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Sticker Candidate Wins Office

With the prospects of a mild election suddenly changed when two sticker candidates entered the lists at the last moment, the Livonia Township election turned out to be nearly as spirited as, and drew almost as many voters to the polls as the record breaking primary last month.

Pre-election indications were that all the Republican nominees would be automatically elected since no Democrats had filed nominating petitions. However, R. J. Levandowski, who was defeated for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of township clerk by Harry S. Wolfe, and Arthur J. Trapp were sticker candidates, Levandowski for clerk and Trapp for treasurer.

Trapp, on the strength of his large majority in precinct one, defeated G. A. Bakewell, who had beaten Trapp for the Republican nomination at the primary, by 50 votes in precinct one, Trapp polled 128 votes, against one and two Bakewell's total vote, and Bakewell drew 126 while in precinct two Trapp received 60 votes to Bakewell's 267. The total vote was Trapp, 443, Bakewell, 393.

Levandowski again lost to Harry S. Wolfe for the clerk post. Wolfe received 640 votes as compared to Levandowski's 228. The voting by precincts was, one, Wolfe 477; Levandowski, 51; two, Wolfe 152; Levandowski, 174.

Candidates for the remaining township offices were unopposed. Jesse Ziegler, Republican incumbent, was re-elected supervisor. He received 518 votes in precinct one and 390 in precinct two. Henry Bradley, who was elected highway commissioner, drew 501 votes in precinct one and 285 in precinct two.

In precinct one 495 and precinct two 236 for a total of 731 were the votes received by John T. Howell for justice of the peace. Albert Nacker running for board of review (two year term) polled 274 votes in precinct one and 275 in precinct two. Samuel McKinley was elected to the board of review (one year term) receiving 476 votes in precinct one and 313 in precinct two for a total of 789.

Four constables received votes as follows: In precinct one, Edward Howard, 463; John Whitehead, 442; Roy Owens, 479; and Charles Ganfield, 451. In precinct two, Howard, 373; Whitehead, 286; Owens, 277; and Ganfield, 285.

A total of 224 votes were cast. This is approximately 300 votes less than cast at the March primary which was the largest vote ever received in the primary for a regular election in the history of Livonia township.

In Novit township where all the candidates were unopposed and no sticker candidates entered the race, 54 voters visited the polls.

Candidates elected were Frank Clark, supervisor; Earl Banks, clerk; George Simmons, treasurer; William Malre, highway commissioner; and Bernard Kitson, justice of the peace. There were no candidates for constables or members of the board of review. Appearances to these offices will probably be made by the township board.

ANNUAL JEFFERSON CLUB BANQUET PLANS COMPLETED

The annual Jefferson club banquet will be held at the Congregational church, Pontiac, Thursday evening, April 16 at 8:30 p. m. Congressman Jennings Randolph of W. Virginia, will be guest speaker. Mr. Randolph is an orator of much renown, having been head of the department of public speaking and journalism at Davis and Elkins college, and was lecturer with the Redpath Chautauqua. Mr. Randolph is a former governor of the Lions club of West Virginia.

General chairman of the event is Mr. Clarence K. Patterson, president of the Jefferson club of Oakland county.

Among the invited guests are Honorable Horatio J. Abbott, National Committeeman, Mrs. Christine J. McDonald, vice chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and Honorable Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner.

Other entertainment and music will be furnished during the evening.

Mrs. Ed Baker and son Sidney are recovering from influenza.

Housewives Predict "Epidemic" Throughout First Week in May

Predictions are being made around Farmington by the married women of the community that during the first week in May there will be an "epidemic" in this vicinity that will put to shame any of the dreaded "fever" epidemics of tropical climates.

They claim however that it will be nothing new or spontaneous but an annual occurrence which happens with suspicious regularity. According to the "women of the houses" one little innocent sounding announcement usually brings it all on.

The disease they describe as being limited to members of the

Judges Outlaw County Tax Sale

Vitality important to property owners in the Farmington area whose holdings would have been involved in the county tax sale in May will be the decision of the Michigan Supreme Court on the appeal filed by Auditor General John J. O'Hara following the action of Oakland County's three Circuit Judges in denying O'Hara the right to hold the sale in the county this spring.

The three judges, Frank L. Doty, H. Russell Hollander and George B. Hartick, sitting jointly, heard and took under advisement the petition of George A. Cram, Pontiac attorney, in the petition, Mr. Cram challenged the validity of the sale on the ground that descriptions of property to be sold for delinquent taxes have not been advertised as required by law.

It was pointed out by the three judges that only two of the County's 131 tax rolls have been returned from the Auditor General's office to date and that it would be physically impossible for the county treasurer to post the books before May 5, the scheduled date of the sale.

It was also held in the decision that a newspaper in which the order for the sale was to be published was not designated until after the date set by law. Cram's petition also held that acts passed by the State Legislature intended to dispense with the necessity of publication of property descriptions are "constitutionally defective as violating the 'due process' clauses of both state and federal constitutions."

In its decision, the court agreed with Mr. Cram in the proceeding. The Auditor General was ordered to complete the tax rolls by the date of the Auditor General was defective and beyond repair at this time, and granted the motion. This leaves the Auditor General to make an appeal.

Appeals from other counties involving the same points of contention are now scheduled to come before the Supreme Court.

NEW COMPANY TO PAY UNSETTLED DEATH LOSSES

The indebtedness of the old Detroit Life Insurance Company has been refinanced and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$175,000 repaid by the Life Insurance Company of Detroit, organized March 2 to take over the business.

The announcement was made by Thomas F. Lawrence, president of the new company, who added that the value of the bonds held by the company has increased one-third since last October, according to survey of current market.

Payment of the death losses of the old company, which had remained unsettled since last October, has brought praise for the new concern from the Detroit Board of Commerce through Harvey Campbell, its vice president and secretary.

"You are commended for this," he says in a letter to President Lawrence. "It is a mark of gratification to all that the new life insurance company in Detroit with capital and surplus entirely in United States government bonds and stocks, and managed by capable and efficient officers."

Dr. L. S. McCollister To Visit Farmington

Announcement is made this week that Dr. L. S. McCollister, Dean Emeritus of Tufts college, Boston, will be in Farmington at the Universalist church for a service during the week-end of April 13.

Dr. McCollister is well known in this section. In 1928 he was a minister of the Farmington Universalist church some years ago.

City To Pay For Pipe Thawing

Residents of Farmington whose water pipes froze during the severe winter will not have to pay the fee for having them thawed out because of action taken by the City Commission at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening.

By a four to three vote, the Commission decided to pay the Detroit Edison Co. for the thawing work. Several factors entered into the discussion as to whether or not the city was responsible for the freezing. In most cases it was impossible to determine whether the frozen section of the pipe was located on private property or beyond the lot lines on city property.

It was brought out that technically the city would not be responsible if the frozen section was on private property. The other hand it was argued that since all of the locations of the frozen sections could not be determined and since in a few instances it was known that the freezing was caused by poor circulation of water at a "dead end" of the water main, the city should pay the entire bill.

The amount involved is not more than \$85 and, it was remarked, the city should be thankful that there were only 11 instances where the Detroit Edison Co. had to be employed to thaw out the pipes rather than hundreds, as was the case in several neighboring communities, including Plymouth and Royal Oak.

An important step was taken by the commission when it purchased compensation insurance covering the Farmington firemen. The firemen have been insured against accident and loss of life in the past but the policy did not protect the city in case of a law suit. The new policy completely relieves the city of any responsibility in case of a suit and it also pays higher settlements in case of death or disability.

A resolution was passed that all checks drawn against account with the Commonwealth Commercial Bank and City of Detroit be signed by city treasurer, George Gildmeister, and that no checks are valid unless so signed.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB PLANS BANQUET FOR APRIL 12

Plans for a sportsmen's banquet to be held in the First Congregational church, Pontiac, Tuesday night, April 12, were launched at a meeting Wednesday evening of officers and committee chairman of the Outdoor Sportsmen's association of Oakland County which will sponsor the event.

Arrangements for the function will be completed by committees working under the following chairmen: Speakers: B. L. Foreman; Publicity: Walter Reasby; Banquet: Russell Bassett; Program: A. T. Wilson; Finance: Howard W. Huttenlocher.

Tickets: Hugh Liddicott and Walter Krause; Parking: Lewis M. Wren; Entertainment: R. H. Dougherty; Decorations: J. E. Spaulding; Advisory: Elmer Spaulding. Officers of the sportsmen's group are: President, Frank B. Ruf; first vice president, B. L. Foreman; second vice president, James H. Lynch; secretary, A. T. Wilson; treasurer, H. W. Huttenlocher.

Tickets for this banquet will be handled through the ticket committee consisting of sixteen members who will disburse the tickets to members on reservations. "Owing to the limit of 600 tickets, an allotment of two tickets is made for members which may be reserved by notice by mail to the secretary at 545 Telegraph Road, Pontiac. All tickets must be reserved by April 12th, President Ruf stated. "Members have been notified by mail."

Plans for a National Headliner for the speaker are under way according to B. L. Foreman, chairman of the Speakers and Speakers' Reception Committee.

Schools Close For Easter Vacation

The Farmington Public schools will be closed from Good Friday noon until Tuesday morning following Easter for Easter vacation. The usual vacation was observed to make up for the time lost at the start of the year when the epidemic of infantile paralysis forced the schools to close.

Mrs. Fred L. Cook To Entertain Missionary Club

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G-Man Holds Audience Without Aid of Firearms or Handcuffs

It would not be surprising if every person present at the Wednesday Exchange club luncheon voluntarily sent his fingerprints to the Bureau of Identification at Washington and started crusading in the interests of every person in the country being fingerprinted, so convincing was the speech of Harold G. Reinecke, special agent in charge of the Detroit district of the Bureau of Investigation of the Federal Department of Justice.

Mr. Reinecke, as guest speaker told of his experiences as a G-man and so completely enthralled his audience that members and guests later agreed that it was impossible to determine whether the frozen section of the pipe was located on private property or beyond the lot lines on city property.

Women Honored By Federation

Delegates representing the Farmington Women's club were honored at the Thirty-fifth anniversary program of the Oakland County Federation of Women's clubs held at the Birmingham Community House Friday.

More living charter members of the Federation were present at the anniversary celebration. They were Mrs. Mary Warner, Mrs. Tom McGee, Mrs. Clyde Chamberlain, Mrs. Zayda Wilbur and Mrs. M. B. Pierce. The remaining members who were not able to be present are Mrs. Laverna Adams and Mrs. Elmer Hendry.

Representing the Farmington charter members, Mrs. Warner was invited to cut one of the two large birthday cakes which had been presented by the Federation at the anniversary ceremonies. The Farmington club also enjoyed the distinction of having two members who have served as county Federation presidents. One, Mrs. Marion Eaton of Washington served in 1911 and 1912; Mrs. Harrison Johnson held the office of president during 1925 and 1927.

Past Presidents III Due to illness neither Mrs. Harrison Johnson nor Mrs. Johnson were able to be present and consequently were not part of the procession of past presidents, which was part of a pageant re-enacting the history of the Federation.

Speeches were well done and depicted events in the life of the Federation from its organization down to the present. Many of the original members took part in its staging.

Farmington Women's club members who attended the anniversary party were Mrs. Frank Steele, Miss Meriah Andrews, Mrs. Elmer Switzer, Mrs. John Dalrymple, Miss Addison Comstock, Mrs. Lloyd Gillen and Mrs. Forrest Dickerson.

JAMES TAYLOR DIES OF INJURIES

James Taylor, 75, of Novi and well known in Farmington, died at Session Hospital, Northville, Sunday of injuries received Thursday, when it is reported, he stepped into the path of a car driven by Max Todd of Plymouth, as he lay on the Walked Lake Road.

Mr. Taylor suffered a broken hip and a fractured skull besides a severe shock. The accident occurred at 11:30 Thursday morning. It is believed Taylor stepped into the road to allow a truck to pass when the automobile driven by Todd came over a sharp rise in the road and struck him.

Todd made a statement to the Oakland County sheriff's office but was not held. It is expected he will be questioned this week.

Truck Overturns

The answer to a question, which has probably been in every person's mind at some time or another, "what kind of an accident would it be if one of those double decker, automobile carrier trucks overturned," was supplied early this morning when a Taylor stepped into the road to allow a truck to pass when the automobile driven by Todd came over a sharp rise in the road and struck him.

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SPRING OPENING AT NOVIT BATHING MOUNTAIN

Novit bathing proprietor of the Novit Inn, announces his spring opening Saturday evening. There will be a new orchestra. Guy Nichols will be retained as caller.

Incumbents Returned To Offices

Farmington Township voters returned all of the township incumbents to office at the annual election Monday, when they cast over 400 ballots for each Republican officeholder with the exception of Don Button for member of the board of review who drew 397 votes.

Supervisor Arthur Cox, Republican incumbent, was re-elected with 425 votes, 182 in precinct one and 246 in precinct two. He defeated Fred Wilkinson, Democrat, who received 39 votes in precinct one and 41 in precinct two for a total of 80.

Republican clerk Willard Campbell was re-elected with 415 votes, 164 in precinct one and 251 in precinct two. Albert H. Koss, Democrat, a newcomer in township politics who opposed Mr. Campbell, received 55 votes, 58 in precinct one and 39 in precinct two.

Loretta Cox, Republican incumbent, defeated Theodore Kohlman, Democrat, for township treasurer by 301 votes. In precinct one, 166 ballots were cast for Mrs. Cox against 54 for Mr. Kohlman. Mrs. Cox received 235 votes in precinct two to 47 for Mr. Kohlman making totals of 402 and 101 respectively. Mr. Kohlman received the highest number of votes polled by a Democrat.

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Ernest Blanchard, Republican, was re-elected justice of the peace over Floyd Hallock, Democrat, with 402 votes, 182 in precinct one and 220 in precinct two. Mr. Hallock received 39 votes in precinct one and 52 in precinct two for a total of 82.

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In both precincts, 11 straight Democratic ballots were cast and 132 Republican.

Voting Light

Voting was light in Southfield township with contests for only two offices, supervisor and treasurer. Elmer W. Haack, incumbent as re-elected supervisor with 255 votes. He was opposed by Lester B. Mead who received 66 votes. Mrs. Fannie Adams was unopposed for re-election as township clerk and received 262 votes.

In the only other race of the election, W. E. Swenson, incumbent, defeated Llewellyn Wright for treasurer. The two candidates received 233 and 89 votes respectively.

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Van Volkenberg Family Moves to Algonac

Mr. and Mrs. James Van Volkenberg and children, Jan, Marjorie and Mabel Doris, left Thursday for their home at 521 Ruskin street, Point du Chene, Algonac, Michigan.

The Van Volkenbergs moved to Farmington from Detroit seven years ago to take over the management of the Farmington Greenhouse, owned by Mrs. Eleanor Talbot, aunt of Mrs. Van Volkenberg.

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