

Apoplexy Is Fatal To Southfield Man

David Hill Morrow, 60, Dies Suddenly; Funeral Service Held Monday

David Hill Morrow, retired Southfield Township farmer, who died suddenly of apoplexy last Friday, was buried in Southfield Cemetery Monday afternoon, following funeral services which were held from the residence at Ten Mile and Lahar roads.

Death occurred in Webberville, Mich., where Mr. Morrow had gone to spend the day on business. He was born in Redford Township 60 years ago, and had lived there and in Southfield Township all his life. He was a member of the Southfield United Presbyterian Church.

On Aug. 9, 1906, he was married to Mary Margaret Boardlee, who survives him. Also surviving are two sons, Claude E. and Erwin D. Morrow, both of whom were members of the church.

Three daughters, Mrs. Mary Kirchoff and Miss Emily J. Morrow of Detroit, and Mrs. Anna McClelland of Owosso.

NEW SERVICE PLANNED AT ST. HUGO OF HILLS

The Rev. Fr. D. T. Whollihan, who recently began his duties as pastor of Chapel-St. Hugo of the Hills on Opdyke road, has announced that beginning next week a novena in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held at the church every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Father Whollihan succeeded the Rev. Fr. William W. Ryan, who was forced to resign because of illness.

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Says Board Hasn't Refused To Share Tax Drive Expense

Ray A. Palmer, president of the Board of Education, has asked the Board to correct a statement made in last week's issue in regard to a communication received by the Board at its last meeting from City Manager James W. Parry, regarding the city's tax collection campaign.

In referring to the letter, The Eccentric said "The Board merely asked the city to correct a statement making any move to share in the cost of the campaign." Mr. Palmer points out that the official minutes of the School Board in regard to the communication read as follows:

"A communication from James W. Parry, city manager, outlining program for tax collection for the city. Communication ordered laid on table for consideration of full board." Two members of the Board, Earl G. Potter and John S. Black, were absent from this meeting.

"It is regrettable," Mr. Palmer said, "that the newspaper's version of the Board's action should be such as to carry a wrong impression to the public and everyone concerned."

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per cent of the valuations on the tax roll, and of this, 93 per cent is collected; 56 per cent of the roll consists of residential improved property, of which 58.7 per cent is collected; 14.3 per cent of the roll is made up of business and commercial property, of which 48 per cent is collected, and 33.7 per cent of the roll is represented by vacant property, of which only 20 per cent is collected.

Thus, under present conditions, Mr. Schimmel explained, 5.7 per cent of the roll is collected in the form of personal property, 32.8 per cent from residential improved property, 6.8 per cent from business and commercial property, and 4.7 per cent from vacant property. The total of these figures is 50, leaving the other 50 as the percentage figure which is uncollectible at present.

Operating Minimum Set

Another assumption on which the program is based is that the city cannot perform essential municipal services on an annual budget of less than \$165,000. "This is the absolute minimum," Mr. Schimmel said. "It is true that our current operating expenses are somewhat less than that, but operations cannot be continued on the present scale. Essential and costly maintenance work, neglected in the past, must be performed, and it will take very careful management to stay within the \$165,000 figure."

A 50 per cent collection of a maximum tax levy of \$255,000 would net \$127,500. Other estimated annual revenues as set up in the program are \$30,000 from delinquent taxes of 1933 and subsequent years; \$10,000 from delinquent taxes of 1932 and prior years, refunded under the Moore-Holbeck law; \$20,000 from the water department (deducting nothing for interest and principal, since water bonds are to be refunded along with the others), and \$15,000 from fines, fees and licenses.

The total of these figures is \$187,500, representing the maximum annual revenue the city can expect to raise under present conditions. From \$187,500 would be deducted \$165,000, representing minimum operating costs. This would leave \$22,500 for interest payments on the bonded debt at the rate of 2 per cent.

Higher Levies

By 1940, when the interest rate increases to 3 per cent, it is assumed the community could bear a slightly higher tax levy. Another increase, it is assumed, could be borne in 1945, when the interest rate goes to 4 1/2 per cent. With these increases in the tax levies, a 50 per cent collection would still be sufficient at all times to carry out the program, Mr. Schimmel explained.

"However," he said, "the program is based on the assumption that the interests of the taxpayers will pay their taxes promptly. Any taxes collected in excess of the bare amount needed to pay interest and retire bonds as they mature will go into a sinking fund to be used to retire bonds before maturity."

"For instance, we'll say \$10,000 has accumulated in the sinking fund. The city will advertise for tenders from bondholders, and the offerer will sell at the lowest price will receive cash for their bonds out of the \$10,000. This \$10,000 is not only paid, but the remaining interest coupons are cancelled."

Savings Possible

If there are no tenders, Mr. Schimmel explained, the program, if approved by the bondholders, will provide that the city may select by lot any number of bonds it wishes to retire at any time. In this case, of course, the bondholders would receive the full face value of their bonds, but again the remaining interest coupons would be cancelled.

By this method, it would be possible in some instances for the city to make a saving of 100 per cent or more on individual bonds. Mr. Schimmel pointed. The interest paid on a \$1,000 bond, if allowed to accumulate over the full 30-year period, would have totaled \$1,150 by 1965, figuring the rate at 2 per cent the first five years, 3 per cent the next five, and 4 1/2 per cent the last 20. In interest and principal, then, the city would have paid out \$2,150 when the bond finally matures and is retired.

Should a surplus in the sinking fund enable the city to call in the bonds in 1940, however, a saving of \$1,050 would have been made, since only \$100 would have been paid in interest the first five years, and the city's total outlay in re-

tiring the bond would therefore be \$1,100. "I confidently believe," Mr. Schimmel said, "that this feature of the program would enable the city to retire half of its bonded debt within 10 years, providing the rate of tax collections has increased by that time to the normal expectancy of 65 or 70 per cent."

"In any event, the taxpayers should realize it would be to their advantage to pay their taxes when due, especially during the first five years, enabling the city to use surplus funds in reducing its own debt and cancelling interest obligations. Two of the chief advantages of this program is that it provides immediate relief from a heavy debt burden, and that it operates in such a manner that the more prompt people are in paying their taxes, the less it will eventually cost them to eliminate the debt entirely."

In the event tax collections were never sufficient to create a surplus in the sinking fund, the callable feature of the program could not therefore be used, the city's total expense in retiring the bonds and coupons as they matured would be \$1,870,000, Mr. Schimmel said. Under the present schedule, were the city able to meet its capital obligations when due, the total cost would be \$1,800,000. The callable feature of the program, however, makes it possible for the difference of \$70,000 to be reduced or entirely eliminated and an advantage set up in the city's side, Mr. Schimmel pointed out.

Interest Fund Started

Should the bondholders agree to the retirement of delinquent interest coupons at 50 cents on the dollar, there would all be paid off by Oct. 1 of this year, Mr. Schimmel said, adding that he anticipates the city will have no difficulty in building up a sufficient fund between now and that date. He pointed out that \$100,000 has already been set aside for that purpose, and that this, with a collection of current collections, plus collections of delinquent 1933 and 1934 taxes between March 16 and Oct. 1, together with the payment of the first installment of taxes refunded under the Moore-Holbeck bill, should be adequate to meet the obligation.

The \$124,800 in interest which would be paid in this manner has become delinquent since March, 1933. A total of \$418,000 in bond principal also is delinquent, and this would be refunded along with bonds which had not yet matured, Mr. Schimmel said.

Special assessment bonds, of which the city has between \$400,000 and \$500,000 outstanding, must be refunded under a separate program, Mr. Schimmel said.

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of these loans have been made in Michigan. "But we have only scratched the surface. We have organized the whole state, with volunteer civic committees in more than 300 towns. We are enlisting the splendid support of press, pulpit, radio, civic organizations, women's clubs, farm organizations, business groups, and all the forces of interest in modernization. We want to raise home standards—to make better homes for all our people. We want to provide work for thousands of idle men who always made their living by building."

"We will have a house-to-house canvass made in the 300 communities. It will show just where a new roof, or a new porch or bath-tub are needed. It will undoubtedly roll up a total of available work and business running into scores of millions of dollars. And then we propose to mobilize and instruct the sales forces of the state to go out and take advantage of the actual demand we have proved exists. That will be the help of the efficiency of our efforts. That will translate all this program into jobs for idle men, better homes for families, and better business for all."

Aids Local Aid

"In this effort I earnestly solicit the help of this group and this community. There is enough of resources, talent and energy in this room to effect a great change in conditions in Birmingham. I hope we may get you all out fighting in this battle of the war against depression. So, only, will we be able to get the best results." Mr. Foley discussed in some detail the workings of the two phases of the National Housing Act and stated that the local committee, under Chairman J. H. Sheridan, has full information for all inquirers. He praised the banks for their interest and described the initial difficulties which had to be met in clearing away conflicts of state and national law. He paid a compliment to Governor Fitzgerald for his interest and help in the program.

"Now," he said, "we have the obstacles out of the way and I look for a great upturn of building this spring and summer. Our campaign is given the wholehearted support for which we are asking."

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held last past seasons at the Detroit Institute of Arts, but none is scheduled there this year.

The exhibit will contain 35 pictures in all, according to Richard P. Rasmussen, of the Cranbrook Academy, and will include some of the best known works of the following artists: Gifford Beal, Thomas Benton, Charles Burchfield, John Carroll, John Curry, Ernest Fiere, Bernard Karloff, Reginald Marsh, John Sloan, Eugene Speicher, Francis Speight, Maurice Sterne and Zoltan Sepeshy.

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