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## Schools To Elect on Monday

Voters in nine school districts in this area will go to the polls Monday, to elect members of their various school boards. The elections are held on Monday, July 8, under state regulations.

Some of the meetings will be held in the school houses and others in school board members' homes. The election of Thayer School No. 3, will be held at the home of Joseph Graham, 38185 Nine Mile Road. The term of A. V. Barber, director, has expired.

The term of Walter Heuerleir has expired in Clareville school, No. 5 Fractional. The other Clareville board members are Clarence Barber, Setaik (Ullian) A. W. Earle, and Walter Campbell.

At Noble, No. 6, the terms of Carl Smith and Fred Wilson have ended and they will seek re-election. At Bond school, No. 8, the term of Robert McCrump has expired and a vacancy left by the resignation of Joseph Veit will also be filled.

Walter Tuck will seek re-election to the board of Novi school, No. 8. At Fairview school, No. 4, the term of Ernest Blanchard has expired.

Turn in Petitions

Nominating petitions of three men have been turned in for the Pleson school election. There are four vacancies on the board, and another member will be nominated from the floor on the night of the election. The three men who have filed petitions are Ernest Asg for the regular term and Walter Krenkow and Carson Baldwin to fill the vacancies. The petitions were created by the resignation of Jesse Ziegler and Albert Nacker. At Grace school, Southfield No. 9, the terms of Roland Shapen, president, and Geo. Esler, have expired. Earl Banks is seeking re-election to the board of Novi school, No. 2.

Following the elections each school district will hold an annual meeting for the discussion of school business.

## FIREMAN URGE EXTRA CAUTION OVER HOLIDAYS

Safety tips for holiday pleasure-seekers, with emphasis on Fourth of July hazards, are given by the Oakland County Firemen's Association. The firemen warn that high explosive powders are dangerous and explode before one has a chance to take an adieu precaution as to the direction of throwing or shooting. They warn that fireworks which become uncontrollable and may cause a great deal of damage to property and to property by setting fire to houses, buildings and dry grass. They advise people fire extinguishers can reach the driver.

In preventing such fires and personal damage the firemen suggest that explosives be handled only by persons old enough to understand their action. If you must enjoy the gaiety of this patriotic American celebration and do not thoroughly understand the damage it may cause, attend one of the many Fourth of July celebrations in which fireworks are handled by men with experience. They will assure you and everyone of a good time without the loss of sight and life or damage to property. Those who take part in their own individual celebrations are not aware of the dangers to the least experienced fireworks shooter.

## Riding Academy to Hold Rodeo Sunday, July 7

The Wallied Lake Riding Academy will hold a rodeo and horse show at their premises, 13 Mile and Novi Roads, Sunday, July 7. There will be bucking horses, trick and fancy riding, roping, racing, dancing, etc. An additional attraction will be trained horses from radio station WLNS, Chicago, and a trained mule.

## OIL LANDS MAY BE LEASED

Leasing of more than 20,000 acres of state-owned land for wildcat gas and oil exploration, and development will be considered by the state conservation commission meeting in Charlevoix, July 1 and 2.

The lands which oil operators have and be leased at public auction are located in A-1, Jan county and nine central Michigan counties.

## For Late Depositors



## Bank To Install "After Hour" Deposit System

A new system whereby merchants of Farmington and the surrounding district may deposit money in the Farmington State Bank after regular banking hours will be started next week, according to Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier. There have been a good many requests for this service from merchants who take in cash and checks during the hours of nights, Sundays, and holidays, when the bank is not open to receive the deposits.

Briefly described, this new service equipment consists of a heavy bronze-trimmed receiver, shown in the above picture, built into the solid wall of the banking house on the Grand River side. From this Receiver, or Depository Head, there extends through the building wall to the inside of the bank a heavy steel chute, which connects with a heavy steel safe located within the workspace of the bank.

Each local business man, who could and should use this Depository service, signs a Service Card with the bank and is given a heavy, zipped envelope, metal studded zipper depository bag, with padlock and individual key, as well as a key to the Depository Receiver.

At the close of a business day, or during Sunday or any Holiday, each of these various business men counts up the Cash and Checks he has on hand, puts them in his Depository bag, padlocks the bag, and drives by the Bank, unlocks the street receiver with his individual key, pulls down the receiver, places his locked bag therein, and lets go. Instantly his valuables pass into the heavy steel safe within the bank building. The next banking day, the officials of the bank open the Depository Receiver.

## Summer Parade of Shopping Hits Listed by Merchants

A mid-summer bit parade of shopping values is being staged in Farmington's stores and residents may find an unlimited number of bargains on summer necessities.

Nearly every store has something to offer especially for vacationists. Get your shopping done early and it will pay well to visit the stores before leaving on your vacation trip.

Whether you are planning a trip or just going to stay at the hotel, there are lots of cool clothes this summer. The Fred L. Cook store is popular with shoppers because they know that they are buying the highest quality clothing. And the prices are guaranteed not to make buyer's temperature rise.

Speaking of high temperatures how would you like to make your home 7 to 14 degrees cooler? You can do it with a fan cooling system as advertised by Detroit Edison Company. Users say "it's like sleeping outdoors."

Call of the West

A day of fun and entertainment is being planned at Wallied Lake Riding Academy, 13 Mile and Novi Roads, Sunday, July 7. They're going to hold a rodeo, with bucking broncos, trick and fancy riding, roping, trained horses, and

toy safe, take-out the locked bags each bearing the name and number of its owner, take these locked bags to the teller's cage, where each owner claims his bag signs a receipt for it, unlocks it, removes the contents, and makes his deposit in the regular manner.

The Receiving Head, connecting chute, and steel safe are all electrically protected against burglars' attack. Mr. Knickerbocker said the new system will be ready to go into operation the early part of next week.

Further data as to the construction, operation, and total purpose of this up-to-the-minute commercial service, as well as arrangements for its use will be given to any responsible party upon request at the bank. The new service is being installed by the Q. B. McClintock Company, of Mineapolis.

## Garden Club to Hold Garden Party

The Farmington Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association are entertaining the Northville branch at a boxed lunch and garden party Monday, July 8, at the home of Mrs. P. C. Gebornick, 1112 Farmington Road.

At eleven o'clock, Members and guests are urged to wear sport clothes so as to be able to take part in all events planned for the day.

## NOTICE

The Visual Aid Piano Classes, which have been holding sessions at Farmington Public Schools, under the direction of Miss Hanka, have been discontinued for the summer.

plenty of cowboys and cowgirls. Better put on your best Western draw and come on out.

When you are planning week end meals or picnics don't forget that crowning touch—ice cream. Get wholesome, full-flavored ice cream in many delicious flavors from Farmington Dairy. Their other dairy products will please you too.

Nothing will add more to your household than a dependable Handley Brown automatic water heater. You need hot water dozens of times during the day.

With one of these dependable heaters, featured in Consumers Power Co., you can have it any time, day or night.

An imposing array of moving pictures will be shown next week at the Redford Theater. Beginning Friday, July 5, and running through Sunday, the Redford presents "The Doctor Takes a Wife" with Loretta Young and Ray Milland, and "Viva Ciccio Kid" with Cesar Romera as the "Kid." Moving in Monday for a four day stay through Sunday, the Redford presents Spencer Tracy as Capt. Rogers, and Joe Penner's latest effort, "Millionaire Playboy."

## City Moves Offices to New Quarters

City officials were preparing this week to move into their new quarters in the recently acquired City Hall building. Farmington's municipal offices will occupy the white-fronted stone building on Grand River avenue formerly occupied by the People's State Bank.

The building has undergone general repairs and redecoration during the past two weeks in preparation for occupancy by the various city offices. The interior was touched up wherever small repairs were needed, and last week workers were busy on the exterior facing Grand River avenue.

The City purchased the building in May for \$7,500 through Tom S. Edwards, receiver of the People's State Bank, in addition to the cash consideration, the City assumed delinquent taxes, unpaid since 1921 and amounting to \$2,546.41. A loan to the City of \$8,000 was approved by the Public Debt Commission of Michigan.

The new quarters will house the various city offices, previously scattered throughout the City. These include the City Clerk's office, the City Treasurer's office, and the Deputy Sheriff's office.

The City records, formerly stored above the fire hall, will be transferred to the vaults of the new building where they will be easily accessible to city officials.

The City Commission will hold its meetings in the new quarters. Their first meeting will probably be held there next week, although the exact date of the July meeting has not been announced.

## ANNUAL REUNION OF Y.P.L.U. HELD LAST SATURDAY

The ninth annual reunion of the Young People's Literary Union of the North Farmington was held on its 40th anniversary, Saturday, June 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. McCracken. It was in the McCracken home that six of the first members met on June 9, 1897, and organized the original society.

Eleven members and thirty-six friends were present for the co-operative luncheon served at one o'clock. One looking in and noting the enthusiasm in great part conversation, would little think that so many years of companionship had passed. At the close of the dinner, a moving picture of the group was taken by Harold McCracken.

At mid-afternoon the meeting was called to order, and Harry McCracken was called to the chair. He voiced the feeling of the Society in his tribute to the president, Edgar Moore, whose death occurred at Okemos on June 13.

The routine business being disposed of an original poem, "The Wife's Lament," written by T. Francis Drake of Portland Oregon, was read. Mrs. Hattie Everett read a poem by Edgar Guest on "Old Friends," and Frank N. Steele in a very entertaining way, told the story of his teaching experiences. Vera Blanchard gave an interesting account of her winter in the South, and Mrs. Ella Fish read a selection entitled "Food For Thought." All added much to the day's entertainment.

H. N. McCracken was made president, and Mary S. Green, secretary and Treasurer. The invitation to the next meeting, to be at his home the last Saturday in June, 1941, was accepted. This will be the Golden Jubilee, and should claim the attention of every member.

As ever, Mr. and Mrs. McCracken proved themselves the perfect host and hostess.

## Former Resident Is Married to Evert Man

Wilda Mae Young, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Young, formerly of Farmington and now of Detroit, and Donald Earl Comer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Comer of Evert, Michigan, were united in marriage at a ceremony performed by the Rev. E. W. Palmer at the Gratiot Avenue Baptist church in Detroit, June 23.

Mrs. Virgil Rice (Imogene Young) was her sister's only attendant, and Mr. Rice acted as best man.

Following a reception at the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Comer left for their home in Evert.

## Baseball League Provides Summer Fun for Youth

A baseball program which will provide fun for a number of young boys in Farmington and this vicinity throughout the summer is underway. The teams, sponsored by Michigan National Youth Administration, are formed into leagues, with each league playing on a separate schedule. The Farmington teams are in a league with South Lyon, Redford Union School, Novi, and Clareville.

Paul Shoemaker, Farmington high school coach, has charge of the teams here. Boys from 14 to 18 years of age are eligible. He conceived by Orin W. Kaye, state administrator of the NYA, since last February. Mr. Phipps, former New York Yankee star, has been traveling up and down the state organizing these youthful teams, so that now as the call of

## Start Book 8 in Scavenger Sale

The last properties listed in Book 7 will be offered for sale at the Oakland County office of the State "scavenger sale" during the coming week, and Book 8 will be started.

The schedule:

Monday, July 8—Beginning with lands in Ford Oak Subdivision on page 53, pages 54, 55, 56, 57, and through land in Glenlake Subdivision on page 58 of Book VII.

Tuesday, July 9—Beginning with land in Glendwell Subdivision on page 58, pages 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and through land in Golf View Park Subdivision on page 64, completing Book VII.

Wednesday, July 10—Beginning with land in Grampan Hills Subdivision on page 3, pages 4, 5, and through land in Assessor's Grand River Homes State Subdivision on page 6 of Book VIII.

Thursday, July 11—Beginning with land in Grand River Oaks Subdivision on page 6, pages 7, 8, 9, 10, and through land in Green Lake Allotment on page 11 of Book VIII.

Friday, July 12—Beginning with land in Greenough Heights Subdivision on page 11 and pages 12, 13, 14, 15, and through land in Hichman's John R. Gardens Subdivision on page 16 of Book VIII.

## NEW BANDMASTER TO HOLD PRACTICE DURING SUMMER

Mr. Eward V. Ayres, new principal of Farmington high school and leader of the school band, has announced that all boys and girls from the fifth grade up who are interested in playing in the band, should report to the school music house.

The music house will be open on Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m. from now on. On Wednesday, July 10, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Ayres said he would be glad to talk to any parents concerning band instruments. Any alumni or other person who plays an instrument is invited to attend the practices and play with the band.

## Airline Representative Is Kiwanis Speaker

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Wednesday evening the program was to have been presented by a representative of United Airlines. It was planned to have a moving picture shown, entitled "Flashes of the Air." Programs for the month of July are under the direction of Jack Warner.

The Kiwanis club will continue their weekly meetings throughout the summer.

## MASQUERS PLAN PICNIC

The Masquers, Farmington dramatic club, will hold a picnic meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilhoite in Wallied Lake, Wednesday evening, July 10. The club is working on the selection of a play to be presented next fall.

## Board Names Blanchard Supervisor

Ernest Blanchard is the new Supervisor of Farmington Township, succeeding Arthur P. Coe. Blanchard was appointed to the Supervisors' post by the Township Board, at a special meeting Monday evening.

Blanchard will serve as Supervisor until after the regular annual election next April. In accepting the appointment Blanchard promised to do everything in his power to serve the best interests of the residents of the Township, and to do so at all times. He said he would welcome the chance to "talk things over" and to hear advice or criticisms on the conduct of his duties.

## Urges Attendance

He urged more residents to attend the meetings of the Township Board and to take an active part in deciding problems and issues which come before the Board.

Immediately following his appointment Mr. Blanchard resigned as Justice of the Peace and was sworn into his new office by Clerk Harry N. McCracken. The appointment of Blanchard as Supervisor was unanimous with the three other members of the Board, Harry McCracken, Treasurer Herald Cox, and Justice Frank Steele. The name of Isaac Bond was also brought up for consideration by the Board, by several members of the audience. Bond is a former Supervisor of the Township.

No action was taken by the Board to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Blanchard, and it is expected that this position will be made at a later meeting.

## HARRY J. RICHMAN DIES OF SUDDEN HEART ATTACK

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Harry J. Richman, well-known Farmington resident, who died Monday morning. Mr. Richman's death came as the result of a sudden heart attack.

He had lived in Farmington for seven years. He was born in Commerce Township and for 12 years lived in Lansing, where he operated a grocery store. He was a representative of the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company. In Farmington, when he first came to Farmington he was employed by the Standard Oil Company and for a time worked with both the oil concern and the insurance firm. He and Mrs. Richman lived at 3201 Orchard street. He was 58 years old.

Funeral services were conducted by members of the Novi Old Fellows Lodge at the Heeneey Funeral Home. Rev. Gilbert A. Miles officiated and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, Milford.

Mr. Richman is survived by his wife, Fanny, and two brothers, L. B. Richman, of Lansing, and H. S. Richman, of Commerce.

## Gloria Crawford Graduates With Honors

Miss Gloria Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crawford, formerly of Farmington was graduated from Denby High School, Detroit, on June 20, receiving the highest honors. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the class of 439 students, she received a subscription to the Readers' Digest, and for her high record as a student, she was awarded a scholarship to Michigan State University. Mr. Crawford will be remembered as a former principal of Farmington High School, and is now 2nd Assistant Principal in the Burroughs Intermediate School in Detroit.

## Cemetery to Hold All-Day "Clean-up" Bee

An all-day "clean-up bee" will be held Saturday, July 13, at the North Farmington cemetery. It has been announced that the school district is invited to come and bring a shovel, pruning shears, or other tools, and the day will be spent in cleaning up and putting the cemetery grounds in good shape. Meals will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the North Farmington Cemetery Association.

"play ball" is heard, thousands will take the field to enjoy America's national pastime.

To Hold Tournaments

The boys will play a schedule of about ten games, which will take them through the latter part of August. Then the winners of each league will play in regional tournaments leading to a state tournament to decide the championship.

But the spirit of championship competition is not the main purpose of the program. That is to introduce the grand old game of baseball to a rising generation.

"Win if you can," the boys have been told, "but don't be discouraged if you don't. Get out there and enjoy the thrill of playing and in building robust bodies."

The youngsters will have adult backing throughout their season. In addition to the local adult sponsors, the NYA will offer help and instruction from three baseball commissioners, all men trained in baseball and physical education. They are John H. Kobs, coach of baseball at Michigan State college; Judson A. Hyames, director of athletics at Western State Teachers college; and Lloyd W. Olds, director of track and intramural sports at Michigan State Normal.

These three commissioners will travel about the state during the season instructing the youngsters in the proper way to field, bat and throw and give any other training advice necessary.

## Winners Get Trophies

Every boy who plays will receive instruction booklets issued by the NYA and compiled by Coach Kobs. In addition the winning teams of the various leagues will receive gold and silver trophies which have been contributed by such baseball notables as Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics; Babe Ruth, "the king of swat"; Clark Griffith, of the Washington Senators; Del Baker and Charlie Gehring of the Detroit Tigers; Kiki Cuyler, Mayor Florenz LaGuardia of New York City and others.

Each team is supervised by three older boys ranging in age from 18 to 25 years. They hold the titles of manager, coach and umpire respectively. All of them are on NYA project rolls and receive pay for their work during the season. In addition to having the trophies and equipment, they also will coach the players, umpire the games and keep the diamonds in condition.

## ELDERLY COUPLE LOSE LIVES IN WRECK SATURDAY

Two lives were claimed Saturday afternoon in a collision between a car driven by James R. Potts, 78, accompanied by his wife, and a truck driven by John Price, 23, of 32729 Oakland Road, Farmington.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Potts succumbed to injuries received when they drove from the office of a lumber company on Orchard Lake in Sylvan Lake Village into the path of Price's truck.

## Price Released

Price was released after making a statement to the prosecutor's office. He declared he was unable to avoid striking the Potts automobile, overturning it and throwing Mrs. Potts onto the highway.

Retired from business for the past several years, Mr. Potts, 78, one time was associated with newspapers throughout Michigan.

## Simpler School Aid Formula Introduced

A simpler formula for distributing State aid to public schools has been announced by Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction. The new formula would divide school districts into three classes. Class one would be composed of districts that have a population over 125,000. Class two, from 10,000 to 125,000, and class three, less populous districts.

Classes one and two would receive a flat percentage of school aid under his proposed formula. Elliott said. The distribution of the money on the basis of the number of children of school age in each district.

Class three schools, he continued, would "get their share on a straight, out-and-out equalization basis." Rather than school officials, they would draw their aid on the basis of need.