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## Incumbents File In Novi, Southfield

In direct contrast to the spirited fight looming in the Livonia Township primary Monday, Southfield and Novi Township present a somewhat meek appearance. In Novi only one candidate filed nominating petitions for each office so no primary election will be held. In Southfield only one contest is in view and that is for the nomination for treasurer on the Republican ticket, between Lynn Everett, incumbent and Richard Larges.

All the petitions filed in Novi Township were on the Republican ticket. All the candidates are unopposed. They include: Frank Clark, supervisor; Earl Banks, clerk; George Simmons, treasurer; William Mairs, highway commissioner; and Bernard Kilson, justice of the peace. No petitions were filed for constables or members of the board of review. Appointments to these offices will undoubtedly be made by the township board.

**All Incumbents File**

All the incumbents in Southfield Township filed petitions and are in the race for re-election. Elmer W. Haack present supervisor is unopposed for nomination as supervisor. He will be opposed in the election however by Lester B. Mead, the only candidate to file a petition for supervisor on the Democratic ticket.

Phony Adams, incumbent, is the only person to file for the office of clerk. Three candidates have filed for the office of treasurer, Lynn Everett, present treasurer, and Richard Larges, on the Republican ticket and Llewellyn Wright on the Democratic ticket. Edward Stephens for highway commissioner, James B. Wood for justice of the peace and L. R. Nostrand and William Driesner for constables are all incumbents and the only candidates to file petitions for their respective offices.

## FATHERS AND SONS ENJOY ANNUAL MASONIC DINNER

One hundred and fifteen fathers and sons from Farmington and the surrounding area attended the annual Fathers and Son Banquet given by the Farmington Masonic Lodge Monday evening in the dining-room of the Farmington M. E. Church.

Ralph Banta, high school teacher, and his saxophone quartet entertained the diners during the meal.

Invocation was given by Rev. Frederick Lendrum which was followed by communal singing led by Joseph Himmelspach. The toastmaster, A. L. Ross was introduced by Worshipful Master Forrest Dickerson.

Wade Dickerson addressed the gathering as representative of the sons and gave an interesting account of his trip to Alaska. Mr. Frederick Bagnall gave the toast to the sons and was followed by Mr. A. G. Leonard who was the principal speaker of the evening.

Charles Wellington accompanied Mr. Banta in several saxophone solos.

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Mrs. Hanks is survived by her husband, William, two sons, Carl and William, Jr., two daughters, Sylvia and Claudia, four brothers, D. Bradford and Lawrence Bradford of New York and Paul and Charles Bradford of Detroit, and two sisters, Mrs. Clara Newton of New Hudson and Miss Doris Bradford of Clarenceville.

## WALLED LAKE COUPLE MARRIED BY FARMINGTON JUSTICE

Walker Julian Crumb, 28, of Walled Lake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard Crumb and Hazel Irene Vennstrom, 26, of Walled Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George White were married Friday, February 21, at the office of Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte, Jr., Judge Schulte performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Sarah Crumb and Mrs. Henry Trombly were witnesses.

## Figures, Figures, Figures, But They Don't Lie and Farmington Wins

In a typical American home over in Birmingham, a gentleman of kindly countenance and fine appearance struggles with a problem. Nightly, and as much in the daytime as he gets an opportunity, he pulls over sheets and sheets of paper covered with figures. The sheets are divided with rulings and squares and columns, and other sheets he adds rows of figures. As he completes his additions each time he sighs heavily and shakes his head.

The gentleman is Mr. Robert Allen, one of Birmingham's best-known and most popular citizens. Ordinarily he is too occupied by affairs to spend hours and hours figuring.

## High Team Plays Walled Lake Five

"Win, lose or draw," an almost brilliant season will be climaxed Friday evening when the Farmington High School basketball team will travel to Walled Lake to play the Walled Lake High School quintet in its final league game of the year.

Completely upsetting pre-season predictions that the 1935-36 five would be only mediocre at best, the team as a whole since the first few games, has displayed exceptional ability and improved so rapidly that, without counting the Walled Lake game to be played, it has to its credit a record that will be difficult for future teams to match and which stands high in the all-time athletic records of the school.

## COMBINED FIRE COMPANIES FAIL TO SAVE HOUSE

Should Farmington lose Walled Lake Friday evening, it will still finish the season in second place in the Southeast Oakland League by virtue of its stirring defeat of Clarkston High School Friday evening.

The Farmington five, staging one of its usual displays of good sportsmanship and tenacity, fought a see-saw battle with the Clarkston boys down to the last quarter when their superior team play and better condition brought them through to a 34-27 victory.

Several times during the first half the score was tied with the half ending 24-16 in Farmington's favor. Both the Farmington and Clarkston players seemed to find the range of the basket from the onset and both teams scored most of their points in the first half.

Few fouls.

In spite of both teams playing at top speed throughout the entire game, only nine fouls were committed, four by the Farmington players and five by Clarkston.

The Himmelspach, veteran Farmington guard, furnished the highlight of the game by breaking through the scoring column with eight points. Himmelspach has been playing steady basketball all season and has been the mainstay of the Farmington defense but up until Friday had not displayed his first season offense ability. He seemed to find himself in the first half of the Clarkson game, taking three "long toms" from the middle of the floor, and putting each one through the mesh. Harvey Hamilton and Bob Davis played their usual good games scoring ten and seven points respectively.

## FARMINGTON TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER

The Annual Interdenominational Day of Prayer, as observed in Farmington, Friday, February 28 at the Salem Evangelical Church at 2 o'clock.

The program is world-wide in scope with peace as its chief objective. The international program begins at daylight Friday in New Zealand and encircles the world on that day.

Two Detroit speakers will address the meeting, Mrs. J. L. Ernst, wife of Reverend John Ernst of the Evangelical Church of Detroit, and Mrs. Emma Lee, an officer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union.

Rev. Fred Bagnall is the chairman of the entire program. The Farmington chairman is Mrs. Edward Tamm who is assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Gilbert Miles, Mrs. Fred Lendrum, Mrs. Fred Cook, Mrs. A. M. Edges, Mrs. E. A. Harper, Mrs. Dorothy Kurry, Mrs. Fred Maas, Mrs. A. C. MacDonald, Mrs. Ray Oldham, Mrs. M. B. Pierce, Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mrs. Eleanor Talbot and Miss Anna Thayer.

## Farmington Residents Celebrate Anniversary

Some twenty guests helped Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb of Farmington celebrate their wedding anniversary at the office of Justice of the Peace John J. Schulte, Jr. Judge Schulte performing the ceremony.

The guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Lamb with a waffle iron and silver salad service.

## Close Races Expected In Primary

With the salaries of the township officials scheduled to be voted upon, almost double the usual number of candidates seeking nominations, and with the election being the reward of the victorious candidates since nominating petitions have been filed only on the Republican ticket, the Livonia Township primary election promises to be one of the most hotly contested in recent years.

## Womans Club To Sponsor Debate

High school students and the adult public of Farmington and Livonia will be privileged to hear a debate between debating teams of Michigan State College and Wayne University, Thursday evening, March 5, at 7:30 o'clock at the Community Hall.

The topic will be resolved: That the Congress of the United States should be empowered to override by a two-thirds vote, decisions of the Supreme Court, which declare Acts of Congress unconstitutional.

The affirmative side will be taken by the Farmington Women's Club and the Livonia side will be taken by the Livonia High School.

The debate is being sponsored by the Farmington Women's Club and it is the opinion of the members that in view of the present day political situation, the debate should be of interest to adults and especially high school students. Since the United States Supreme Court has had cause to exercise its function of passing on the legality of Acts of Congress more frequently than usual in recent months, and since the decisions are of vital importance and effect rural and metropolitan communities alike, all who can possibly attend are urged to do so.

## COMBINED FIRE COMPANIES FAIL TO SAVE HOUSE

The blaze was discovered on the roof during the chimney by Alton Burns working in a basement near the scene of the fire. By the time he arrived at the house, Kenneth Riddle, who occupied the house with his wife and two small children, had started smoking and upon investigating had also discovered the fire. When the Farmington engine arrived the entire roof and second floor were ablaze. Since no water was available and only one hose had been used, the fire gained rapid headway and even the arrival of the Redford engine with its added chemical supply was unable to help. When the house was beyond saving a constant play of high pressure water was kept it from catching fire.

Before the blaze became too hot, the Riddles with the help of neighbors were able to save a small amount of furniture from the first floor. However everything in the house and on the second floor was lost.

The house was built and owned by Clarence Boldt, of Detroit at a cost of \$7,300 and was insured for \$5,000.

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## Numerous Potential A-1 Movers Are Discovered When House Burns

The building in its original location yet standing as of the past century in creating things, has gone some almost miraculous achievements in moving them from place to place. Indeed, transportation has become almost the basis of modern civilization, and when man wants something moved that hitherto seemed fixed for always, he just brings to bear his tremendous facilities and moves it. So giant trees are taken up and transferred without harm to places miles away, and did Tom Henry Ford move all of Thomas A. Edison's first experimental laboratory from New Jersey to Greenfield Village, bringing even some of the top dirt that had surrounded

## Police Hunt Bandits In Aner Holdup

A series of audacious holdups and robberies, of which a few are believed by authorities to have been perpetrated by the same two, or possibly three, bandits, have started Farmington, Pontiac and Detroit police on a vigorous roundup of known criminals in the vicinity in an organized effort to track down the men.

The latest robbery reported occurred at 10:15 Saturday evening at the Aner Brothers Grocery store at 2909 Grand River at the corner of Albion street, when two armed bandits entered the store, held up the owners and several customers and, after herding them all into a back room, escaped with \$71 and a watch.

Bandit Robs Customers

When the two men entered the store, James Aner, one of the proprietors, was talking near the cash with two customers, Ward Schlyer and Frank Kerr. While one of the men stood by the door, apparently on guard, the other ordered the men to the rear of the store where Mr. Schlyer surrendered \$5 and \$20. He also took \$25 from a Mr. White, another customer.

The men were then herded into the back room of the store where the bandit discovered William Aner, the other storekeeper, holding an injured leg. He demanded his necktie with which he proceeded to tie up brother James, who, the bandit said, "was making too much disturbance."

Carl's Open Cash Register

While the one man was attending to the victims in the rear of the store, his accomplice was unsuccessfully trying to open the cash register. He finally got it into the backroom and ordered James Aner to open it. Aner obeyed and the bandits took the \$30 it contained.

The two men then ordered those in the back room to stand where they were for ten minutes "unless they wanted to be killed" and made their escape.

When the bandits had gone, Schlyer and Kerr untied Aner and the men ran to the front of the store but the men had disappeared. Schlyer then disclosed that he had saved his wallet containing \$45 by dropping it into a coal bucket. Kerr saved a quarter by showing it under a pile of newspapers.

All the victims gave accurate descriptions of the men and described them as young. By comparing descriptions, police believe that the same men are responsible for holding up the Detroit Smith's drug store in Clarenceville recently.

## 750 VOTERS RE-REGISTER FOR PRIMARY

R. J. Levandowski, Livonia Township clerk has announced that over 750 registrations have been taken for the primary election Monday.

The reason for having the voters re-register was due to lack of information regarding the registration records as to house numbers, and correct post office address, age and place of birth.

It is urged that all the voters who have not re-registered for the coming primary election to cooperate with the election board when voting, by giving their correct address and the information necessary so that the township is recognized as the registered voters.

Mr. Levandowski, instituted this year the practice of taking registrations in different locations of the township. On Monday, he spent about three hours with Richard W. Reading, City Clerk of Detroit, at the City Hall. In this interview Mr. Levandowski, was given the full details on how to carry out the election properly, as Mr. Reading is recognized as the state secretary having the best-organized election system for any city of this size in the United States.

## Former Resident Active In Missionary Work

Marrin V. Turner, formerly of Farmington, is active in outside mission work while a student at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He is in charge of a group of eighteen students who conduct the services each Sunday night at a Greek-American Mission.

Mrs. George Checketts attended the funeral of Mrs. Cora Clark at Northville on Tuesday, Mrs. Clark was previously Mrs. Macomber of Northville, and had lived for some years in Colorado.

## Marian Erwin On Honor Roll At Michigan State

Marian E. Erwin, Farmington, is on the honor roll for scholastic excellence in 1934-1935 at Michigan State University. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Erwin, a senior in home economics, was honored at the annual Spartan Achievement Day exercises recently. She is a graduate of Farmington High School.

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