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## Recommend Decrease in Budget

A budget of \$1,107,945 will be required to operate Oakland County in 1941, of which \$934,945 will be raised by taxation and the rest to come from income. These figures were contained in the annual report of the Board of Auditors, submitted to the Board of Supervisors Monday.

The sum proposed to be raised by taxes is \$2,352.40 more than was raised in that manner in 1939. The 1940 total budget, however, was \$1,142,392.50 or \$124,447.50 more than is contemplated for the coming year.

County taxes, estimated at \$299,800 this year, are estimated for next year at \$173,000. The county, under its 4.5 mill allocation, could raise by taxation \$1,003,780 by using Pontiac City as the basis and equating the other units of the county. This is in contradiction, however, that the State tax commission places back on the rolls all lands sold at the recent scavenger land sale.

More for Coroners  
Appropriation recommendations for the coming year very closely follow those granted a year ago with the exception that the auditors suggest \$35,000 more be included in the contingent fund for coroners. Under a new arrangement made necessary by the county having a population of more than 250,000, the two coroners must be doctors, who will receive annual salaries of \$7,500 each. Just what the expense of operating their offices will be the coming year cannot yet be determined. The amount included in the contingent fund, the auditors believe, should provide adequate provision for the coroners to operate in the establishment of an economical administration.

The auditors have reduced the appropriation for the contagious hospital by \$7,000, believing that sum will be sufficient unless an epidemic should be an epidemic. The hospital fund is cut \$15,000 because there has been less demand for assistance from this fund than in former years. It is proposed to reduce the social welfare direct relief fund by \$50,000.

Salaries Changed—  
Some slight changes in the salaries of county employees were suggested in some of the lower brackets, employees are entitled to slight increases by reason of their years of employment and in accordance with a sliding scale of wages within certain limitations agreed upon last year. The auditors believe the road commissioner appointed this fall to take office January 1 should be paid not at the rate of \$1,000 for part-time service but \$2,000 for full-time service. The other two members of that body are now on full-time basis. The term of one member of the social welfare commission also expires December 31 and the auditors suggest instead of paying him \$2,100, that the salary be increased to \$2,500. The term of George Burt on the welfare commission is to be filled this fall and John Bradley's term on the road commission expires this year.

Following the custom of other years, the recommendations of the auditors probably will be submitted to the committees on appropriations, salaries and ways and means which later in the session will submit reports which will be used in the making up of the annual budget.

## City Provides a Meeting Place for Scout Groups

Steps to be taken for the welfare of scores of boys and girls of Farmington and the surrounding areas were discussed by the City Commission at its meeting Thursday evening. Action was taken by the Commission to provide a suitable meeting place for the several Scout organizations of the community, including the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Sea Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts, and the Cub Packs.

John W. Hunt, Neighborhood Scout Commissioner, told the Commission of the urgent need of a place in which the Scouts can hold their meetings, and asked that the Commission grant them the exclusive use of the large room above the fire hall.

Hunt decided that if the Scouts were given the use of the room, if the City would provide such improvements as an outside exit, stairway repairs, and new plumbing, the Scouts and their leaders would see that the room was cleaned up and put into shape for meetings.

Allow \$200 for Repairs  
Upon a motion by Bagnall the Commission voted to allow \$200 for repairs to the hall and to turn the room over to the Scouting organizations, providing that the Scouts assume the responsibility for the heating, discipline, and operation of the quarters.

The proposition of repairing the hall for the use of various clubs and organizations in Farmington came before the Commission this summer and was put aside for further consideration. Under the action taken Thursday the Commission, however, use of the hall will be limited exclusively to the Scouts.

Over 700 Interested  
Hunt said that more than 700 Scouts are interested in the Farmington area are interested in or connected with the Scouting movement, including the Scouts themselves, their parents, and leaders. During the past year the various Scout groups have held their meetings in the high school gymnasium, said Hunt, but this was unsatisfactory because of meeting conflicts with other organizations.

With so many youngsters and adults interested in the movement, Hunt said he felt it was the city's duty to provide a place in which they could hold their meetings. Having exclusive use of the hall the Scouts will be able to put hand-carried and other exhibits of their work on the walls, build cabinets, and plan their meetings without conflicts with other organizations.

To Name Committee  
Hunt agreed to name a committee of parents and leaders to be responsible to the City for the care and use of the hall. The Scouts were granted use of the hall for one year, the time to be extended at the discretion of the Commission.

KIWANIS CLUB TO HOLD MEETING WEDNESDAY  
The Kiwanis Club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening at the Salem Evangelical church. The program will be under the direction of Dick Taylor.

The club is co-operating with the Exchange Club in the Civic Theatre program Thursday evening. Other co-operating organizations include the Methodist Episcopal Church, American Legion, Farmington city officials, Farmington Women's Club, Farmington Garden Club, Farmington township officials, Livonia township officials, Farmington school district officials, Theatres, Inc., and the Parent-Teacher Association.

WINIFRED TUBBALL, WED TO ROBERT CRAIG SATURDAY  
Miss Winifred Tubball, daughter of Mr. John Tubball of Farmington, was the bride of Robert Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Craig of Detroit, at a ceremony Saturday afternoon in Detroit. The service was read by the Rev. Lawrence Edwards.

The bride wore a mauve red-tinge ensemble with dubonnet accessories and a corsage of Tallman roses with tuberoses.

Mrs. Walter Hoffman was the bride's only attendant and wore a dubonnet ensemble with black accessories with a corsage of blue and white combination.

Walter Hoffman acted as best man for Mr. Craig. The bridegroom's mother wore a travel print gown and black accessories with bronze gladiolas.

Following the ceremony the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's father in Farmington, where luncheon was served. In the evening a reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gibbins in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig are at home in the apartment over the Oak Pharmacy in Farmington.

FOR RENT or sale—House and 20 by 100 chicken coop. One-half acre with black and white chickens. 420 a month. Mrs. Nette, 25525 Orchard Lake Road.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS TO MEET MONDAY EVENING  
The Farmington Young Republicans Club will meet Monday night, September 23, at the home of Arlene Fluk, 23140 Grand Blvd. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

DR. ADAMS TO SPEAK  
Dr. Frank P. Adams, recently returned from a trip to South America, will resume his monthly lectures in Farmington at the Universalist Church, on Wednesday evening, September 25, at 8 p. m.

COMMUNICATION PLANNED  
A special communication will be held at the Masonic lodge Monday evening, September 23, for work in the first degree and examination for proficiency.

## Grand River Gets New Road Signs

Application of "no passing zone" signs on Grand River avenue was completed this week by the state highway department. The signs are placed at hills and curves and at other points where limited sight distance makes passing of a vehicle ahead a dangerous maneuver. The signs are placed in pairs—one indicating the beginning of a "no passing zone" and one indicating the end of the zone.

The yellow signs on the pavement are continued but serve now as a supplement to the official sign designation. Grand River from Detroit to Rapid River is the first complete section of highway to be treated with the no-passing signs. They are prescribed for use throughout the state in the sign manual prepared by the state highway department some time ago. The installations will be extended to other highways as rapidly as possible.

May Make Arrests  
The no-passing areas are delineated by actual field surveys of road conditions. Factors of average speed at each point and distance required to pass are considered along with the sight distance available in determining the length of the zone. Enforcement officers are empowered by law to make arrests for violation of the no-passing restrictions established by erection of the signs.

Meanwhile, plans for the construction of an express highway along Grand River from the downtown district to the city limits are still being considered by engineers. An amendment to Federal Aid Highway legislation which is aimed particularly at making possible express motorways was approved recently in Washington by the highway conference committee of the Senate and House of Representatives.

RPC May Make Loans  
The amendment permits the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to highway departments for acquiring necessary right-of-ways for major construction programs, such as the one contemplated for Grand River.

The state highway department will receive about \$5,000,000 in primary Federal highway aid each year, Van Wagoner said, and about \$1,000,000 for secondary roads and grade crossings each year. Contracts under the new appropriation can be let starting January 1, 1941.

The conference committee agreed on a total of \$145,000,000 in Federal highway allotments to states for the fiscal year. State's Cut Is Lower  
"This is \$115,000,000 less than the appropriation for each year of the last biennium," Van Wagoner said, "but Michigan's decrease will be much less than the national average. That is because the cuts were in items such as roads, Indian reservations, parks, and national forests, which have little effect on Michigan."

Congressmen said the conference committee discussed further appropriations for highways having military value, but that action on this issue was delayed in order to expedite passage of the highway appropriation bill and the right-of-way loan amendment.

## NEW BIBLE CLASS STARTED AT WEST POINT CHURCH

Each Friday evening between 7:30 and 8:30 an academy class is held at the West Point Bible Church, Seven-Mile and Farmington roads. This class is being taught by P. Amstutz of Detroit, who is a seminary graduate and approved by the Moody Bible Institute. The church operates a branch of this school known as "West Point Bible Institute."

The public is invited to enroll in this week. The school is un denominational and will be a special service for those who wish to attend. This includes adults as well as children.

Miss Farmington of the school is taking a vacation. Rev. J. H. absence, assisted by P. Amstutz.

CARD OF THANKS  
The family of E. K. Tamms wishes to extend their thanks to the members of the Salem Evangelical Church, and especially to Mary Jean and her committee, for the farewell party tendered by them. Edwin, Stella, Leona, and Edna.

## National Letter Writing Week is October 6 to 12

National Letter-Writing Week will be observed in Farmington throughout the nation, from October 6 to 12. Sponsored by the Post Office Department to stimulate interest in writing letters, the movement enjoyed broad success in its first two years, 1937 and 1939, and indications are that thousands of persons throughout America will be reminded again of the letters they should have written but did not.

Last year, Postmaster Lee reports, the number of letters sent through the Farmington post office increased substantially during National Letter-Writing Week.

An inspirational article on letter-writing has been prepared by David Manley, portions of which follow:

"A letter is the wide bridge which carries you to your friends. Your letter shares your heart with that distant friend; it brings comfort and a joy to that absent relative; it's the bridge that carries consolation to those who need it, of course and light to those awaiting a helping word; to the aged it brings a warm glow of happy remembrance; to the young, a merry laugh of sheer gladness; it's the pathway along which your personality races to touch the lives of those you love."

"A letter is a part of you, speaking for you, acting for you—the most personal and most charming way to say 'thank you,' to wish God-speed, to give welcome, to congratulate (and here is the very essence of a letter) to create a tie that is lovely and enduring."

"Don't put off writing because you 'can't think of what to say.' Those to whom you write will not mind that the your words are every you thought they had, but every you put off writing because you don't think it's important. Every letter that was ever written was important to the person who received it."

## Town Welcomes Civic Theatre

Farmington's big party, celebrating the opening of the new Civic Theatre, will be held Thursday evening with an expected attendance of nearly 500 guests at the Exchange Club. The Civic will open its doors officially with a matinee performance Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program for the "opening night" festivities includes a dinner at Huck's Redford Inn, beginning at 6:30 p. m., followed at 9 p. m. by a program in front of the theatre. Spotlights and floodlights will lend a brilliant touch to the scene. Celebrities and guests will be introduced over a microphone by warmth of the marquee and an address of welcome will be given by Mayor Leo P. Gildemeter.

Following entertainment by a number of comedians, the guests will move inside the theatre where they will see on the screen a new full length movie and several patriotic short subjects.

The program is sponsored by the Farmington Civic Theatre, with the co-operation of the Kiwanis Club, Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, Farmington city officials, Farmington Garden Club, Farmington Township, Pleasant Ridge, Farmington school faculty, Associated Theatres, Inc., and the Parent-Teacher Association.

A strike has been offered to the person or party arriving at the theatre in the most unusual conveyance.

## RED CROSS OPENS PRODUCTION ROOM IN PONTIAC

The production workrooms of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, reopened this week in Pontiac at the People's State Bank Building. Mrs. L. W. Gately, director, requests all women wishing to sew for Red Cross projects come to the workroom Friday.

A report has been received from the special Red Cross observers who visited Poland to observe the extent of the relief which has been carried on in Warsaw, Lublin, Radom and Cracow. These representatives said they saw Red Cross relief supplies actually going to those for whom they were intended.

They observed the systems of record keeping and watched the actual distribution of supplies. Unusual thoroughness and accuracy was noted in the accounting process as well as hundreds of volunteers working in the interests of the needy, even when their own needs were apparent. It was reported.

Markings on the Red Cross garments are well handled by volunteers from chapters in widespread sections of the United States.

Oakland County Red Cross workrooms, except for a two weeks' cessation of activity in August, have been operating since the garments for European relief since the early fall of 1939. Christ Church workroom, which has already resumed its work, is far advanced in the production of the quota under the direction of Mrs. Sheldon Noble.

The chapter's fifth quota has been accepted by the Volunteer Service Committee. The quota, which is essential, is made up of 400 garments, consists of women's and girls' dresses and skirts, layettes, boys' shirts, overalls and shorts, convalescent robes, hospital pajamas, and men's, women's and children's undershirts. Many of these garments are already on hand, many more must be completed before Dec. 15. The workroom will be open each Tuesday and Friday.

## Water System Ordinance Approved

The way paved by the Farmington Township Board Friday evening for the construction of a water system to serve residents of the northern portion of the township, the board unanimously approved an ordinance providing for the water system and setting up the conditions under which bonds will be issued and paid for.

Softly liquid revenue bonds will be issued. The ordinance also prescribed regulations for the fixing, collection, segregation and disposition of the revenues and provided a depreciation fund, together with a statutory lien in favor of the holders of the bonds.

Estimated cost of the water system to township users is \$110,000. The bonds are to be payable as follows:

\$2,000.00 on October 1 of each year from 1944 to 1947, inclusive.  
\$3,000.00 on October 1 of each of the years 1948 and 1949.  
\$4,000.00 on October 1 of each year from 1950 to 1953, inclusive.  
\$5,000.00 on October 1 of each year from 1954 to 1959, inclusive.

Interest rates will not exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The bonds will not be general obligations of the township, but will be payable out of the net revenues of the water system, after provision for payment of operating expenses has been made.

The water system will serve residents living within the territory bounded by the north by Shawwassee avenue on the east by Inkster road, on the south by Eight-Mile road and on the west by Middle Belt road.

A minimum rate of \$6 per quarter is planned, of which \$3 is paid for water and \$3 toward retirement of the bonds. Four classes of users have been classified and the rates set for each class are:

For the first 1,000 cubic feet or any part thereof, \$3.00.  
For the next 9,000 cubic feet, per thousand, \$1.00.  
For the next 81,000 cubic feet, per thousand, 75 cents.  
For all over 100,000 cubic feet, per thousand, 50 cents.

The township board may establish special rates for service connections to businesses. Business rates are not contiguous to the system.

## EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS TALK BY DETROIT NEWSMAN

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Next week's guest will be the head of the Detroit Police Traffic Department.

The club has completed plans of the sale opening night program for the new Civic Theatre. The celebration will be held Thursday night, with an expected attendance of nearly 500.

## Farmington O. E. S. Holds Friendship Night

Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S., will celebrate Friendship Night next Tuesday evening, September 24, at the Masonic Hall. Oakland county officers have been invited to attend. All chapters in Oakland County.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock, with invited officers of Oakland county chapters exemplifying the degrees of the Order. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

A large number of guests are expected and a good attendance of Farmington Chapter is desired.

Party given for Daughters' Birthday Anniversaries  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweizer entertained at a birthday party Saturday evening, honoring their two daughters, from 8:30, 23 and 24, Betty Jean, who will be celebrating their birthday anniversaries. Party guests attended the party at the Schweizer home on Tulane avenue, and enjoyed an evening playing bridge. Both girls received many lovely gifts and Mrs. Schweizer served a delicious buffet luncheon.

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