

## Election Boards Are Designated

Election boards to officiate at the two Farmington Township polling places in the coming election Monday, April 7, were named at a meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening.

The boards consist of five sane persons who have served for the past several elections. They are: Precinct One, Ward Eagle; Will Morris, Jay Button, Susie Seeley and Betty McIntyre. Precinct Two, Frances Billings, Isabelle Menke, Louise Brown, Harry Shafst, and Louise White.

Only three contests have developed in the Township election. Herald Cox, incumbent Republican treasurer, will be opposed by Mrs. Ebel C. Smith, Democrat; Harry McCracken, incumbent Republican clerk, will run against Joseph Vekol, Democrat and Harry Christman, Democrat will face Mrs. Elsie McCullough, Republican, in the race for justice of peace, to fill vacancy.

Frank N. Steele, incumbent Democratic Justice, is unopposed for reelection to the full-term Justice post. Ernest Blanchard will seek reelection as Supervisor of the Republican ticket; Everett J. Cooley, Republican is running again for commissioner of highways and Charles Heise, Republican, is again a candidate for the Board of Review.

The four candidates for constable posts, all Republicans, are Franklin C. Loy, Grant Helker, William LaForge, and Lloyd Leazum.

Township voters will also cast ballots for the number of state offices and will vote on two proposed amendments to the State Constitution.

## KIWANIS CLUB WILL BE HOST TO WOMAN'S CLUB

The Kiwanis club will host Wednesday evening at a joint meeting with the Farmington Woman's Club. Additional guests will be the wives of the Kiwanians and the husbands of the members of the Woman's Club.

The program is to be under the direction of Leo Gildemeister, Kiwanis program chairman for March. Guest speaker will be a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Members of the club will attend a special religious drama, "St. Claudia" to be presented Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. This program is open to the community, according to Rev. Carl Schütz and everybody is invited to attend. There will be no charge, but an offering will be taken. The drama presents the tragic events surrounding the trial of Christ's wife, according to the Bible, and the final stage to be played at the Jensen Field House at East Lansing.

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John Olson, comptroller of General Mills company, of Indianapolis, was the speaker at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday. His talk concerned the mental attitude necessary to successful business and the four roads to a successful mental attitude. Olson mentioned these as (1) vision, (2) initiative, (3) persistence, and (4) resourcefulness.

Five members of the club, Leo Gildemeister, Vic Blakeslee, Dr. H. W. Potts, Fred Menke, Jr. and Donald Cook participated in the Kiwanis bowling tournament at Flint last week.

## New Serial Opens Friday and Saturday at Civic

Big doings are scheduled for the Civic Theatre Friday and Saturday when the new serial "Adventures of Captain Marvel" opens. The picture concerns the adventures of Captain Marvel, a being possessed of superhuman powers. Scene of the action is in the deep jungles of Siam, and each chapter is packed with thrills.

Kids can become "members in good standing" of the Captain Marvel Club by filling out a membership blank, which appears elsewhere in this newspaper.

## Farms Thrive in County Despite Urban Development

Agriculture, instead of retreating in the face of urban development in Oakland County, has actually increased since the 1930 census, according to an analysis of the 1940 census figures made by Congressman George A. Dondero, of Royal Oak.

The 1940 census shows 4,056 farms with a total of 315,107 acres as compared to 2,405 farms with a total of 236,093 acres in 1930, an increase of 1,651 in the number of farms and 159,014 in farm acreage. In 1935 there were 3,995 farms in Oakland County with a total of 287,360 acres. This indicates the withdrawal of 22,935 acres from agricultural use during the period 1935 to 1940, but an increase of 41 in the number of farms.

Investment increases. Despite steady urban growth, agriculture is still a major industry in Oakland County, representing in 1940 an investment of \$32,492,578 in farm land and buildings and \$2,858,177 in farm implements and machinery, a total of \$35,350,755 devoted to the business of farming.

In 1930 the average Oakland County farm contained 118.8 acres. Since that time there has been a decrease in the average farm size, the average figure for 1935 being 81.9 acres and for 1940, 85.5 acres. In 1939 the farmers of Oakland County had 137,704 acres in crop as compared to 142,697 in 1934 and 108,721 in 1929, an increase of 28,973 acres over 1929. Crop failures involved 3,024 acres in 1939 in contrast to 7,487 acres in 1934.

In 1940 the average value of land and buildings per farm was \$5,238, or a decrease of \$14,812 from the 1930 average of \$25,110. The 1940 farm valuation, a total of \$2,125,930,000, an increase of \$2,010 over the 1935 average of \$2,058.

Trend to Ownership. In Oakland County, 2,647 of the county's 4,056 farms are operated by owners, 356 by part owners, 49 by managers, and 954 by tenants. In 1940, 23.6 per cent of Oakland County's farms were operated by tenants as compared to 21.1 per cent in 1935 and 25.9 per cent in 1930, showing a definite trend toward owner operation.

As to size, 1,465 farms consist of 29 acres or less; 222 range between 30 and 49 acres and 827 between 50 and 99 acres. This approximates two-thirds of Oakland County's 4,056 farms, or 2,762, are under 100 acres in size; the remainder range in size from 100 to 1,000 acres or more. Oakland County has 463 farms of 500 to 999 acres; 13 between 750 and 999 acres and four of 1,000 acres or more.

## GEORGE CRAM TO SPEAK HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

A meeting of great interest to Farmington people will be held next Thursday evening, March 27, at eight o'clock in the Farmington High School cafeteria.

The meeting, which is sponsored by the Farmington Young Republican Club, is to be in the form of an open forum and discussion. Mr. George A. Cram, of Pontiac, Republican candidate for State Supreme Court, will be the guest speaker. Also attending will be Earl Clark, County Drain Commissioner, who will speak briefly in behalf of Leroy Smith, Republican candidate for State Highway Commissioner.

A special invitation is being issued to all candidates participating in the election on April 7, in both the City and Township, to attend. In addition, there will be a local speaker furnished.

The evening will be closed with a round-table discussion, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Stores Featuring Early Spring Shopping Values

Early spring shopping values are beginning to be seen in many stores in Farmington, and it won't be long before the last sign of winter stock has been tucked away.

Annual housecleaning is always a sign of spring and the best way to get the finishing touch on your housecleaning campaign is to touch up the dark corners of the house with paint. Pittsburgh paints are of the highest quality. See a color chart of Pittsburgh paint at Hatten's Farmington Hardware.

Proper lighting can mean a big difference in the profits of a store or business concern. Names in lights are names noticed. The Detroit Edison lighting staff will tell you how to get your share of the buying.

For work clothes that can really stand the graft, give Fred L. Cook's a try. They have specialities on all sorts of heavy duty clothing, including overalls, coveralls, and rubber boots.

You won't find better meat prices than at Hamlin's Market.

## Clarenceville To Build New School

Ground may be broken in the near future for a sorely-needed new school building in Clarenceville. By an overwhelming vote of 119 to 4 Clarenceville school electors Monday night approved the transfer of \$40,000 from the school district's general fund, to the building and site fund, to be used for the construction of the new building.

The \$40,000, according to Superintendent M. J. Beiser, represents what the district has saved by selling their bonds at a discount, and by the collection of interest.

The new school will be constructed on Mitchell Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads, across from the school's athletic field. It will be two stories in height, constructed of cinder block interior and brick exterior.

It will house grades seven, eight, nine and ten, relieving overcrowded conditions in the present building. At present the Clarenceville school on Eight Mile has grades from one to ten and the Edgewood school on one six has grades the last four grades are transferred to the new building, the remaining six grades of the Clarenceville school will be divided into two sections each, Mr. Beiser said.

At least five new teachers will be hired when the new building is completed.

Due to the rapid growth of population in the Clarenceville district, Mr. Beiser said he believed the new school will be filled to capacity from the time it opens.

The Clarenceville school board was to meet Thursday evening to select the architects the go-ahead given to start work on the new building. Architects are Krouph and Jensen, Detroit. It is hoped to have the new school ready for occupation by the time school opens next fall.

## MRS. ALBERT BEALS TO HEAD P.T.A. NEXT YEAR

The Farmington Parent Teachers' Association held their election of officers Tuesday evening in the High School auditorium.

New officers for the year are as follows: President, Mrs. Albert Beals; Father Vice President, Eddie Alexander; Mother Vice President, Mrs. Orville Dunkley; High School teacher Vice President, Miss Geraldine Budge; Grade School teacher Vice President, Miss Hope Duffels; Secretary, Miss Eleanor Meagher; Treasurer, Gladys McKay and Historian, Mrs. Richard Erickson.

Following the election, open house was held at the school and displays of work in the various classes were observed by the parents.

## Man and Baby Killed as Cars Crash in Snowstorm

A Detroit man and a baby met death in the head-on collision of two automobiles early Monday on Grand River near New Hudson. They were Knute Frankson, 50, of 234 Howard street, Detroit, and William, 3-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Hollis, 73 Kendall street.

Frankson, with whom the Hollis family was riding, was blinded by snow. The other car was driven by Walter Beismann, 20, of Hastings, Michigan.

## Mother of C. Aldrich Dies at Dayton, Ohio

Word was received this week of the death of Mrs. Aldrich, mother of Clarence Aldrich, in Dayton, Ohio. She was 50 years old, and had been ill for some time.

She is survived by a brother, aged 86, eight children, 24 grand-children and 20 great-grandchildren.

## W.C.T.U. To Hear 17th District President

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the W. C. T. U. Christian Temperance Union will be held Tuesday, March 25, at the home of Miss Helen Hard on Wilmarth avenue. Mrs. Anna Cook will lead the devotional exercises, and Mrs. W. H. Irwin, of Rosedale, will present a picture of the 17th District of Michigan, will speak. The meeting will begin at two o'clock.

## Seniors Again Top High School Honor Roll

The Senior class swung back to first place in the Farmington high school race for study honors by placing 18 of their members on the semester honor roll, released this week by Principal E. V. Ayres.

Last semester the seniors finished last with the freshmen separately taking over the position, but this was almost reversed this semester as the freshmen slipped back to third place. The Junior class came in second with 16 winning honors and the Sophomores were in the center with 10 on the roll.

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Mrs. Hall was one of a group of 15 members, including Mrs. Edgerly Jeffrey, wife of the District Mayor, who were stricken. Mrs. Hall was taken to St. Carmel Mercy Hospital where she remained until Wednesday when she returned to her home.

Approximately 25 women attended the District golf meeting and were served a luncheon at 1 p. m. Less than an hour later, several became nauseated. Within a few minutes, with the exception of only seven, all the women became ill.

Samples of the food were taken to the Board of Health. Preliminary tests failed to show what was wrong with the food. However, the tests showed that nothing of a poisonous nature had been put in any of the dishes.

Board of Health officials said they believed the colic cases stem from a bacteria poison in which case it might take considerable time to ascertain the cause.

## Station WCAR to Move to New Place on the Dial

Radio station WCAR, Pontiac, will be heard at a new spot on the radio dial and after Saturday, March 29. The new frequency for WCAR will be 1130 kilocycles, instead of the present 1160.

March 29 will be radio "Moving Day" throughout the nation, when 50 per cent of all broadcast stations will have new places on the dial. Of \$82 broadcasters in the country, 795 are scheduled to change.

New frequencies of other stations in the Detroit metropolitan area are as follows: WJR, 460; WTVZ, 630; CIGLW, 670; WXZZ, 1270; WJLB, 1490; WJDK, 1490; and WEXL, Royal Oak, 1340.

The governments of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Haiti have been planning this reallocation for three years. It will bring better reception of programs and reduce interference from outside the United States.

Persons with manual tuning radios will simply tune in WCAR at 1130, and other stations at their new places on the dial, but those owning push-button tuning radios will need to have the buttons reset.

## Information Sought Regarding James Shaw

An endeavor is being made to trace James Shaw, born in County Londonderry, Ireland, about a hundred years ago. He married and settled in Farmington. Undoubtedly, he is long since dead, but he may have had some children who are living yet. Heirs are being sought to an estate worth about \$25,000.

Anyone having information is requested to communicate with John J. Dwyer, attorney at law, 40 Wall Street, New York City.

## Candidates Again Top High School Honor Roll

The complete honor roll: Edward Barrons, George Brykalski, Dean Coolman, Paulette Gamba, Clyde Greenman, Mary Good, Laura Lahn, Patricia Lapham, Margaret Lench, Gordon Nelson, James Norton, Ebel Pink, Francis Powell, Roy Roland, Dorothy Smith, Norma Wassburn, Phyllis Wehrly, Arnold Werschlin.

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## Civic Theatre to Show March of Time Newsreel

The Civic Theatre will show a March of Time newsreel entitled "Arms and the Men, U.S.A." on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, according to manager E. J. Hobler. The feature is extremely timely. Being a detailed picture of the present and potential strength of the nation's armed forces.

## Candidates Turn in Petitions

Petitions for several city offices have been turned in, according to Harry Moore, city clerk, and a number of additional petitions are still being circulated. All petitions must be turned in by March 27, Moore said. The election will be held Monday, April 7.

To date the following petitions have been received, bearing the required signatures of qualified voters: Mrs. Avis Jantzen for city treasurer; Emory O. Hatten, for City Commissioner; Howard Otis, for City Commissioner; Earl McManus, constable; Norman Barrons, Constable; Clinton Wilber, for Board of Review and Harrison Johnson, for Board of Review.

Four other candidates for office have also been named for election as trustees: Mayor LeGuldemister, Clerk Harry Moore, Commissioner Harold Oldenburg and Justice of Peace John J. Scheute, will seek reelection. Francis Davis and Carl Heale will also be candidates for election as trustees.

The names of a number of candidates for state offices will also appear on the ballots. The offices are State Highway Commissioner, two Justices of the Supreme Court, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and three Circuit Judges.

Two proposed amendments to the State Constitution will be submitted a general vote on the state ballot. Proposal No. 1, if approved, would require that signers of petitions proposing amendments to the state constitution be qualified and registered electors; would provide for the determination of the validity of such petitions; would provide for the regulation of the circulation of such petitions; would provide that the legislature may prescribe penalties for the affixing of any fictitious or forged name to any petition; and would provide for the summarization of such amendments on the ballots for submission to the electors.

## WILMA GRAHAM MARRIED TO ROY SONGER

Miss Wilma Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham of North Farmington, became the bride of Roy Songer, son of Mrs. Clara Songer of Detroit, at a pretty ceremony performed Saturday evening, March 17, at eight o'clock at the Farmington Methodist church. Rev. Delmore C. Stubbs performed the service. The occasion also marked the 20th wedding anniversary of the bride's parents.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a dress of white organza over ivory satin. The dress was fashioned with a train. She wore a tiara crown with fingertip veil and carried a bridal bouquet of white roses and baby's breath.

Miss Thelma Graham, twin sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and wore a dress of blue tulle with a crown and veil. She carried a bouquet of red and white roses and baby's breath.

Mrs. Pearl Skinner of Detroit, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and wore pink tulle with matching veil and carried yellow roses and baby's breath.

Mrs. Skinner's daughter, June, was flower girl. She wore aquamarine and carried a white flower basket filled with rose petals.

Mr. Songer was assisted by William Holl of Detroit, as best man, and Arnold Miller acted as groomsmen.

Ushers were Paul Songer, of Detroit, Arnold Miller, Maurice Graham, a cousin of the bride, and Clyde Graham, the bride's brother. Irving Wick of Walled Lake, accompanied by Norman Jorgensen of Detroit, sang two numbers, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" and "I Love You Truly."

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Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the Graham home for seventy friends and relatives, present from Indiana, Leslie, Powlesville, Howell, Holly, Detroit, Walled Lake and Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Songer are making their home in the Collingwood Apartments on Oakland avenue.

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## Mary Lou Fanzini Married February 28

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The couple were married by Rev. MacRae of Nott, on February 28. They are making their home on Geneva street in Pontiac, while they are building a new home.