

Half Million Cut in County Tax Asked

AUDITORS SEE WAY TO CURB LARGE TOTAL

Department Salary Increase Recommended

BOARD HEARS REPORT

A cut of \$540,440 in Oakland County taxes for next December compared with last year is recommended today by the county auditors to the board of supervisors. The report was made by Willis M. Brewer who with Edward Moore and Seymour D. Adams constitute the board.

It is estimated that \$2,176,292.21 will be necessary to carry the county through the coming year, not including the poor fund expenditures estimated at \$327,000. The county will have an estimated surplus at the end of this year of \$24,400 and an income from revenues for the coming year of \$300,000.

These deducted from the fund and poor fund expenditures will make the tax budget for the coming year \$2,148,892.21. The decrease in the new budget is made possible despite proposed increases in the demands of several county departments and offices because of the absence this year of the \$517,000 overdraft which had to be included in last year's budget, and also because \$302,148.50 for erection of the tuberculosis hospital was included last year.

Department Increases
Included in the recommendations are a number of increases in department expenses and a few salaries. Suggested increases in the several departments are as follows: Board of Auditors, for clerical help, \$3,200; Circuit Court, clerical help, \$3,000; County Clerk, clerical help, \$3,000; Drain Commission, clerical help, \$820; Justice Court additional justice, \$3,000, and clerical help, \$700; Poor Commission, \$1,000 expenses; Prosecuting Attorney, for assistants and stenographers, \$4,000 and \$1,500 for expenses; Register of Deeds, clerical help, \$600; Road Commissioners, expenses, \$1,000; School Commission, clerical help, \$1,100; Sher-

iff Department, additional help, \$5,000; County Treasurer, additional help, \$4,500; Probate Court, clerical help, \$200; Department of Health, commissioners, \$100 increase and a decrease of \$100 in the amount for assistants. Suggested increases total \$34,280.

Your Board of Auditors in giving its annual financial account which is for the month attached seems to be certain to call your attention to certain facts in relation to the financial affairs of the county, reads the printed portion of the auditors' report.

"In the first place, it is a matter of congratulation, not only to the board and your honorable body, and also to the people at large, that the budget system under which we have been operating has proven so successful. With minor exceptions each department has lived within its budget. Due to a clerical error in computation the appropriation for one department whereby sufficient funds were not raised, an overdraft occurred. With that exception, those departments which are directly under the control of your Board of Auditors have lived within their appropriation.

Growth Causes Increases
"Owing to the growth of Oakland county, complications have arisen and situations have been created which have called for sums of money beyond the appropriation; such as, for instance, one branch of the Pontiac Court—and matters of a similar character the carrying on of the affairs of the Circuit Courts; the Tuberculosis and Contagious Hospitals. In each and all of those the demands which have arisen calling for an excess over the appropriation have been due to the fact that owing to the prosperity of this county large numbers of people from all parts of the country have come to our county and consequently have created situations which have called for moneys in excess of what could have been reasonably anticipated.

"Another matter of congratulation lies in the fact, as an inspection of our budget will disclose, that the budget for this year, after making all reasonable allowances, is \$540,440 less than the budget for last year. There is but one way to curtail expenses and that is to curtail them. We believe that the attached budget as prepared will take care of any reasonable demand upon this county for the ensuing year and at the same time save a considerable sum to the taxpayers.

"Some years ago, your honorable body established a building program, to be financed by taxation. The result is that at the present time there has been completed the Tuberculosis Hospital, the Contagious Hospital, the Infirmary, Children's Detention Home, cement block, storage and dormitory. All of these have been completed without any outstanding obligations against any one of them. This, we feel, is a matter of congratulation on the part of the entire county.

Poor Economy
"While it is true that we have a very complete group of buildings to meet the wants of the county, yet it is true that in a county growing and developing as ours is, it is, in our judgment, very necessary, not to keep step with the advance demands by the community. We cannot enjoy all the advantages which this county possesses without assuming a fair share of the burdens which flow from such advantages. While the buildings, as we have said, are complete, they will require and should receive attention and should not be permitted to deteriorate to a condition which will call for a tremendous expenditure in one lump sum at one time. The condition which we find in the state institutions in Michigan is a sufficient warning against such a policy. Oakland County must, while working along economic lines, keep pace with the growing demands of the times.

"The recent experience which this county has passed through with reference to the excessive valuation which has been placed upon our county by the State Board challenges the attention of your honorable body to ascertain whether or not steps should now be taken to prevent a recurrence of such a situation. It should be done is not entirely clear, but the necessity for some action is imperative.

Welch of Boyd avenue were Sunday guests of Mrs. H. Siglow of Romeo.

Mrs. Theresa Harris had as her guests the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCallan of Birmingham, Thursday evening; O. Harris of Detroit last Friday; Mr. and Mrs. J. Harris of Detroit, Sunday; and Mr. and Mrs. P. Fall of Milford, Monday. The latter was also a guest of Mrs. Mary Miles and Mrs. M. Goodale of Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James and daughter, Marylouise, of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren James, E. James, of Southfield, was also a Sunday guest.

Miss Made Newport of Detroit was a guest of Miss Alfretha Black, Sunday.

The Big Beaver Grocery, formerly owned by K. Mills of Rochester, will in the future be under the management of A. Pearl of Pontiac.

James Howlett, of Strahlmoot and sister, Miss Anna Howlett of Los Angeles, Cal., were guests of Palmer Howlett Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dobson, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. W. Buxton, of Boyd avenue, and Miss Grace Howlett and R. C. Hale, of Rochester, were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hale, of Oak Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lawson and daughter, Grace, were guests of Mr. Lawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawson, of Avoca, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Blumerich announce the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Alberta, Sept. 10.

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Rev. Walter Luce, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church is attending the annual conference at Ann Arbor this week.

A Currin family gathering was held at the Currin-Pickering cottage at Macesay Lake, Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Milo Rayner and family, of Grand Blanc, Clara Hines and family, and Miss Cora Grace Childs of New Hudson. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Currin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Currin, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Utley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCulloch, Mrs. Susan Rayner, Mrs. Mary Johnson, and son, Wellington, and Mr. and Mrs. John Currin and son Norman of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Oakes spent the week-end in Chicago.

Robert McCulloch, of Albion was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Currin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crim of Mill Brook Farm have returned from a visit in New York.

Norman Currin and his guest, Robert McCulloch, of Albion, visited friends in Saginaw last Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Kennedy and Miss Betty Kennedy who have been visiting for some time with relatives here, have returned to their homes in Aurora, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Seavey, and Mrs. Clayton Currin accompanied them.

James Bowden is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bowden.

Mrs. Carrie Bishop of Bedford is visiting friends in Franklin this week.

Wilfred Johnson and Miss Alberta Murphy of Farmington were quietly married in Ohio, recently.

Mrs. Sarah Crawford, of Pontiac, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones a few days this week.

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies' Aid Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Alfred Currin, Thursday, Sept. 19.

Twenty-seven persons gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bingham, Sunday, in honor of Mr. Bingham's sixty-fifth birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Frisbie and daughter, Janette, Mrs. Minnie Smith, Mrs. Charles Howe and daughter Alice Owosso, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker and family of Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bingham and family of Southfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bingham and family of Franklin.

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Mrs. Louise Wesley and Miss Belle Jewett of Detroit were luncheon guests of Mrs. R. C. Howell of Rochester road, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Orr and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bombar of Pontiac spent the week end at Sarnia.

Miss Ruth Miller was a weekend guest of Miss Hildred Blackwood of Detroit.

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