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## July 8 Set For School Elections

Elections from eight school districts in the Farmington area will be held Monday, July 8, to elect school board members. The respective districts will also hold their annual meetings on that date to discuss coming business and reports of the school year just past. Candidates will be nominated at the annual meeting and will be voted upon, according to custom, by all qualified electors present.

At Noble No. 6 school the terms of Carl Smith and Fred Wilkinson have expired.

The term of Robert McCrumb has expired at Bond school, No. 6 fractional. The Bond electors will also elect a member to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Joseph Vetter, who left the board last year. Since the election was so close at hand, the board decided not to appoint someone to fill out the term.

At Novi school, No. 8, the term of Walter Tuck has expired. At Pioneer No. 4, Ernest Blanchard will seek re-election as trustee. Three members of Livonia No. 2, or Pierson school, will be elected this year. The terms of Ernest Esch, and Fred Garrow have expired, and a successor will also be named for Jesse Ziegler, who has resigned from the board.

At Grace school, Southfield No. 5, the terms of Roland Sharpenter, president, and Otto Ester, have expired. Earl Banks will seek re-election to the board of Novi No. 2 district.

## WALTER COON IS NEW PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Walter Coon will head the Farmington Exchange club for the coming half-year. He was elected president at the club's meeting Wednesday noon along with other officers including Maxwell Smith, vice-president, Emory Hatten, treasurer, and Rev. Gilbert A. Miles, secretary. Mahlon Bradley is the retiring president.

Three new members of the board of control were also named. They are George Dewey, William Goedes, and Henry Trombley. The board consists of six members, the officers of the club, and the former president. The other three members are Dr. Frank Weaver, Roy Plimpton, and Howard Oles.

It was the last regular meeting of the season for the Exchange club. Next Wednesday they will top off the year's activities with a picnic. The first meeting next fall will be held the first Wednesday in September.

During the past six months, the club has added 15 new members, and now have a total membership of 36. In the race between the Tigers and the Redskins for points, the Redskins were triumphant and the losers will provide next Wednesday's picnic.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel, of Farmington schools, gave a talk entitled "What Do I Expect of a School?" Speaking as a citizen instead of as a school official, Mr. Dunckel outlined seven things which he expected a school to provide. These were (1) that the children be given the use of educational tools; (2) that children be trained to be vocationally efficient; (3) that the school help the child adjust himself to new situations; (4) that the school develop strong moral fiber; (5) that the school recognize individual responsibilities to the group which each child has; (6) that the school develop loyalty to the principle of self-government or democracy; and (7) that the school give proper concept to the mental and physical sides of our nature.

A committee to take charge of the club's annual "Sunshine Special" for unemployed children was named, and includes John Schulte, chairman, Earl B. Grosvenor, George Dewey, Mahlon Bradley, and others. The club will take 200 children to Edgewater Park on the "Sunshine Special" on Tuesday, June 25. This is being done in connection with the metropolitan "Sunshine Special" sponsored by Exchange clubs throughout the Detroit Metropolitan area.

## Students Complete Their Education Through NYA

More than 24,676 of Michigan's high school and college graduates and those leaving school for the summer were enabled to continue their education through part-time work provided by the National Youth Administration. Several students at Farmington high school were getting their education through NYA help. These students are given part-time jobs about the school, and in return received financial aid which helped them meet their school expenses.

In Oakland County 594 youth were employed on a part-time basis in 32 schools during the past school year for a maximum of \$6 per month was paid in wages by the NYA for work assigned by school officials. School authorities in 802 schools who supervised the selection, and assignment of 17,698 needy high school students during the past school year found that, if possible, were correlated with the type of study in which the youth was specializing in order to give practical work experience in this field. As an example, youth taking commercial courses assisted in the school office doing typing, mimeographing, and general clerical work; some did landscaping and repair work. Other youth assisted in chemistry laboratories or in the school libraries. In no case were regular maintenance personnel employed.

In 43 Michigan colleges, 6,390 needy students did similar types of work with perhaps more specialization because of the advanced character of the instruction and facilities.

## Work Progresses On New Theater

Work on the new theater building is progressing and at present interior work is being done by carpenters and electricians. Some work is also being done by the plumbers. The electricians have not yet begun work on wiring the building but it is expected that this will be gotten under way shortly. It was found necessary to install a new well recently when the air conditioning company which will install the air conditioning unit refused to guarantee the six-inch well which was originally dug. The new well will be a ten-inch one.

The theater will seat a capacity audience of 800 people, 200 of which will be seated in the balcony. Original plans did not call for a balcony, and the seating capacity first estimated was between 550 and 600.

## Young Republicans To Meet Monday

The Young Republicans Club of Farmington will meet Monday, July 1, at the home of Mrs. Miriam Cullen on Silwassee avenue.

At the organization meeting Friday afternoon there was a very small attendance, due to illness of several who had shown interest, and to various activities occurring at that evening. Consequently no officers were elected, and a temporary chairman and secretary were appointed.

Attending the meeting from out of town were William Travis, president of the Pontiac club, and Mrs. Catherine Gardner, secretary of the Pontiac club. Mrs. Gardner, wife of Nev. Hudson, and Mrs. Margaret Norton of Rochester. The club is open to all young men and women between the ages of 21 and 39, and it is hoped that at the meeting next Monday evening all those in the Farmington area who are interested and eligible, will be in attendance.

## Month of Brides is a Big One in Farmington Stores

June, the month of brides, is also a month of exceptional values in the Farmington stores. It won't take but a single shopping tour among the stores to convince you that you are missing something by not visiting them. In fact, some of the outstanding bargains.

To cite an example, there's the new Handley-Brown automatic gas water heaters featured by Consumers Power Co. Whether you are a bride just starting out, or a housewife for years, you'll appreciate the handiness and dependability of these water heaters.

And here's a tip especially for brides. The San Remo studios in Redford are offering special prices on wedding photographs. They guarantee first-class workmanship, and in addition, are offering a free portrait in oils to their customers.

The best in men's styles of summer clothing will be featured at the Redford Theater. It stars one of your favorite actors, Wallace Beery. Also to be shown is "My Son, My Son" with Madeleine Carroll, Brian Aherne and Louis Hayward. These features will be shown Friday through Monday.

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## Farmington O.E.S. to Hold Initiation Meeting

Farmington Chapter No. 239 O.E.S. will hold a special meeting at Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, June 25, at eight o'clock. After the ceremony of initiation, light refreshments will be served. Chapter members are invited to attend, as this will be the last meeting until September.

Members of Farmington Chapter are also invited to be present at Friendship Night on June 29 at the White Star Club. Those desiring to attend will please call Elia Darling for transportation. This will be an open meeting, at which time a program will be given, participants to be members of various chapters of the county.

## AUXILIARY ANNOUNCES CONTEST RESULTS

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary enjoyed a hotdog supper at their last meeting. There were 25 ladies present.

Miss Elizabeth Schaeperer was presented with a beautiful pillow, as the winner of the poppy sale contest. The Auxiliary was divided into two teams for "Poppy Day." Mrs. Dorothy Smith was captain of the winning team and Mrs. Beatrice Carpenter was leader of the losing team.

## New Books Available At Farmington Library

A number of new books have been received by the Farmington library, according to Mrs. Florence Clark, librarian. A list of the books to readers. They include the following:

"How to Read a Book," by Adler; "House Without a Key," by Higgins; "The Married Adventure," by DeBeacon; "Honor Men," by "The Boy-Mechanic"; "Lambert Wickes, Sea Raider and Diplomat," by Clark; "Up and Down California, 1850-1864," by Brewer; "The Savage Hills Back," by Lips; "The Doctor's Life and the Reign of Alexander," by Graham; "Jere C. Hutchens, A Personal Story," by Hutchens.

## PIANO CLASSES BEING TAUGHT AT SCHOOL

Enrollments are being taken for the Visual Aid Piano Classes, held each Monday and Wednesday morning, at the Farmington Public School. Mrs. Clara Mae Hanks, who taught these classes at school during the past year, is continuing the instruction through the summer, and will be glad to give her assistance to anyone interested.

## Prepare New City Building

Work is under way to prepare the building formerly occupied by the Peoples State Bank for occupation by the Farmington municipal offices. Contracts have been let for the restoration of the interior of the building and also for minor repairs which are to be made.

The front of the building will also undergo repairs according to Mayor Leo F. Gildemeister. This work will be started within the next few days, and city officials expect to be moved in by the first of July.

On the interior of the building the ceiling will be patched up, the walls put into shape and the floor resurfaced. The building is in a very good condition as a whole and the repairs are comparatively small.

The cases used by the former bank will be left in place to be used by city officials and employees. The interior of the building is well-suited for use as a city hall and there will be no changes in the general outlay of the interior. The building will house the offices of Henry Moore, city clerk, and George Gildemeister, city treasurer. The vaults will be used to store city records, and the City Commission will hold its meetings in the new quarters. The sheriff's booth may also be housed there, thus eliminating the necessity of maintaining the sheriff's booth.

## NINE APPEAR IN COURT TO PAY TRAFFIC FINES

Nine persons appeared before Justice John J. Schulte to answer to charges of traffic violations. Shearid D. Decker, 2 Paris St., Court water, Michigan, and a red light at Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway and was fined \$5.00. George Griffin, of 23362 5th, Farmington, pleaded not guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was stopped on Northwestern Highway at Southfield. He received a fine of \$5.00 and \$5.00 costs.

Improper overtaking and passing on a hill was the charge against John P. Ladach, of Detroit. He was arrested on Grand River near Novii, and paid a fine of \$7.50. Serafino Amallo, 7034 Palmetto, Detroit, was arrested on similar charge while driving on Grand River and was assessed \$7.50. Frederick Burmester, of Detroit, paid a fine of \$1.00 for running a red light on Northwestern Highway. Alexander G. Phillips, of Detroit, improperly overtook and passed a car on Grand River and was assessed \$2.00.

For driving without an operator's license, Mrs. Leonard Stockford, of Detroit, was assessed costs of \$3.25 by Justice Schulte. She was stopped by an officer on Telegraph Road. Gordon McArthur, of Birmingham, paid a \$1.00 fine for passing a car on the right shoulder. He was stopped at Northwestern Highway and Nine Mile Road.

Walter Hammond, of Wyandotte, was arrested for speeding on Grand River and was assessed \$3.35. How would you like to have hot water night and day without lifting a finger to heat it? The automatic electric water heater handled by Detroit Edison Co. saves you time and steps, and once it is installed, you can forget it. You can have this service for as little as \$1.98 a month.

A lusty tale of Death Valley—that's "20 Mile Team" the movie featured this week-end at the Redford Theater. It stars one of your favorite actors, Wallace Beery. Also to be shown is "My Son, My Son" with Madeleine Carroll, Brian Aherne and Louis Hayward. These features will be shown Friday through Monday.

## Farmington Red Cross Drive Exceeds Quota

The Farmington Red Cross drive went "over the top" as Farmington residents, mindful of the dire need of war sufferers in Europe, responded generously to the committee's campaign for funds. A total of \$263.44 was raised in Farmington according to Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt, chairman of the committee. This was well over the quota set for this community, which like many others, refused to stop giving when the amount marked down for them was reached.

The Red Cross chapter in Pontiac reports that the fighting in France has presented a most distressing problem to the American Red Cross. Five million refugees have made their way to Paris; and

## Merchants Split Two Games Here

The Farmington Merchants won one and lost one over the week end. On Saturday they dropped a 10-9 decision to the Detroit Merchants, and followed it up on Sunday by beating Kelsey-Hayes Wheel 5 to 3.

The Merchants got off to a disastrous start against the Dearborn squad, allowing them 10 runs in opening frame. After they had put a stop to this track meet, the Farmington boys got under way themselves and managed to bring in ten runs. They couldn't muzzle the Dearborn bats however, and 6 more enemy runs were scored.

## Rally to Win

A belated rally saved them from a similar fate the following day. They lagged 3 to 0 going into the eighth inning, when two hits and a walk filled the bases. Harold "Lefty" Westfall, Farmington hurler connected for a single driving in two runs. The home team brought in another run to tie the score. Another batter walked and Marvin Mittlestead tucked the game in the bag with a single which brought two more batters scurrying across the plate. Westfall hit for his.

## ANN ARBOR YMCA DIRECTOR WILL SPEAK WEDNESDAY

Roger H. Freund, general secretary and camp director of the Ann Arbor YMCA, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Wednesday evening at luncheon. Tracy Conroy, program chairman for this month.

The meeting Wednesday evening, June 27, will start at 7:30 p.m. and there were 23 wives present besides 29 members and five guests. Speaker of the evening was Dr. Jay Morton Hardy, of Ann Arbor, who spoke on "The American Way of Life." His talk was well received by the Kiwanis.

## Prizes in Auxiliary Poster Contest Awarded

Prizes in the poppy poster contest, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, were awarded to the following children:

First prize, \$2.50, Harriet Nebus, seventh grade; second prize, \$2.00, Frank Plettenberg, sixth grade; third prize, \$1.50, Norman Balon, sixth grade; honorable mention, 50 cents, Dorothy Gustafson, eighth grade; honorable mention, 50 cents, Allan Warner, sixth grade.

## Farmington Has 1500 Residents Says Census

The official population of Farmington, as shown by the recent census, is 1500 persons. This represents an increase of approximately 20 per cent over the 1930 figures which gave Farmington a population of 1242. While these figures are preliminary and subject to correction, they are believed to be substantially correct.

## W.C.T.U. TO MEET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Farmington Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Tuesday afternoon, June 25, at the home of Mrs. Frances West. The program committee has been fortunate in securing the services of the State Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Julia A. Hutton, a great speaker.

now have been forced to evacuate Paris and seek haven in central and southern France. The plea which comes to the Red Cross is for medicine, hospital supplies, ambulances, surgical dressings and other materials as quickly as they can be transported to France. Another Red Cross chapter in New York state, loaded with the gifts of the American people to the war sufferers abroad. No matter what the fate of governments abroad, their countries may be destroyed, the leaders may be deposed, but the people will survive, and to them America extends her help through the aid of the Red Cross.

Thanks Donors

The Farmington chapter wishes to thank the following people for their donations to the fund:

Howard Warner, La Salle Wines; Joseph Himmelspach, Farmington Baptist church, Methodist church, Salem Evangelical church, Precise Tool and Manufacturing Co., Farmington State Bank, Glenn Leiland, E. S. Pierce, Tom S. Edwards, Farmington Exchange club, Kiwanis club, Farmington O.E.S., Securities Finance, Clara Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted, Edwin Plettenberg, Miss Letch, Forrest Dickerson, Henry Pauline, George Newlin, Dick Taylor.

U. A. Grace, Harry McCracken, Mr. Todd, Mrs. F. Sinks, Floyd Nichol, H. E. Lewiston, Rev. C. Stubb, Father John Lewis, Mrs. F. M. Warner, Walter Duriam, A. L. Koss, Delos Hamlin, Mrs. Holcomb, Effie Segar, Mrs. A. Worsfold, Elmer J. Darling, Doris Turner, Fred Bagnall, Gust Pappas, Dr. R. Schenckner, W. Oldenburg, Mr. Hartz, Max Olanishsky, and Farmington Schools.

## FORMER NORTH FARMINGTON RESIDENT DIES

A former resident of North Farmington, 60 years, Mrs. Mary Ann Ferguson, passed away Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Katherine Mudge, of Birmingham. Mrs. Ferguson was 62 years old. She was the widow of the late A. Ferguson, and for many years made her home on 14 Mile Road.

The body will lie in state at the Heeneey Funeral Home until the funeral services at 10 a. m. Saturday. Services will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows church, and Rev. John J. Larkin will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

## Boys' Club Team to Play Double-Header Sunday

The Farmington Boys' Club baseball team will play a double header with the Brightmount Stars next Sunday at the park at Evergreen and Fenkel, in Detroit, according to Fred Seltzer, who coaches the team. The Boys' Club has a branch of the Northwest Boys' Club of Detroit, and is sponsored by the Howard Otis Motor Sales.

They won a hard-fought game Wednesday over the Elmore Stars of Detroit by a score of 7 to 0. Jim Mitchell, Farmington pitcher, hurled a good game for the home team.

Other players on the squad include Charles Belcher and Jim Champagnier, of Farmington; Joe DeVriendt and Stan Arnold, catchers; Shelton, first base; Dick Pauline, second base; Jim Davis, shortstop; Dale Rozenboom, third base; Russel, Bill Pello and Dave Maxwell, outfielders. Other players are Clark Claghorne, Ernie Mitchell, Lisle Cook and Dave Hancock.

PIANO RECITAL FRIDAY EVENING IN REDFORD

Conducted by Mrs. Alice Hill present her pupils in a piano recital on Friday evening, June 21, at eight o'clock, at the Calvary Methodist church, Grand River and Northrup avenues. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## DANCE TO BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING

The Daughters of Isabella of Our Lady of Sorrows Church extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend an Old Time and Modern dance, Friday evening, June 25, at the Clarenceville Community Hall, Grand River and Eight Mile Roads.

## Approve Township Water Plan

First steps were taken Tuesday night by members of the Farmington Township Board to provide a long-destired water system for persons living in the southeastern portion of the township. Petitions were presented to the board signed by 160 persons who agreed to subscribe for the service if it were obtained. Harry Christmas, who has been canvassing the area for subscribers, stated that there would be more persons who would want the service after it had been started.

Upon a motion by Justice Ernest V. Blanchard, the clerk was instructed to proceed with the Township attorney in setting up an ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds. Total cost of the project, based on an estimate by Bruce Buchanan, Township engineer, is approximately \$48,000. Plans call for the work to be done by WPA labor.

Sufficient subscribers have been obtained so far to insure water service on the following streets: Grand River, Inkster, Rensselaer, Ontario, St. Francis, Oxford, Cambridge, Waldron, Hamilton, Jefferson, Roosevelt, William and Middlebelt.

200 Customers Needed

Buchanan said that in order to insure the proper retirement of the bonds, at least 200 or more customers within a year or two after the system was started.

"There won't be one cent of cost to the township at large," Buchanan said, "unless in the construction or the maintenance. The cost of building will come under the bond issue, and the bonds will be retired by the returns from the meters."

The water will be supplied by the Detroit Water System, and the rate will be \$2.00 per 100 gallons per quarter. Buchanan said: As more customers are added the rate will either be lowered or more water will be supplied for the basic rate. Buchanan said that although Detroit water will be used, an increase in Detroit city rates due to the new sewage disposal system will not affect the rates paid by Farmington users since Farmington Township is not classed as a Detroit suburban community.

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Mrs. Ferguson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mudge, and Mrs. Bessie Drake, of Detroit, and three sons, Joseph, of Detroit, Floyd, of Royal Oak, and Leslie, of Virginia.

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Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.—Emerson.