

May 4 Set For Vote On Town Hall

Farmington Township electors will go to the polls on Thursday, May 4, to vote on a bond issue of \$10,000 for construction of a town hall building, for which \$27,962 was allotted some time ago by the WPA. The date for the special election was set this week by Township officials.

At the same time, the people of the Township will ballot on two concurrent questions. One is the authorization of an increase of not more than two mills, or two dollars per thousand of valuation on property in the Township, each year for the next five years, to pay off the bond issue. This vote is required by State law, which fixes at 15 mills the limit of property taxation which may be levied in townships, unless increased by vote of the people. A third question is as to whether the Township should purchase a site for the proposed town hall building in a three-acre parcel of land situated on the west side of Orchard Lake Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads, for \$1,500.

On the first two questions, only property-owners may vote. This includes purchasers on land contract. If property is in the name of either a husband or wife only, both may vote. A majority, however small, is sufficient to carry the bond issue, but on raising the mill-tax, a majority of two-thirds is required.

All May Vote

On the purchase of the three-acre proposed site, any registered voter is eligible to cast his ballot.

The cost of the proposed building, which would provide offices, a meeting and ballroom, garage for fire apparatus and living quarters for attendant, is estimated at \$35,000. While objection has been raised that the WPA grant, and \$10,000 (which would not cover construction costs) necessary fees, those urging approval of the issue point to the prospect of sale of the Township's interest in the old town hall building in Farmington and the possibility also of raising money through use of the hall for entertainments, etc.

FRUIT GROWERS FACE LOSS IN PROPOSED LAW

Farm people in the Farmington area stand to lose through limiting movement of their crops to market if two bills now before the Michigan Legislature are passed.

One proposal, introduced in the House as Bill No. 26 and in the Senate as Bill No. 36 would abolish the State Truck Rectitude board, which in its two years existence has removed tariff walls between neighboring states.

The second proposal (House Bill No. 40) would debar trucks the use of highways in Michigan on Sundays and holidays. It contains certain exceptions, one of which excludes trucks loaded with fruits or vegetables. It does not, however, exempt an empty truck enroute to get a load of fruits or vegetables on Sunday or a holiday.

The Michigan Horticultural Society, the State Farm Bureau, the State Grange, and the Farm Union have repeatedly gone on record in opposition to bills which tend to build barriers at Michigan's state line to keep out truckers coming to Michigan to buy Michigan farm products.

The president of the State Farm Bureau, James J. Jankov, also a member of the State Board of Agriculture said on the subject recently, "I am opposed to these and all bills that prevent movement of agricultural products. I believe passage of these bills would be a terrible blow to Michigan farm interests."

Most active in the campaign against anti-truck legislation is the city-operated, non-profit market at Benton Harbor, where 3,500 farmers sell from four to seven million packages of fruit and vegetables a year. Eighty-five percent of that volume moves to consumers in other states, mainly by truck. Growers in that area vigorously oppose any attempt which would restrict movement of their products over state lines, and result in their having to sell more in Michigan in competition on state markets supplied by other Michigan producers.

Letters to the Editor are always welcomed by this newspaper.

Plan One-Man Grand Jury Investigation



Judge JOHN J. SCHULTE



Prosecutor CHARLES L. WILSON

Schulte To Conduct Grand Jury On Public Affairs

Farmington will be the scene of a one-man grand jury investigation into affairs of a number of companies, beginning with matters in the Village of Holly and including also affairs of a number of townships in the County. The probe will be conducted by Judge John J. Schulte of Farmington, acting on a request by Prosecuting Attorney Charles L. Wilson.

Prosecutor Wilson in Farmington Wednesday afternoon filed a petition with Judge Schulte asking him to institute the investigation. Part of the inquiry to be conducted by Judge Schulte will be carried on in Farmington, the remainder in the township villages, where these affairs are under investigation.

Governmental affairs of units in some parts of southern Oakland County may also be included in the one-man grand jury probe. Judge Schulte's investigation is not necessarily limited to any locality named in the petition, but may cover public matters in any territory in the county where an inquiry seems justified, it is stated.

INTEREST SHOWN IN SCHOOL BUILDING VOTE

The balloting Friday on the additional bond issue for a new school building in Farmington has been the object of much interest the past week.

The bond issue was discussed at a meeting in the High School Tuesday evening. Nearly 50 were present to hear the talks given by Archie G. Leonard, Edgar P. Downs, Superintendent of Ferndale schools and Supt. Frodise of Wyandotte educational system. Mr. Leonard sketched the background of the school building problem from the beginning. He explained that WPA regulations and the fact that the project had to be started before January 1 had severely handicapped the architects in making the original cost estimate. It is expected, he said, that the additional 3.8 mill maximum levy which the voters are asked to approve will be completed at a later date as has been suggested.

Supt. Frodise emphasized that the additional facilities which the completed unit would offer to the community would better fit the standards for the modern method of living. The need for the children of today to have wide intellectual experiences as provided by the drama, music and the arts is as great as was the need for reading, and writing in our earlier history," he said.

On Wednesday the Exchange Club voted its support of the proposals and urged an affirmative vote.

News items are always welcome.

See you saw it in The Enterprise.

New School Issue Vote On Friday

Whether Farmington school district and community is to have a complete new building which has been planned and hoped for during the past few years, or will have to be content for the present at least with merely a new gymnasium will be decided at an election Friday afternoon and evening by electors of school district No. 5. The polls will be open from 4:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m., Friday (April 13), for voting on the question of authorizing additional funds to round out the project and provide the complete facilities desired. Voting will be at the school Music Hall, Grand River and School streets.

The question before the people of the district is as to whether funds needed for construction of the complete building which has been planned along with the bond issue goes the question of arranging for payment thereof, with in the next five years, as regulations provide. This requires an increase in the mill-tax limitation of not more than 3.8 per cent of dollars valuation per year on property in the district.

Approval must be given by the balloting on Friday if the new building is to have the space and facilities anticipated when the building was designed, and the community is to be spared the expense of a new building since the project was instituted. Should the proposals fail on Friday, the community will have in the new building only a gymnasium. The complete project includes also domestic science department with cafeteria, a manual training department, lighting of the stage and seats for the auditorium. It includes also modern labor-saving interior finish with tile and concrete floors, and tile wainscoting around the gymnasium. Parents may vote.

On the bond issue, only property owners may vote, and only by majority is required. On increasing the mill-tax limitation, not only property-owners but also parents and guardians who have children on the school census are entitled to vote, but this provision requires a two-third majority. If the proposals are not approved on Friday, construction will start immediately on the gymnasium, with funds provided by the present authorized \$10,000 bond issue. In that event it will be possible to add on later the "wings," those portions of the building which would have to be omitted now. However, estimates of the cost of making the additions later run as high as \$20,000 extra for construction alone. This is because the later work would be done on separate contract. Also the various time and material delays and features such as tiling and terrace floors would still be missing from the building.

Sentenced For Attack on Officer

Harry Barnum of Southfield Township was given a suspended sentence of 60 days in Oakland County jail when he pleaded guilty before Judge Emory Doty to the charge of assaulting Deputy Joseph DeVriendt. The charge which was changed from resisting arrest, a felony, resulted from his conduct when DeVriendt attempted to place him under arrest for drunk and disorderly conduct in a tavern near Truck and Eight Mile roads. The sentence was suspended until Barnum has finished serving the 60 day sentence which he received from Judge John J. Schulte on the drunk and disorderly charge. Judge Doty will then decide whether the second sentence shall be served.

Going Places? - Advertising Offers Many Suggestions

Every one is "Going Places," these days. Dick Powell and Anita Louise are showing the audiences at the Redford Theatre the Hollywood way of "Going Places," and a careful reading of the Enterprise will suggest that many places in Farmington to go for your various needs.

The everyday low prices featured at the A & P make it the place to go, especially now with an 80th Anniversary Sale on, for bargains in food and household necessities. For those women who love to be going places but lack the clothes, Fred L. Cook and Co., offer complete selection of new dresses which will add zest to any wardrobe.

If you are the sort who likes to ramble about the country, on a Sunday afternoon, leave your worries about the family dinner in the efficient care of an Edison electric cooker, service your car at Burnett's Sinclair station and visit the many new homes which are

Paulette Gambee Winner Of School Essay Contest

Paulette Gambee, tenth grade student of Farmington High School will represent the local district in the national contest of the American Youth Forum. Her essay entitled "Are We in Debt?" was chosen by the faculty judging committee to be the best of the 275 essays submitted. Essays by Dick Pauline, Barbara Nash and Dorothy Jackson were given honorable mention and will also compete in the contest for the \$1,000 which is offered by American Magazine.

Miss Gambee's essay sums up all the benefits which America as a nation owes to the people and contrasts these with the unfortunate European situation. Her article stresses the spiritual and moral advantages of democracy as well as the material prosperity of the nation. In assessing her own nation, she points to the social and economic problems which face us.

Mad Dogs Situation Acute

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt is maintaining a strict enforcement of the Oakland County dog quarantine. Any dog found off its owner's premises will be shot. The present ruling requires all dogs to be leashed as well as licensed.

DeVriendt has killed nearly a dozen dogs this week and six were being straying in packs and some were vicious. Dog owners are advised to be on a sharp look-out for symptoms of rabies in their pets as the disease is quite common at this time of the year.

FARMINGTON ACRES PEOPLE SEEK SEWER

Residents of Farmington Acres subdivision at Farmington and Eastland are earnestly endeavoring to obtain the construction of a storm sewer in their district. However, 75 per cent of the taxes due on properties in the subdivision would have to be collected over the previous five years. The plan as outlined would have the Township furnish the necessary labor.

Deputy Supervisor Joe explained that the sewerage district officials are not prepared to make any provision for the Township for a sewer. Residents at the meeting discussed this problem and agreed that they would visit the other property owners to interest them in the project.

BACHELOR STANDS MUTE IN TRAFFIC DEATH HEARING

Russell Bachelor, 18, of Farmington stood mute to a charge of negligent homicide before Judge Frank C. Doty at the Oakland County Circuit Court Monday. His bond was continued until a date is set for his trial. The charge grew out of an accident on Grand River avenue, Feb. 15, which resulted in the death of Frances Labadie and serious injuries to her sixteen old sister, Suzanne.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Frances Labadie, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Labadie of Brookdale avenue, who was seriously injured by an automobile on February 15th has recovered from the cold which threatened to complicate her condition. Suzanne has improved slightly and is able to walk about her home. However, the necessary operation has been delayed until she has gained further weight and strength. She remains cheerful and seems in the best of spirits.

Mrs. William Hogarth leaves for New York City next week where she will study under a prominent color stylist in conjunction with her work as a registered beauty counselor. Her sister, Mrs. Louis Hogarth, of Chicago, will accompany her.

New \$18,000 Grant To Finish Drain

Through approval in Washington this week of an additional allotment of more than \$18,000, the Shawasssee street sewer on which work was suspended three weeks ago because of exhaustion of WPA funds, will in all likelihood proceed to completion within the near future. Approval and allotment of funds by the Michigan Works Progress Administrator still must be received, but it is expected this will be accorded promptly, following the lead of the Washington office.

The mile-long sewer-venting job under construction for several months, runs from a point on Grand River, west of Oakwood Cemetery to the creek crossing on Shawasssee street east of Warner avenue. It is a co-operative project, with the City and State Highway department participating, the County Drain Commissioner also co-operating.

The sewer, which provides both sanitary and storm drainage, has been completed from the outlet at the creek back as far as the Reed Webster residence on Shawasssee street. There the work stopped because no more money for labor was available. Thus the City would have received the major portion of the benefit from the construction even though no more funds were available for completion, since all of the homes sought to be provided with drainage have been cared for by the exception of one. However, completion of the entire job will be beneficial to the City in providing sanitary facilities for whatever homes may be built at the west end of Shawasssee in the future. But in order to function as intended by the Highway Department when the project was instituted, completion would have been essential, since "highway" sewer lines are required to be loyal to her colors. But are we as patriotic as might be expected? How often have we accepted her "thank you's" but we do not do this because many of us are ignorant. We have never been taught. Perhaps you may reply in amazement that America has the finest educational system in the world, but nevertheless I continue to believe that we are often ignorant of facts. We have never realized our good fortune. We have never fired without democracy, or the prospect which comes with democracy. We have never been forced to tolerate dictators or the unrest of mind which accompanies them. Most of us have never seen the horrors of actual war. How then could we realize the opportunities we have been (Continued on back page)

Our Duties

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Heart Attack Fatal To George Schulkins

George F. Schulkins, 63 years old, of 2035 Ten Mile Road died of a heart attack, April 6. Funeral services were held at the Heene Funeral Home by the Masonic Lodge and Rev. E. W. Palmer of Detroit. He was buried in the North Farmington Cemetery.

Mr. Schulkins, a resident of Farmington for 20 years, was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1875. He is survived by wife, Marie, his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Corcoran of Detroit and seven sons, Frank, Charles, Robert, Richard, William, Hugh and James.

Mayor Pro Tem

Commissioner Leo Gildensater will be Mayor Pro Tem of Farmington during the coming two years, having been elected to this position by his colleagues at the organization meeting of the new commission following the recent election.

Sees To Be Required

In all justice cases hereafter in the City of Farmington there will be required a \$50 fee. This applies to all criminal and civil dockets. It has been the custom to charge the fee only in the criminal cases. A motion to this effect by Commissioner Gildensater was approved by the City Commission.

A second part of the motion provides that a statement of all fees and fines collected be turned over to the City Treasurer on or before the first Monday of each month.

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Strong Persuasion

A highly influential factor in persuading the WPA officials to allot funds for completion of the project is the fact that the materials for the complete job were bought in one purchase at the outset. Thus the local officials were able to print the bill against the higher authorities that those supplying the materials had completed their portion of the agreement, and that the materials still remain at the scene of the work, thus available for the use of WPA funds for labor to finish the work.

Will Employ Many

It is expected that a large number of men will be provided with work shortly after completion of a considerable period, through the notice of approval received this week. A message from Washington, confirming work received by Commissioner Gildensater, is in charge of the job, reads as follows:

WASHINGTON—Rep. George A. Dondoro has received word from the Works Progress Administration to the effect that the WPA is authorized to provide for the construction of storm drains with necessary appurtenances along Shawasssee Road in the City of Farmington, and Grand River Avenue in Farmington Township, including excavating, laying pipe, building manholes and headwalls, installing catch basins, backfilling, and performing incidental and appurtenant work.

According to the WPA Administrator, this project is now eligible for operation at the discretion of the State Works Progress Administrator, and is being carried out, governed largely by the availability of funds, the presence of certified relief labor of the types and skills required, and other considerations.

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