

Assessed Valuation Of Township Triples In Year

The assessed valuation of property in Farmington Township will hit a 1968 figure almost three times that of a year ago when the first audit was completed this week, it has been disclosed.

Assessor Robert Romer issued a preliminary estimate Monday which put the total at \$177,313,800 in comparison to the 1967 figure of \$59,582,975.

Romer expressed the view that adherence to statewide policy of assessing property at 50 per cent of its cash value brought a boost on existing structures to about the \$150 million mark, and that this was

pushed to \$177 million by new construction.

COUNTY representatives are currently reviewing the assessment rates, but Romer said he doesn't expect the final total to vary greatly from his staff's calculations.

The Board of Review, which recently concluded its sessions after being deluged with assessment protests, granted 388 interviews, according to Romer.

In 1967, the Oakland County Equalization Board considered township assessments so far below par that it established the sector's equalization factor at 2.0. This gave the township an equalized valuation total of \$119,761,780.

It is the hope of township officials that the factor will be reduced to 1.0 for 1968. The greatest immediate effect of Romer's announcement pertains to the prospect of a proposal being submitted by the Board of Education at the June 10 school election asking an increase in operating millage.

THE ASSESSMENT total for the city of Farmington for 1968 is \$39,619,520. Coupled with the

township estimate made by Romer, this would put the two governments at \$216,829,320.

If both are given a 1.0 factor by the county, then every mill of taxation would be worth \$216,000-plus. Although the school district does not coincide exactly with the boundaries of the city and township, this calculation of millage yield is close enough to have considerable bearing on election prospects.

So far the school board has not announced what its millage request will be. However, early calculations of its income were based on an estimate that each mill would be worth about \$187,000.

Accurate valuation figures will give the board a chance to pinpoint income estimates from all sources, including state aid in which equalized valuation per pupil is a factor, with greater exactitude than before.

Detroit Tense During Curfew

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It was this provision that brought the street to a halt in a memorial parade in Royal Oak. In Dearborn, a number of marchers convinced Police Chief John O'Reilly to accept another interview.

They marched along sidewalks to the site of a memorial service.

"It was a religious service, a walk to a memorial service," O'Reilly said. "We checked that out very clearly in advance."

News of Dr. King's assassination hit Detroit's Negro community like a brick through a window. Shock and sorrow kept unrest on the streets to a minimum.

On Friday, some students stayed out of school, others gathered on the school lawn. Some tossed stones and bricks through glass. The schools were

let out early and stayed closed. With tension mounting and bands of young Negroes roaming the streets, Mayor Cavanagh called for help. State Police Director Frederick E. Davis arrived in command of 400 troopers.

Cavanagh asked for the National Guard. Gov. Romney in an afternoon press conference said he had called in 4,000 guardsmen for later deployment if necessary in the streets of Detroit.

POLICE RADIO messages crackled over the press room speaker in Detroit Police headquarters, 1300 Beaubien.

At 8:15 p.m., Friday, a police cruiser being fired upon called for help from Delaware and Woodrow Wilson. At 8:23 p.m. the radio said men were moving arms from under a house at 1976 Deering.

At 8:26, the radio said a woman was in the street in the 1300 block of Alameda way-

ing a gun. At the same time a man was reported a block away threatening to shoot his entire family.

A police sledge placed a sign over the speaker. "All transmissions heard off these monitors are unconfirmed. If there were other messages, two employees were being first on inside a store."

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12 months	\$1,051.24
36 months	1,161.76
60 months	1,263.89
86 months	1,430.72

Holdup Nets Bandits \$84

Two armed bandits staged a daylight holdup of a Farmington Township service station Saturday morning, April 6, and escaped with \$84.

Robert Moore, operator of the Gulf station at Nine Mile and Middle Bell Rds., told police he was alone in the station at 9:30 a.m. Saturday when two Negroes held him up at pistol point.


After getting out of their car, the pair told Moore: "This is a stickup," as one pulled a revolver. Moore said he turned over all money in the cash register, as the men demanded, and that they then returned to the car and sped away.



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