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## Proposal Would Permit Township Voting At Hall

### Amendment On Ballot Tuesday Would Allow Use Of Town Hall

One of the least-noticed of the seven proposals on the amendment ballot, upon which the people of Farmington will vote Tuesday, has a particular interest for the people of Farmington. The proposal has attracted practically no attention, but if it becomes an amendment to the Constitution, it may have an important effect on the voting of Township citizens.

Mr. Campbell said it was the first instance he knows of in which a challenger has been named for a national or state election, in the township. The challenger named is Mrs. William McCullough.

The proposal is number 5 on the ballot, and it is the last sentence that interests Farmington most. Nearly all of the proposition has to do with the removal of a voter from one precinct to another within a city, just before election, but the last sentence says: "And provided further, That the legislature may provide by law that the electors of a township may cast their ballots at a township polling place within the limits of a city which has been incorporated from territory formerly a part of the township."

Although this is not a measure sponsored by Farmington people, it bears on the local situation directly. Many township citizens have felt the present polling places rather inconvenient, and would prefer the centrally-located town hall in Farmington. Citizens and officials of the city, too, have expressed themselves as favorable to having the township citizens vote in the town hall if it could legally be done.

## OPEN CUT-OFF; START REPAIRS ON GRAND RIVER

### To Straighten S-Curve West Of Farmington; Unfinished Shoulders Damper

Following the completion of the last section of the cut-off work now under way on the reconstruction of part of Grand River west of Farmington, the program includes the straightening S-curve between Halsted and Ten Mile Roads, and completing the junction between the cut-off and Grand River. The roads were at different levels. The cut-off is higher than the Grand River is higher than the junction. Through traffic is being routed over the cut-off, with a detour sign placed at Farmington Road and Grand River.

Monday put the detour sign out of commission for a short time. Anthony Horkey, of Detroit, who was driving east on Grand River from a farm just west of Farmington, failed to see the sign, and crashed into it. No damage was done to his car.

## Wife Of Governor Wins 200 At Reception Given In Farmington

A woman paused to defend herself in high place Thursday, but most of the time she talked "straight facts and figures" and drove them home by sheer force of her own stately and open-heartedness. Clara Hantel Brucker, wife of Michigan's Governor, won the hearts of 200 women of Farmington and other parts of Oakland County at the tea given in her honor at the home of Mrs. Martha Warner on Grand River avenue. Most of the county Republican candidates were present, and a number of Farmington men.

## Democrats Hear Lynch At Rally

### Pontiac Attorney Addresses Largest Democratic Rally Held Here For Years

"No longer can the Republicans boast that any candidate they may choose can carry Michigan for them." This statement was made James Lynch, Pontiac attorney at a Farmington Democratic rally at Town Hall Saturday night. About 100 attended the meeting, making it the largest Democratic rally ever held in Farmington in many years.

Mr. Lynch covered issues in the county, state and national elections and also reviewed a wealth of political history as he has seen it during his lifetime.

Attacking the Republicans as a party and as individuals, he argued that a change is necessary at regular intervals for the public good, and that at this time particularly the incumbents merit defeat.

"We are not asking you to change horses in the middle of the stream," Mr. Lynch said. "We have not reached the bank of the stream. We're in a slough of despair, covered with mud. And President Hoover is wallowing as much as anyone."

He "viewed with alarm" present unemployment, bank failures, mortgage foreclosures, and general conditions. Admitting that Tammany has not always walked a perfectly straight path, he pointed to the Republican platform as a sign of hope.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt, even as Al Smith before him, had to drive his program home by state through the Republican legislature in 1930 he was re-elected by more than a 700,000 majority. Still they say he has no record, no backbone," Mr. Lynch said. He praised the Smiths in America's political and in America today, yet wrecked by the "hideous monster of religious prejudice."

## No Covert Road Taxes Will Be Levied This Year

### Refunding Of Bonds, Paying Interest Only, Eliminates Road Tax

For the second successive week, good news has come forth for owners of property in Farmington and throughout Oakland County. There will be no Covert Road taxes this year, eliminating one of the largest items in the tax bills. This follows the announcement last week that no such assessments will be levied.

## First Pump Bill Shows Big Saving

### First Full Month's Bill For Current Indicates Saving of \$247 A Month

The first full month's bill for current to operate the new turbine pump recently installed at the city water works shows a big saving to Farmington taxpayers. The average monthly current cost for 1931 to pump the city's water was \$281.15. To this was added a labor cost of \$62.50, making a total cost per month of \$343.65. Last year the current cost for October was \$209.56. With the labor cost, the city spent \$332.06 furnish water.

The current bill for this October just received is \$84.55 and no labor cost is necessary, because the new installation is entirely automatic.

## REYNOLDS' NAME UPON BALLOT IN PLACE OF GREENAN

### County Republican Committee, Complying With Law, Designates Fernalde Chief

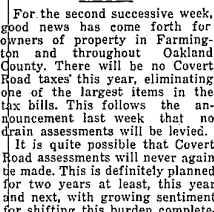
Every ballot in Oakland County will have a sticker on it Tuesday as a result of the tragic death of Undersheriff Frank Greenan Wednesday night after a gun battle north of Lapeer. Up to that time, a candidate's death before a 1929 statute provides that a party county committee is to designate a candidate.

Under the law, the county clerk supplies as many stickers as there are ballots to each election board, who must put one on each ballot before it is issued, placing it over the name of the deceased candidate.

The Republican committee's unanimous choice is Roy Reynolds, popular Fernalde chief of police, runner-up to Greenan in the primary. Reynolds might well have been the slain officer's own choice, for though the men waged a spirited primary contest, there was no personal animosity and they respected each other in the highest respect.

## Farmington Man Heads County Organization

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## Big Cut Made In Township Budget

### General Fund Cut To \$12,000; Tax Payments Help Financial Condition

A big slash in the general fund of the 1932-33 Farmington Township budget was made by the Township Board Tuesday evening, cutting the fund to less than half of the tentative appropriation made last spring. The figure was set at \$12,000 as compared with \$25,000 tentatively set up earlier in the year, and with the \$30,000 appropriation of 1931.

The Board made an appropriation for poor relief, but it is not yet known whether it will have to be used. The board of supervisors' decision to return to the township welfare system is before the board for review. The township board appropriated \$17,000 for poor relief in case it must be used. If it is utilized there will be a reduction of a corresponding amount in County taxes.

An odd situation developed in rescinding the earlier appropriation, whereby only two board members could participate. Supervisor Coe and Clerk Campbell, they had voted for the appropriation last Spring and could bring up the motion to rescind, but Justice Roberts, who had voted in the negative, could not. Justice Eagle was not on the board at the time. All four voted for the reduced appropriation.

## DODGE, PLYMOUTH WILL BE HANDLED BY OTIS-GRACE CO.

### New Farmington Agency To Exhibit New Plymouth Six; Will Open Week From Monday

A new automobile agency for Farmington has been organized and will open a week from Monday. Otis-Grace Motor Sales, Inc., handling Dodge and Plymouth cars, will occupy the building formerly used by Farmington Motor Sales on Grand River avenue.

## CHEVROLET SALES NOW LOCATED IN HOLCOMB BUILDING

### Farmington Motor Sales Moves To Garage Opposite Olin Russell On Grand River Avenue

Farmington Motor Sales, dealing in Chevrolet cars and trucks, has moved to the Holcomb Building, opposite Olin Russell Ford Sales and Service on Grand River Avenue.

R. E. Beckley, president, emphasizes that the motor sales is prepared to render the same prompt and efficient service that it has in the past, at the new location. The large salesroom is particularly well adapted to displaying beautiful Chevrolet cars. Ralph Lepley will continue in charge of service work.

## Milk Producers Of Farmington Form Local Unit

### Organization Meeting Is Held At Town Hall; Welfare Named President

A Farmington local of the Michigan Milk Producers Association was organized, and Bert Welfare of Walled Lake elected president, at a meeting in Town Hall Tuesday night.

About 185 producers are included in the local, which will work with the state association in milk price stabilization. Consistent success in price control has been experienced in the past, with the state association taking over the farmers' surplus milk and diverting it to other uses, preventing the flooding of the market.

There are 282 farmers, those in the Farmington local and another group from North Farmington, who ship through the Warner Dairy. About 125 attended the meeting Tuesday. An assessment of 25 cents each was voted on members of the Local for an organization fund.

## RETURN MAN TO FACE CHARGE OF CHECK PASSING

### Denver Lake Brought From North Dakota In Farmington Case

Farmington was in competition with Minneapolis this week, and Farmington won out. The argument was over a prisoner, Denver Lake, who was held in Bismarck, North Dakota, on a charge of passing bad checks here two years ago.

Chief Lee Doyle discovered, when he arrived with Prosecutor Clarence Smith in Bismarck, that several cities "wanted" Lake and Minneapolis "as after him" had a man of the others. Farmington had the most serious charge against him, however, and he was returned to Michigan.

Arriving home late Wednesday night, Chief Doyle took the case directly to Pontiac. Lake was arraigned before Justice John J. Schulte in Pontiac Thursday morning, but demanded examination, which Justice Schulte set for next Wednesday. Bond was placed at \$2,000, with two sureties.

## Need Shoes, Overcoats For P. T. A. Welfare

### Certain articles of children's clothing are needed by the P. T. A. welfare committee, Mrs. R. C. Burns has announced.

They are: shoes and overcoats for an 8-year-old boy; shoes for girls of 8 and 10 and overcoats for boys 11 and 12 years old. Contributors are asked to bring their gifts to the work-room in the grade building.

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## AT FLAT ROCK LAST FRIDAY

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