

Supervisors To Slash County Officials' Pay

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There are some crusaders among them carrying the banner of the taxpayers and constantly, battling for reforms. An instance of the attitude of the Board of Supervisors, at least of that group (happily in the majority), that dares to go to any length to remedy conditions and ferret out mismanagement and mistake, was given Tuesday afternoon in the midst of a hectic session.

Stuns Board, Speakers

After Supervisor Frank Springsteen, himself an indefatigable "lone-wolf" investigator of county affairs, had won a successful battle for the passage of two resolutions referring to alleged illegal expenditures, Supervisor John Grant, of Pleasant Ridge, one of the doughtiest of the crusaders, stunned the board and the spectator-filled corridors with a simple, yet sharply pointed resolution calling upon the County Prosecutor to determine what moneys, if any, had been illegally expended from the county fund in recent years and to take such action as necessary to have them returned.

"Explaining his resolution Mr. Grant said: 'There has been a great deal of discussion and references to large amounts of money being illegally expended. But there's been no action about it. If any of the county funds were illegally spent I want them put back.'

He was strongly supported by Springsteen who declared: 'I know and Mr. Grant knows and Mr. Orr the prosecutor knows, absolutely, that moneys were illegally expended.'

Round Of Applause

Someone in the room started a round of applause, then above the noise a voice was heard: "We seem to be getting nearer and nearer a grand jury investigation."

Citizens Approve

This remark, coming from the supervisors' group, evoked enthusiastic shouts of approval from the spectators and when the din subsided, a roll call was asked for the vote on the Grant resolution. This was the first real move toward any sort of official investigation into illegal expenditures of county funds. Most of the charges in this connection had been previously made by Supervisor Springsteen, the "lone-wolf". One objecting supervisor thought that such an investigation would involve a large expense, but when informed that the Prosecutor's office could do the investigating and the Auditors' office furnish the help, he became a supporter of the resolution.

Vote On Resolution

Those who voted for the resolution follow:

- Bingham, Southfield; Cook, Davisburg; Owen, Ortonville; Curtis, Leonard; Gale, Waterford; Grant, Pleasant Ridge; Hamilton, Novi; Chas. Harmon, Pontiac; Irish, Clarkston; Lamb, Farmington; Legzatt, Pontiac; Long, Milford; McClure, Rochester; Brooks Milford; Porritt, Pontiac; Springsteen, Royal Oak; Tindall, Clarkston; Wardlow, Highland, and Thorington.

Those who voted against adoption:

- Armstrong, Pontiac; Bradley, Holly; Campbell, Royal Oak; Gibbs, Rochester; Lyon, Orion; Kennedy, Ferndale; Lawson, Royal Oak; McRae, Royal Oak; Miller, Troy; Corvill, Birmingham; Newton, Pontiac; Root, Berkley; Seeley, Rose; Smith, South Lyon; Stark, Ferndale. Eleven supervisors were absent, among them Supervisor Coe of Farmington Township, who was attending the funeral of a relative.

For Thorough Airing

Adoption of this resolution and of the two submitted by Springsteen, gives a fairly accurate idea of the supervisors' attitude on a thorough airing of county affairs. Springsteen's resolutions having to do with specific cases where investigation is in order, were adopted by slightly larger majorities. Supervisor Grant voted against one of the Springsteen resolutions, explaining his adverse vote was cast because he thought the resolution did not have "teeth" and that "teeth" were needed.

May Not Go Far

However it is hardly likely that an investigation such as directed in the Grant resolution will do more than result in a survey of

expenditures of county funds as these expenditures appear in the records. It is certain that the Prosecutor will not go so far as to conduct an examination of individual employes in various departments. His investigation, or whatever form his inquiry takes, will be purely one of records and figures. Moreover it is certain that the Board of Supervisors can not attempt by themselves to embark upon an exhaustive inquiry. They have made, in the past, through their Ways and Means committees, an effort to learn something about certain specific cases, but these committees have not arrived anywhere.

"Hunters" Needed

The opinion was expressed on Tuesday that "what Oakland County needs is a high-powered efficiency expert, an argus-eyed economist; a sharp-witted investigator, a courageous crusader and perhaps a couple of keen-nosed 'hunting-hounds' to search out the offenders and the offenses, determine what and who may be held responsible and set up measures of protection against further inefficiency, waste, grabbing, favoritism and spendthriftness. It is possible to find such men in the county. The sooner they are brought together and put to work the sooner Mr. Taxpayer will be able to lie in untroubled sleep."

A number of supervisors, as well as leading bankers, attorneys, farmers, merchants and real estate brokers, interviewed on this subject, express the belief that there should be set up a Fact-Finding Committee, composed of possibly, three supervisors and four representative citizens, such as a banker, newspaperman, attorney and agriculturist. The supervisors would be paid at the regular rate while the citizens would serve without pay.

Such a committee, given full authority to act, and provided with the necessary facilities, would hold public hearings, to make a thorough investigation and survey of every department and institution, and then submit its findings to the Board of Supervisors for action.

REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 4, 1930

To the Qualified Electors of Farmington City, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said City not already registered who may apply to me personally for such registration. Provided, however, that I can receive no names for registration during the time intervening between the second Saturday before any regular special or official primary election and the day of such election.

Notice is hereby given that I will at the City Clerk's office, Fire Hall

Wednesday, October 15, 1930 the 20th day preceding said election from 8 o'clock a. m. until 8 o'clock p. m. on said day for the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said City as shall properly apply therefor.

Notice is hereby further given to the qualified electors of this City that I, the undersigned Clerk of said City will register qualified electors who may apply at my office on any business day in the year and up to and including Saturday, October 25, 1930, last day for general registration by personal application for said election from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The name of no person but an actual resident of the City at the time of registration and entitled under the constitution if remaining such resident to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

N. H. POWER, City Clerk.

PLAN ENTERTAINMENT

Don Sherman, Hubert Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars will give a social entertainment and luncheon at the Volney Smith School, Five Points, Wednesday evening, October 15. An invitation is extended to attend and meet friends and "buddies," and to bring wives and sweethearts. Everything is free and a good time is promised.

A bad habit is the heaviest load a man has to carry.

Poor Relief To Cost County \$1,300,000

Approximately \$1,300,000 will be expended by Oakland County's welfare department for the year ending December 31, 1930, according to the Oakland County Board of Auditors. This sum is from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 more than the average money distributed to indigent people each year, it is revealed; this year it will represent 63 per cent of the total county tax levied.

Pontiac city alone will consume about \$500,000 of the total amount given out by the welfare commission. Royal Oak city and township come next in amount of funds consumed. The average weekly contribution to a family with two children is \$8 per week.

NORTHWESTERN GRIDIRON TEAM BEATS DEARBORN

Visitors Put Up Hard Battle; Score Is 7 To 0; Play Pontiac Next

Northwestern A. C.'s fast football team continued its winning habit last Sunday, defeating the hard-fighting Dearborn A. C. team, 7 to 0. The game was a spirited struggle throughout the four quarters. Dearborn displayed an effective aerial attack.

Northwestern scored in the second quarter on a series of line plunges. The extra point was added by a forward pass after a place-kick planned was quickly abandoned.

Joseph Perraud, right half, who made Northwestern's touchdown, starred, as did Roy White, at center, and Gus Rozenboom, who substituted for Captain Robinson at quarterback.

Next Sunday Northwestern will clash with Pontiac Merchants' team, composed of Pontiac policemen and firemen. Northwestern expects to be outweighed, but has high hopes of continuing its victorious march. The game will start at 3 o'clock at Northwestern's gridiron on Middle Belt road.

MAIL ROUTE ONE TO BE EXTENDED AFTER NOV. 16th

Residents Of Section 9 In Farmington Township To Benefit By Extension

Authorization of extension of Rural Route 1, Farmington, is announced this week by the Postoffice Department at Washington, which empowers Postmaster Thomas H. McGee to make the addition to the rural route after November 16, 1930.

The extension will allow the Route One carrier to make a complete circuit of Section 9, a distance of four miles, but will add only one and a quarter miles to his present daily travel. This is because he makes at present three re-traces in order to serve patrons living in that section.

Residents who will benefit greatly from the added convenience are Ernest Esch, Stanley Drake, Amassa Grace, Edward F. Meyer, E. E. Schellenberg, Fred A. Wells, Henry F. Wells, Stephen Z. Williams, R. L. Ranson, J. A. Whitaker. The territory is bounded on the west by Drake road, east by North Farmington road, south by Twelve Mile road and north by Thirteen Mile road.

DONALD SHAW OF CLARENCEVILLE IS BRIDEGROOM

Son Of Mr. And Mrs. William Shaw Returns With Bride From Wedding Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw have returned to Clarenceville after a honeymoon trip to Northern Michigan, following their marriage on September 27.

Mr. Shaw is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw of Clarenceville. His bride is the former Lena Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marsh of Detroit. The wedding took place at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will make their home with the former's parents temporarily.

OBITUARY

August William Meisner was born at Adrian, Mich. January 29, 1915, passed away at the hospital in Ann Arbor Thursday morning, October 2, 1930, being 15 years and 10 months old. He requested to be anointed as stated in James 5:13-16 of the Bible. This was performed September 16, 1930 by Rev. Lamdeen of the Adventist Church at Ann Arbor. The young man expressed his faith in the Savior and prayed that his sins be forgiven and that he should be saved in the Kingdom.

Having been injured over a year ago playing football he had been on crutches for several months. About six weeks ago he was taken with a sudden attack of appendicitis and was rushed to the hospital. While there he had three operations. Early Thursday morning he had a heart attack and passed away.

He will be remembered by his loved ones and friends as an earnest and faithful worker at everything he attempted. He put up a brave and courageous fight for his life. Even though it is hard to see him go, we know that he is resting in peace in the great beyond.

He leaves to mourn him a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meisner, one brother, George, two sisters, Nila and Jerce, two grandfathers, August Meisner, William Muhn, and a host of friends and relatives.

Services were conducted by L. B. Schick, pastor of the Detroit Grand River Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Methodist Church in Farmington.

Interment was in North Farmington Cemetery.

Historical Society Meets On Saturday

A number of Farmington residents are planning to attend the annual meeting Saturday of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society at Pontiac. Nathan H. Power of Farmington is first vice-president of the society, Harry N. McCracken fourth vice-president, and Mrs. C. N. Andrews a trustee.

The meeting will open at 11 a. m. with a social hour, followed by a banquet at noon and the afternoon meeting at one o'clock. Reminiscences, old-time music, and historical addresses are on the program.

Reception Is Planned At Baptist Church

Friday night at the Baptist Church there will be a reception for all members who have been received into the church during the past five years. It will mark the beginning of the sixth year of Rev. Palmer's pastorate in Farmington.

The entire church and congregation is invited.

TO HAVE CARD PARTY

A parish card party will be held Thursday, October 16, by members of Our Lady of Sorrows

Church. All are welcome. Bridge, 500, and pedro will be played. The church realized a profit of over \$1,000 on its harvest party last Sunday afternoon.

CELEBRATES 70th BIRTHDAY

Nathan H. Power, city clerk and historian of Farmington, was congratulated Wednesday on reaching the age of three score and ten. Members of the Farmington Exchange Club at their luncheon meeting rose and applauded in his honor. Mr. Power responded with a few remarks.

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