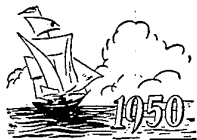


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A comparatively large vote was cast in the Biennial Spring Election held April 4, as residents of the City and Township of Farmington went to the polls to elect local and state officials.

The heaviest percentage vote was in the City with 705 voters going to the polls out of a total of 998 registered. The greatest interest seemed to center around the race for the City Commission. Six candidates filed nominating petitions for the three commission posts. Kenn Loomis and Emory O. Hatton, incumbents, were re-elected. James W. Cavanaugh, a resident of the newly annexed Floral Park

Peace. They were the only two candidates running for the office. Candidates for the offices of Township Treasurer, Member of the



H. McCracken, Twp. Clerk

Board of Review and Constable were automatically elected as they were unopposed.



DELOS HAMLIN, Mayor

GRASS FIRES HIT RECORD

(From the issue of March 24, 1949)
A total of 21 calls were made by the Farmington Fire Department over a three day period last week

end as an epidemic of grass fires swept the city and township area. The great bulk of the calls were to areas of the Township. The 21 calls cover the period from Saturday through Monday. Farmington (town) were almost continually on the go during the three day period, with the new Township fire fighting truck and the old fire truck seeing plenty of action.

The record number of calls was due largely to the dry, warm weather over the week end. Fires started in grass areas quickly spread out of control, taxing fire fighting facilities to a maximum. Several times during the period both fire trucks of the Township were out on calls while other calls were coming in.

In spite of cautionary warnings issued to the public about starting unnecessary grass or rubbish fires, many of the calls answered by the local fire fighters were not only unnecessary, since the blazes were out when the apparatus arrived, but even caused hardship in other cases.

The hazard was that several times when all the fire fighting equipment was out on call, other requests for assistance kept coming in. At one time, The Enterprise learned, there were two calls for the fire department waiting while the equipment was on other calls.

APPOINT HEALTH OFFICERS

(From the issue of May 19, 1949)
Dr. Joseph Goddard and Dr. Theodore Ling were appointed Township Health Officers by the Farmington Township Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. John Vos, at the regular meeting of the Board held Tuesday evening.

The two doctors are associated in the same office, and were both appointed so that one or the other would be available at all times. It was explained by the Board, Dr. Vos resigned last month in protest to the Board for what he called the continuance of "unsanitary conditions" in the township. He charged that the Board had failed to take action on recommendations he has made during his term of office.

A large group of residents of the Township appeared before the Board to protest the erection of certain dwellings in the southeastern section of the Township. Protests were registered concerning lack of plumbing and other inspections. No definite action was taken by the Board, although Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, offered to do what he could in settling any individual questions. Blanchard did agree that some type of system of building permits and inspections would be a good thing in the Township. He pointed out, however, that he was not speaking for the Board.

SCHOOL INTEREST LIGHT

(From the issue of June 15, 1949)
One of the lightest votes in the history of the Farmington and Clarencville School Districts was recorded Monday in the Annual Election of Board members.

Only 301 votes were cast in the Farmington School District out of a total of approximately 1,600 vot-

ers. Two ballots were spoiled, according to the Farmington Election Board. Only 412 votes were cast in the Clarencville School District election out of approximately 1,400 registered voters. The Clarencville election board declared 11 ballots spoiled and 2 void.

Samuel B. Turner lead the voting in the Farmington School District with 190 votes. Curt Hall was the other Board Member elected with 175 votes. Incumbent Frank Labadie, present president of the Board, was defeated for re-election. He was third with 147 votes.

Robert Dennis was elected to the two year term on the Board of Education of the Clarencville School District, polling the highest total of all the candidates. Dennis received 207 votes. He defeated Dallas Sullivan for the short term. Sullivan got a total of 184 votes. Thomas Wilson was elected to the regular three year term on the Board, with a vote of 203. The other two defeated candidates, Henry Bracken and James Nicholas, received 133 and 62 votes respectively.

Only four persons attended the Annual Meeting of the Farmington Township School District held in the Farmington High School Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Labadie. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by Paul Schreiber, retiring member of the Board, in the absence of the secretary. Ray Eichler read the Treasurer's report.

Veron Fisher moved that \$1,000 be allocated to the members of the Board of Education as salaries to be distributed at their own discretion. Mrs. Virginia Benoit seconded the motion.

By a vote of 66 to 21 a motion was defeated at the Annual Meeting of the Clarencville School District calling for the Board members to serve without salary. Herbert J. Marx made the motion calling for the vote on no salaries. Mrs. Fred Menke moved that the vote be by secret ballot.

HEALTH ORDINANCE

(From the issue of June 23, 1949)
A three man committee, composed of members of the Farmington Township Board, has been appointed to work with the Township attorney on the proposal of drafting a health ordinance for the Township. It was announced following the regular meeting Tuesday of the Board.

The committee was named following the receipt and filing of petitions presented to the Board by the Southeast Farmington Township Civic Association. According to Fred Westlake, spokesman for the group, the petitions contained the names of 131 residents of the area who live between Eight Mile and 12 Mile Roads and Inkster and Orchard Lake Roads. This does not include the Floral Park area, which is now in the City of Farmington.

The petitions requested the enactment of an ordinance in that specific area. However, it was tentatively decided that such an ordinance should be enacted for the entire township. Mr. G. V. McLaughlin, president of the North Farmington District Civic Association, was among the delegation that appeared before the Board and he verbally approved of the Township-wide enactment.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, and Thomas Tarpy, Township Justice, will comprise the three man committee to contact the township attorney on the proposed ordinance. They stated that they would begin action immediately on the proposal and should have some conclusions by the next regular meeting of the board.

RABID DOGS RAMPANT

(From the issue of June 23, 1949)
Five small children, the oldest eight, and the youngest three, are taking a series of 21 shots for rabies this week as a result of dog bites suffered June 11.

Four days after biting the children, the dog, a small brown part cocker spaniel puppy, died. Its head was sent to the University of Michigan for rabies test. Science

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ists there reported the dog had the "worst case of rabies ever seen for a dog of that type," according to Deputy James D. Ethier, Oakland County dog warden.

The children, Bobbie and John Roberts, aged 3 and 7, Bill and Carl MacDonald, aged 4 and 6 and Susan Catherman, 8, are taking shots at Royal Oak Clinic. No county clinic closer to home is in operation. Parents of the children are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Roberts, 20233 Miller; Mr. and Mrs. George E. MacDonald, 22113 Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Catherman, 22025 Miller.

TAKE SWIMMING LESSONS

(From the issue of July 7, 1949)

The swimming portion of the Farmington recreation program was nearly drowned Wednesday when an over-flow crowd of swim-seeking youngsters poured out of the bus at Kent Lake. The more than 200 youngsters who turned out for the swim put a severe strain on existing transportation and instruction facilities. As it turned out, however, The children were all carried to the lake, and all enjoyed swimming lessons from the Pontiac Red Cross, who carried out their end of the program in thorough Red Cross fashion.

FREAK WEEK END

(From the issue of July 7, 1949)

In spite of the long Fourth of July week end and extremely heavy traffic, no serious accidents were reported in the Farmington area during the past week.

According to police, traffic was not as congested as the previous (Continued on Page Four)



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ship Clerk's office. Ernest Blanchard, unopposed Republican Township supervisor, polled the largest vote. Frank Steele, Democrat, incumbent, and Ward Eagle, Republican, were elected Justices of the