

The Farmington Enterprise

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PART ONE

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Township Incumbents Continue

With only two offices contested, Republican incumbents in Farmington Township were re-elected Monday in an election that afforded little excitement.

Paul Paré, Democratic candidate for justice of the peace, provided the biggest threat to the incumbents by piling up 327 votes, 245 in the first precinct, 125 in the second. Harry Shawyer, Republican, was elected with 458 votes.

For the other contested office, that of supervisor, incumbent Arthur C. Coe piled 552 votes and William Killen 125. Mr. Coe received 377 votes in Precinct 1 and 275 in Precinct 2; Mr. Killen 77 in Precinct 1 and 49 in Precinct 2.

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The three candidates for the four constable posts were elected as follows: Louis A. Hersh, 568; George H. Hersh, 558; and J. A. Vandervoort 504.

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Supervisor Coe Returned To Post



SUPERVISOR ARTHUR COE

Road Repairing Begins Soon

City and State highway officials are not so happy as many about the approach of warm weather, for to them it means "spring break-up." This term refers to the softening of the subsoil as the frost leaves the ground with higher temperatures. As a result of it, pavements buckle up, crack, shatter, and sink in, depending upon the degree of circumstances.

Obviously, spring break-up should not be feared until the breaking up is over, or in other words, until all the frost has left the ground. For that reason, the highway men are saving their money until warm weather is the order of the day, rather than the exception.

In the meantime, they are preparing themselves for the months of arduous labor ahead. They are being laid aside, and power machines are being put in order.

Farmington City this week completed a deal on a new truck. It is reported by commissioner Emory O. Hutton. It is the same make as the old truck. The body is being built by the city.

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School Names Honor Students

Dorothy Johnson, whose middle initial is significantly "A", will be the valedictorian of the Farmington High School graduating class of 1939. Dorothy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, of 2140 Orchard Lake Road, has been named to the Farmington schools and since entering high school has received only three marks lower than an "A"—and those were "B's" in Latin, algebra and physics. Her average is 2.83.

A perfect average is 3.3. Salutatorian of the class is Richard Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Reid of 3335 Grand River. Ten other students were named by Mr. Thompson as deserving of recognition for their high marks in high school. They are: Jeanne Addis, Alfred Erwin, Adlai Green, David H. Johnson, William J. Lauritzen, Mary Merivert, Raymond Milburn, Evelyn Miller, Joseph Norton and William Pink.

Receiving the prizes attached to the title of valedictorian, Miss Johnson has the duty of delivering a valedictory address at the graduation June 23. Address at 2129 Neumann road Southfield.

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Mayor Warner Begins His Fourth Term



MAYOR HOWARD M. WARNER

Mad Dog's Victim Found After Hunt

Bitten by a dog that died of rabies two days after it had bitten her, Flora MacDonald, 13 years old, of 2129 Neumann road Southfield, Township was the subject of a successful search Monday by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt. She was taken by DeVriendt to a physician in Redford who is administering the Pasteur treatment for rabies.

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Judge Race Is Decided By 2 Votes

By a larger than average vote, city electors Monday returned to office incumbent city officials. Most hotly contested race was for justice of the peace, which was won by two votes by the incumbent, Lloyd Gulien, who defeated Howard L. Richards, 128 to 126. The vote was counted three times to assure accuracy.

There were 128 ballots cast. Commissioners re-elected were: Fred W. Barnall, with 222 votes; Delos F. Hamlin, 271 and Adolph E. Nacker, 267. Kenneth E. Grifflin made a strong run with 208 votes and Tandy L. Jackson received 52 votes. Mayor Warner received 385 votes and City clerk Harry W. Moore 381.

In the other spirited contest, Treasurer George C. Gillette defeated in re-election with 125, four opponents running as follows: Carl G. Hoyle, 81; F. Palmer McCaskill, 73 and M. H. K. Power and Benjamin E. Storms, 17.

Assessor James L. Hoyle was returned to office unopposed with 333 ballots. Board of health members were: Harriet Johnson and Clinton W. Wilber received 290 and 281 respectively. Hubert F. Brennan, a candidate for the same office, polled 132. Mrs. Pettibone and Horace Durham were re-elected constables with 317 and 269 respectively.

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Supt. Burns To Leave At End Of School Year

Supt. R. C. Burns, for nine years connected with the Farmington schools, will terminate his connection with the school system at the end of the current year, his resignation having been accepted by the Board of Education at a meeting last Thursday evening. Supt. Burns' resignation is understood to have been before the board for some weeks, since the latter part of February, but had not been acted upon.

As a result of the acceptance the board will find it necessary to take steps soon to obtain a new superintendent for the coming year. Supt. Burns is completing his second year as superintendent, having served seven years as principal. His plans for the future cannot be announced for the time being, Mr. Burns stated.

Bill Fournier, an eighth grade student, was named Friday the champion speller of the Farmington schools and is representative in the district bee to be held April 22 here.

Bill was made the champion when he spelled "leisure" correctly after Richard Pauline had mis-spelled it. Bill was not the champion of his grade, but was in the contest as one of the team of nine entered from his grade.

It took one hour and 15 minutes to spell down the other 33 spellers. Mrs. Edna McCaskill was the judge and Grady McKay and Miss Geraldine Duff were pronouncers.

Bill will receive a medal emblematic of the school champion. At the district bee, April 22, he will spell against the champions of several other schools in this area, according to R. J. Stewart, principal of the grade school. If he comes out victorious, he will go to the Detroit metropolitan bee, the winner of which gets a trip to Washington to spell against the nation's spellers.

Bill, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier of 2320 Power Road, has never been a champion speller before. He has, however, been among the last nine standing in his grade. Last year's school champion was Maxine Wilkerson, who now attends Royal Oak High School.

Bachelor Trial To Be Held Monday. Russell Bachelor, 18 years old, driver of the car that killed Frances Labaree and injured her 16-year-old sister, Suzanne, Feb. 15 as they crossed Grand River at School street on their way to school, will appear Monday in the circuit court in Pontiac to face charges of negligent homicide.

Suzanne, whose ruptured diaphragm has caused her heart to move over to the right side of her chest, is resting at home until she is strong enough to undergo an operation. When it will be performed is not known. The girl, who is suffering from a cold, which will retard her recovery.

School Building Vote Called



SUPT. BURNS

Will Fournier Resisted Arrest, Awaiting Trial

Because he resisted Deputy Joseph DeVriendt who was trying to arrest him on a drunk and disorderly charge last Saturday night, Bill Fournier of Southfield Township awaits trial in Circuit Court April 21.

DeVriendt was called to arrest Fournier, who was setting up a disturbance in a tavern near the Eight Mile Road and Truck Road. Fournier struck DeVriendt and tried to resist him. This constituted a felony. On this charge, Fournier pleaded guilty and waived examination.

Fournier was sentenced to serve 90 days in the Oakland County Jail by Justice John J. Schulte on the drunk and disorderly charge. Justice Schulte also sentenced Harold Freedline to 60 days in the Oakland County Jail on a charge of having stolen a suit from Fred Gault on March 25. He pleaded guilty.

Louis Roberson of Waterford Township paid \$5 in costs to Justice Schulte on a charge of having been engaged in obscene and indecent exposure in a public place on Elizabeth Lake road one half mile west of Telegraph Road. He was given a suspended sentence.

Former Owner Of Enterprise, E. E. Brown, Dies. Edwin E. Brown of Ann Arbor, owner of The Enterprise in the early 1920's, is dead at the age of 70 years. Mr. Brown died March 23 at his home in Ann Arbor.

Decides The Enterprise, Mr. Brown had owned, or had a part interest in, the Northville Record, the Washtenaw Post Tribune, the Chelsea Standard, the Grass Lake News, the Dundee Reporter, and papers at Fushing, Oregon, Whitehall, Montana, Allegan, Ludington, Morehead, Richmond, Plainfield, and Hollywood, Calif.

A charter member of the University Press club and a former member of the Michigan Press Association, Mr. Brown retired from active newspaper interest in 1928. Mr. Brown had owned 17 newspapers, buying them to put them on a money-making basis, then reselling them. In this way, he gave many a young Michigan editor his start in country journalism.

School Building Vote Called

Electors of Farmington School District No. 5 will have the opportunity to make final decision on Friday of next week on the type of new school building they desire to have in the community. The people will determine, in a special election whether they wish to have the building be merely a new gymnasium, or whether it will be complete, including a domestic science department and modern facilities for community entertainments, and also modern interior work that will finish off the building and keep down maintenance costs.

Opening of bids on second call Monday evening disclosed that the funds on hand will be sufficient to provide only a gymnasium, without either the domestic science department or modern facilities for community entertainments, and also modern interior work that will finish off the building and keep down maintenance costs.

As an alternative to this, the district can, by raising tax limits, have a complete building with gymnasium, auditorium fully equipped, a domestic science room and cafeteria, as well as improved valet parking department, (commonly known as manual training). This will also provide additional classroom space in the present building, as well as including stage lighting and seating equipment, these latter items being absent in the \$74,500 job.

Difference is \$18,353. The difference in cost of the two structures is \$18,353. Bids for the complete building and equipment totaling \$92,853. While it would be possible to add the wings on at a future time, in case the additional funds are not available, it is estimated that the extra cost of making the addition later as a separate undertaking instead of doing the present building, as well as taxes, would be \$5,000 or almost 30 per cent more than if it was done now as one job. The maintenance-saving interior trim, carpeting, tile, and the gymnasium and terrace floor in the locker-room, which sharply reduce cleaning and redecorating costs over a period of years, could not be practically put in later. The stage lighting, if omitted now, could be installed at some later date, but only at considerable extra cost.

Time Limited. Calling of an election at the earliest possible date has been necessitated by urging from the PWA that the project must be speeded up. If the PWA grant is not to be jeopardized, PWA rules requiring that the work be completed within a specified time.

Two Questions. The electors will ballot on two questions. The first will be whether the District No. 5 is to be bonded for an additional \$20,000, which would provide the difference between the complete project and a gymnasium only, with enough remaining to cover all contingencies. On this question only property owners of the district may vote, and a simple majority is enough to carry the proposal.

The second question is whether to authorize an increase of three mills in the present tax limitation annually for the next five years, by which time the building will be paid for. On the mill-tax proposal, not only property owners, but also parents of all children of school age may vote. This tax increase, however, requires a two-thirds majority affirmatively.

The German Beneficial Union will hold a card party Monday night, April 10, at Winter's Garden, Seven Mile Road and Farmington Road. Everyone is invited to come.