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Petitions Filed, County Primary Races Under Way

Candidates Square Away For Battles For Republican Designation Sept. 9

The time for filing petitions for party nominations having expired Tuesday afternoon, citizens of Farmington, along with other sections of Oakland County, may prepare for the contests for political offices which will undoubtedly end on September 9, when the Republican nominations are decided.

There will be battles for practically every major office, and indications are that they will be good ones. Vigorous campaigns have been under way on behalf of a number of candidates for some weeks, and those getting into the fray later will probably make up in energy for their late starting.

The biggest surprise of the political situation occurred Tuesday, when petitions were filed for Supervisor Frank Springsteen of Royal Oak, hitherto a Democrat, for county road commissioner. It was believed that Luther D. Allen, chairman of the road commission, who is completing his first term, would be without opposition. In fact, Mr. Springsteen was reported to be seriously ill of heart trouble at his home in Royal Oak.

Fight For Sheriff

Another battle royal has already begun for the sheriff's job which Frank Schram has held for three terms. Mr. Schram and William A. Wheeler, who were separated two years ago by only 2,800 votes, are opposing each other again, with S. Lee Pack and James Simmons also in the field. Mr. Simmons ran third two years ago.

Opponents Again

Prosecutor Norman C. Orr, completing his first term, has the same opponent of the 1928 primary, Clarence L. Smith. Opposing Arthur W. Spencer, drain commissioner, are Lewis M. Wrenn, former designing engineer in the drain office, and John E. Cross and Claude Postiff, the latter two of Ferndale.

Arthur W. Willson, county treasurer, is the only official holding a major office who is unopposed. He is completing his first term. County Clerk Burton P. Daugherty has opposition this year in Harry N. Bogart of Pontiac. Miss Mabel Bronidge, register of deeds, is opposed by Harold D. Smith of Waterford.

Earl W. Phillips and Harry J. Merritt, circuit court commissioners completing their first terms, are unopposed. There is no dearth of candidates, however, for two other offices, the coroner jobs. Coroners Ora C. Framer and J. Lee Voorheis have as opponents C. Dewey Kimball and A. C. Adams, both of Birmingham, George W. Ashley and Dr. Alex M. Carr, Royal Oak, Garnet M. Sparks and Dr. M. L. Spears, of Pontiac.

H. T. Ellerby of Birmingham and Melvin T. Lee of Royal Oak are candidates for the nomination for State representative from this district.

DRIVER IN FATAL CRASH HELD FOR CIRCUIT COURT

Walter M. Crouch, of Detroit, held by police in an automobile collision which resulted fatally on Grand River avenue on July 1, was bound over to the Circuit Court this week by Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington.

Deputy Sheriff William Tamu and Ben Mossman, whose machine was smashed by that driven by Crouch, were witnesses.

Mrs. Martha Warner entertained Sunday at the Lone Pine Inn Miss Ruth Carlisle and Miss Christianson.

Old Photograph Shows Pupils Of Sixty Years Ago At Green School



Although a large number of the pupils of the Green School, shown in the above picture, have passed on, many will recognize a number of their old friends, as they looked in school days. The picture has been preserved and was brought to the Enterprise by members of the Grimmer family.

Bond Is Paid On City Water Tank

Eight-Year Bonds On Steel Reservoir Paid In Full; Cost Is \$8,000

Residents of the City of Farmington can now enjoy their drinking water with new satisfaction. Farmington's water has always been good, but it may taste better now that the citizens may know that the steel water reservoir in which the supply is stored, is paid for.

The eight-year bonds, amounting to \$8,000, on "the water tank" as it is called, at the west end of town, have been fully paid, according to an announcement by City Treasurer George C. Gildemeister. The tank was built in 1922, being paid for with money raised by the sale of bonds due July 15 of this year.

A sinking fund was established and when the due-date arrived, the money was on hand to make the payment. Interest was paid on the bonds at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

BOARD CHOOSES OFFICERS AFTER HECTIC MEETING

Novi District President Continues After Meeting In Which He Is Over-ruled

Members of the Novi Board of Education elected their officers this week, following the annual meeting which at one time became an exciting affair, with an appeal taken successfully from the president's ruling.

Archie C. Atkinson was re-elected president of the Board Monday night, William Mairs re-elected secretary, and a new member, J. O. Munroe, was elected treasurer.

The terms of three members expired, the members being William Mairs, F. S. Brooks, and Dr. A. T. Holcomb. Mairs was nominated to succeed himself and Brooks was nominated at the same time. A motion was then made that Brooks be not allowed to run against Mairs.

President Atkinson ruled the motion out of order and legislation on the ground that Brooks would thus be deprived of his constitutional right to run for office. An appeal was taken from this ruling and carried to a vote of approximately three to two.

Mairs was elected, but Brooks was later defeated by J. O. Munroe, 6v to 28. M. J. Moeren was elected without opposition to succeed Dr. A. T. Holcomb, who was filling out the term of Bert Leavenworth, deceased.

Supt. Culver will return next year as the head of the school, but one less teacher will be on the staff, which will have four instead of five teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCracken were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Alice Tuttle.

The above picture of teachers and pupils of the Green School was taken at Milford, on the last day of school, the latter part of May, 1871.

John V. Seeley took the pupils to Milford with horses and wagon.

First row, left to right: Scott Woodruff, deceased; Henry Murray, deceased; Theron Murray, deceased; Calvin Green; Mamie Smitherman Welfare; Viola Stillson Tanner, deceased; Kate Smitherman, deceased; Jennie Stebbens, deceased.

Second row: Alfred Day, Dean Thrasher, Mark Seeley, Web Seeley, Lennie Green, deceased; Maggie Smitherman Murray, Maude Green Shattuck, deceased; Third row: Wallie Walsh, deceased; Mary Camron, teacher; Emilie Jones Gilchrist, Minnie Murray Young.

Fourth row: Wm. Day, John Smitherman, Carrie Howard, Libbie Woodward Randall, deceased; Hattie Walsh Essig, deceased.

Commencement pictures are not new, as the picture reprinted above, demonstrates. In the picture, as school girls and boys, are some who are now among the old residents of this section.

FIVE FARMINGTON BOY SCOUTS AT CAMP; MORE GOING

Troop 45 Lads Enjoying Vacation On 80-Acre Site At Tommy's Lake

Five Farmington Boy Scouts have been enjoying a two-weeks' outing at the Boy Scout camp for this district at Tommy's Lake, on the Orion-Clarkston road. They are to return home Friday, and another group of five, will go for a two-weeks' stay on Monday.

On Friday evening a court of honor and grand council will be held, at which awards will be made for proficiency. At the camp the boys are getting their second and first tests, with work in such lines as wood-carving, weaving, horn-carving, etc. Nearly 100 boys are at the camp, where they enjoy supervised play. There are three groups of lodges to house the boys.

The five who have been at camp are Willard Credit, Gordon Williams, Walter Hoffmann, Kirk Evans, and Erskine Evans, Jr. Those registered to go Monday are Harry Wolfe, Jr., Ernest Smith, William Smith, Melvin Stromski, and Marvin Holloway.

Outings of Farmington boys have been made possible largely through the interest of Howard Warner, who, advanced one-half of the camp fees. Mr. Warner also made it possible for many of the boys to get uniforms, advancing funds for them.

Anyone interested in Boy Scout work is invited to attend the camp program Friday night. The camp is reached by going out Baldwin avenue in Pontiac to the Orion-Clarkston road, and making a right turn.

Carl Hogle is ill.

Charter Change Approval Clears Way For Sewer

City Officials Prepared To Rush Action To Get Work Begun; Vote Is 95 To 30

Following approval Monday of the amendment to the City Charter, proposed for the purpose of clearing up a technical objection which was held up the city's sewer project, City officials are prepared to hasten with all possible speed the necessary official activities to get the sewer construction under way.

The bonds must be sold, bids must be advertised for and opened, and the contract awarded, before excavation can be started. This will require not less than two weeks.

The vote on the charter amendment was decisively in the affirmative, the count being 95 to 30, with 125 votes cast. The amendment thus received 76 per cent of the vote, 60 per cent being required for passage, or in this instance, 75 votes of the 125 that went into the ballot-box.

Meanwhile, agreement of contractors to bid on the sewer job seems not to have lessened, but rather to have increased. Telephone calls asking information are received almost daily by City Clerk N. H. Power, many from distant towns. One from Grand Rapids was received Thursday.

Other details that require clearing up before construction is begun are being worked on by City officials.

CONFESSES THEFT OF \$10 IN HOME; PUT ON PROBATION

Culprit Caught After Changing From Lansing To Pontiac Bus In Farmington

Herman Rapka, 23 years old, is on six months' probation decreed by Justice John J. Schulte, Jr., following confession, according to Chief of Police Lee Doyle, of the theft of \$10 from a son of a Farmington woman who befriended him. Rapka was arraigned Monday.

According to Chief Doyle, Rapka, who had been working at the farm of Clyde Seeley, Farmington Township, went to the home of Mrs. Bertha Westphal in Farmington Saturday night and pleaded with her to allow him to stay at the Westphal residence overnight. Mrs. Westphal granted her plea and her son, Howard, shared his room with Rapka.

Sunday morning, according to Chief Doyle's report of Rapka's confession, Rapka arose and taking two five-dollar bills from young Westphal's pockets, left the house. He went to Lansing, but about 4:15 p. m. Sunday afternoon was seen to leave the Lansing bus and almost immediately board the Pontiac-bound bus, at Grand River and Farmington roads. Chief Doyle was notified, and suspecting that Rapka would leave the bus and go to the Seeley farm, hastened there. He found Rapka and took him into custody.

Rapka was lodged in the City jail, and several hours later admitted taking the money, Chief Doyle said. Rapka's uncle of Mt. Clemens came to Farmington on Monday and refunded the \$10 stolen. The charge against Rapka was simple larceny.

East Novi School To Hold Annual Reunion

The seventh annual reunion of the East Novi School will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stillwell, one- and one-half mile east of Novi, on Saturday, August 2, 1930.

All former residents of the district with teachers and pupils are cordially invited to be present. Pot luck dinner will be served.

'Tree-Sitting' Bug Invades This Area

The "bug" has invaded Farmington. While some may be inclined not to believe it, yet it is nevertheless true that two young boys, seeking reputations as "tree-sitters," were reported seen perched up in trees on Grand River avenue, Thursday.

They were in front of the William Tuchelski farm, just west of the Farmington city limits. How long they had been there was not known—nor how long they intended to stay.

Livonia Planning A Water System

Township To Provide Lay Mains And Provide Service For Homes

Extension of the water system in Livonia Township is planned by the Township Board, to be undertaken as soon as possible, plans being already completed. Although part of the Township now has water service, this is the first construction work ever done by the Township, the existing mains having been laid by subdivision development companies.

The new system will start at Fourth Gate and Grand River roads, running along Grand River road west to Eight Mile road, then on Eight Mile road west to the Angling road. It is estimated that the job will cost about \$10,000.

The project was approved Monday night by the Township Board, following presentation of a petition signed by more than 65 per cent of the property-owners to be taxed. The job will be done under special assessment, property benefited being taxed for the improvement.

The Township Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 5, to review the assessment proposed for the improvement. Official notice of the project and hearing appears on page 6 of this issue.

GALA DAY PLANS BEGUN BY LEGION POST MEMBERS

Popularity Contest To Be Repeated This Year; Other Features

Plans for the annual Gala Day of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion of Farmington, are beginning to take shape, with the hope on the part of Legion members to add to the success of other years in this event.

All of the popular features of previous gala days will be afforded again this year, and it is hoped to provide some new ones also. The popularity contest for young ladies of the community, held for the first time last year, is to be repeated this year, with perhaps some changes to even increase the great amount of interest developed a year ago.

An automobile will be given away, ball games will be played, and the numerous athletic events staged. The celebration will be held, as in previous years, on Labor Day.

Southfield Girl Is Found Dead In Home

Shirley Fillion, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fillion, Poncia avenue, Southfield Community, was found dead early Saturday morning after an illness of four days.

Funeral rites were held from the home Tuesday afternoon with Rev. McWilliams of Redford officiating. The body was buried in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Ross Is Elected New President Of School Board

Mrs. Lee Continues As Secretary And Arthur Lamb Remains Treasurer

Farmington's new Board of Education, organized Tuesday evening, A. L. Ross, new member of the Board, being elected president by unanimous vote, to succeed Mrs. Blanche Ross. Mrs. Florence Lee was re-elected secretary and Arthur Lamb treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Ross was nominated for president by Mr. Lamb. Trustee Lloyd Gullen supported the motion, which was carried without opposition, and Mrs. Ross called Mr. Ross to the chair.

Mrs. Lee nominated for secretary Mr. Gullen, Mrs. Ross supporting the motion. Mr. Gullen, however, stated that he desired to withdraw in favor of Mrs. Lee, and Mr. Lamb supported the nomination. Mrs. Lee was elected unanimously.

Nominations for treasurer were called for, and Mr. Gullen nominated Mr. Lamb. No support was heard, and after a pause, President Ross stated—

"It appears as though Mr. Lamb will have to hold over until his successor is elected." Mrs. Lee then said that she would support the nomination, and Mr. Lamb was elected without dissent.

Tax Rate Changed

The tax rate for the district was decided upon, being the same as for last year just closed, 12 mills. This will bring slightly less revenue than during the last year due to the loss of valuation, chiefly in the City, but the Board expects, by careful handling of funds, to be able to carry through the year on the lesser amount. The District would have provided it could obtain the money due from Farmington Township, a balance of over \$10,000 after paying some bills now due.

In view of the absence of tax money from the Township, and with bills due, Treasurer Lamb suggested that \$2,000 be borrowed to clear up current bills. The motion was carried.

Trustee Gullen suggested that it might be a factor toward better feeling in the District if Principal A. R. Crawford could be retained and Mr. Burns, who was engaged as a new principal, could also be used on the faculty, and a motion was made and carried that a committee of one be appointed to confer with the new superintendent, Mr. Dalrymple, in this regard. Mr. Gullen was appointed for this purpose.

President Ross, appointed Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Lee, who served on the building committee last year, for the same work during the coming year.

An audit of the secretary's books will be made, Mrs. Lee having made a request for such an audit, and Mrs. Ross stating that she wished an audit made of the books for the past two years, during which she had been president. The State Department of Public Instruction will make the audit, without charge.

The fact that Novi School District has suggested it would like to send 15 or 20 pupils to Farmington High School next year, if the tuition were reduced, was brought before the Board. Farmington's tuition is \$109. Northville's being \$90 and Walled Lake's \$100. It is understood that the Novi officials and pupils prefer Farmington. No action was taken by the Board Tuesday evening.

President Ross suggested a plan whereby the District's school children might have the protection of an adult in traffic at Grand River and School street, for but little more than the present outlay of money. The plan (Continued on page four)