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NO NECESSITY FOR REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Enterprise is in receipt of a statement from the Michigan Constitutional League giving its views on the proposed amendments to the constitution of the state which will be voted on at the approaching election.

The views of the League in regard to a revision of the constitution, we believe, are absolutely sound. There appears to be no good or valid reason why a constitutional convention should be called for revising the present fundamental law of the state and we are firmly convinced that the proper thing to do is to snuff the proposition under at the November election.

The League is on record as opposing the amendment and gives the following reasons:

The present State Constitution is an unusually good one. It was revised in 1907-08 with the utmost care.

There is no outstanding necessity for a general revision of the Constitution at this time which cannot be taken care of by amendment.

The Constitution may easily be amended whenever changes are needed or desired.

An amendment may be submitted to the people by the Legislature at any time it sees fit. Or the people may initiate an amendment by petition signed by 10 percent of the legal voters of the state, and when properly filed it must be submitted to the people at the next general election.

An amendment when presented to the people is considered on its individual merits.

A complete revision must be accepted or rejected as a whole.

There is always the danger that some undesirable provisions may be included and accepted rather than reject the whole document or

That a fairly good revision, on which much time, effort and money have been spent, may be rejected because of unacceptable provisions.

The cost of a convention is not warranted unless there is a need for a general revision, and good reason to believe that a constitution when completed would be accepted by the people. A convention at this time would cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

FOUR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE STUDIED

There are four amendments to the state constitution to be voted on in November. Some of them possess much merit and all should be carefully studied by the electors before going to the polls.

They are:

Authorizing excess condemnation.

Removing the limitation on sheriff's terms of office.

Increasing salaries of state legislators.

Authorizing the establishment of metropolitan districts.

The authorization of excess condemnation is believed by many who have given the question careful study to be a wise step. At the present time many streets, especially in the larger cities, are found to be entirely too narrow for the traffic on them. The right to condemn and take an entire lot instead of just so much as might be necessary to widen a street would place the city in a more advantageous position, as often the improvement made no increase in the value of adjacent property than the part of the lot left brings more than the original value of the property. Under the present law only such land can be condemned as is necessary to make the proposed improvement.

It is believed that much of the cost of widening streets could be saved to the city under the proposed law. It might, however, work a hardship to the real estate speculator.

By removing the limitations on sheriff's terms of office, a sheriff could be re-elected as many times as the voters saw fit to do so. At present a person can hold the office of sheriff but four years in any consecutive six years.

For some of our legislators the

present salary is inadequate while it is altogether too much for others.

The establishment of metropolitan districts, it is claimed, would enable the representatives of cities and surrounding territories to more easily and satisfactorily solve the many problems of mutual concern which now confront them.

SIGNIFICANT OF THE TREND OF GROWTH

Much has been said by subdividers, real estate men and citizens generally in regard to the bright prospects for a rapid development of a fine residential section in Farmington and vicinity and there seems to be good reason for their faith.

While there are those who are inclined to think that the picture painted by those directly interested in such a development is a little too highly colored, there is one significant fact in the progress of recent events that cannot fail to carry a conviction that the trend of growth is in this direction. As is well known public utilities are careful to make accurate surveys of territory before planning extensions. A survey of this territory has been made by the Consumers Power Co., and on the findings and recommendations of its experts that company is now asking for gas franchises in the city of Farmington and several of the surrounding townships.

This step would not have been taken by the company, which is a part of the vast Commonwealth Power Co., had it not been thoroughly convinced that the field would soon become a profitable one in which to sell gas, and gas is sold mainly for domestic purposes.

This company is investing hundreds of thousands of dollars on its faith in this territory. Why should anyone doubt.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW

The Springfield, (Mass.) Union had the following to say regarding the late political eruption in Michigan:

"The personal political machine of Governor Alex J. Groesbeck which has dominated Republican politics in Michigan for nearly six years, has gone down in a crash from which, apparently, recovery is impossible. Like many such personal machines, it operated smoothly and efficiently for a time and gave an impression of solidity and endurance which it did not possess."

"Disintegration set in, unnoticed at first, but gradually increasing and becoming observable as here and there an essential part dropped out. Now and then a wrench was thrown into the gears, with the customary result. In the recent state primary the machine acted much after the manner of the Deacon's wonderful one-hoss shap. What was left of it was supposed to be fit only for the scrap heap."

Groesbeck, who sought re-election, went down to a crushing defeat administered by Mayor Fred W. Green of Ionia. There was, however, one stronghold left to him. In Wayne county (Detroit) the Groesbeck faction caused disruption of the county convention and contesting delegations to the state convention were chosen. The convention, dominated by Green supporters from the rest of Michigan, refused to seat either delegation or even to admit the Groesbeck delegation to the convention hall as spectators. The governor's sole remaining benchmen had to remain outside as an all-Green ticket for minor state offices were chosen.

"So ends the Groesbeck machine and the governor finds himself pretty much in the position occupied by Mr. Dempsey at the end of the tenth round of the Sesqui-centennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence. He may try a come-back, so may Dempsey. The odds against either or both, however, probably would be in the proportion of 100 to 1."

BAD CHECKS

For a long time Michigan seemed to be a fertile field for the bad check artist. Gangs recruited in Indiana and Ohio swept through the state, leaving a wake of sadder and wiser individuals who had listened to their plausible tale about being in need of temporary funds. Due to prompt work on the part of credit associations and the newspapers they have been curbed for the time being. As these fellows apparently move in cycles, going from one state to another following exposure of their operations, it is about time we were due for another visit. Watch for them. Make it a hard and fast business

rule never to cash a check for a stranger. Remember the policy of the restaurant keeper who put a sign over the cash register: "We have an understanding with the banks; we cash no checks, the bank will serve no meals."

NORTH FARMINGTON

Mrs. Bryon Hadlock entertained as hostess at a birthday dinner, last Thursday.

Miss Ruth Lovell visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shell on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey and family were Sunday guests of Mr. Bailey's father in Royal Oak.

Hazel Mary Chamberlain spent the week end with her parents north of Pontiac.

On Sunday afternoon John Cox while driving to a ball game in Clarenceville, collided with a blind horse, wrecked his car, killed the horse and broke the forefinger of his right hand. He also received several minor scratches and bruises on his face and hands.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Evans and children, attended the annual banquet of the R. L. C. of Oakland County, held at Clarkson on Thursday evening, September 30th.

Sunday, October 3 was Mrs. C. R. McCullough's 60th birthday. Friends and relatives from Detroit, Pontiac, Keego Harbor, Clarenceville, Clio, Flint, Traverse City and Brighton spent the day with her in honor of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt of Orchard Gardens entertained their daughter at dinner on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drake spent Wednesday in Pontiac.

Mrs. Marie Walters was visiting this week at the Grimmer farm.

The Glenoaks Club house being used as temporary quarters for the Bond School was closed Thursday and Friday of last week for fumigation to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCum have moved into their new home on the 12-Mile and Switzer roads.

West Farmington School Again we have an honor roll in arithmetic and spelling at the West Farmington School. Those with honors in arithmetic are: Alice Angell, Valasta Regentik, Ivan Graham, and Ada Buton. In spelling, Oia Regentik, Otto Regentik, and Eugenia Regentik.

Nichols School Notes

We have been studying about the Indians for morning exercises. We have a real interesting sand table made by the boys and girls and a nice collection of Indian pictures on the board.

The boys and girls on the honor roll in arithmetic this week are: Junior Evans, Gladys Bachelor, Marcella Bachelor, Ellen Grace and Viola Bachelor.

The drawing class is interested in making Indians this week. During sewing club period we are going to learn to do tie and

dye work.

The third grade language class is learning "The Raggedy Man." Donald Ortwine added a bow and arrow he had made to the Indian collection Monday.

William Shellis brought a birch bark canoe, made from bark, taken from trees in Ogemaw county. It was similar to canoes made by the Indians and the boys and girls are planning on making canoes from Ogemaw bark soon.

Judging from Ivan Ortwine's interest in Current Events, we are looking forward to the time when he will be a political leader.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING AND REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Farmington, Oakland County Michigan, held on the 9th day of September, 1926, a franchise ordinance was adopted, entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to acquire, lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the streets, alleys, bridges, highways and other public places, and to do a local business in the Township of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

WHEREAS, said Consumers Power Company has heretofore filed its written acceptance of said franchise, and has demanded that the question of confirming the grant thereof be submitted to the qualified electors of the township, at a special election to be held for that purpose, and has also paid to the Township Board the estimated expense of holding such special election; and,

WHEREAS, there has been heretofore filed with said Board a petition signed by at least 12 electors, requesting that a special township meeting and election be called for such purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of such resolution, notice is hereby given that a special meeting and election will be held in said Township at Glen Oaks Club House (Precinct No. 1), Elsie Young Beauty Parlor, Clarenceville (Precinct No. 2) on the 16th day of October, 1926, for the purpose of voting on the confirmation of the action of said Township Board in granting such franchise.

The polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as may be, and will be held open until 5 o'clock P. M. The Township Clerk will be in his office on the 18th day of September and the 25th day of September, 1926, said dates being the fourth and third Saturdays preceding the date of said election, for the purpose of reviewing the registration, and registering such of the qualified electors of the Township as shall appear and apply therefor, which registration may be made on said dates, between the hours of 8 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. Said franchise as granted by

said Board, is on file with the undersigned Township Clerk for the purpose of inspection by the qualified electors.

By Order of the Township Board.
WILLARD CAMPBELL,
Township Clerk.

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Graduated from Howell High School in 1918, then took two years of literary work in the University of Michigan and followed it by three years of work in the LAW DEPARTMENT of the University of Michigan and graduated from the department in 1924.

Five years practical experience in the law office of father, Louis E. Howlett, at Howell, Michigan.

Opened law office in the Pontiac Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan, in January, 1925, and have been in the active practice of the law since that time handling both a civil and criminal business.

I believe in the enforcement of ALL the laws.
I will, if elected, try to promote respect for all the laws.
I will, if elected, work to establish co-operation between all the law enforcement bodies of the county.

If this program meets with your approval, I solicit your vote at the November Election.

HAROLD E. HOWLETT.