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Tells Of Stirring Election Years Of Last Century

People In Doubt For Month Would Be President, Power Relates

Particularly appropriate at this time, with elections approaching, City Clerk N. H. Power delivered at Farmington High school Wednesday noon an interesting address on election issues and men of other days.

Matching our own day for thrills was the stirring election year of 1876, when men actually did not know for months after the presidential election who the next president of the United States was going to be. This and other events of more localized interest are told in Mr. Power's narrative, which reads in part as follows:

As you may imagine, Farmington citizens were intensely interested in this election muddle. During this year, the Town Hall was built. It took two elections to settle the matter and the people were pleased to see the Collins barnyard converted into a public park. The successful bidder for the job, J. C. Prall, took the contract too low and some Farmington men, whom he employed, failed to get their pay.

It was a strong Republican town, but at the April election the voters defeated Mr. Horton and elected Ben Grace, Democrat, in his place, who was to have been Jack Wixom, Republican, office 7 years. Jack Wixom, Republican, was a candidate for Sheriff. He had been elected once and defeated for re-election. He was then and is now the only man in the town's existence who held the office 100 years that ever held the office of Sheriff. His party was again backing him strongly for the place. He was popular with the voters, irrespective of party and carried the town by a vote of three to one at the election.

It was the year of the great Centennial celebration at Philadelphia and some of our citizens were able to attend that affair. The writer was 16 years of age and desired very much to see that thrilling spectacle. I knew that Philadelphia was a City very prominent in revolutionary history, but there was a depression in my monetary affairs then, same as now, and I did not go. However, some of my boy friends attended and when one of them, shortly after his return, told me that he visited the Hall where the Declaration of Independence was written, sat in the chair used by Jefferson while he wrote it, sat at the table used by Washington and also stood by the grave of Ben Franklin in Christ Church Yard, it seemed to me that his cup of happiness must be full and that there were no more words for him to conquer.

Farmington, at that time, was a village of wooden sidewalks, where there were dusty streets, frame dwellings heated by stoves and illuminated by tallow candles and lamps. There was only one brick dwelling in town. Grand River was a single track toll road over which farmers drew their produce to Detroit in strong heavy wagons. The roads were very rough and at times well high impassable, because it was one continuous mud hole. About four hours was the time required for a farmer, with a good team and a load to drive from Farmington to Detroit. Four toll gates collected road toll from him in making the journey. The last one at Warren Ave., where the street car line ended. There was no telephone or telephone service.

Mail came by Stage Coach from Detroit, arriving about 10:30 a. m. Few daily papers were taken, but many copies of the weekly issues. There was no rural delivery and farmers came to town to get their mail and at that time they were sure to trade at the stores. The Post Office was open every day until 10:00 o'clock p. m. and sometimes later. There was a flourishing Grand Army Post. More than once, I have listened with rapt attention as the veterans told of their experiences at Bull Run, Gettysburg, Shiloh and bloody Chickamauga. It was at Gettysburg where Lincoln made his immortal speech, whose words are quoted over and over again, even to this day. Men still moved among their fellow men who voted for the great emancipator and were present at the birth of

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Work To Be Published



Switzer's Work To Be Published

St. Clair Switzer's Researches in Psychology Recognized in U. S. and Abroad

Continued and increasing recognition is being accorded a former Farmington resident, St. Clair A. Switzer, now at Yale University Department of Psychology, where he is on a year's leave of absence from Miami College. Mr. Switzer's work has attracted much attention among scholars both in the United States and abroad. One of the studies completed by Mr. Switzer and Prof. Patten of Miami last spring has been read before the Tenth International Congress of Psychologists at Copenhagen, Denmark, by Prof. Hall of Yale.

Mr. Switzer for years spent part of each summer in Farmington, taking charge of the business of Stanley F. Smith, Farmington druggist, while Mr. Smith went on vacations.

The extent to which Mr. Switzer is becoming recognized as an authority on psychology is indicated by the following article from the Miami Student, published at Miami College, Oxford, Ohio:

Dr. E. F. Patten and Prof. S. A. Switzer, members of Miami's department of psychology, will be accorded recognition for outstanding research work when two major psychological treatises are published this spring. It has been learned here recently.

Dr. Clark Hull of Yale will publish a book titled, "Hypnosis and Suggestibility: An Experimental Approach," in which Patten and Switzer are given credit for "the Miami Studies."

Dr. Patten conducted two last-minute researches and Switzer read and criticized the entire book in manuscript and the names of both will be listed on the dedication page.

Switzer at Yale

Switzer, who was granted a year's leave of absence by the board of trustees last spring, is at Yale working under the supervision of Dr. Hull and has completed the first unit of his thesis for his doctor's degree.

"Disinhibition of the Conditioned Galvanic Skin Response," is the title of Switzer's first work which has been accepted for publication in the Journal of General Psychology. It will probably appear in the July issue.

Part of Switzer's work will also be included in a new edition of Hull's "Introduction to Experimental Psychology," which is being prepared by Dr. Hull and will be published in June.

Quits and quotations from Switzer's treatise will be used in a chapter on "Conditioned Responses," Switzer is assisting in the preparation of this chapter which is regarded by authorities as the most comprehensive work yet done in English.

French and German as well as English works have been used as sources in this treatise concerning the habit mechanisms in man.

TO VISIT NORTVILLE

Farmington - Women's Club members will be guests of the Northville Woman's Club on Friday afternoon, March 10, at the Northville Library. The meeting will be at 2:30 p. m. Members not having cars are asked to call the transportation committee.

Iva Hutton, Corresponding Sec.

Seek 4 Men Who Abducted, Robbed Farmington Man

Arthur Japson Frees Self After Thugs Blind Him In Shack And Steal Auto

Four thugs who kidnaped and robbed Arthur Japson, 31, of 22814 Lakeway Drive, Farmington, Monday evening, are still at large according to police officials in charge of the investigation.

Mr. Japson returned to his work at the Detroit Kelyminator plant Tuesday morning, evidently having recovered completely from his ordeal of Monday night, when he spent several hours being bound and gagged in a deserted shack near General Motors proving ground and after freeing himself made his way home in a state bordering on collapse.

The new Buick coach which Japson had purchased only a few days before the holdup and which was used by the four bandits in their get-away, has not been located. Police regard it as the only clue in the search for the thugs, but that Japson did not know the number of the license which he had obtained shortly before the holdup occurred. A railroad watch and six dollars in cash were also taken by the four.

Having been delayed two hours beyond his usual time for returning home in Detroit to get the license plates, Japson arrived at Farmington Junction, Grand River avenue and Orchard Lake Road, at about 7 o'clock Monday evening and stopped for the red light. Three men approached the car from the right and another from the left. They ordered him into the rumble seat. Japson, who was at one time a teacher at first thought of resistance but saw that the men were armed with three revolvers and one with a knife, and decided to submit.

The thugs, who cautioned him "shut up and don't shut" drove the car to the shack near the proving grounds, took Mr. Japson inside, and tied him up.

"My wrists were tied to beams in opposite directions," he later told officers, "my feet were tied to other beams, and my head to a board in back of me." Before leaving the shack, the thugs told him they would "get" him if he told authorities of what had occurred.

Mr. Japson managed to work himself free from his bonds after a few hours and made his way to the track at the proving grounds, where a driver picked him up at 1:30 a. m. Deputy MacFarlane called the officials at the proving grounds and drove Mr. Japson to his home. They arrived there to find his wife, Helen, in a hysterical state because of her husband's unexpected absence.

Mr. Japson had suffered from cold and hunger, and it was found that his legs and wrists were badly swollen from the undue stricture of the bonds that held him in the shack. He said that he had been treated by the thugs in a manner in which the thugs treated him or the threats they made, as the recognized none of them and knows of no enemies that he might have. One of his captors, he said, was approximately 40 years old, and the other three around 18 or 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Japson came to live in Farmington last summer, at first taking up residence in the old Malcolm farm house on Grand River west of Lakeway. They later moved to their present home, the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Doyle, on the east side of Lakeway, near Joseph Road.

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Last Week Sees Primary Activity In The Township

Candidates For All Offices Speed Up Work For Election Monday

Farmington Township candidates sped up their activity within the past few days to bring them a favorable vote at the polls Monday, when the primary election will decide who shall be the candidate of each party at the contest in April.

While one or two candidates indicated their intention to making no active canvass for votes, all the rest went into action in one manner or another to bring an expression of approval from the electors. A number are making intensive house-to-house tours to present their names and qualifications.

One of the chief sources of interest is the relative vote that will be cast for the two parties, in comparison with the balloting last fall when the Democratic party received its largest vote in a generation. This is believed to be the first time there has been a Democrat ticket in the Township in a quarter of a century.

With no opponent on his ticket, Supervisor Arthur Cox's Republican vote will be complimentary only, but the Democrats votes will be divided between four men, Dr. H. E. Boice, Earl F. Currie, William Killeen, and Earl F. Currie.

Two Real Battles

Two other contests share equal interest with that of the battle for Democratic nomination for supervisor. They are the struggles for the two nominations for clerk, and for the Republican nomination for justice of the peace. Ordinarily the latter office gets little attention, but this year it is the center of much interest.

For clerk, Willard Campbell is opposed for the Republican nomination by Howard McCracken and Donald T. Pound. An equally interesting contest appears in the Democratic column, where Mrs. Ina Sturman, and Dr. A. Oldham, and George F. Schulkins are contestants.

The justice contest finds three in the field on the Republican ballot, all well-known to a large proportion of the voters. Justice Willis T. Roberts, incumbent, has been active in justice, conducting court cases, and is now a member of the Township Board.

Arnold F. Stolz is known through his business, having handled transportation for Clarenceville schools for some years. Contesting with them is Charles L. Wilson, well-known in this section as an attorney. He was justice of the peace some time ago, thereafter becoming assistant prosecuting attorney of the County, and then Chief Assistant Prosecutor for two years. He has continued to live in this section, however, and practices law in Pontiac and Farmington.

The Democrat ticket includes for the office of justice of the peace a well-known Democrat, Frank Steele, and Andrew W. Ruhland.

Three seek the nomination for treasurer of each party. Mrs. Loreta Cox, who is concluding her first year in the office, is resting upon her record in office for re-election, two successive years being all that is allowed the treasurer by law. One of the younger attorneys, Robert Sallow, is making his bid in Township politics this year, having his name on the ballot for the same office, and Mrs.

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Michigan Ping-Pong Champ Coming Here

Arthur De Boves, state ping-pong champion, will be in Farmington Monday to play against the members of Spencer J. Heene's "Ping-Pong Clubhouse."

Larry Fitch, runner-up in the last state tournament and 17th ranking national champion and others players from Redford played here Tuesday evening. Although Farmington players could not match the skill of their guests and were defeated, their play brought compliments from the visitors.

Shining lights among the Clubhouse ping-pong enthusiasts are Mr. Heene, Theron Pauline, Wayne Wixom, Ed Thayer, Curt Hall, and Harrison Johnson.

Township Tax Collection Jumps

Over \$3,500 Received By Treasurer Since Bank Holiday Began February 14

Much to the surprise of all officials, Farmington Township taxes have come in to the extent of over \$3,500 since the State-wide bank holiday started over two weeks ago. Mrs. Loreta Cox, treasurer, stated Wednesday that she has collected \$3,556.72 since the last day on which the banks were open for regular business.

The increased collection pushed the Township total received over the 20 per cent mark, which is above the percentage collected last year when the taking of taxes was concluded. Mrs. Cox announced that in view of the bank holiday she will continue to be at the People's State Bank of Farmington through March 10, during business hours, to receive taxes. Taxes will be accepted without the usual penalty being imposed.

City Gets Big Check

Farmington City taxes have not come in to the same extent as the Township's, L. C. Thayer, treasurer, states. However, one large check which was received this week was for \$3,654.00, from the Detroit Edison Company. This will be of much assistance to School District No. 5, but will not aid in the city's budget, as it does not include City taxes of last summer which were paid at that time.

Mr. Thayer also will continue to receive taxes at the Peoples State Bank without penalty. Mr. Thayer reports that the taxes he has collected total about 30 per cent of the city roll. School District No. 5 taxes collected by him run higher, being 33 per cent.

February Expense Totals \$236.10, Mayor Lamb Discloses; Aid 14 Families

Farmington City's welfare cost for February totaled \$236.10, according to figures compiled this week by Mayor Arthur Lamb, in charge of administration of welfare. It shows an average of 14 families being assisted at a cost of \$16.87 per month. This is considerably below the average cost in the State, the report reveals.

Mayor Lamb's report in detail is as follows:

Report for February

"15 families received Red Cross flour, (312 barrels delivered during February). 17 families received coal. 16 families received food orders. 5 families received milk tickets. 5 families received kerosene tickets."

"An average of 14 families receiving help each week or \$16.87 per family per month, for food, coal and kerosene."

"This, according to the State Welfare Department is a very low average. Flint has been taken as a good example by the Department, its average being \$22.11 per family per month."

"Flint is not a poster of giving, showing 87 cents of each dollar for administration expense, Farmington's being done without expense to the City."

TELEPHONE INSTALLED

A telephone has been installed at the home of Mr. Berrie London, 25734 Orchard Lake Road, this week. The number is 353-W.

Send in your news items.

First Petitions Appear For City Election April 3

Dozen Named As Candidates For Various Offices In Farmington

Farmington City this week took its first notice of the biennial city election to be held April 3, the first petitions appearing for candidates for various offices. A dozen petitions are out or filed with every office but one included in the list.

In most cases the petitions bear the names of incumbents, and only in one of two instances are there names on petitions being circulated for aspirants not now in office.

Petitions require 20 signatures and must be filed at least 10 days before election.

Among the office-holders for whom petitions have been filed are Mayor Arthur Lamb, City Clerk N. H. Power, Treasurer L. C. Thayer, and Assessor James L. Hogle, all for re-election to the positions they now hold.

Petitions are also now on file for Commissioners Leo Gildemeister and Emory Hutton, whose terms, along with that of Commissioner Carl Goers, expire this year.

Three candidates have appeared for justice of the peace, John J. Schulte for re-election, Lloyd S. Guilen and W. Allen Nelson.

At least four candidates will be in the field for the two places as constable. Two are present constables, Marie Pettibone and Thomas Armstrong. Two others, Fred Schaefer and Ed Thayer, will be in the field.

No petitions have yet appeared for candidates for the board of review, to which two members are to be elected. The incumbents are Harrison Johnson and Joseph Karle.

BAPTIST CHURCH PREPARES UP TO EASTER PROGRAM

"Back To The Bible" Revival To Begin Next Wednesday Night

The Lenten program for Farmington Baptist Church will get under way next Sunday with two special services. The coming of the Excelsior Quartet of Detroit will be a special feature for the evening hour.

On Wednesday, March 8th, Mr. and Mrs. Obed Stuckey of the Detroit City-Rescue Mission will open a ten-night "Back To The Bible" revival. These services will be held nightly at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Stuckey is an able and capable Bible preacher and together with Mrs. Stuckey and their daughter Ruth will give a special program each night. They sing duet and two numbers as well as play piano duets. Mr. Stuckey is a master at playing the musical saw. The church is happy to bring this talented family to the community.

Discussion Group To Consider Deep Report

The discussion group which meets Friday evenings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Crozman will devote part of the evening this Friday to consideration of the Reed report on Oakland County government, published last fall.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and participate in the discussion, which begins at 8:00 p. m.

Send Greetings From The Sunny Southland

From the sunny Southland, where Mr. and Mrs. Day Dickerson are enjoying Florida's balmy weather, comes a postcard of greeting, showing coconut palms along a Florida river. Mr. Dickerson writes:

"Hello Friends—This is where you should be, building up your health in the nice warm sunshine, rolling on the beach. Best to all. We are enjoying every minute."

Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson's friends are glad they are having a fine time.