

# Lindbert, Lapham And Barber Win City Council Race

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# TOWNSHIP ELECTS STEPHENSON FIRST DEMOCRATIC SUPERVISOR

### Schedule Special Millage Election At Clarenceville

#### Plan Vote On School Operation Tax May 13

The Clarenceville School Board, Thursday evening, May 13, is the date for a special election on the proposed levying of four mills for operation purposes to cover a period of five years.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the board following receipt of recommendations from the Citizens Advisory Committee. The majority of the Committee recommended that the proposed millage include four mills rather than the two mills originally discussed. School officials stated that the funds would be used to provide necessary additions in the salary schedules as well as provide additional instructional supplies.

**ACTION** was also taken by the Board providing for a 2 1/2 percent increase to various members of the administrative staff. The various elementary school principals will receive an increment of \$210, the high school principal an increment of \$250 and the Assistant Superintendent an increment of \$350. The motion also stipulates an increment of \$500 for each semester hour of additional work toward an advanced degree.

### Township Officials Grant Salary Increases At Annual Meeting

#### Approve Pay Boosts For Supervisor, Clerk And Treasurer As Well As Board Trustees

Substantial increases in the salaries of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer were overwhelmingly approved by the electors at the Annual Township Meeting held Saturday afternoon at the Town Hall.

Approximately 100 persons jammed the Hall for the Annual Meeting which began at 10:00 p.m. Mrs. David Mills presented a motion to the effect that the Supervisor's salary be increased from \$6,500 to \$7,500 per year, the Clerk's salary be increased from \$4,500 to \$5,500 per year and the Treasurer's salary be increased from \$6,400 to \$7,500 per year. Following some discussion, Paul Inman amended the motion to read that the Supervisor's salary be increased to \$7,500 and the Clerk's and Treasurer's salaries be increased to \$6,500 each. The motion also provided that the Supervisor be given a car allowance of \$1,200 per year, the Clerk \$500 per year and the Treasurer \$400 per year. The motion and amendment were approved by a voice vote.

**IN A SEPARATE motion**, Mrs. Philip Newberg proposed that the salaries of the Board Trustees be increased from \$18 to \$25 per meeting. Following a close voice vote, the motion carried on a hand vote by a 20-13 margin.

Representatives of Old Farm Colony Subdivision recommended that the Board take action at its next meeting to increase the salary of the Assessor by \$1,000 and that funds be provided for \$100,000 and that funds be provided for \$100,000 (See ANNUAL MEETING, P. 6A)

### Voters Record Split Decision On Bond Issues

#### Reject D.P.W. Building Plan, OK Equipment

City voters, Monday, failed to provide a sufficient majority to purchase of equipment for the Department building but they did authorize the issuance of a \$25,000 bond issue for new Public Works equipment.

While both questions received more "yes" than "no" votes, officials stated that the \$25,000 bond issue proposal did not have the necessary 3/5ths majority. The vote on the Public Works building question was 455 yes to 290 no, while the Public Works equipment proposal carried 545 yes to 288 no. City officials admitted that the vote creates a difficult problem since they are now authorized to purchase certain equipment but do not have sufficient quarters to house it.

**OVERWHELMING** approval was also given by the voters to a proposal for the annexation of 170 acres of land on the east side of Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile Roads from Township to the City. Only registered property owners of the city-at-large as well as the area to be annexed were authorized to vote on the question. City officials approved the proposal by a vote of 653 to 234. Only ten ballots were cast in the area to be annexed with seven in favor and three in opposition to the proposal.

On the single Township-at-large proposal, the voters approved the levying of 3/10ths of a mill on the assessed valuation of the Township for a period of four years for the purpose of raising funds to operate the joint City-Township District Library. The vote was 882 in favor and 319 in opposition. This is the same proposal as was approved by the voters a year ago, except that it covers a four year period instead of the previous one year.



FRANK STEPHENSON  
New Supervisor



JAMES LAWSON  
Elected Justice



WENDELL BROWN  
Leads Trustees

### Re-Elect Schulte Municipal Judge In City Election

#### Max Hulett Unopposed For Associate Judge

Two new members, John Lapham and Thomas Barber, were elected as members of City Council along with incumbent Robert Lindbert at the Biennial Spring Election held Monday.



Max Hulett Unopposed For Associate Judge



JOHN J. SCHULTE  
Re-Elected Judge

Lindbert, present Mayor, and Lapham, receiving the highest number of votes and will serve for terms of four years each. Thomas Barber received the third highest number of votes and will serve for term of two years. Ernest Hileman, the fourth candidate, was defeated by a margin of 63 votes.



ROBERT LINDBERT  
Tops Councilmen

### Republicans Win Five Township Board Positions

For the first time in the history of Farmington Township, a Democratic candidate has been elected as Supervisor.

In Monday's Biennial Spring Election, Frank Stephenson defeated incumbent Republican Albert Gaitin in the race for Township Supervisor by a margin of 106 votes. Stephenson carried four of the six Township precincts to win an unprecedented victory.

Democratic candidates won two other major contests when Richard Hug was elected as a member of the Township Board of Trustees and James Lawson defeated his Republican opponent in the race for Justice of the Peace. Hug ran second in the Trustee contest while Lawson held a 121 vote margin over Margaret Schaeffer, his Republican rival.

In the contest for Township Clerk, Floyd A. Cairns, incumbent, defeated Democrat and Republican Elise Incubent Treasurer Clayton Goers received the highest number of total votes given any candidate in the race for Township clerk. Republican Elise was the Democratic opponent, with a margin of 163 votes.

Republican Wendell Brown, running for his first term, received the largest total vote in the race for Township Trustee. As a result Brown and Hug have been elected to terms of four years each. Incumbent Trustee Wendell Brown was re-elected for a third and fourth terms respectively, have been elected to terms of two years each. Robert Harris, seeking reelection to the Board, lost out by a margin of 13 votes. In the only other local contest William Fisher, Republican, defeated James Gaitin, Democrat, by a plurality of 89 votes.

### Jaycees To Hear 'Edsel' Planner

Guest speaker at the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, April 9, will be J. Emmet Judge. Judge has had responsibility for planning the Edsel line of automobiles to be introduced this fall.

### Injured Slightly In Auto Accident On Orchard Lake

Brenda Lou Anderson of Detroit was injured slightly Monday around 5:30 p.m. when her 1955 Ford coupe was hit by a car which ran into the rear end of another car operated by Beatrice M. McKay of Orchard Lake. Mrs. Anderson was treated for bumps and bruises on her forehead by her family doctor.

### Release Of Water System Nears

The Township Board, at a special meeting Tuesday evening, was advised by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, that the Federal Court appears favorable to the termination of the Section 36 Water System re-uptake.

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### Paving Hearings Set For April 10

Plans and cost estimates on the proposed special assessment paving of Grand and portions of Little and Hawthorne Streets will be discussed in detail at a special hearing on Wednesday, April 10 at the Municipal Building.

All persons affected by the proposed paving are urged to participate in the discussion which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. The cost of the paving of Grand from River north to Elm Street is estimated at \$52,192.60, or \$8.98 per front foot for the individual property owner. It is estimated that the paving of Grand from River north to Shawwassee will cost a total of \$30,375.38 or \$8.68 per front foot. These projects call for six inch concrete paving, 24 foot wide with concrete curb and gutter. Earl Scherfius, City Manager, emphasized that the cost figures are estimates and are subject to minor change depending on the actual bidding.

The estimated cost of the Hawthorne Street project from Section 36 to Elm Street is \$7,188.50 or \$3.90 per front foot. The project calls for a six inch gravel base topped with a two inch asphalt surface.

It has been proposed that all three projects be set up on a 10 year basis of payment. Property owners may, however, pay the entire amount in cash. This statement thus avoiding any interest payment.

### League Issues Convention Call

Robert W. Burton, Chairman of the Temporary League of Subdivision Associations in Farmington Township, announced this week that the report on the proposed Constitution and By-Laws has been completed and will be mailed within a few days to the representatives along with a call to the first session of the Constitutional Convention.

"The Board of Directors has taken great care on this report as had the Resident Committee in its work in the belief that good organization is probably one of the secrets of success in a group so large and dealing with problems as complicated as those of a growing community," Burton stated. He added that the sessions of the Constitutional Convention and the subsequent ratification period may cover several months, with the result that the League organization meeting for election of officers may not be held until next September. Burton stated that "since there are problems on which investigations ought to be started now, it would seem better solution to form temporary." (See LEAGUE ISSUES, P. 8A)

### Vote Tabulation In City Election

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Total
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b>				
Robert Lindbert	284	267	210	761
John Lapham	233	250	155	638
Thomas Barber	190	162	168	520
Max Hulett	188	155	144	487
<b>MUNICIPAL JUDGE</b>				
John J. Schulte	173	197	138	508
Howard Richards	162	153	162	477
<b>ASSOC. MUNICIPAL JUDGE</b>				
Max Hulett	231	222	162	615
<b>STATE BALLOT</b>				
<b>HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER</b>				
George Foster	264	240	151	655
Ernest Hileman	91	146	178	415
<b>SUPT. OF PUBLIC INST.</b>				
Edgar Harden	249	225	156	630
Lynn Bartlett	95	142	172	409
<b>REGENTS, U. OF M.</b>				
Alfred Connable	249	225	156	630
Ethel Watt	253	227	148	628
Irene Murphy	92	141	174	407
Carl Brabbly	93	138	165	396
<b>STATE BOARD OF ED.</b>				
George Deans	254	238	157	649
Chris Magnuson	89	135	166	390
<b>STATE BOARD OF AGR.</b>				
Frank Merriman	253	232	156	638
Federick Mueller	252	232	152	636
Don Stevens	94	138	178	410
Jan Vanderploeg	90	129	161	380
<b>STATE SUPREME COURT</b>				
Term Expiring 1965	126	150	155	431
Thomas Kavanagh	168	138	109	415
Talbot Smith	95	117	130	342
Michael O'Hara	106	98	69	273
Term Expiring 1959	107	128	129	364
Joseph Moynihan	123	119	87	329
John Voelker				

### Radke Elected To Woodbine Water Commission

Harold C. Radke, 28475 Shady-lane, was elected as the member of the Woodbine Subdivision Water Commission for a term of three years at a special election Monday.

Radke held a field of three candidates for the Water Commission post with 41 votes. He was followed by Orin C. Smith with 27 votes and Robert A. Brosch with 10 votes. A total of 81 ballots were cast in the special election.

### Return In Township Balloting

	Pt. 1	Pt. 2	Pt. 3	Pt. 4	Pt. 5	Pt. 6	Total
<b>SUPERVISOR</b>							
Frank Stephenson (D)	266	179	162	290	235	385	1,517
Albert Gaitin (R)	210	139	204	473	134	251	1,411
<b>CLERK</b>							
Floyd Cairns (R)	205	159	213	407	143	287	1,504
Clayton Goers (D)	258	150	141	237	223	338	1,345
<b>TRUSTEE</b>							
Wendell Brown (R)	212	162	207	467	159	158	1,525
James Smith (D)	252	197	148	255	218	332	1,382
<b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE</b>							
Robert Harris (R)	247	150	229	493	137	300	1,520
Richard Hug (D)	211	167	155	303	231	356	1,445
Elise Ayres (R)	222	117	190	441	123	252	1,445
Fred Westlake (D)	207	158	197	388	132	289	1,416
Louis-Dorris (D)	247	162	120	238	229	286	1,405
Joseph DeMarco (D)	232	150	138	240	237	281	1,293
Christine Fellows (D)	236	140	123	253	218	238	1,247
<b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE</b>							
Margaret Schaeffer (R)	203	171	184	449	124	275	1,363
<b>BOARD OF REVIEW</b>							
James Smith (D)	203	120	184	448	117	259	1,371
William Lawson (D)	245	161	138	247	230	291	1,412
<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>							
James Smith (D)	201	154	193	454	138	285	1,421
Thomas Schreiber (R)	193	157	159	457	125	235	1,328
Godfrey Gagnon (R)	205	181	151	253	228	310	1,383
Robert Woodcock (D)	232	183	151	253	228	310	1,383
Rud Thomas, Jr. (R)	194	135	188	441	117	274	1,349
<b>PARK COMMISSIONERS</b>							
Paul Bliton (R)	195	161	183	453	118	274	1,357
Richard Stewart (D)	261	163	145	235	225	308	1,331
Robert Harris (R)	256	181	145	250	222	304	1,338
Russell Ellis (R)	193	131	182	441	114	285	1,328
<b>STATE BALLOT</b>							
<b>HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER</b>							
George Foster (R)	260	181	171	252	226	320	1,410
James Smith (D)	203	183	149	474	133	290	1,404

### Around The Block

THE SMOKE of another political campaign is beginning to fade away into the distance. We could spend the entire balance of this column weighing and analyzing the results of Monday's voting, but it would amount to little except to fill up space. However, we believe that the number of votes cast in both the Township and City is deserving of some attention. While the over-all vote was considerably larger than was originally expected, it still fell far short of the ideal. This does not mean that a larger vote would have necessarily changed the outcome, but it would mean that we would have had a majority rather than a minority decision. Many of the candidates, particularly on the Township Democratic ticket, worked hard to stimulate a record vote. It is unfortunate indeed that more electors did not choose to exercise their rights as Americans. However, we have made great progress in many fields, but we still have a lot to learn about democracy in action.

**SPEAKING OF ACTION**...

Supervisor and Township Clerk as well as those who participated in the Annual Township Meeting, Saturday afternoon. In our opinion, the meeting was both orderly and constructive. Everyone was afforded an opportunity to be heard and a number of important and wise resolutions were presented. While the Annual Township Meeting may be losing some of its significance in these changing times, it is still a basic democratic instrument of free expression. Lack of proper representation at these meetings is not a fault of the instrument but rather a fault of those who fail to use it constructively.

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