

COMMISSION MAY DECIDE STATUS OF TOWN HALL

Selection Of Three Men By Each Of Three Interests Is Recommended

Appointment of a commission of nine men, representing the people of the City of Farmington, the Township, and the Farmington Masonic Lodge, to bring about a solution of the township hall problem, is being considered as a result of suggestions made at a Township Republican Caucus Saturday night.

Harry McCracken, chairman of the caucus, read to the voters of the Township a recommendation to that effect. Mr. McCracken told the citizens that the promise made to them a year or two ago had not been forgotten, but that it had been impossible to fully meet the pledge of a settlement within the year.

"We are not as well satisfied with the situation as we would like to be," said Mr. McCracken. "No one can deny that we have worked out, but we wish to offer the following recommendations:

"A commission to be appointed by the township board, comprised of three representatives of the township, not members of the board, and the City and the Masonic Lodge be asked to do the same, the nine to determine what are the three respective shares, and report respectively to each who appointed them. If the nine can agree, the matter to be settled as soon as possible."

Mr. McCracken offered the opinion that "if it can be sold, the matter will probably be settled best that way." No objection was made to the report offered by Mr. McCracken, and it is expected that the township board will proceed to name representatives of the Township, and ask the City and the Masonic Lodge to do the same.

People of the Township are particularly eager to bring about some solution of the problem, which, it is believed, will be followed by securing or building of a township hall.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

Miss M. Hutzel Of Bureau Of Education Of State Health Department, To Speak

Members of the Farmington Parent-Teacher Association are looking forward with interest to the coming next Thursday afternoon, March 22, of Miss M. Hutzel, of the Bureau of Education of the Michigan Department of Health. Miss Hutzel will speak on "The Parent's Responsibility and How To Meet It." Election of officers for the coming year will be held at this meeting.

Miss Hutzel, who has been with the Bureau of Education for a number of years, is also chairman of the Social Hygiene Committee of the Michigan Parent-Teacher Association and her talk will follow along the line of development of Parent-Teacher Association ideals.

The program for the meeting, which will be the regular monthly session, is as follows:

Piano solo Roy Kellar
Recitation Arlene Kirk
Music Sixth Grade
Recitation Jean Gullen
Address Miss M. Hutzel
Election of officers
The meeting will start at 3:15 p. m., and will be held in the 8th grade room.

SECTION PUBLISHED TO ADVERTISE FARMINGTON CREATES MUCH INTEREST

A great deal of interest was created last week by the publication of the "Fleming's Roseland Park" section of the Farmington Enterprise, in which prominent business-men also co-operated to help advertise Farmington.

It is urged that all having friends who might be interested in Farmington send them copies of the section, which may be obtained free of charge at F. D. Fleming & Co., or the Enterprise office. If desired, it is only necessary to furnish names and addresses, and papers will be wrapped and mailed for any making such request.

Nominees for Township Offices



ELMER A. EMPSON



SUPERVISOR ISAAC BOND

A rare tribute was paid to Supervisor Isaac Bond of Farmington Township at the Republican caucus Saturday evening when he was nominated for the tenth time as candidate for supervisor, without a dissenting voice. In addition, Supervisor Bond was given a rousing vote of thanks for his services to the township. Elmer A. Empson was nominated for treasurer by a substantial vote, receiving support from all sections of the township as well as his own.

Bouquet Of 100 Red Carnations For Farmington's First Centennarian

A huge bouquet of 100 red carnations marked the one-hundredth birthday of Farmington's first centennarian on Tuesday. So far as is known, Mrs. Beulah Gibson Noble, of Switzer road, is the first resident of this section to attain 100 years of age. N. H. Power, a personal friend of Mrs. Noble, talked with her on her birthday, and after Mrs. Noble had said she

"hoped he would call and see her on her next hundredth birthday." Mr. Power wrote for the Enterprise the following impression of his visit with the venerable woman.

By N. H. POWER

On March 8, 1924, Farmington celebrated its first centennial. Just one hundred years before March 8, 1824, the first settlers arrived from New York State. During all these years many of its citizens have attained to a good old age, but Mrs. Chauncey Noble is the first to reach the century-mile-post.

On Tuesday, March 13, she was 100 years old. Her long life has been an interesting one. Beulah Gibson was her maiden name. She was one of ten children that came with her parents from New York State when she was seven years old and settled on a farm north of Oxford.

Two years after their arrival, her father died. Her youngest brother was born a few weeks after the death of his father, and died about ten months ago at the age of 87.

In her young girlhood, she married Chauncey Noble, who died fifteen years ago, the 17th of this month.

In 1850 she moved to her present home on Switzer road with her family and has occupied it ever since, a period of seventy-eight years. Three children were born to her of which two, Adelbert and Harriet are still living.

Her health and faculties are fairly good. When asked the secret of her old age she said it was hard work. She is cheerful and when in the mood can give many interesting reminiscences of her long life. Her memory goes back to the time of the ox yoke, the cradle and the spinning wheel, the time of the long hair when heroic men and women faced the hardships and dangers of pioneer life, and made possible the comforts and privileges that we now enjoy.

Two of her daughters, the Misses Harriett and Carrie Noble are given much credit for their mother's reaching an advanced age for they have been constantly with her in her declining years.

When Mrs. Noble and her parents came from New York they crossed into Canada with a team of oxen and a conestoga wagon and crossed into the United States again at Detroit. She remembers the old Farmington road as an Indian trail on which were often seen Indians and bears. The country hereabouts was beautiful with wild game and many of the streams now devoid of any fish were plentifully stocked at that time.

The Womens Auxiliary of the Baptist Church will have an evening meeting Friday the 16th at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be in the nature of a St. Patrick's party. There will be a program and refreshments. The husbands are invited.

Send in your news items.

EMPSON, GRAHAM WIN IN TOWNSHIP CAUCUS BATTLES

Largest Crowd In History At Caucus; Bond, Campbell Named Unanimously

With more than 400 men and women jamming their way into the Bond school auditorium, Farmington Township Republicans last Saturday night decided the only two contests for nominations, choosing Elmer Empson for treasurer over Mark Bachelor, and Joseph Graham for highway commissioner over the present commissioner, Clyde Seelye. Supervisor Isaac Bond and Clerk William Campbell were nominated by acclamation.

So crowded was the hall that fully one-third of the ballots were cast by voters who stood in the corridors outside, unable to hear the speakers, and filing in with their votes when the ballot was opened for each nomination. A large number of those present, however, failed to cast votes.

The vote in both contests was decisive, although close in the case of the nomination for treasurer. Empson polled 148 votes for treasurer to Bachelor's 104, 13 being scattered. In the battle for highway commissioner Graham received 151 votes to 125 for the present commissioner, Clyde Seelye, the total being the largest vote cast at the caucus.

McCracken Presides
Justice of the Peace Harry McCracken called the caucus to order, and on motion of Supervisor Bond, was elected permanent chairman. Walter Headerle was named secretary, and Herman Grimmer, George Nacker, Marian Thayer, William Cable and Don Button, tellers.

Following reading of a recommendation on the town hall question, which is reported in another column, Chairman McCracken called for nominations for Supervisor. Charles Heise of Clarenceville, as has been his custom for years, placed in nomination Supervisor Bond, and the latter was named by acclamation, in addition to being given a rising vote of thanks for his service.

Treasurer Arthur Coe nominated William Campbell for re-election as clerk, and on motion of Secretary Bond, the caucus voted for the casting of the entire ballot for Mr. Campbell. Mr. Empson was nominated for treasurer by Chairman McCracken, and said (Continued on page eight)

LIVONIA TOWNSHIP CHOOSES ZIEGLER FOR RE-ELECTION

Arthur Trapp Wins Close Battle For Highway Commissioner Nomination

With only one contest of importance, Republicans of Livonia Township held their annual caucus Saturday afternoon the crowd being the largest in the history of the township.

Jess Ziegler was nominated for re-election as supervisor, while Arthur Trapp was given 91 votes for highway commissioner, to 87 for Thomas Levanduski. John Harlan was nominated clerk.

The list of nominees is as follows: Supervisor, Jess Ziegler. Clerk, John Harlan. Treasurer, Heon Ziegler. Justice of the Peace, full term, Mabelle Rohde.

Justice of the Peace, to fill vacancy, Dr. B. C. Thomas. Highway Commissioner, Arthur Trapp.

Board of Review, Don Ryder, Herman Johnson. Constables, John Reding, George Wilde, Frank Day, Alfred Baken. Highway Overseers, District 1, Carl Waack; District 2, Albert Rutenbar; District 3, Thomas Levanduski; District 4, George Wolf-erom.

OPERETTA-MATINEE ON WEDNESDAY DRAWS 212

An attendance of 212 at the children's matinee Wednesday afternoon provided an auspicious start for the performances of "The Ghost of Lollipop Bay," given at the Farmington High School. The main performance of the operetta is scheduled for Thursday evening.

Estimate Of \$47,000 For Right-of-Way Given State

State Administrative Board Refers Commissioner's Recommendations On Grand River To Highway Committee With Power To Act

Following submission to the State Administrative Board and the State Highway Committee Monday of a definite estimate on the cost of right-of-way, a definite answer seems to be near on the question of whether Grand River avenue will be widened within the limits of the City of Farmington. An estimate of \$47,000 was filed with the state officials, and the State Highway Committee is now considering the appropriation.

The estimate, which is for the right-of-way between Farmington Junction and the lumber yard, was worked out by Farmington men, in co-operation with the Highway Department. It provides in the main for moving of houses and other work which would be made necessary by the proposed widening to 120 feet.

A recommendation that the appropriation be made was presented to the State Administrative Board by State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers and was immediately referred to the State Highway committee, with power to act. The Highway committee will hold its next regular meeting on March 26, but may also meet at any time and pass the appropriation.

The recommendation of Commissioner Rogers to the Administrative Board in reference to Grand River, along with other road projects, was precluded as follows:

"I desire to call your attention to road and bridge projects now under consideration, on which some engineering work has already been done, and recommend that this department be authorized to complete plans and advertise for bids on the same."

The recommendation was passed as to all projects listed. The description of the Grand River widening project was as follows: "Village of Farmington, U. S. 16, acquire right-of-way to width of 120 feet between Junction cut-off and lumber yard, at estimated cost of \$47,000."

Approval Likely

Inquiry at Lansing revealed that when a project has gone so far as to be recommended to the Administrative Board by the Highway Department, and has been referred to the Highway Committee "with power," it is rarely abandoned or changed, for the reason (Continued on page eight)

CAUCUS AT WALLED LAKE NAMES LONG FOR SUPERVISOR

Gathering Too Large For Hall, Moves To School Building; Malcolm To Retire

At the largest caucus ever held in Commerce Township, Joseph A. Long was nominated for Supervisor by Republicans of the township Saturday afternoon, receiving a majority of votes on the first ballot. In the only other contest, Fred Ruggles, highway commissioner, was defeated for the nomination for that office by E. J. Carey, two ballots being necessary for a decision.

So large was the gathering at the Tuttle building at Walled Lake that it was necessary to alter plans and hold the caucus in the Walled Lake Consolidated School building. The gymnasium was used, and all available chairs taken in the building utilized, but more than a third of the crowd was forced to stand.

Balloting for clerk resulted in a vote of 216 for Lee Welch out of a total of 242. Mrs. Lydia J. Long, treasurer, was nominated for re-election by a vote of 197 votes out of a total of 213 cast.

The contest for the highway commissioner nomination proved a spirited one. On the first ballot, E. J. Carey, who had been nominated by J. Frienderer, received 112 votes, to 101 for the present commissioner, Fred Ruggles, with 18 scattered. On the second ballot, Carey was nominated with 128 votes, Ruggles receiving 97.

Ernest Welch was elected justice of the peace. James Gardner, P. McKibben, and A. C. Berlin were chosen for the township committee.

The five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mullins died Wednesday.

(Continued on page eight)

CHURCH AT START OF A NEW EPOCH, WRITER BELIEVES

Layman Says Church Will Embody Ideals In More Concrete Proposals

"The Farmington 'Layman' who last week began in the Enterprise a series of articles on 'The Church,' summarizes in this issue the portion of the first article printed last week, and concludes the first article.

Conclusion of Article I.

In the part of this article appearing in last week's issue, a misplacing of lines rendered its meaning somewhat unintelligible and lack of space and unexpected length of copy made necessary an abrupt ending before arriving at the point. It is therefore necessary to recapitulate.

It was stated that in spite of most evidences of increasing religious activity, all was not well with religion and especially with organized religion, the Church; that there was a widespread lack of sympathy and even open criticism of it; that the lack of Justice of the Peace, in marriage (Continued on page eight)