

The Farmington Enterprise

State Is Probing Burning Of Two Camp Buildings

Fire Marshal Comes To Farmington To Investigate Workers' Camp Fires

Investigation is under way by the State Fire Marshal of two mysterious fires which destroyed two buildings at the Workers' Camp, Drake and Twelve Mile Roads, northwest of Farmington Monday night and Tuesday morning. Firemen said there was no question that the fires were of incendiary origin.

The burnings occurred only about seven hours apart, the second taking place in daylight. Whether any definite clues were found has not been announced, but the finding of gasoline-soaked rags around the buildings was reported at once by Farmington firemen.

The buildings destroyed were a dormitory and dance hall. They were of frame construction and were large structures. The first fire occurred about midnight Monday, and caused some excitement in Farmington, as Fire Chief Norman Lee and others were at work investigating the return. Other firemen were at the Town Hall, however and the truck was away in a short time, but the building was beyond saving when they arrived.

Second blaze occurred later, about seven o'clock Tuesday morning, the second of the three buildings was seen to be burning. The firemen went out again but found the same situation, and could not save it.

Several other small buildings on the camp grounds, including one occupied by the caretaker, but they were not molested.

The buildings were erected several years ago when the Workers' organization secured the campsite, to which large crowds travel on Sundays in summer. Two years ago last summer, then prosecuting attorney of Oakland County raided the Camp and reported finding a quantity of Communist literature. Charges were filed against a number of members of the organization, but they were later released.

The flames Monday night illuminated the sky for some distance and attracted a large gathering.

The Farmington Volunteer Fire Department were summoned Friday afternoon to the Smith hill west of Farmington when the Ford truck driven by Stephen Keith caught fire.

The blaze was extinguished, but not before there was considerable damage done. The cause of the fire could not be determined, but started in the motor.

NEW GRAND RIVER SCHEDULE, FARES, NOW IN OPERATION

Change Welcomed. Patronage Jumps On Wednesday, Schedules Now In Distribution

Farmington-Redford bus patrons were greeted Saturday morning by the new privately-operated local bus, being run by Arnold Stolz of Clarenceville. The change met with general approval and the increased schedule and lower fares were welcomed.

Printed copies of the new schedule are now ready for distribution, and may be obtained from the bus driver, at the Enterprise office, and at several business places.

Mr. Stolz has engaged the driver who formerly operated the Eastern Michigan bus. Reports indicated patronage about the same as before up to Wednesday afternoon, when business jumped upward sharply, for the first time. Distribution of the schedules, which contain the rates of fare, is expected to stimulate traffic further, within the coming week.

Farmington Woman Is White Shrine Leader

Max Imogene Bickling of Farmington Is New Worthy High Priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem at Northville. Arrangements were completed this week for installation of officers Thursday evening, a public event.

The Shrine meets in Presbyterian church house in Northville.

Returns As City Clerk



N. H. Power, only clerk Farmington City has ever had, starts next Monday another term following his re-election last Monday.

Resolutions Set Township Limits

Six-Fold Program Adopted At Farmington Township Business Meeting Monday

Farmington Township officials have before them the adjusting of Township affairs to a series of six resolutions adopted by voters of the Township at the annual business meeting Monday noon.

The resolutions set salaries of township officials and direct the handling of welfare work by them.

Drastic cuts in the pay of most officials is provided by the resolutions submitted by Ernest Blanchard, chairman of a committee appointed following a meeting of taxpayers at Bond School on March 20.

It was reported that practically all of the officials had expressed themselves as agreeable to the resolutions.

Salaries may now be set by the voters at the annual meeting, it is understood, since the Township has fallen below the eight-million mark in valuation.

The resolutions follow:

1. Inasmuch as April 3, 1933, the Executive Committee appointed by the Chairman of the tax payers meeting held at the Bond School on March 20th submit the following:

2. Inasmuch as the present salary of the Supervisor exceeds the legal limit, we recommend that the Supervisor's salary be placed at Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and that all duties pertaining to the office, including the investigation of valuations,

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Two Mid-Month Bargain Days To Boost Business

Plan To Develop Farmington As Trading Center For Surrounding Area

Friday and Saturday of next week, April 14 and 15 will see the first event of its kind ever held in Farmington, designed to increase business and promote Farmington as a trading-center for the farming areas nearby. The event will be a two-day offering on the part of Farmington merchants coinciding with the distribution of monthly checks totaling many thousands of dollars to hundreds of farmers in this vicinity.

Next Friday and Saturday there will be over 400 dairy farmers and their families coming to Farmington to cash checks for their March shipments. They can obtain their money only in Farmington, through a check made recently in method of payment by both Farmington Dairy and Warner Dairy Co., both of whom pay the farmers in the middle of the month. It is planned that Farmington merchants will unite in making the most of this opportunity to induce the visitors to do their trading here.

Merchants in every line of business will unite in offering exceptional values for the days, every thing to be sold at cost or less. The "Mid-Month Bargains" will be available, of course, to all residents of Farmington and vicinity as well as to the farmers, some of whom will be coming from considerable distances.

A committee of Farmington Exchange Club is at work on plans for the bargain days. The committee consists of Delos Hamlin, Howard Warner, George K. Chetkett, and Hymah Levinson, has met with enthusiastic response among the merchants. In suggesting the plan to the Exchange Club Wednesday, Mr. Warner pointed out that advertising for the event could be enclosed with the checks to be sent out next week. Since the checks are delivered directly to the farmers there will no distribution cost.

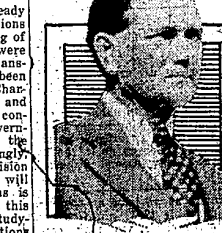
All merchants co-operating will have an equal part, and a most comprehensive publicity plan will advertise the event in addition to the circulars given out to the farmers, and advertising in the Enterprise, the appeal will be intensified by distribution of circulars in Farmington, the whole comprising a circulation of approximately 2,500 homes in this section.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walters Celebrates 76th Birthday

Sixteen guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter on Oakland Road, Sunday for a birthday dinner given in honor of Mrs. Walters mother's birthday Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, 76 years old. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walters, and daughter Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Walters, Mrs. Charles Thomas and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pridham and daughter Edna and Mrs. John Walters for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harms and children spent Thursday with Mrs. Harms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White.

Makes Come-Back



Joseph Graham, Farmington Township winner Monday, over his old rival, Clayton Goers, for the office of highway commissioner.

Governing Body Of The Township Stands Unaltered

Supervisor Coe, Clerk Campbell Turn Back Opponents in Stiff Struggles

Farmington Township's governing body will continue unchanged for another year following hard battles Monday which marked the first partisan political contests in the Township in 20 years. Supervisor Arthur P. Coe and Clerk Willard Campbell stood off determined challenges of their opponents, but two offices went to Democrats, highway commissioner to Joseph Graham and justice to the late Frank N. Steele.

They are the first of the party to hold office in the Township in perhaps a quarter of a century. All other Republicans withstood the Democrat onslaught, but most of the contests were close. The highest bid of the party was one of those won by the Democrats, Mr. Steele defeating Charles L. Wilson for justice by 42 votes in a total of 970.

Incumbent Wins The struggle for clerk presented a similar situation with the ultimate winner gaining an advantage in Precinct 2 in exchange for having come a loss in Precinct 1. The latter gave Mrs. Ina Sturman, Democrat, a lead of 61 votes, 299 to 241 for Clerk Willard Campbell. But the Gibraltar-like strength which Mr. Campbell has always shown in his home precinct came forth again and gave him a big margin, 168 votes, 323 to 155. It wiped out the Sturman lead in Precinct 1, with 117 votes to spare. The result was 564 to 447.

Treasurer Ensler Mrs. Loretha Cox had an easier time winning re-election as treasurer, polling the highest vote of any candidate and being one of the only two to win both precincts. Her votes were 283 in Precinct 2, and 117 in Precinct 1, for a total of 400, while Theodore Kohlman polled 265 in No. 1 and 149 in No. 2, for a total of 414.

Old Opponents Joseph Graham and Clayton Goers, old antagonists for the office of highway commissioner, were again opponents in the contest.

CITY TO OFFSET ACCOUNTS DUE TO FINANCIAL STATUS

Method Of Private Business Adopted Due To Shortage Of Funds

A method of private business is being adopted by the City of Farmington in an effort to overcome financial difficulties and deficits which have resulted from lack of funds to pay bills. At its Thursday meeting the Commission agreed upon offsetting accounts of any who may owe the City, against the City's obligations to them.

The City Clerk requested the suggestion in view of the City's shortage of money. He declared that with many owing the City for various items, it is imperative that the City require them in offering a motion to pay April 1 bills, he included a provision that all creditors in the list who also owe the City be required to offset accounts.

The City is in the unhappy condition of having \$17,000 tied up in banks and only \$282 in cash, with the April 1 bills totaling \$11,000 and about \$500 remaining against the City. The City Clerk requested that water bills due this month be the only source of revenue in light until July, will be paying the water bills \$1,000 less than the obligations already due and past due.

The Commission took no action on a milk sale complaint, or upon a request for permission to distribute milk goods. Results of the election Monday were canvassed and all candidates announced Monday night as winners were officially declared elected.

Retains Office



Farmington Man Committee Head

Ernest V. Blanchard Chairman Of Group Chosen By Government For Crop Loans

Government crop loans to farmers throughout Oakland County for 1933 are under guidance of Farmington man, Ernest V. Blanchard, who has been designated chairman of the committee to pass on all applications. Mr. Blanchard was chairman of the committee for Farmington Township last year.

This year, instead of a committee for each Township, the work has been co-ordinated under the single County committee. Mr. Blanchard's group of 1932 included 11 members, with 500 head of farming, with loans nearly 100 per cent repaid, that this year he was named as leader of the work for the whole County, assisted by Fred Beckman of Orionville and P. O. Forrist of Orion.

Already 35 applications have been received for loans, which are available in amounts from \$25 to \$300. Loans may be applied for at any time up to May 15. A new factor this year is present in loans for horses and equipment. The government has established a new loaning division, known as the Agricultural Credit Corporation, with headquarters in Michigan. This is a separate agency. Loans are made through the same committee as the crop loans.

Applications for loans are to be made to K. D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, at Pontiac. The committee for the County passes on each application with the consent of a government supervisor.

Emphasis is laid upon the fact that the loans are made for emergency situations and to aid in production of a crop. A Government bulletin to the committee says: "This is an emergency loan made for the purpose of enabling the growers to pay cash for the necessary supplies in order that a crop may be produced at a minimum cost. It is in no sense to be considered as a dole and poor moral risks are to be avoided. Character and a crop lien are the only securities required and we must depend upon those passing on the loans in the field to protect the interest of the Government."

The committee members serve without compensation. In 1932 Farmington Township farmers obtained 17 of the 45 loans made in the County.

Monday A Big Day For Graham Family

Monday evening was a happy one for two Graham brothers. In Farmington Township Joseph Graham realized the ambition of years by making a successful comeback to win from Clayton Goers the office of highway commissioner, which the latter had taken from him several years ago.

And over in West Bloomfield Township, Mr. Graham's brother Charles was winning by a big margin the office of supervisor. He was formerly highway commissioner of that township.

Thirty years ago the brothers operated a blacksmith shop in Farmington.

Mrs. J. A. Dalrymple left Saturday for an extended visit with her father at Reading in Southern Michigan.

Officials Chosen By City To Begin Terms On Monday

Men Elected Will Take Office After Record Vote That Caused Ballot Shortage

New officials of Farmington City and old officers re-elected will begin their terms next Monday, following a record-smashing vote and the most stirring election day the town has seen in years.

The astonishing total of votes, which was almost 200 more than ever before in a city election and which caused a shortage of ballots, continues a matter of considerable comment.

Before the polls closed 615 voters had indicated their preferences. The highest total previously in a city election was 431, and the record mark for all elections, set last fall at 100, was exceeded by over 100. Although more than the number of ballots prescribed by law had been provided, the supply, including surplus of absent voters' ballots, was exhausted before the closing of the polls, and the last 16 voters used instruction ballots designated as "emergency ballots."

Leading the list of officials to take office next Monday is Mayor-elect Howard M. Warner, who defeated Arthur Lamb, mayor for the past four years, by a vote of 397 to 208. Interest in the contest was keen.

Mayor-elect Warner will take his seat as Farmington's representative on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors next Tuesday, when the Board convenes for its April session.

Both Re-elected Two commissioners retain their places and one new one starts a four-year term on Monday. Commissioner Leo Gildemester maintained his record of leading the field for the Commission in each election, polling 427 votes. Second was Commissioner Emory Halton, with 326 ballots. Harold C. Oldenburg Monday will succeed Commissioner Carl Goers, having won the remaining place on the Commission with 297 votes. George K. Chetkett and Joseph Himmelspach were closely behind with 265 and 260 votes respectively for the Commission.

Power Continues City Clerk N. H. Power continues as the only clerk Farmington has ever had as a city, having won re-election by a large majority. He received 348 votes to 125 for Mrs. Mary Johnson and 115 for Lawrence Taylor.

The closest contest of the day developed between Judge John J. Schulte and Lloyd S. Gullen, running for justice of the peace, which term lasts 27 years. Separated them, Judge Schulte winning with 307 to 280 for Gullen. Byron Lapham won the justice office to fill vacancy, having received 353 votes to 219 for W. Allen Nelson.

Armstrong and Kragstad The remaining contest of the day was Thomas Armstrong running in the lead for re-election as constable, with 315 votes, while Herman Kreager won the other place with 270. Edward Thayer was third with 225, followed by Marshall Pettibone with 154 and Fred Schaepper with 119.

Treasurer Lewis C. Thayer and Assessor James L. Hogle unopposed for their offices, received 578 and 508 votes, respectively. Ben James Storms polled 475 and Joseph A. Karle 437 ballots for board of review, there being no opposition.

Farmington voted 2½ by a margin of more than 1 to 1, 430 voting for repeal and 163 against it. An unusual circumstance for the community was the presence of more straight Democrat ballots than straight Republicans, 232 to 201, but there were more Republican ballots and totals for most candidates of both parties were almost even, the rivals usually being less than a dozen votes apart.

The largest gathering which has attended an election day tabulating in years was at the Town Hall, attended by both the City and Township Precinct 1 counting. William Carpenter was substituted for Eugene Edwards on the city election board when the polls opened Monday morning.