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Voting May Be Heavy In Township

Registrations of qualified voters for the election of Farmington Township officers April 4 are coming in slowly. Clerk Harry M. McCracken says, but that does not indicate the vote will be small. On the contrary, a large vote which may exceed that of the March primary is expected.

Those who registered for the primary need not register again. Mr. McCracken says, unless they have changed precincts. Changes of address within a precinct may be reported at the polls.

Voting this time will be done without the new secret ballot which was in force for the first time in the primary. The second ballot box will not be necessary and voters will use only one ticket and need not vote it straight.

Most of the campaigners took advantage of the recent spurge of Spring weather and will hit the streets next week.

The candidates, Democrat and Republican:

For Supervisor, Harvey W. Perry and Arthur P. Coe, incumbent; for Clerk, Charles A. Bard; and Harry N. McCracken, incumbent; for Treasurer, Ethel C. Smith and Loretta E. Cox, incumbent; for Justice of the Peace (full term), Floyd D. Hullock and Ward Eagle, incumbent; for member Board of Review, Albert H. Koss and Don B. Button, incumbent; for Constable, Leo Wedyke and Louis A. Hensch, incumbent.

The names of city Highway Commissioner and three Constables are to be written in.

Voters are asked to read the instructions on the ballots to keep as low as possible the number of ballots that must be thrown out because of incorrect markings.

Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., E. S. T.

Peace Group Offers \$25 For Best Essay

The Oakland County branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will give \$25 for the best essay on "Shall American Youth Fight in a War of Aggression?"

The situation abroad forces every thoughtful person to face the possibility of war and the necessity of definite effort for peace, the League says. The purpose of the contest is to awaken all persons to the crisis and to get the reaction of those who would be conscripted into military service in the event of war if the Sheppard-Russ bill, which the League claims is a serious danger to democracy, becomes a law.

The rules of the contest:

1. Men between the ages of 13 and 21 are eligible to compete.
2. The essay must contain no less than 500 words and no more than 750.
3. Write in ink or on a typewriter. If on a typewriter, double space and use only one side of the paper.
4. Pages must be numbered and each page must show the name and address of the sender.
5. All essays must be postmarked not later than April 24, and addressed to Essay Contest, Box 733, Pontiac, Michigan.
6. Judges of the contest will consist of a board of five chosen from the county.
7. The winner will be awarded \$25 in cash, the time and place to be announced later.

Tax List Available At The Enterprise

Copies of The Rochester Clarion, containing the Oakland County Delinquent Tax List for the 1937 tax sale to be held in May, are available at the Enterprise office. The publication lists properties in Oakland County upon which taxes are so far delinquent as to require their being sold, under the law, on May 3.

Due to the tremendous book-keeping task covering many months that was involved in the preparation of the list, some payments made in the past year to the County Treasurer may not have been recorded in time to prevent the property from being included in the tax list. However, it is emphasized that no property upon which taxes have been paid can or will be sold, even though the delinquent might appear in the publication.

Troop 45 Rates High; To Celebrate Birthday

As they celebrate on Tuesday the anniversary of their organization, Scouts of Troop 45 of Farmington will have the satisfaction of knowing that they rank with the best troops in Michigan. Scoutmaster Homer Arnett has received word the troop has been awarded the "10-year rating."

The rating is awarded for prompt re-registration which must precede the granting of a new charter, and is based also on the number of Scouts re-registering, the number of Boy Scouts, advancement of general Scout work

and the number of Scouts in rank. Each year of prompt re-registration bestows the "10-year rating." Scoutmaster Arnett himself also received recognition—a certificate awarded by the National Council for good attendance at the Scoutmaster Training Course in Pontiac besides a compliment from a high Scout official for the efficient handling of re-registration.

Eighteen scouts registered for the coming year and four new Scouts have been added to the Troop.

Firemen Smell Spring In Smoke

A sign of Spring to Farmington volunteer firemen is the increase in the number of grass fires in the city and township. The rain put an end to an apparently busy week, washing out the work of the wind which was a factor in starting many of the fires the first part of the week.

The wind picked up the sparks from the fires that were purposely set to burn off dry grass and started other fires. In starting answered four calls Tuesday, two in the township and two in the city. One of the city fires was the Fred Goers residence on Farmington Road but the damage was slight.

The firemen answered one call Monday and one Sunday. They have made 11 runs during March. Eight of these have been in the township, four of them on Orchard Lake Road.

The grass fire season which probably will continue through most of April, has greatly increased the number of runs. The firemen are called out a few times during January and February. The most serious of these occurred February 23 when the contents of the O. Notter home on Pollock street 12 Mile Road were destroyed.

Firemen also answered one call on March 1, 10, 13 and 20 March 19.

Several city residents have said that nearly grass fires set purposefully and later they were extinguished before they got out of control.

"Starting fires on a windy day like Tuesday is bad business," one resident said.

SIZE OF TRUCKS CREATES SPECIAL ROAD PROBLEMS

Commercial use of Michigan's rural highway system—a matter of debate for years—is now disclosed by the highway planning survey.

The survey shows that trucks contribute 14 percent of the total traffic on rural trunklines and local roads.

"This commercial traffic is spread over the rural road system as follows, according to a survey report:

State trunklines carry 66 percent of the total truck traffic; county roads carry 20 percent of the total; general traffic; and local, or township roads, 14 percent of the truck-traffic volume.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. West says special problems that the size, rather than the traffic contribution of trucks leads to special problems.

"If the commercial vehicles were all of the small, fast-moving type," he explains, "no special problems would be created; increasing numbers of them are vehicles of large dimensions and weights. Their mixture into the travel stream with large volumes of the slower lighter cars forces highway engineers to re-examine ideas on highway capacity. It is important to note that 30 percent of the total truck usage on the trunkline system is of the truck-trailer combination type."

"This reference does not mean that we should legislate this important traffic off our highways. It means that highway engineers must take this type of traffic into consideration in formulating improvement and maintenance programs."

COW IS SOLD TO DUNN; DUNN SELLS TO WIGMAN

The purchase of a Guernsey cow, Daphne's Chum of Cowham Farm 328553 was sold recently by Mrs. E. M. Breker of Northville to Frank Dunn of Berthie 377665 according to a notice filed with the American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H.

TO HOLD CAMPORE HERE

The Oakland Circle District Boy Scout Campore, is scheduled to be held in Farmington June 10, 11 and 12. Scout officials who are preparing the program expect between 1500 and 200 Scouts. Most of these boys live in Oakland County, but Macomb County Scouts have been invited. The Campore was held in Farmington in 1932.

The Campore is being brought to Farmington through the efforts of Joe Himmelspach, vice-chairman of the District, who has been working for several months to bring it here.

The Campore is being held even better than the one-six years ago.

Girls Scouts Celebrate

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1 of Farmington will add the boys in the birthday celebration which will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church at 6:30 p. m. (Continued on Page 4)

CROP LOAN APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1938 are now being received at the County Extension office in Pontiac by Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers who can not obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual needs for growing his 1938 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock. The amount which may be loaned to any one farmer in 1938 can not exceed actual cash needs.

Farmers who can obtain funds they need from an individual, Production Credit Associations, bank or other concerns are not eligible for crop and feed loans under the emergency crop and feed loan section of the Farm Credit Administration. The loans will not be made to standard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Federal Security Administration, formerly known as the Resettlement Administration.

TRUCK KILLS PEDESTRIAN ON GRAND RIVER AVENUE

Andrew Micalkows, 60, Detroit, was killed when he was hit by a truck as he walked along Grand River near Dotkins Inn Sunday night.

The truck driver, Joe Bodalocow, Whitmore Lake, tried to dodge Micalkows, Joe DeVriend, deputy sheriff said, but the back of the truck struck and hit him. Micalkows stepped in front of the truck after waiting for another car to pass, Officer DeVriend said.

The body was taken to the Heene funeral home.

BARBARA DEWEY DIES

Private funeral services will be held Friday for Barbara Dewey, six years old, who died early Thursday morning following a week's sickness of measles. She apparently was recovering but died when she was taken to the hospital to Herman Kiefer hospital. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dewey, formerly of Valley View avenue, now living in West Point Park.

MOST OF THE PUPILS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL

Although a few new cases of measles have broken out in the last week, most of the grade students hit by the recent epidemic are back in school. The second grade room, which at one time was filled with nearly two-thirds of its pupils, now has an attendance of about 95 percent.

Most of the pupils are feeling fine after their absence and seem to be in trim for making up a little back work.

New Building Ordinance Is Almost Ready

Only the electrical section of the new building ordinance remains to be drafted by the citizens' committee now working on the ordinance and a zoning code for the City of Farmington.

The committee, headed by Bayard Tupper, has been at work several weeks and expects to have the building ordinance ready to submit April 5 to a joint meeting of the Farmington Commission and the Millard Commission.

Millard has expressed interest in a new code and probably will adopt Farmington's. Either commission may accept or reject the code or make whatever changes are necessary.

O. K. So Far

Mr. Tupper read the ordinance as it now stands to the committee Monday night. This included legal and administrative sections, definitions of terms and certain specifications. The committee approved. The ordinance closely follows the Federal Housing Administration and State building codes.

Mr. Tupper soon will take the complete ordinance to Detroit and let Commissioner Joseph P. Wolff look it over. Detroit is preparing a new plumbing code and Farmington may adopt that, Mr. Tupper said.

Mr. Wolff told the City in February that a good building and zoning ordinance was necessary to the health and sanitation of a community. Without it, building abuses would creep in, he said.

Zoning Is Tricky

Work on the zoning ordinance is only beginning. Paul Schreiber has been writing to various towns and Michigan congressmen, and gathering all material on zoning possible before the committee starts drafting.

Zoning is a tricky problem, Mr. Tupper says. The zoning of Farmington must be different from other towns and must be drafted only with the City's peculiarities in view.

He explained that the City is strictly residential and probably always will be for it has none of the facilities that would draw industry. The topography of the land and the psychology of the people also are factors.

It will be difficult also to zone the city to satisfy everyone. The purpose is to restrict certain areas to business and others to homes.

Students Pleased With New Lights

Typing students in the high school say they are pleased with the new street lighting installed in the city. The lighting is much easier since the lights were installed.

The lights probably will remain in the room about 30 days as an experiment to determine the best method of lighting. The installation was the first step toward improving the lighting system of the school.

Grade school lights are good and are better than the lights in the high school, according to a report by Henry Clark, of the Detroit Edison Company, who made a recent survey.

The grade rooms would improve with the painting of the walls and ceilings, however, and this probably will be done soon. New paint would provide better reflection.

After reading the report of Mr. Clark, the Board of Education decided to correct the worst faults first and then move on to other parts of the building until every room has improved lighting.

Exchange Club Hears Talk On Delinquency

The Exchange Club heard several interesting aspects of juvenile delinquency at its regular luncheon meeting Wednesday noon from Ross P. Tenney, County Juvenile Detention Home superintendent.

Mr. Tenney brought with him three inmates of the home and introduced them to the club. He asked them questions on how they liked the home, what they enjoyed most and what they thought could be done to improve it.

Dismissing the boys, he told each one's case history. Each had been in the home at one time or another. After outlining a history of the institution, Mr. Tenney told of the boys who have made good after leaving the home. One is a Farmington boy, an athletic director of the institution.

Highway and Telephone Improvements Are Begun

Michigan Bell Telephone company workers are digging their way along the east sidewalk on Farmington Road toward Grand River. In about 10 days, the foreman said, they expect to be clear across Grand River ready to bury the aerial cables under ground.

The workers are digging the ditch four feet deep and the width of one section of sidewalk. One of the hard parts of the job will be to fill up the ditch after the cables are laid, the foreman said.

Telephone service will not be disrupted when the cables are transferred, and Farmington residents will not know the change is being made unless they see it.

About 15 men are working on the project, the first step in the telephone company's improvement plan which includes the elimination of the crank type telephone in Farmington.

The new phones will ring the operator automatically when the receiver is lifted.

When the cables are changed from aerial to underground, they will enter the rear of the Farmington building where the new headquarters of the company will be.

Work on the entire improvement program will continue from now to late in May when the change in telephones will be made, a district official said.

TESTS IMPROVE STATE'S CREAM AND MILK

Rejection of cream and milk because of unsatisfactory sediment tests has been reduced from 20 percent to four percent during the past year as a result of quality campaign; conducted by the Department of Agriculture in co-operation with Allied Dairy Industry and Buter Industry Committee, according to John B. Strang, commissioner. Records disclose that 75,000 sediment tests have been made since the campaign was launched last April, with the result that the general quality of all milk products has been materially increased.

DR. ADAMS TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. Frank D. Adams of Oak Park, Illinois, will give another of his interesting talks at the Universalist Church Thursday evening, March 31.

A dinner will be served by the ladies of the church, starting at 6:30, to be followed by the dedication service of the Missionary Society. Upon completion of this service Dr. Adams will give his talk, his subject, "When You Go to the river obey traffic laws and signs, through that territory."

The public is cordially invited to hear this sermon.

CHICKEN THIEVES RETURN

For the fourth consecutive year, thieves robbed Mr. and Mrs. Heller, 14 Mile road, of chickens. This time they took 15 Plymouth Rocks, leaving eight.

"Bicycling Is Safe If----," Cycle Officials Warn Riders

Bicycling is fun, the best all-around exercise and the cheapest form of transportation. But a bicycle is a vehicle and is unsafe unless the rider obeys traffic laws and rides as he should.

These statements come from E. H. Broadwell, manager of the Cycle Trades of America, who says that bicycling while increasing in popularity is increasing on a par with the rest of the country, especially with the coming of Spring. No serious accidents have occurred in which a cyclist has figured, but Joe Broadwell, deputy officer, says that does not mean accidents can't happen.

Not long ago in Northville a girl was killed when a car struck her bicycle as she was riding at the time the cycle had no tail light.

Officials of the Cycle Trades point out that one should operate a bicycle as carefully as an automobile, and obey the same laws.

The list of bicycling regulations, are registration, recognition

Ball Field and Park Uncovered For Spring

The high school athletic field on Swadlowe, and the City Park on Grand River and Oakland soon will be ready for Spring activities after being seeded down and raked over.

City and school authorities are well pleased at the results especially on the athletic field which seems to be greatly improved after appearing from under its winter cover of fertilizer.

A few tiny rough spots are on the field, but these can be easily eliminated when the field is scraped again after it dries.

The high school baseball squad already has had a couple of workouts in preparation for the season which starts the middle of April, but had to postpone further rehearsals because of the rain.

The complete baseball schedule probably will be announced next week. Superintendent Robert Burns said.

Five Injured In Wreck on Cut-Off

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Laventure, both nearly 60 years of age, are in a critical condition in the Redford Regional Hospital with serious injuries sustained when their car, driven by Harold Stoner, Muskegon Heights policeman, leaped across the highway and tumbled down the steep embankment near Lake Oakland farm on the Cut-off late Wednesday night.

Stoner, his wife and 20 months old baby were slightly injured; Mr. Laventure suffered a broken back; Mrs. Laventure's scalp was nearly torn away.

The Stoner car, heading into the driving snow, tried to dodge a car parked on the highway with a broken axle. It swerved, out of control, struck a soft shoulder and jumped the guard rail on the south side of the highway.

Parking lights of the stalled car were on.

Legion Auxiliary To Sponsor Poster Contest

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Groves-Walker Post No. 346 of the American Legion of Farmington is sponsoring a city poster contest. The posters will be designed to call attention to Legion Poppy day.

Three groups of prizes will be given with three prizes in each group. Prizes for grades 10, 11 and 12 will be \$3, \$2 and \$1; for grades 7, 8, 9 and 4, 5 and 6, \$2, \$1.50 and \$1.

Winning posters in each group will be sent to the national contest. The judges have not yet been selected.

Mr. Baker, high school art teacher, has started his students to work on the posters.

Mrs. Ruth McDowell spent the week end at the home of her parents in Hillsdale.

MR. WIXOM, MISS GROVES WED IN QUIET CEREMONY

At a quiet ceremony held Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wigman on North Farmington Road, their son Ralph, was married to Evelyn Groves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Groves of Detroit. The Rev. Duncan Ward of Keego Harbor, a former pioneer of the Farmington territory and for many years a friend and neighbor of the groom's parents, officiated at the ceremony. Only the immediate families of the couple witnessed the service. Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wigman will make their home at the Wigman farm, where the groom works with his father.

Following the wedding, Rev. Wigman officiated at the christening of the five-months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wigman. The boy was christened Kenneth Stanley.

O. E. S. HOLDS MEETING

About 80 members and visitors of Farmington chapter 23 of the O. E. S. attended a special meeting this week. Dinner preceded the meeting. Easter decorations were used. Degrees of order were conferred on Mrs. June Sakow and Mrs. Royal Lee. Mrs. Mary Johnson presided as Worship Master. Music for the evening was furnished by Mrs. Thelma LeRoy and Mrs. Ada McCullough of Ferndale. Misses attended from Ferndale and Detroit.

When the State Highway Department begins work soon to complete the Grand River avenue job it started last fall, one of the first acts on the program will be to make passable the farm driveways leading from the highway, Department officials say.

Little can be done to city driveways, but the holes in the country drives can be filled with gravel and the possibility of motorists getting stuck in the mud virtually eliminated.

Construction of curbing, grading and building of shoulders will complete the job.

Six Department men moved into Farmington this week and opened an office under the Smith-Bradley drug store. They expect to remain until July.

They could make no statement regarding widening of the Cut-off, saying they had orders only to complete the Grand River job.

Frank Knight, Detroit contractor for the job, has not made a survey but is expected to do so before the middle of next week. He will hire his own men; the Department will supervise the work.

Another short delay in starting can be laid to the weather. When the Department men moved in, they found the ground too damp. If they started construction of the curbing, for instance, it soon would sink into the ground.

One man said the rain this week would help settle the ground and work can start as soon as the ground is dry.

The job was not completed in the fall because of cold weather. Ice and snow and subsequent thaw would have halted the work. With Spring practically here the work can be resumed without much danger of long delays.

Maintenance workers already are on the highways throughout the state doing their annual job of fixing up the ground and railines for another tourist season.

Their first job will be to repair the damage from the Spring break-up. Gravel roads are rutted. Black top surfaces must be repaired after weeks of alternate freezing and thawing. Flooded bridges must be strengthened.

The Grand River job is separate from maintenance routine.

Farmington Cow Makes New Official Record

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class, has just been made by a two-year old cow, Bourneville Myostis 427193 of Farmington, tested and owned by Charles E. Sorenson. Her official test is 5,090 pounds of butterfat.

The Michigan and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club is 3,078 pounds of milk and 56.1 pounds of butterfat in class 7. Sorenson, a high official in the Ford Motor company, owns the Cesor farm on Grand River near Drake Road.

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