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Members Of 5 School Boards Are Re-Elected

Election Of Boards Proves Routine Work; Tuition Cuts Are Requested

Re-electing in every case board members whose terms had expired, school districts of the Legion Farmington following the election and following the elections, which in many cases were merely routine, confined their discussions, for the most part, to the question of high school tuition and the cutting of budgets.

In Clarenceville, after a talk by President Walter Headerle, in which Elmer Dohany and Humphrey Sauve, board members whose terms had expired, were praised for faithful work while connected with the school, two men were re-elected by a margin of 65 voters were present at the meeting.

Mr. Dohany, who was nominated by Charles Heise and seconded by John Chapman, received 41 votes, while Mrs. Frances Billings and Joe Grace, his opponents, received 12 and seven respectively. Mr. Sauve, nominated by Elmer Weston and seconded by Arnold Stoltz, defeated Mrs. Billings for the other position on the board by a vote of 41 to 20.

It was voted that the salary of board members would stay the same unless the members themselves wished to change it. The length of the school term for 1932-33 was also left completely in the hands of the Board.

Mr. Grace moved that only \$60 per pupil be paid by the Board in 1932 towards the tuition of high school age, instead of \$90, which is charged by Farmington High School and which has been paid by the Board in the past, \$60 is the minimum required by State law. Parents of children, he said, could pay the remaining \$30. This motion was supported by Willis Roberts and passed by a 37 to 10 vote.

Persons attending the meeting urged the Board to cut the annual budget as much as possible and to aid in reducing taxes. This the Board agreed to attempt to do. The treasurer's report for the past year was read by Setrak Utujian, and approved by the voters.

At the Pierson School district, Jesse Zeigler, president of the Board, was re-elected, almost without opposition. Only 38 voters were present at the meeting. It was decided to keep all of the teachers at the school that were employed during the year.

At the Thayer district meeting, Louis Fendt was re-elected treasurer with little opposition. It was he, and not his brother Leo as erroneously announced in the Enterprise last week, who served on the Board last year.

There were no changes made for the coming scholastic year. A committee composed of Henry Evert, Leo Fendt, and Mr. Ruen, was appointed to go to Lansing and find out if the school could open in the fall.

James Erwin was re-elected unanimously in Novi district Number two. Only 10 voters were present at the meeting. No changes were made for the coming year.

In Fairview, Farmington District No. 4, Shell Gates was re-elected unanimously as moderator. The only persons present at the meeting were members of the School Board itself.

West Point Park Woman 82 Years Old Saturday

Mrs. Margaret Davis, of West Point Park, one of the oldest residents in this section, celebrated her eighty-second birthday, in excellent health, Saturday at her home.

18 guests were present, among whom were, Mrs. William P. Lovett, Miss Margaret Aiken, and Mrs. Ralph K. Smith, all of Detroit, and Mrs. Carl Thiedt, of her two daughters, from Grosse Pointe. The remainder of the guests were from West Point Park.

Mrs. Davis received many gifts and letters congratulating her and sending best wishes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb has rented the building formerly occupied by Buick Sales and Buick Detroit parts. The rear to be used for manufacture of ice cream, candy and cigars. The opening will take place Saturday.

Legion Past Commanders Welcome Ex-Enemies; Hear National Leader



NICHOLAS SALOWICH

"Past Commanders' Night" seems certain to become a fixed event on the yearly programs of the Legion Farmington following the first event of its kind, which proved one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held by the Post, last Thursday evening.

The Legionaires enjoyed an address by Nicholas Salowich, of Detroit, former commander of the Tank Corps Veterans, of "Comradeship and the Legion." The enthusiasm and vibrant personality of Mr. Salowich stirred new interest in all activities of the veterans, among all who heard him.

A feature of the evening was the presence of three former German soldiers, E. Bayer, Arthur Schultz of Clarenceville and William Gildemester of Farmington. They exchanged experiences and "swapped" stories with the Legionnaires, in a spirit of friendly good fellowship.

Stanley Smith, Farmington druggist, astonished the gathering (Continued on page eight)

Tuition Cut Made By Farmington

All Officers Re-Elected; Hope To Catch Up On Teachers' Pay

Tuition in Farmington Schools for pupils from other districts will be substantially less next year than the past year, the Board of Education having cut the fees at its organization meeting last Thursday night. The rates will be \$80, \$65, and \$50, instead of \$90, \$80 and \$60. The reductions, suggested and strongly advocated by Trustee Howard Warner, are expected to attract more pupils to Farmington School than ever before.

A greatly-reduced budget setting expenses at \$42,910, as compared with \$53,399.50, was adopted. It was prepared by Supt. John Dalrymple. The reduction exceeds the cut of 15 per cent required by act of the State Legislature.

The kindergarten, school nurse, music and drawing, and French, will not be part of the program next year.

All Re-elected

Officers of the Board were re-elected. A. L. Ross continued president, Mrs. Florence Lee secretary, and Arthur Lamb treasurer. Salaries remain unchanged. The board welcomed its new member, S. J. Heeney.

The close of the year found the district owing its teachers pay for the last two months of the year. Other districts, however, owe Farmington about \$4,000 for tuition, and a check of \$1,900 representing delinquent taxes has been recently received. However, it is unlikely the teachers will be paid in full before September.

School opening date was set for September 12.

WELCH, MARSH TO STAY ON BOARD AT WALLED LAKE

Elected To Office With Little Competition; Budget Cut Is Announced

Erle Welch and Ray Marsh were re-elected to the Walled Lake School Board Monday night. Eighty-five electors, an average attendance, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Welch was unanimously placed in office. Arthur Green was nominated to run against Mr. Marsh but was not present at the meeting and received 12 votes.

There was some discussion about the school budget for the coming year. Board members explained that the budget had been cut from \$28,000 in 1930-31, to \$28,000 in 1931-32, and would be reduced to \$25,000 for 1932-33.

Mr. Sackett urged that the budget be cut still further but his suggestion met with little support.

Following the meeting, the Board organized and re-elected the same officers. Bert Welfare president, Mr. Welch secretary, M. L. Bradley treasurer, Mr. Marsh and Kenneth Ryer remain trustees.

Arthur Lamb was a business caller in Pontiac Tuesday.

Who Elects?—Is Southfield Issue

Resignation Sent To Meeting, And Other Issues Fought Four Hours

While Southfield School District No. 9 did not match its turbulent four-hour annual meeting of a year ago when it met Monday night, nor present quite so much in the way of "human interest" features, the session of four hours proved plenty of interest and exciting moments, with a fistie encounter appearing imminent at one moment, and with struggles over four major issues during the evening.

The first battle developed when the board president, Lewis Dowsett, who was not present, tossed a little bombshell by means of a letter to Secretary Howard Kennedy, asking for his resignation, due to his becoming ineligible to hold office. The question arose as to whether the board of the electors should fill a vacancy first, and Kennedy, at the annual meeting, it was during the prolonged argument over this that Trustee Ernest Saville, acting as chairman strode over to J. Hamill, an elector who angrily refused to obey Saville's commands to "sit down," the chairman indicating that trouble might follow if Hamill did not sit down. The encounter passed off without fisticuffs, but when Secretary Kennedy made a remark about "gang rule" just as Saville returned to the table, the chairman flung off his coat with a sharp retort. Trustee Mrs. Eva Tesch persuaded Saville to resume his place and go on with the meeting.

Voters Fill It

It was finally settled that the voters would fill the vacancy. Candidates for Mr. Kennedy's place were voted on. Mr. Kennedy saying he would not accept reelection even if it were unanimous. Stuart Garden defeated Reed, 37 to 25. For the one-year term succeeding Mr. Dowsett, Elmer Harlow defeated Mr. Reed, 38 to 24. The question of whether the Board should use its cash balance of about \$800 to apply payment of tuition for the past year it owed provoked another debate. It was finally stated definitely that this was under jurisdiction of the Board.

A third argument was as to whether money in the sinking fund, about \$7,000, should be drawn out for current expenses, with E. Yeager urging it, and Hamill and others opposing it. No action was taken.

10th Grade Beaten

Addition of a tenth grade, for which a petition was filed, was voted down 31 to 6. The battles of the evening were in large part, as last year, skirmishes and tests of strategy between Mrs. Tesch, supported by Yeager and others, and Mr. Hamill backed up by those on the other side.

Mr. Saville warned that the legality of the electors filling the vacancy caused by Dowsett's resignation might be questioned later.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Hearn of Pontiac, called at the DeVriendt home, Tuesday.

Farmington Oil Station Held-Up By Armed Bandit

Fifteen Year Old Boy Robbed Of Ten Dollars By Thief Wednesday Morning

"Count that lost!"

Harry Lapham, 15, bending over a gasoline price chart tacked on the outside of the door of his father's service station at Grand River and Power Avenues, Farmington, on Wednesday morning, heard the customer in to whose car he had just pumped 16 gallons of Ethyl gas, say that he would not pay. A gun was poked into his ribs.

Automatically, Lapham's hands went above his head, "Bring them down to your side," the hold-up man said quickly. "And don't try to attract any more attention. Now, nodding toward the station, "Get in the car."

In the dim light the boy could not get a very good look at the bandit. He saw that he was about 20 years of age and was dressed in dark sweater and dirty pants and that he was wearing smoked glasses. The car he had been driving, which it is believed he stole earlier in the evening, was a near five passenger Buick coupe.

"Where do you keep your money?" the bandit asked. Lapham pointed to the drawer of a desk in the back room. The hold-up man told him to get the money and to dump it in a chair. The boy looked at the gun which was silver at his chest and obeyed. There was about six dollars in the pocket in the drawer. The man put this in his pocket and said, "How about the bills?"

Lapham began to reach in his pocket for the rest of the money. The gun was again poked into his ribs. "You haven't got a pistol in there, have you?" the bandit asked.

The boy shook his head and turned over four one-dollar bills. The hold-up man then made him stand in the corner of the room, and with a warning not to leave until he was out of sight, got in his car and drove away.

Lapham was unable to get the license number of the automobile or to give a very detailed description of the thief.

'BACK TO BIG TOP DAYS' IS CALL OF NEW MOVIE TENT

Redford Theater Manager Opens Summer Showhouse At Moderate Prices

"Back to the big top" of childhood days, comes a call from down Grand River, issued forth by J. Fred Smouse, manager of the Public Redford Theater. With closing of the theater for the summer, Mr. Smouse is erecting a huge circus tent on Grand River at the corner of Lahser in Redford, where he will present his highest class pictures and other entertainment features from now to September, at low prices.

The new "show tent" will differ in some features. It will be cool and comfortable, comfortable in rain or shine, for it is unusually substantial. The seats will be not narrow strips of board, but regular theater seats of the restful kind, securely anchored. The tent will be weather-proof, and programs will go on, regardless of conditions outside.

The equipment and pictures, says the manager, whose real first name, (his friends say) should not be "Joel" but "Jolly," and whose last name would be "Smouse" but "Smiles" will be of the very best. The novelty of shows in a tent is expected to prove a great attraction.

The North Farmington Auxiliary will be entertained for supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Seelye, Tuesday, with Mrs. Mary Lyette and Mrs. Seelye as joint hostesses.

The North Farmington burial ground Association are holding an all day bazaar at the Cemetery on Thursday for the purpose of improving the new part to cemetery. All who are interested are urged to come and help.

John Sollner, a former Farmington resident, has moved into the Schroeder house on Thomas Street.

Mrs. Stogdel is spending a few days at the Pike home.

Chum's Effort Fails, Lad Fatally Crushed By Truck

Laverne Youmans Is Crushed Under Ten Ton Trailer In Business Section on Tuesday; Dies In Redford Receiving Hospital

The frantic efforts of a young boy bravely risking his own life in an attempt to save a friend from death under the wheels of a heavily loaded cement truck, failed Tuesday when Laverne Youmans, 14 year old Southfield Township boy, of 21351 Negawan Avenue, was injured fatally at 9:45 o'clock in the morning, within 50 yards of the traffic light at the center of Farmington, when in jumping from the trailer of a truck, which he had boarded a few seconds before for a joy ride to take him swimming, his left leg was pinned and crushed.

Gordon Cullen 13, of 21356 Seminoles Blvd., Southfield, a companion of Laverne, had grabbed at the boy's shirt as he went down on the pavement, and risking the danger of falling under the trailer himself, struggled to pull his friend clear. However he was unable to do more than jerk the upper half of the boy's body from under the steadily moving truck.

Laverne's leg, from the ankle to the knee, was completely crushed by the right front wheel. Although he was rushed to the Redford Branch of the Receiving Hospital, he died at 5:45 o'clock in the afternoon from excessive hemorrhage and shock.

Laverne and Gordon, with Arnold Tison, 11, of 21123 Negawan Avenue, Southfield, had left their homes without their parents knowledge to go swimming at Walled Lake. They hitch-hiked as far as Farmington City limits, on Grand River avenue, and had begun to walk through the town, when the cement truck with two trailers, driven by Darrel Schram, 22, of 24377 Antoinette, Detroit, passed them.

"Yelling, 'well, here comes my ride,'" Laverne jumped on the truck between the first and second trailer and sat on the edge of the second while the other boys ran along side. Finally, when he saw that his companions were afraid to jump on, he hopped off between the trailers. He was unable to get out of the way of the platform of the last trailer and was knocked down.

After the first wheel passed over him, Laverne crawled out of the way of the rear wheel and stood by himself on the sidewalk in front of the Farmington Hardware store. He was taken to the office of Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner where his leg was strapped up and then taken by ambulance to the Receiving hospital. Officials there stated that if he had lived his leg would have had to be amputated at the hip.

The driver of the truck said that he had noticed the boys not to board the trailers. He was not held by police authorities.

The funeral for Laverne was held Thursday afternoon and burial will take place Friday at the Parkview Memorial Cemetery. This was the second accident that had happened in the Youmans family, in which there are six children, in the last two weeks. On Tuesday, July 5, Victoria, age 6, fell off a garage roof, on which she had been playing, and was taken to the Receiving Hospital with internal injuries. She remained there for five days before recovering.

Angling Road School Plans To Hold Reunion

A reunion will be held by the Angling Road School on Saturday, July 16, at the Rosemond Woods, located on the corner of Tibbets and 13-Mile Road.

A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. Mrs. Bessie M. Olson, Secretary, urges all who have attended the school to be present to meet their old class mates—and to have a good time.

Irving W. Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Farrand returned to San Pedro, California, Monday after visiting friends and relatives for one month. Several parties were held to celebrate his home coming. A reunion was held July 3 at Bald Eagle Lake by 37 of his mother's relatives. Those attending from Farmington were Mr. and Mrs. L. Farrand, Dorothy "Groves" Lancaster, Virginia and Genevieve Smith. July 4 a reunion was held at Fargo, Michigan, 50 relatives attending. Those from Farmington were: Mrs. Farrand, Grandmother Richardson, Irving and Dorothy Lancaster.

There was a heated discussion at the meeting regarding the amount of money that should be spent by the School Board to pay tuition of high school students. A motion to the effect that \$90, the total amount charged by Farmington High School, be paid by the Board, was defeated. A motion then passed that \$60, the minimum required by State law, be paid. This was carried, but later the question was again thrown open to discussion and it was moved that, as a compromise measure, \$75 be paid. This motion passed by a 13 to 6 vote.

ARREST AT WALLED LAKE

Detectives Head and Whelan of the Collège precinct of Detroit accompanied by Deputy Hubbard of Holly arrested on Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Russell in a cottage in Holly which is known as the "Groves." The Russells were wanted in Wayne County.

Kenneth Guller of Detroit has been visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Gildemester.

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