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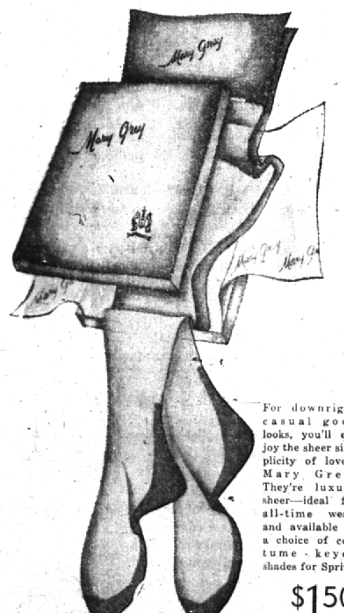
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City Revenue Expected to Top Estimates

City Manager Donald C. Egbert believes there will be a \$250,000 excess of city revenue this fiscal year over the amount estimated last spring at budget time.

This new evaluation was made after examination of a report submitted by the City Treasurer which outlined the revenue and expenditures for the first six months of the fiscal year.

Items where there probably will be an excess in revenue are permits, \$5,000; taxes, \$14,000; and departmental revenue, \$24,000. In addition, there probably will be a deficiency of \$1,500 for fines and penalties.

At the time the budget was prepared last year, information wasn't available as to the probable returns from the gas and weight tax.

EGBERT STATED that the commission approving the expenditure for certain street resurfacing work anticipating that a surplus will be created as a result of the new gas and weight tax law. Operating under the present law which provides for a four and one-half cent gas tax, the city will receive in excess of \$80,000.

However, if a referendum is held on this law, the revenue to the city will be reduced and the amount of street work will be decreased proportionately, it was pointed out.

If the referendum is successful, Egbert estimates the revenue from this source will only be about \$40,000.

Certain Special Assessment District Accounts Closed

A list of special assessment districts with bonds outstanding was submitted to the city commission by the city auditors and the obligations of the districts have been written off to surplus and the accounts closed.

If the accounts were closed for the Stanley Boulevard parkway assessment district, S. D. 233, sidewalk repairs, Humphrey street sewer, Eton sidewalk, St. Andrews and Edenborough relief sewer, Grant street sewer, Cole street improvement, Pembroke road and court paving, an access drive on US-10 from Haynes to Bowers.

Board of Review in Troy Meets March 3, 4, 10, 11

The Troy township board of review will meet March 3, 4, 10 and 11, according to Supervisor Norman R. Barnard.

The board will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. these days and also will be in session from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11.

In cases where there is a change in valuation of real or personal property, owners will be sent a post card informing them of the change, the supervisor pointed out. Persons affected by the Veteran's homestead act must file before March 3.

Board of review members are Barnard, Elmer M. Schneider, and Frank Christian.

Southfield Optimists To Hear Youth Situation Talk

Members of the Southfield Optimist club will hear a talk on the township's youth situation at their meeting Thursday, Feb. 21 at 8:30 at the Southfield Methodist Church auditorium.

Speaker will be Bob Hall, Southfield high school athletic director. His talk will emphasize needs for youth in the township.

As part of the club's boys work program, Junior Optimist groups are planned throughout the township. Two already are organized and weekly meetings are held.

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City Nurse Has State Department Health Film List

Announced several months ago as a public service by the Michigan Department of Health, motion picture and slide films are now available to the public, according to Mrs. Annye Gillette, Birmingham city nurse.

Mrs. Gillette said she has received the list of available films and slides covering practically every phase of human health, behavior and safety.

Motion pictures are in 16mm, either sound or silent. Film strips are on 35mm film with the standard 2 by 2 inch chrome slides also offered.

MRS. GILLETTE explained that any are available to groups at no cost save the expense of re-arrangement of the department offices in Lansing. She stressed the importance of planning to order the films at least three weeks in advance.

"The demand is heavy," she said. "When planning to show the group chairman should try to arrange an alternate date and possibly a second choice film."

"All must be presented free of charge and of course the club or organization is held responsible for any damage done to the film."

Civil Service Exam Slated for Hills Rural Mail Carrier

The United States Civil Service commission this week announced that an examination will be held for a rural carrier in Bloomfield Hills, and applications must be on file in Washington not later than March 6.

Applicants ordinarily must show that they actually reside within the delivery of the post office for which the exam is held and that they have lived there at least a year prior to the date set for the final date of accepting applications.

HOWEVER, because of the inability to obtain qualified applicants, it is necessary to extend the zone of competition to include persons who live within the delivery of post offices at Auburn Hills and Birmingham, besides the Bloomfield Hills.

Applications may be obtained from any of these post offices or from the United States Civil Service commission, Washington, 25, D. C. The written exam will be given at Pontiac.

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To Clean Up Baldwin Play Area Hazards

Steps are being taken to rid the Baldwin elementary playground of all hazardous conditions, Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland has notified representatives of the school's PTA.

In addition he has promised to remove rubbish on the grounds and see that closer supervision will be given to keep children in the restricted play area.

Baldwin PTA representatives Jack Geyman and Mrs. Carl F. Ingraham recently protested to the board of education about the hazardous conditions on the playground.

Several children have been hurt by the broken pop bottles and other rubbish found on the playing area, Geyman claims. He specifically asked for rubbish containers, a safety fence and playground equipment.

HE ALSO CITED that an abandoned car left on the school grounds is a hazard because children climb all over it.

Ireland said that the move from Adams to Baldwin was a fast one and didn't allow for all these things to be done beforehand.

The school board has ordered the basic school ground equipment consisting of slides, swings and monkey bars. These will be installed as soon as weather conditions permit.

Complete playground landscaping plans have been worked out and bids for the work and material are out. This plan is in process and is being followed through as rapidly as possible, the PTA representatives were told.

Wrestling on Amherst College Varsity Squad

AMHERST, Mass.—Gilbert Gove, 280 Argyle, Birmingham, Mich., is wrestling for the Amherst College varsity team which has won two of its three matches to date, defeating Tufts and MIT and losing to Brown.

Gove in the first two meets was entered in the 147 lb. division. However in the Tufts match, he was shifted to 157 lbs. and won the decision.

He earned his freshman numerals in wrestling last year. Before entering Amherst, Gove attended Cranbrook school.

County Health Dept. Plans New Parent Series

A series of seven discussions on "Preparation for Parenthood" are being sponsored by the Oakland county health department, beginning Feb. 21 and continuing through April 3. All meetings will be held in the court house annex one, fourth floor, Pontiac.

The first four lectures, scheduled for 2 p.m., are planned entirely for young mothers. They will deal with proper diet, prenatal care and early care of the new baby.

Beginning March 20, sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m., and are planned to give special instructions to both parents. The needs of the new baby, emotional adjustments necessary to parents and maternity service in a hospital will be among the subjects discussed.

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