

GROUP AIMS TO REDUCE TAXES

Bloomfield, Pontiac, Detroit Men Would Cut Government Costs

A group of prominent men in Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac and Detroit has been engaged for some time in investigating governmental affairs in state and county with the purpose of recommending possible reforms in operation and legislation which will result in lower costs and be reflected in reduced tax rates. It was learned this week from Col. Edwin S. George, West Long Lake road, one of the members of the group.

The group has been divided into two sections, one to study county affairs and one for state purposes, Colonel George said. Only one meeting has been held to date, but others are expected to follow shortly.

The attention of the group on county affairs is being devoted chiefly at present to an attempt to devise a new system of taxation to replace or supplement the present property tax, he said.

"If the constitutional amendment to be voted on in the fall, proposing

to limit all property taxes to \$15 per thousand of assessed valuation, is adopted—and we believe it will be—the various governmental units will find themselves without sufficient funds to operate," Colonel George explained.

"In this event, it is our hope to be able to come forth with some helpful suggestions as to how the shortage can be made up."

Two Girls Injured In Maple Road Crash

Miss Margaret Johnson, 1606 Sixth street, Port Huron, suffered a possible fractured pelvis and internal injuries Tuesday when a car in which she was riding, driven by Miss Margaret Lassen, 1416 Military road, Port Huron, collided with another car at East Maple and Rochester roads. Miss Lassen received minor injuries.

Both girls were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Mt. Clemens in the S. O. Wylie Bell ambulance. They are students at Michigan State College and were returning to their homes from Ann Arbor when the crash occurred.

Heard in Court

Judge—How far was the man from you when you first saw him? Chaffner—Ten yards, sir.

Judge—And you couldn't stop? Chaffner—I had stopped. He was ten yards behind.

Springsteen Enters Contest For Sheriff

Frank E. Springsteen, Royal Oak city commissioner, crusader and investigator of county affairs, set for seven years the stormy petrel of the Board of Supervisors, today made formal announcement of his candidacy for Oakland County sheriff on the Democratic ticket.

"I am and will, if elected, organize the sheriff's department for the benefit of the people and not for a political machine or for personal gain," Mr. Springsteen declared.

"If the voters believe my efforts as a supervisor for seven years have been for the best interest of the taxpayers, I solicit and shall appreciate their support. Even those who oppose me cannot deny that my work on county matters, despite gubernatorial opposition, has caused a tremendous saving in the operating cost of the county and a resultant saving to the taxpayers."

Mr. Springsteen claims that he was largely responsible for the furnishing information and clues of the 23-man grand jury a year ago that enabled the county to force the contractor to rebuild Coolidge highway from Eight Mile to Eleven Mile roads, saving the county \$750,000, and that he was largely responsible for the elimination of the 10 per cent plus cost, formerly paid out of the county on all goods and merchandise purchased.

He was born in Detroit and lived in Royal Oak nearly all his life. He was educated in public schools and the Detroit Business University. He has been a farmer, ranchman and dairyman, and one time conducted a blacksmith shop.

He built and operated the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce several years and was conductor on the first Detroit-Pontiac interurban car which ran into Pontiac. He and his father did the first work on the Detroit-Pontiac Railroad right-of-way.

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Bread Sandwich Loaf 8c
Sugar Cookies Lb. 15c

Palmolive Beauty Soap 4 bars 25c

HER GRACE **LAYER CAKE** 25c

Breakfast Bacon lb. 11 1/2c
2-lb. and 3-lb. Pieces

SLICED BACON Sweet Cure lb. 17c
MEAT LOAF A Luncheon Treat lb. 23c

Boneless Rolled Veal Fine for Fricassee lb. 22c

FRYING CHICKENS lb. 22c
CHOICE CHUCK ROAST of Beef lb. 15c

Prime Stand'g Rib of Beef lb. 22c

D'MOLAYS BUSY OVER SUMMER

Chapter Pursues Athletic, Social, Camping Activities in Warm Season

Although regular weekly meetings are not held during the vacation months, the Haszberger Chapter, Order of DeMolays, is carrying out an extensive program of activities for its members this summer.

Last week four members of the local chapter entered the Detroit DeMolays Athletic Association track meet and tied with the Ionic Chapter of Detroit for first place.

Earl Owens won the 880-yard run and placed third in the discus throw. William Guckelberg took first in the 100-yard dash and tied for second in the broad jump and high jump events. Earl Halsey placed third in the 80 and 120-yard low hurdles. The 400-yard relay team, composed of the above three contestants and Lloyd Dennis, won its event.

The Haszberger Chapter sent four delegates to the councilors' conference at Camp Redemaker on Bear Lake last week-end. Over 100 DeMolays, representing chapters throughout the state, were present. The local delegates were Earl Halsey, Gordon Lawton, William Guckelberg and B. J. Melrow.

A large attendance from the Birmingham chapter is expected to be present at an outdoor golf and tennis tournament at Oakland County DeMolays at the Bendara Golf and Country Club this week-end. Competitive activities in golf, swimming, tennis and football will comprise the program. A trophy will be awarded the chapter accumulating the most points.

Camp List Given

Leading all other chapters in the state for the fifth time, the Haszberger Chapter now has 25 registrations for Camp Redemaker. This number will be doubled within the next week if it holds true.

Those who have already registered are Frank Herby, Donald Higgins, Charles H. Hays, B. J. Melrow, William Lancy, Dalbert Ross, Bill Simmons, William Guckelberg, Richard Taylor, Lloyd Dennis, Ray Pettibone, Gordon Lawton and B. J. Melrow.

Other forthcoming activities of the chapter include a 3-day excursion aboard the Birmingham-Pontiac-Bay on Aug. 3, with the Pontiac and Royal Oak chapters, and a water race Aug. 22, at the Ross cottage on Woodlawn Lake. In addition, the chapter is doubling and single tennis teams are taking part in matches with those of other towns in the Metropolitan District.

Watrous' Friends Are Still Asking 'How It Happened'

Al Watrous, pro golfer at Oakland Hills Country Club, is still being asked to explain all about "how it happened."

How it happened—that is—what took a balloon ascension of those first nine holes in the final round at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club Saturday and saw the Canadian Open Golf Championship slip through his grasp after everybody, including the champion, had already visioned him with the crown on his temple.

Because for two days Watrous played steady, unbeatable golf and his hundreds of friends in and around Birmingham hatched wilder and wider smiles as they followed.

And then Watrous blew—sky-high. He was one over par on the first hole, and another on the second. He steadied enough to click off the next two holes in par, but faltered again to lose one stroke to par on each of the fifth, sixth and seventh, and two more on the eighth.

He finished the nine with a 44, and although he came home with a brilliant 34, two under par, on the last nine, he was still three strokes to the rear of Cooper, who had overtaken Watrous' four-stroke lead and built up a like advantage for himself by shooting a 36 on the first nine while Watrous was floundering in the sand traps. (Cooper played his last nine in 35.)

Walter Hagen of Detroit, the defending champion, finished third with a 295, two strokes behind Watrous.

Held Title Before

The Oakland Hills pro was fighting to regain a title he held 10 years ago, and his play in the opening rounds Thursday and Friday indicated that he would have little trouble in turning the trick.

He shot a 73 on the first 18 to finish in a tie for fourth place at the close of the initial round, and took the lead on the next round by scoring a 70 and ending two strokes ahead of Cooper. He was still in front after a hole-in-one on the third round in 73 and increasing his lead to four strokes.

Then came the explosion which Watrous is still trying to figure out in an attempt to answer that bothersome question of "how it happened."

Cosmetic Comment

"So you think Jack's a dirt," said Mr. McCullum, smiling at the owner of any lipstick in the tennis club by simply tasting it."—The Humorist (London).

MORTGAGE PLAN TO BE CONTINUED

McCullum Says Deadline For Signing Agreements, Will Be Set Back

The committee sponsoring the plan to transform the assets of the closed First State Savings Bank into a mortgage company will wait, possibly for several weeks, before setting the date for the signing of its depositors' agreements, it was announced yesterday by William McCullum and E. C. Baynes, two of the members of the committee.

"We are already to take over our share of the assets, but it is advisable to wait until Aug. 1, and probably longer, in order to give all depositors an opportunity to pledge their support to the plan," Mr. McCullum declared.

He said the committee had full authority to continue to receive signatures as long as it was deemed advisable.

"Deposits signed to the plan during the past week fell off about 5000," Mr. McCullum said, adding that he believed this indicated a weakening of interest in the bank's affairs.

Village Taxes Due July 1st, 1932

NOTICE is hereby given that Village Taxes for the fiscal year 1932 are due and payable at the office of the Village Treasurer July 1, 1932.

Payable without penalty up to and including July 31, 1932.

One per cent penalty from August 1 to September 1, 1932, inclusive. Four per cent penalty from September 1 to October 1, 1932, inclusive. No taxes accepted by Village Treasurer after October 31, 1932, as the tax roll will be in the hands of the County Treasurer at Pontiac for collection. All taxes unpaid after October 31, 1932, will bear the four per cent penalty plus three-quarters of one per cent for each additional month or fraction thereof.

Charles E. Plumstead
Treasurer, Village of Birmingham