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P. T. A. Withdraws From 'National'; Elect Officers

Shortage of Dues-Paying Members Causes Withdrawal; Officers Re-elected

Adopting the recommendation of the executive committee, the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night voted to withdraw its affiliation with the national and State P. T. A. organizations, and will continue as a local organization only.

Lack of dues-paying members caused the executive committee to recommend the withdrawal. Dues to the national organization, which receives 15 cents out of each 50-cent membership, will be payable March 31, and the action was taken Tuesday night in time to avoid affiliation for another entire year.

Dues hereafter will be obtained by taking a silver collection at each meeting. It was stated that there are a number of parents, friends, former teachers and others whom the local association welcomes to the meetings, and whose co-operation they appreciate, but who could not be classed as members with voting privileges under national regulations, not having paid dues. Under the new conditions, all those attending the meetings will be regarded as having member privileges, including that of voting. The recommendation of the executive committee favoring the change was unanimous.

Officers Re-elected

Mrs. Lee Hill was re-elected president, Mrs. William Page vice-president, and Principal R. C. Burns second vice-president. Each has served one year. The secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer had each served two years, and new officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Ralph Auten, secretary; Mrs. C. Harrison, assistant secretary; Mrs. T. M. Caskill, treasurer.

The high school glee club and girls' chorus sang the numbers which they will sing at the State contest at Lansing. Boy Scouts demonstrated their work, following a short talk on scouting by Floyd Hallock, Clarenceville scout executive.

Attendance at the session, which was the annual meeting, was disappointingly small, despite the unusual program arranged.

NEW CASINO WILL OPEN FOR SEASON SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Dancing Pavilion Re-decorated; Heating Plant Installed; Collegians Back

The New Casino Dancing Pavilion at Walled Lake, said to be America's finest summer resort ballroom, opens for the season on Saturday, April 11 with a big grand opening dance.

Dancers will find this popular dancing place even more attractive this season with the beautiful new decorations and the comfort afforded by the installation of a new heating and ventilating system, which will make it equally comfortable on cool as warm nights.

L. P. Tolettene, owner and manager of the New Casino, has completely re-decorated the dance hall, installing new lanterns for the lights, and a complete new stage, which will make a beautiful setting for the famous Broadway Collegians orchestra, back for their fourth season, after spending the winter in Florida.

After the opening there will be dancing every night except Monday with the session on Sunday night beginning at 6 p. m. Arrangements have been made to further facilitate the parking of cars. A system has been devised, which will park a much larger number of automobiles than in previous years.

David Cairns, Sr., is ill.

Clarenceville P. T. A. Head



Jay C. Prescott, superintendent of schools, was elected president of the Clarenceville P. T. A. at its annual meeting Friday evening. He recently signed a contract to return another year as school superintendent.

Discuss Traffic On Grand River

Means Of Making Highway Safer For School Children Topic At Club

The traffic hazard on Grand River avenue, particularly to school children, was discussed by members of Farmington Exchange club Wednesday noon and suggestions offered for minimizing the danger. The discussion was begun by one member who stated that attention had been drawn to the danger by the fatal accident of last week, although it was generally agreed that that particular tragedy was not due to absence of safety measures, but was one of the 'unavoidable' type.

Among suggestions made were reviving of the safety patrol, of older students used in previous years, engaging of one or two men for the periods needed to protect the children during the day, construction of overhead or subway walks, and placing of warning signs in the pavement to cut down vehicle speeds. Speeding on Grand River was discussed at some length, and the problem of what might be best for the future, after the pavement is widened as well as at present, was taken up by various members.

Clarenceville Woman Hurt In Auto Crash

Mrs. A. Moran of Clarenceville is confined to her home this week due to injuries suffered when the car in which she was sitting on Grand River avenue near Seven Mile road was struck by a truck last Wednesday.

Mrs. Moran was taken to Redford Receiving hospital but examination revealed no broken bones. She was removed to her home on Thursday and will be confined to her bed for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slusser have a new baby girl.

Bread Truck Driver Goes Into Banking - And 'Does It Up Brown'

The driver of one bakery truck can distribute a lot of bread in one day—and a good deal of misinformation too, if he goes at it hard enough.

Early afternoon and all is tranquil on Grand River. A young man, hatless and breathless, rushes into one of the Farmington banks. A few feet inside he stops, stares around and stammers: "Why, you're open!"

"Certainly," replied the surprised teller at the nearest window. "Why, What did you expect?"

"Well everybody's saying up at Walled Lake that you were closed up, and here I come rushing down here to see if it was so, and if there wasn't some chance to get my money."

"Sure you can have your mon-

Plan Economy In School; May Drop Domestic Science

Reduction Planned In Teacher Salary Budget; One Less On Staff

Measures by which the expenses of Farmington schools may be reduced are under consideration by the Board of Education, with elimination of one position virtually agreed upon and the possibility remaining that one department, that of home economics, may be dropped from the curriculum. The actual saving thus far made is \$1,500.

Through the shifting of the present superintendent's clerk to one of the grades, it is planned to eliminate the position of clerk, effecting a saving of \$1,100 a year. An additional saving of \$300 is to be made by engaging the school nurse for only ten months, instead of twelve. Further saving of \$100 was made by reduction of that amount in the salary of one high school teacher.

The proposal to drop the home economics department, was discussed at a special meeting of the Board of Education last Friday evening. The matter had also been previously taken up at the regular March meeting of the Board. Trustee Mrs. Roos having been appointed to investigate the department, with Supt. John Dalrymple, and report.

Favor Department

Mrs. Roos reported that the investigation had convinced her that the home economics department had been carried on under a serious handicap. The department was originally intended, she said, as a teaching department only. Then the serving of a warm drink was begun, and finally the serving of meals, under crowded conditions and without proper facilities. She recommended that the department be continued and the teacher be re-engaged for another year.

The Board decided to defer decision on the question until the regular April meeting, to be held April 9. It was stated that sentiment in the community is strongly in favor of reducing expenses, and that the view most frequently expressed is that the home economics department can best be spared. The salary of the home economics teacher is \$1,450.

Defer Increases

In addition to the saving of \$1,500 planned there is an additional saving of \$1,200 made this year, in that the usual salary increases, which have been granted each year in the past, will not be given next year. Had the annual increases been granted, twelve teachers would have received \$50 additional, and six teachers \$100 added salary. The total saving is thus \$2,700 to date.

Several of the teaching staff have indicated their intention not to return, intending to continue their studies. Most of the faculty, however, are expected to be back next year.

Mrs. Lee Hill and Marilyn visited their aunt, Mrs. Perry Young of Pontiac, Friday.

To Debate Capital Punishment Here Tuesday; Judge Jeffries Coming

Farmington will be the scene next Tuesday evening, March 31 of what is expected to be one of the outstanding debates in Michigan before the people vote on the Capital Punishment Bill on April 6. Four Detroit men of unusual prominence have consented to come to Farmington to take the affirmative and negative sides of the debate.

One of the speakers is a leading figure in the public eye of Michigan at the moment, Judge Edward J. Jeffries of Recorder's Court, Detroit, who is at present presiding at the Jerry Buckley murder trial. Judge Jeffries is an unyielding enemy of capital punishment, and will take the negative side of the question.

On the negative side with Judge Jeffries will be Rev. Frank D. Adams of the Universalist church of Detroit and Farmington, who has been described as "the foremost Universalist minister in America." His recent sermons on "Shall Michigan Become A Killer?" have received wide publicity.

Favor Death Penalty

Upholding the affirmative side of the capital punishment question will be Rev. D. S. Carmichael of Calvin Presbyterian church, Detroit. Rev. Carmichael is one of the leading ministers of the northwest area, and his sermons are widely quoted.

Supporting Rev. Carmichael in favor of capital punishment will be Capt. Edward Denniston, superintendent of the Detroit House of Correction. Capt. Denniston is particularly well known to many of this section through the fact that the Detroit House of Correction farm is located near here.

The debate will be held in Farmington Town hall, starting at 8:15 p. m., and is open to the public without charge. No collection will be taken, the debate being planned purely as an educational undertaking, and the speakers coming at their own expense.

It is planned to follow the customary rules of debate, with equal time allotted to each side.

Following the debate there will be a discussion period if those present indicate a desire for it, and it is expected that local speakers will present their views.

A large gathering is expected to attend the debate, especially in view of the prominence of the speakers on the program. The invitation to attend includes everyone in this section, residents of the surrounding territory as well as people in town. A large attendance is particularly desired, this being the only means of rewarding the speakers for their consideration in coming to Farmington to debate.

Since services are planned in local churches during evenings next week, the time for the debate has been set with the idea in mind that those attending church services may also go to the debate afterward in time to hear all of the noted speakers.

Final Rites Held For Auto Crash Victim

Funeral services for Elizabeth Fisher, 7 years old, 22831 Maple street, Farmington, held at the residence Saturday afternoon, were largely attended.

Elizabeth was killed last Wednesday afternoon when she ran into the side of an automobile on Grand River avenue, as she was returning from school with other girls. Burial was at Oakwood cemetery.

One Year Old Child Dies Of Pneumonia

Funeral services were held on Thursday at 2 p. m. for Clarence Albert Wiggle, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiggle of Farmington, who died Tuesday of pneumonia. The child was one year old. Burial was in North Farmington cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Spencer Heenev of Farmington.



JUDGE EDWARD J. JEFFRIES

Churches To Hold Union Service

Special Service To Be Held At Evangelical Church From 12:30 To 2:30

Three Farmington churches, Evangelical, Baptist and Methodist will hold a union Good Friday service in the Evangelical church from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. on April 3.

With the co-operation of the business places and school closing from 12 to 3 o'clock, a large attendance is expected. The various ministers will deliver short messages appropriate for the worship period. There will be a 15-minute organ recital and special singing with hymns.

TALK ON BIRDS HEARD AT MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Chas. A. Fisher Is Speaker At Regular Meeting Of Farmington Club

The regular meeting of the Farmington Woman's club was held Wednesday, March 18 at the home of Mrs. A. R. Crawford. Miss Andrews, chairman for the day, introduced Mrs. Charles A. Fisher of Sylvania Lake, who talked upon bird life in southern Michigan.

For many years Mrs. Fisher has been a bird lover, and gave the results of her study and close observations in most pleasing fashion. Mrs. Fisher's daughter, Miss Ernestine Fisher, who was for five years a resident of India, followed with an interesting account of the bright-hued birds of that country.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 1 at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cook. Miss Merle Andrews will treat the topic "Trees of Michigan," and Miss Mary Foster "Michigan's Native Flowers."

Former Resident Taken By Death In Detroit

Mrs. Mae McCracken Hewitt passed away at her home in Detroit Sunday at the age of 63 years after a long illness. She spent her childhood at West Farmington and attended school there. She has resided in Detroit since her marriage.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Edward and Frederick, a sister, Mrs. Arthur Green and two brothers, Harry N. McCracken of Farmington and Arthur McCracken of Wabash, Ind.

Funeral was held Wednesday afternoon with interment in the North Farmington cemetery. Funeral services were in charge of Spencer Heenev.

Last Petitions Are Filed For Election Apr. 6

Petition Names Howard Warner For Mayor; Withdrawal Is Anticipated

The field of candidates for various offices in the City of Farmington election was settled Thursday at 6 o'clock, when the time for filing of petitions expired. Three new petitions were filed within the past week, but attention has turned from petitions to withdrawals expected when the City Commission meets to approve petitions Friday evening.

A petition for Howard Warner for mayor was filed Thursday afternoon a short time before the expiration hour by Carl Parker of Oakland avenue. Mr. Warner stated that the petition was filed without his knowledge or consent, and it is expected that the petition will be withdrawn before or at the Commission meeting Friday evening.

One of the candidates for treasurer, George C. Gildemeister, stated to the Enterprise that he would withdraw his petition filed for him for treasurer, leaving the field to Hinman G. Nichols and Mrs. Bertha Westfall.

SIX For 3 Places

The name of one new candidate for the City Commission was placed in the field during the past week, with the filing of a petition for Howard Osmaus. It was reported, however, that Ben Meyers had signified his intention of withdrawing the petition filed for him for the Commission, leaving the field at six candidates for the three positions.

A petition was filed Thursday afternoon for Edgar S. Pierce for membership on the board of review, making three candidates for the two places. Joseph A. Karle, present member, and Harrison Johnson, former commissioner, are the other candidates.

The petition which had been circulated for John Thayer for justice of the peace was filed Wednesday, putting Mr. Thayer against the present incumbent, Judge John J. Schutte, for the judgeship.

City Clerk N. H. Power is unopposed for re-election. Saturday, March 28 is the final date for registration.

J. C. PRESCOTT IS NEW P. T. A. HEAD AT CLARENCEVILLE

Superintendent Of Schools Succeeds Floyd Hallock As New President

Jay C. Prescott, superintendent of schools, was elected president of the Clarenceville Parent-Teacher Association at the regular meeting held in the Central school Friday evening. Other officers elected are, Walter Head-ler, first vice-president; Mrs. Clarence Billing, second vice-president; Miss Loretta Nugent, treasurer, and Miss Catherine Vinsick, secretary. Floyd Hallock, retiring president, was in charge of the meeting.

The Girl Scouts presented Mr. Hallock with a potted plant in appreciation, and Helen McFarland was in turn presented with a Girl Scout Manual by Mr. Hallock for selling the most cookies during the past year.

Funeral Service Held For John Bauer, 83

Funeral services were held recently for John C. Bauer, 83, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Horace Durham of Farmington, March 12.

Burial was at Livonia Center. He has made his residence for the last 15 years with Mrs. Durham.

Robert McCrumb is recovering from his recent illness.