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Effort To Force Township Salary Cuts Voted Down

Series Of Five Resolutions Voted Down At Township Business Meeting

Farmington Township citizens, at their annual Township business meeting Monday noon, a session which proved intensely interesting, voted down a series of five resolutions intended to require salary reductions ranging from 17 to 25 per cent for all Township officials and employees during the coming year. The gathering, lasting an hour, provided some interesting exchanges of opinion among the citizens. The resolutions were presented at the opening of the meeting by Amasa Grace, after Stanley Drake had suggested that salary reductions for officials would be "in order," in view of present conditions. The resolutions read by Mr. Grace proposed that the Supervisor's salary be set at \$2,000, with \$900 for clerk hire and \$400 for expenses. The Supervisor at present receives \$2,500 salary, with \$1,300 for clerk hire and \$700 for expenses. The total would be \$3,300, as compared with \$4,500.

Would Cut All

Mr. Grace's second resolution was that the clerk's salary be set at \$1,200 with no expense money, instead of \$1,500 and \$100 for expenses as at present. The third resolution proposed to put the treasurer on a fee basis. The treasurer now receives \$1,700 a year. The fourth resolution proposed to cut the highway commissioner from 80 cents per hour to 60 cents. The last resolution provided for cutting the pay of road overseers from 60 cents per hour to 50 cents, and of day labor and team labor from 50 cents to 40 cents an hour.

Cites Walter Roads

Justice Walter Headle said that he believed the resolutions out of order because the meeting had not been organized. He also stated in regard to the resolutions that the chief cause for high taxes was not extravagance in Township affairs but "the large number of Government road signs for by the men who are now objecting" and that "we should put the blame where it belongs." Supervisor Coe stated that the salaries are set by the Town Board under State law.

Justin Bullis moved that "it is the sense of this meeting that the Town Board take all the reduction possible, instead of stating what the salaries should be, because they know more about it than we." Former Supervisor Harry McCracken asked what would be done with Mr. Grace's resolutions. Mr. Bullis replied that the house had not been organized when the resolutions were offered.

"People Supreme"

Willis T. Roberts suggested that as the first two motions were illegal they should be withdrawn and the Town Board set the salaries. Mr. McCracken replied that the people are the supreme power and can set the salaries. Mr. Bullis withdrew his motion with consent of the second. Mr. Headle, and Mr. McCracken then declared that inasmuch as the people are the supreme power, "we should fix the salaries right now." Mr. Bullis replied that "a year ago Mr. McCracken was chairman of the business meeting and he upheld the right of the Town Board to set the salaries. If it was legal then it is legal now. I have every confidence in the Town Board and believe it to be absolutely illegal for us to set salaries."

To a request that "if the Town Board is sincere let them state now what reduction they will take," Mr. Roberts replied that he "had an absolute promise of 10 per cent reduction." Mr. Bullis declared that this was not enough, and E. Liggett declared (Continued on page four)

Bogus \$10 Bills

In This Vicinity

Business-men and residents of Farmington and vicinity are warned to beware of counterfeit \$10 bills in circulation in this area. A Farmington firm received one Wednesday. The bills are Treasury notes bearing the photograph of Alexander Hamilton. The coloring of the bills is much less vivid than that of genuine bills. The printing on the back of the notes is particularly poor, due to blurring in the corners and lack of ink at the top of the bills near the center.

Woman, Running On Sticker, Wins

Two Women To Hold Important Offices In Southfield Township

Women will hold two of the most important offices in Southfield Township as a result of their victories in the election Monday. Mrs. Fannie Adams created a surprise by winning the race for treasurer as a "sticker" candidate, and Mrs. Ona M. Utley, incumbent, running on the Democratic slate, decisively defeated her Republican opponent.

Mrs. Adams was defeated in the primary by Charles L. Collins, in a recount, by two votes and her victory on "stickers" is an unusual occurrence, as a very small percentage of "sticker" candidates ever are successful. Mrs. Utley defeated her Republican opponent, Albert Jacobs, by 115 votes, polling 465 to Jacobs' 350. George Bingham, incumbent and Republican nominee, defeated his Democratic opponent, Charles Bilkovsky for supervisor. The vote was Bingham 491, Bilkovsky 365.

The vote for other offices was as follows: clerk, Albert Jacobs (R) 350, O. M. Utley (D) 465; treasurer, Fannie Adams (R) 411, Charles L. Collins (R) 320, Norwood Tibbitts (D) 128; road commissioner, James Kirchoff (R) 474, J. M. Johnson, (D) 370; road overseer, Frank C. Ote (R) 564; Justice, A. R. Baynes (R) 558; William Davis (D) 250; board of review, J. F. McLelland (R) 544; constables, William Dresler (R) 581, W. G. Kent (R) 536, William Nimmoth (R) 581, B. F. Pickard (R); justice (vacancy), J. B. Wood (R) 533.

Fred L. Cook And Co. Expand Their Store

Fred L. Cook & Co., one of the oldest and best known of Farmington's business houses, have completed an important expansion of their store space, which will give them almost double the selling space which the store has occupied in the past. New shelving and other equipment has been installed in the store adjoining the company's original location.

On page 4 of this week's issue a number of highly attractive special values are announced by the company in connection with the expansion.

CHURCH FOLK ENTERTAINED

The choir, Sunday School teachers and officers of the Young Peoples League of the Salem Evangelical church were entertained by the church board, members of the Ladies' Aid committee and chairman of the Ladies' Aid at a party Monday evening.

WORKING ON GRAND RIVER

Employees of Julius Porath and Sons, contractors on the widening of Grand River, started work this week in Farmington City to complete the paving begun last summer. Shoulders of the present road have been graded and preparations are being made for paving the south portion of the road.

Township Favors Fire Truck; To Be Here Saturday

Light Vote In Precinct 2 Almost Causes Defeat Of The Proposition

By the slender margin of seven votes, Farmington Township approved the fire protection proposition at the election Monday.

A surprisingly light vote in Precinct No. 2, in which the propo-

Have You Got Any Buildings To Burn?

A public demonstration of Farmington Township's new fire truck will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Fred Bode farm, Orchard Lake and 11-Mile road.

Township officials have been looking for a small building which might be used for the demonstration, and any one having a building which they are willing to have used for the purpose, is asked to communicate with Supervisor Arthur P. Coe. Unless a building can be obtained, the demonstration will be confined to grass fires.

osition carried by an almost two to one margin, barely over-balanced the strong negative vote in Precinct No. 1.

The two precincts balloted as anticipated on the question, but the lack of interest displayed by voters in the Clarenceville district almost caused its defeat. The vote on the question was: "Yes," 289; "No," 282. Precinct 1 showed a disapproval of the proposition by a vote of 138 to 205, while Precinct 2 carried it to victory by a 151 to 77 margin.

The vote on the capital punishment bill in the Township was decisively opposed to the measure Only One Contest

There were no contests for the various Township offices, with one exception. William Sager, defeated by George Merritt at the primary by a decisive margin for highway overseer of District 1, ran as a "sticker" candidate and polled 85 votes. Merritt, however, won easily, getting 213 votes. Sager's appearance on the ticket as a "sticker" candidate was a surprise, as there were no indications previous to Monday that he would run in that manner.

The vote for the Township offices was as follows: supervisor, Arthur P. Coe, 492; clerk, Willard Campbell, 479; treasurer, Mark D. Bachelor, 457; highway commissioner, Clayton Goers, 482; justice, Walter Headle, 443; board of review, Charles Heise, 421.

Propositions Beaten

Overseers: district 1, George Merritt 213, William Sager, 85; district 2, Albert Ferguson, 222; district 3, John L. Thomas, 154; district 4, Wesley Curtis, 205; Constables: Precinct 1, 405; Will Gregor, 401; Ed. Grimmer, 401; Cleo Weatherly, 386; Arthur P. Coe, Willard Campbell and Walter Headle received 201, 198 and 195 votes respectively for Township committee.

Three propositions on the ballot, the proposal to permit refinancing of state road bonds, the permitting of the state to assist in airports, and the proposal to change the system of selecting county delegates to the state conventions, were all opposed decisively.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to sincerely thank the people of the City of Farmington who saw fit to place my name on the ballot in the recent choice of city mayor. Your support was greatly appreciated and I thank you.

—AMOS OTIS. 23-1-c

Farmington City Election Vote Is Close To Record

Two New Commissioners, New Justice And Treasurer Take Office Monday

Farmington City voters flocked to the polls Monday in numbers that approached the largest spring election vote in the history of the City. With 424 ballots cast, the total nearly doubled that of the election of two years ago when only 239 votes were recorded and was within (Continued on page five)

Farmer Shoots 'Poultry Thief'

Hamtramck Man, Suffering From Fractured Leg, Being Held Police Prisoner

A Hamtramck man is being held a police prisoner in Pontiac General Hospital, following his removal there suffering from shot wounds inflicted by Vine Yerkes, a farmer living on the Nine-Mile road just west of Farmington road. The man is Stephen Eartisch, of 2931 Lehman street, Hamtramck. He is suffering from a compound fracture of the leg when struck by a rifle bullet early Tuesday morning. The man will be charged with stealing of chickens by the police.

Yerkes heard prowlers around his chicken coop, and arose in time to fire at two men as they fled. One escaped but Eartisch was struck in the left leg. He had eight chickens in a bag, police say. The injured man was taken to General Hospital in Pontiac by Deputies William Tamm and Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington.

VOTING LIGHT IN LIVONIA DESPITE DEATH BILL ISSUE

Absence Of Contests Keeps Down Township Vote; Electric Chair Approved

A lack of interest in the capital punishment bill and the absence of contests for Township offices held down the voting in Livonia Township at the election Monday. Voting was unusually light, only 239 votes being cast on the Foster bill.

By a slight margin of seven votes the Township voted in favor of the death bill. The tabulations on the proposition were, "Yes," 123; "No," 116. Precinct No. 2 voters carried the electric chair proposition by ten votes, 65 to 55, while Precinct No. 1 voters opposed it with a negative 61 to 58 vote.

With only the names of three constables appearing on the ballot, Robert Porteus was the 4th elected by his name being written in the ballots. All of his 33 votes were obtained in Precinct 2.

Following is the result of the vote on the Township offices: Supervisor, Jesse Ziegler 281; clerk, John Harlan, 272; treasurer, Herbert Livrance 272; highway commissioner, Arthur Trapp 274; overseer of highways (dist. 4), George Wolfram 260; overseer (dist. 3), Thomas Levandowski 250, justice (full term), Joseph Grace 244; justice (three year term), Levi Clemens 232; board of review, Herman Johnson 258; constables, John W. Walker 243, August Barrand 245, Clarence Hoffman 250 and Robert Porteus 33.

EASTERN STARS ELECT OFFICERS NEXT WEEK

The annual meeting and election of officers of Chapter 289 of the O. E. S. will be held Tuesday evening, April 14, in the Chapter rooms.

Mrs. Bernard Banfield is worthy Matron, and Mrs. Harrison Johnson is Associate Matron.

Remains Mayor



Arthur Lamb will continue as Mayor of Farmington for another two year term, following his reelection Monday.

Township Against City Favors Bill

Death Penalty Opposed In Township; Affirmative Wins In City And Livonia

People of this section voted about equally for and against the Foster Capital Punishment bill which was rejected Monday by the people of the State of Michigan by a majority of more than 50,000. The bill was strongly opposed by the voters of Farmington Township, while the measure was approved by slight margin in Farmington City.

The voting on the bill brought out the second largest vote in history in Farmington City and provided the only issue of importance in Livonia Township. In Farmington Township the bill helped bring out a comparatively large spring election vote, despite the lack of contests for Township offices.

The balloting in Farmington City on the bill was an affirmative vote of 181 to 167, a margin of 14 votes in favor of the bill. Farmington Township was opposed to the issue by a 266 to 198 vote, a negative margin of 68. In Precinct 1, the tabulations were, "Yes," 119; "No," 158, while Precinct 2 showed 108 against it and 79 for the bill.

Livonia Township voters showed themselves in favor of the electric chair by a 7 vote margin. The vote there was 123 "yes" and 116 "no." In Precinct 1, 58 voted for it and 61 against it, in Precinct 2, 65 voted in favor and 55 were opposed to the measure.

Two Boys 'Thumb' Rides To Come To Debate

Although men and women came from all four directions and traveled many miles to attend the debate on capital punishment at Farmington Town Hall, Tuesday evening of last week, the record for eagerness to attend is probably held by two New Hudson boys in their "teens."

The two lads "thumbed" for rides, leaving New Hudson early enough to assure their arrival on time. How they managed to get back has not yet been told.

FLOWER LOVERS ATTENTION

On the evening of Friday, April 17th at the Methodist Community Hall all flower-lovers are cordially invited to attend the meeting for the furtherance of the Flower Show and dinner to be held next fall.

Everyone interested is urged to "Come and bring your questions." The speaker of the evening will be announced later and future meetings will be held at various times.

—By Order of the Committee.

CLASS TO MEET

Members of W. H. M. S. class, Group No. 3, are especially requested to bring their mite boxes at the meeting, Tuesday, April 14, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Switzer on Warner avenue.

Township Pays District \$7,000, By Court Order

Clarenceville School District Obtains Part Of Tax Money After Year

A year of effort on the part of the Board of Education of Clarenceville School District No. 5 fractional, to collect 1929 tax money from Farmington Township, culminated in success during the past week, when the School District obtained \$7,000 by decree of the Circuit Court. The money was paid by Township Treasurer, Mark Bachelor, out of the general fund of the Township, collected during the recent tax collection period.

While the sum due the school district was \$13,659.20, Judge Frank L. Covert awarded \$7,000, after Treasurer Bachelor had reported that the amount in the Township general fund at the time was \$10,200. The judge took into consideration the needs of both the School District and the Township in his decision.

Further Decision Later

The sum of \$13,659.20 asked by the School District represented \$12,884.04 originally due, plus 6 per cent interest for one year and one day, amounting to \$775.16. The Court reserved until a future time the question of the time and amount for payment on the balance, as well as of its inclusion in the next tax levy. The Court suggested that the Township and School officials try to work out a plan of payment and report to the Court, before the next Township budget is determined upon. In case the officials are unable to agree, the Court will make a ruling as to the balance.

A factor in the discussion was the fact that the amount due the Clarenceville district is only part of the total of \$45,000 due all of the districts from the Township from 1929 taxes. Judge Covert indicated that in view of this fact it might be well to spread the payment over a period of years, rather than attempting to put it all on the coming year's budget.

RESIDENT HERE FOR 67 YEARS IS TAKEN BY DEATH

John Arthur, 77, Buried Thursday In Oakwood; Survived By Widow

John Arthur, 77 years old, and for 67 years a resident of Farmington, passed away at his home Tuesday after a long illness. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon with Rev. A. A. Schoen officiating. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Arthur was born in Southfield Township and moved to Farmington with his parents when ten years old. He lived with his parents on what is known as the Sulkowski farm, northwest of Farmington. In 1911 he moved to his present location on the Quaker road near 9-3/16 road.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Marsh Arthur. There are no children.

Plan Conference On Township Road Lights

A conference on the matter of road-lighting in Farmington township, which has been discussed by officials repeatedly during the past year, will be held at the next meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday evening, April 21. The Board decided at its meeting to invite representatives of the lighting company to confer with them regarding possibilities of reducing the road-lighting expense.

The Township officials have conferred with the lighting company officials several times previously in this regard.