operation.

OAKLAND FAIR TO BE HELD SEPT. 9-12

Dates for the annual Oakland County Fair have been set for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 9-10-11-12. This is about four weeks later than the usual time of holding the fair.

The change was made to encourage the showing of more agricultural products and to bring the fair at a season when farmers are not in the rush of summer work. The later date will be a popular one with many people, and was made when a local questionnaire showed a majority favoring the September show.

The Oakland County Fair at Mt. Pleasant is one of the oldest fairs in Michigan, and has held an exhibition every year since 1880. It is also recognized as one of the best of the smaller fairs.

Every effort is being made by the association to insure a successful exhibition in 1936. Three big days will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when a full program of horse racing, platform attractions, exhibits and stunts are planned. The fair opens on Wednesday, but this day is set aside for placing of exhibits and getting in readiness for the show.

The recent fire of some barns at the County Fair grounds will not seriously affect the fair, as there are other barns available on the property to house many horses. Plans are being pushed to promote an advance sale of tickets all through Oakland county and neighboring communities at a substantial savings over the regular gate admission. This will be good news for fair goers in all sections.

Grass Fire Scorches Young Trees

The Farmington fire department was called to extinguish a small grass fire Tuesday afternoon on a vacant lot at Grand River and Maple avenues, formerly occupied by the Baptist tent revival. Several small trees were scorched but no serious damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beaumont of Mason returned home Tuesday after spending several days at the house guest of Viola Walters.

"Pewee" Is Dead; Mourners Get The Bird

Pewee is dead. Although Pewee's acquaintances were few, his burial at the Heehy Funeral Home was one of the most elaborate ever accorded to a Farmington citizen.

Pewee met his death when he fell from a tree Monday afternoon. There were still traces of shell about his feet when he was found under the lilac bushes that afternoon by Jerry Heeneey and Bobby Weaver.

For Pewee was born prematurely. Mother Sparrow hadn't intended for the egg to fall from her nest.

Nine-year old Jack Armstrong, who was struck by a stray bullet while walking near his home several weeks ago, is in critical condition at the Ford Hospital, where it is feared that an operation may be made necessary to remove the bullet which is lodged at the base of his brain.

The youth was seized with convulsions Saturday night. They were stopped only after his spine had been punctured and drained.

The bullet, according to the doctors attending him, is gradually working its way outward toward the skull. An abscess is forming, which, if it becomes larger, will mean that the bullet will be removed.

Investigation by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt has not revealed the source of the stray bullet. The boy was accompanied by a neighbor, William Pelt, going to the home of George Lee early in the afternoon when the accident occurred. They were walking near Northwestern Highway and Middle Belt Road at the time.

Two youths who were questioned concerning the ownership of a rifle seized by the authorities, admitted that they and Ken Shook shot birds in the morning but denied having shot the gun in the afternoon.

GIRL'S RESERVE CLUB TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

With many plans already underway and the organization itself almost completed, the first meeting of the Girl's Reserve Club will be held Monday evening August 3 for the purposes of hearing, Ireta McLeod, president of the Girl's Reserve club of Plymouth, speak on "My Club Experience."

The meeting, which will begin at 8:00 p. m. in the Farmington High School auditorium, is open to all girls of Junior and Senior rank in high school.

Among the things to be done at this first organization meeting, according to Miss Norine Erwin, promoter of the club, are the election of temporary officers, the enrollment of members, choosing of interest fields and the deciding on the amount of dues.

Mrs. John Dalrymple, wife of Superintendent of Schools Dalrymple, is chairman of the Women's Council. The leaders for the summer are Helen Shook, Geraldine McCutley, Catherine Storms, and Florence Alice Cook.

Among the projects being considered for the club are ballroom and old-fashioned dancing, all kinds of handicraft work, care of children, and sports.

The next meeting of the club will be in the form of a hike. Miss Erwin said.

APPOINTS GEORGE GILDEMEISTER BANK RECEIVER

George Gildemeister, who has been Assistant Receiver of the Peoples State Bank of Farmington for the past three years, has been named Receiver of the bank and the appointment of John N. Dale to the office of City Controller of Detroit. Mr. Dale was formerly Receiver of the bank.

Mr. Gildemeister received his appointment Friday afternoon from Judge George B. Hartwick, Judge of the Circuit Court in Pontiac. Mr. Gildemeister has served as Treasurer of the City of Farmington since 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Axford called on Mrs. Axford's sister, Mrs. E. R. Holcomb on Tuesday.

Mrs. Rhoda Roche of Romeo called on her sister, Mrs. Phoebe Ross, on Sunday evening.

He had visions of Pewee being President of the Sparrows when he grew up.

Jerry and Bobby brought him in to the home where he was given the best of medical attention. But his efforts failed. Tuesday morning they discovered that death had overtaken Pewee during the night.

Plan Funeral

So plans were made for his funeral—invitations were issued. A casket—formerly a finger-nail polish box—was selected. It was green and was lined with red velvet.

Joyce Heeneey was made funeral director and grave digger. She scheduled the funeral for one o'clock on Wednesday until one thirty. She had forgotten to dig the grave.

The mourners of the deceased Pewee came loaded with flowers. Jean Power, Gloria Beckhold, Martin Quinn, Bobby Weaver, Jerry Heeneey, Joy Long and Jerry Heeneey wept for his undeserved death.

They brought funeral pieces of plush, nautism, and an especially beautiful spray of althea tied with a white satin ribbon.

Jean Power and Bobby Weaver came dressed in deep mourning. They wore all black. Bobby's black necktie reached to his knees.

The bereaved found their seats under a canvas awning near the grave. All signed the register which was provided by the funeral director for the friends of the deceased.

Services Held

Rev. Jerry Heeneey opened the services with a short prayer at the grave of Pewee. Jean Power and Jerry then sang "Jesus Loves Me." A beautiful testimonial to Pewee was written by Billy Power and read by Jerry Heeneey. The obituary is as follows:

Pewee's untimely death shocked us all. He was born prematurely July 27, 1936 and left this world July 28, 1936. Exposure was the cause of his death. After consulting Coroner Heeneey, funeral arrangements were made. This whole community mourns his passing."

On a silver cross, erected at the head of Pewee's grave, was lettered the words: "In Sympathy of Pewee. His untimely death is mourned by the community."

The devices used for lowering his casket into the grave consisted of a piece of striped outing flannel and four clothespins. The faulty mechanism of the device was blamed on the casket being lowered gently into the grave.

Cards have been sent to the mourners, inscribed: "Thank you for all you did at Pewee's funeral."

Child Dies of Intestinal Obstruction

Intestinal obstruction caused the death of Ralph Francis Hammer, ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hammer of Grand River, one of July 28. Mrs. Hammer and son had gone to Coshocton, Ohio to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Waring. The baby was taken suddenly ill on Monday, July 20 and died on Wednesday, a few hours after the doctor failed to remove the obstruction. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Waring and the burial was in the family cemetery at Coshocton.

Farmington Road To Be Repaired

The one-block stretch of Farmington Road between Oakland and Grand River avenues will be "earthened," according to Commissioner Emory Hutton in addition to eliminating the bumps and swells in the street, approximately two inches will be cut from the surface, lowering the street level.

Turkey Plus Chicken Equals "Turkhen"

An unusual new fowl called a "turkhen" is being raised on the farm of David Annabell southeast of Farmington. The bird is the result of cross-breeding between a chicken and turkey.

The egg of the turkhen is larger than that of a chicken and the meat is of finer quality and flavor. The turkhen is becoming very popular on the west coast, especially in California. It is rapidly finding favor in the Midwest, but it is difficult to find it difficult to secure the fowls, Mr. Annabell is securing his turkhen from California.

Valery Jean Walters Enjoys Pony Ride



Judging from the picture, six-year-old Valery Jean Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walters of Oakland avenue, Farmington, is going to be disappointed if she doesn't win the unnamed pony at the American Legion Gala Day, September 7.

Valery Jean thinks the pony should be named "Little Black Sambo." Among the other names that have been sent in during the week are "Black Beauty" and "Legionaire." If you have thought of a name for the pony, send in the coupon in this week's issue of The Enterprise to the Farmington State Bank. You may win the \$250 prize!

More Bad Checks Being Passed

A warning against accepting the checks of strangers is being sent to the customers of the Farmington State Bank, according to Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier.

This unusual service of the bank is being done in an effort to protect the depositors against the many fraudulent checks which are being passed in and near Farmington in increasing numbers this summer.

"One of the sure signs of the lack of prosperity," he said, "is the increase in the number of fraudulent checks which are passed."

Service stations are victimized most frequently but other businesses are also being defrauded. At least one bad check is brought to the Farmington State Bank every day, said Mr. Knickerbocker, and during the past few weeks more than one a day has been discovered to be fraudulent.

The bank is undertaking to warn its customers about accepting checks from strangers. Most of the ones passed are written for small amounts and no large ones have been as yet reported.

"One of the cleverest forgers in the country is working in this section of Michigan now," warned Mr. Knickerbocker. "He cashes 'Travellers' Checks on the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company of San Francisco, California. They are signed by J. K. Burke. It is thought that they are photographic copies of the original check, numbered H98922."

"The man is described as being 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing between 150 and 160 pounds, 50 years of age, well dressed, slender build, and wearing a dark grey suit," Mr. Knickerbocker said.

FEIT BROTHERS APPEAL DECISION

Appealing the decision made in the court of Municipal Judge John J. Schulte, the case of Joseph and Andrew Feit vs. Henry Frantz will be tried in the Circuit Court in Pontiac during the first week of September.

The Feit brothers, who were charged with assault and battery, were found guilty by the jury and fined \$50 each and costs, and given sixty-day jail terms. They were released on \$500 bond.

"PEEPING TOM" ANNOYS RESIDENTS

Residents living on Wilmarth and Oakland avenues have been annoyed by the activities of a "Peeping Tom" during the past week. An effort made to apprehend the individual was not successful.

For Women Only-- Farmington's Bachelors

Do you prefer them, as Mae Weir does, "tall, dark, and handsome"? Or does your choice run to flaxen, kinky-haired blondes with sky-blue eyes?

Whatever your preference, girls, Farmington has them all. Unfortunately, some of them have been "had" already. The strings of matrimony have pulled many out of circulation. But be not downhearted—some choice "catches" still remain for loose and fancy free.

But your shopping days are numbered. Only 154 days remain until—no, not Christmas—but until Leap Year is over. Only 154 more days for you to wear the parais—and do the proposing!

So far you have not done very well. Statistics show that the marriage rate so far this year is behind that of last year. Could it be timidity? Surely not in this Age of Unemancipated Womanhood!

The Enterprise believes that the trouble lies in the fact that the bachelors have hid their lights under the bushels for too long. While praises have been sung of those who are now the Benedicts, the neglected heroes, the Bachelors, remain unsung.

To remedy this important slight, we present herewith, ten of Farmington's Most Eligible Bachelors for approval. Included are their telephone numbers. The Enterprise is doing its part in helping you aim the dart. The rest is all up to you.

Band Stand Protests Gain

Joining with the protest voiced by "A Reader" in The Enterprise last week, an increasing number of Farmington citizens have declared their dissatisfaction with the present location of the band stand in the Town Hall Park.

Among the several protests is a letter which declares that the "band stand is not merely a band stand. It is a flop house for bums, a waste basket for picknickers, and a torture cell for small dogs." The letter is as follows:

"The letter from 'A Friend' certainly struck a responsive chord with us. From the first day the band stand was moved from its former location to the present, we have thought is a mistake."

It is indeed a poor tribute to the dead to have the insistent and annoying honking of automobile horns across the street. The demeanor of many of the younger generation who attend the concerts is not thoughtful or respectful toward those who have passed away. But it is not their fault. The concerts are intended to bring music and enjoyment to Farmington.

That the fault lies in the location of the band stand is a foregone conclusion. The band stand is not merely a band stand. It is a flop house for bums, a waste basket for picknickers, and a torture cell for small dogs and pets thrown in by it young boys.

"A Friend" is certainly right. Let the band stand be moved to another location. The school house would be a good place to use. Or the west park by the point at Oakland avenue and Grand River would suit the purpose. Yours for a new location.

The Halsteads.

Spencer Heeneey, whose funeral home is located on the eastern side of Farmington Road across from the band stand, commented on the proposal, saying, "I am reluctant to take part in the controversy, but it does seem to me that the noise accompanying the concerts might easily become annoying to those who are bereaved. I think a new location for the stand would remove the source of the trouble."

Mrs. A. L. Bruder, who lives at the corner of Farmington Road and Oakland avenue, said, "I don't think that the band stand looks very good where it now is, nor do I think it is proper to have it located across the street from Mr. Heeneey's Funeral Home. It would improve the park," she said, "if it were moved to another location."

EAST NOVI SCHOOL HOLDS REUNION

Reminiscences of the day of the "three Rs" will be exchanged at the reunion of the East Novi School on Saturday, August 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Thornton, 30955 Nine Mile Road.

The East Novi School, which is no longer standing, was situated across the street from the present location of Botkin's Inn on Grand River.

Legion to Hold "Painting Bee"

A final "painting bee" is being held Sunday morning to finish the repairs on the Lulu Forsythe home on Tuck Road, according to Dr. J. W. Norton.

All Legionnaires, Veterans, and their friends are requested to meet at the home at 10:30 a. m. Much work has already been completed and if a good number will turn out for putting on the finishing touches, the job will be completed Sunday, Dr. Norton said.

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BLINDED BY SUN; EDWARD BRADLEY HURT IN WRECK

The reflected glare of the sun in the windshield of a passing car temporarily blinded Edward Bradley, 32309 Orchard avenue, Farmington, whose car swerved off the highway, rolling over several times before coming to a stop. He received lacerations about the head, a chipped bone in the neck, and bruises about the shoulders, arms and back.

Mr. Bradley was returning from Detroit Sunday morning, driving west on Grand River avenue when the accident occurred. He was taken to the Redford branch of the Detroit Receiving hospital where he was treated for his injuries. He was able to return to his home Tuesday afternoon but is still confined to his bed.

Rev. Schultz Succeeds Rev. Breitenbach

Rev. Carl H. Schultz, formerly of Freehold, Indiana, has been elected to succeed Rev. William Breitenbach at the Salem Evangelical Church of Farmington. Rev. Schultz will take charge of the services soon.

Rev. Breitenbach has been elected to the St. James Church at Saline, Michigan. He will begin his services there, Sunday, August 2.