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LARGE VOTE EXPECTED IN ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS MONDAY



FARMINGTON'S baseball season officially got under way last Saturday afternoon with the traditional flag raising ceremony at the Little League diamond in the City Park. Members of the Groves, Walker American Legion and the Farmington Little League participated in the flag raising. The ceremony followed the Annual Parade of Little League

Petitions Calling For Race Track Vote Due June 14

Forms Must Be Filed With Clerk Before 5 p.m.

Next Thursday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m., has been set as the deadline for receipt of petitions calling for a special vote on the proposed rezoning of 244 acres in the southwest section of the Township for a race track site.

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, reported Monday that one petition has been filed thus far. Approximately 100 petitions have been distributed from the Township Office. These petitions are currently in circulation throughout the Township. It is estimated that approximately 600 signatures of registered property owners will be required to insure a referendum vote on the proposal.

The petitions are being circulated in accordance with a provision of the State Statute authorizing a referendum vote on zoning amendments when properly demanded by the electors. Under the Statute, petitions bearing the signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters who are residents of the Township must be filed with the Clerk within 30 days of the passage of the amendment. The Township Board approved the rezoning of the 244 acre site at a special meeting on May 15.

At the time of passage of the amendment, the Township Board expressed a desire to have the petitioners to vote on the rezoning. Several members pointed out that because of the keen interest in the issue and the sharply divided opinions both for and against the project, that the matter should be decided upon at an election.

Cairns stated that immediately following the deadline, the petitions will be checked and certified. If there are sufficient proper signatures, the Board will initiate action to set up an election.

Announce Heavy Vote Registration

A total of 250 new names were added to the Township registration books and 170 to the City books during the recent registration period which ended last Friday, officials announced this week.

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that of the 250 new registrations, 75 were signed during a special visitation Thursday in the Kendallwood Subdivision. Cairns stated that the visitation was held at the request of the Subdivision Association. The addition of the new names brings the total registration in the Township to approximately 6,600.

New registrations in the City, during the same period, were considerably lower than in the Township. This is mainly due to the proportionately smaller number of new residents in the City as compared to the Township. The 170 new names which were added to the City list brings the overall total to approximately 5,100.

Newly qualified electors who registered prior to 5:00 p.m. June 1 are eligible to vote in the Annual School Election on June 11.

Issue Report Planning Started On New Library

There's lots of activity going on behind the scenes as far as the proposed new City - Township Library is concerned. It was disclosed Monday evening during an informal discussion following the regular City Council meeting.

C. Goldard Smith and Edward Moseman, two members of the newly created District Library Board, stated that while no formal action has been taken regarding the proposed library building, a great deal of necessary groundwork has been done. They added that no formal information has been released as yet by the Library Board, since all of the work thus far has been preliminary.

Josephman stated that considerable time has been spent on the legal and financial aspects of the project, which are a necessary part of the planning program. Smith added that visitations have been made to various existing libraries throughout southeastern Michigan with the view to getting ideas on construction and layout.

Picture and floor plans have also been secured preliminary to the drafting of specifications for the proposed Farmington Library.

The other two members of the Library Board are Howard Thayer and Mrs. Kenneth Lachmann.

School Tax Cut Likely For 1956

Increased Valuation Makes Cut Possible

As the result of a sharp increase in the equalized valuation of the Farmington Public School District for 1956 will be possible, Superintendent of Schools O. E. Dunkel disclosed Thursday.

The equalized valuation of the School District for the current year was set last week by the County Equalization Board at \$10,942,903. This is \$1,020,069 higher than the District's 1955 equalized value of \$9,922,834.

Based on this new valuation, Dunkel estimated that school taxes for 1956 will be \$2.22 per \$1,000 assessed valuation as equalized. This is a decrease of \$2.50 per \$1,000 from last year's level of \$2.72 per \$1,000 assessed valuation as equalized. A tax even slightly lower might be possible, Dunkel added, depending on the determination of the levy needed to finance the \$2,000,000 bond issue recently approved by the voters.

A levy of \$2.82 per \$1,000 assessed valuation as equalized has been estimated, based on a maximum interest rate.

Of the total 1956 school tax of \$2,422,000, \$1,000,000 assessed valuation will be earmarked for operational expenses. This is 31 cents per \$1,000 less than last year. The remaining \$1,422,000 assessed valuation will be used for the school's bonded indebtedness. The figure was \$1,111 last year.

As school taxes are computed on State equalized valuations, it was pointed out, assessed valuations of property must be multiplied by the State equalization factor. (Continued on Page 8A)

City To Proceed With Traffic Study On Gill Road

Seek Grade Separation At New Expressway

The Farmington City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, authorized the City Manager to arrange for a traffic study on Gill Road in an effort to convince State Highway officials of the necessity of a grade separation at Gill Road and the new expressway in order to facilitate the flow of traffic along the road. According to present plans, Gill Road will be dead-end at both the north and south approaches to the expressway. The only access to the expressway at these points will be along service roads to either Farmington Road or Drake Road.

City officials contend that there is sufficient traffic to warrant some type of grade separation at the intersection. Humbert stated that Highway officials expressed little hope that anything could be done regarding the situation. However, it was decided to conduct a traffic survey in order to secure as much information as possible in support of the City's proposal.

Edward Scherffius, City Manager, indicated that the traffic count would be conducted immediately. AUTHORIZATION was granted to the City Manager to proceed with the securing of construction bids on a new storm sewer along the south side of State Street from Wintarski to the City Center.

FARC Plans Busy Summer Program

Registrations are now being taken for the Annual Summer Program of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission which will be held at the City Center, announced this week.

Application forms have been distributed to all of the Farmington Elementary Schools, Piche and Young, and are being distributed to all of the Farmington residents participating in the summer program are requested to have their parents sign the forms and return them to the Director as soon as possible.

Five playgrounds will be used during the summer, including the Bond School, Eagle School, Shaw-Wesley School, Gill Road School and the City Park. All of the activities at the playgrounds will be supervised by Recreation Commission personnel. In addition to the organized play program, the Commission will sponsor swimming, fishing, and field trips and field days. Swimming will be conducted Mondays and Wednesdays for the Bond, Eagle and Shaw-Wesley School playgrounds and Tuesdays for the Gill Road School playground. (Continued on Page 8A)

FARMINGTON BOY WINS! MICHIGAN TEEN-AGE ROAD-E-O

Roger Fendt, winner of the Farmington Teen-Age Road-E-O, captured the State Championship last week end at Michigan State University.

Roger took first place in the Farmington contest held May 19 in the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. It was his second straight victory in the local Road-E-O.

Roger was the champion in the State Contest sponsored by the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce. Roger received a \$500 scholarship, a \$50 savings bond and an opportunity to participate in the National Road-E-O to be held at Washington, D. C., in August.

Roger, who graduated from Farmington High School in 1955, is now attending Michigan State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fendt.

Farmington And Clarenceville Voters To Select Five Board Members

An unusually heavy vote is anticipated in the Annual School District elections to be held Monday, June 11, at Farmington and Clarenceville.

The Farmington election is expected to attract the most interest because of the larger field of candidates. A total of five candidates are seeking election to the Farmington Board of Education while three candidates are running for two positions on the Clarenceville Board. New registrations in the Farmington District ran above average during the period which ended last Friday. Clarenceville officials reported about a normal flow of new registrations.

Farmington voters will select one member to the Board of Education for a term of one year, and two for terms of three years each. Candidates for the one year term are Joseph McHugh and Bayard Tupper, while candidates for the three year terms are Leland Clifford, Vernon Fisher and Dr. Joseph Gadow. Two ballots will be used during the election, one for the single year term and one for the three year terms.

Clarenceville electors will name two candidates to terms of three years each. The candidates include Richard Gault, Elbert Harton and Robert Rickert. Voting machines will be used during the Clarenceville election as in previous years.

THE POLLING places at both Farmington and Clarenceville will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the day of election, Monday, June 11. Farmington voters will cast their ballots in the Junior High School gymnasium, 3300 Thomas Street. Clarenceville electors will vote in the high school building, 2020 Middlebelt Road, just south of Eight Mile Road. All persons in line at 8:00 p.m. will be allowed to cast their ballots.

Under the provisions of the new State School Code, Annual Meetings of the School District are no longer authorized. Prior to this, the meetings have been held following the closing of the school. The activities have consisted of the reading of the Annual Financial Report. (Continued on Page 8A)

Outline City Policy On Trash Pick-Up

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced Tuesday that a new policy has been established regarding items to be included in the regular weekly rubbish collection. The City Manager stated that old newspapers and magazines will be picked up throughout the city on the first Monday of each month, provided that they are properly stacked and banded. It was emphasized that brush, large cartons, old furniture, and building debris will not be picked up during regular schedules. Scherffius stated that this type of refuse is collected by the City twice a year during the Annual Spring and Fall Clean-Ups.

COUNCIL TO OPEN BIDS ON SEWER BONDS MONDAY

A special meeting of the City Council will be held next Monday, June 11, to receive and open sealed bids on the sale of \$450,000 in bonds to finance the proposed Farmington Sewer project.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that the bond sale has been advertised in accordance with the City Charter and that a number of inquiries have been received regarding the issue. The deadline for bids has been set for 8:00 p.m. The Council will meet at the Municipal Building in Kendallwood following the deadline to open and read the bids.



A FLORAL TRIBUTE in honor of Farmington's war dead is placed at the base of the Servicemen's Monument in the Town Hall Park during the Annual Memorial Day Observance held Tuesday, June 6. The tribute was placed by the Farmington V. F. W. Post. It is shown placing one of the wreaths on the World War I Monument. A second floral piece was added by the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion. The Annual Parade was held at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Roads for the brief ceremony before proceeding to the Oakwood Cemetery where the principal Memorial Day Service took place.

Jaycees Receive Service Awards

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has received two state and two national awards for outstanding service to the community. It was announced Saturday evening of the Annual Installation Banquet.

The two state awards include first place in Public Affairs competition as well as the "M. A. Award." The Public Affairs Award was presented at the Annual State Convention held May 18, 19 and 20, and was based on a scrap book entry outlining the successful "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign conducted by the Jaycees. The "M. A. Award" was presented on April 11 for the organization's outstanding participation in state projects.

The Outstanding Civic Service Award and the "Stating America's Leaders" Award have been won by the Farmington Jaycees on the National level. The announcement of the Awards was made at the State Convention. The Civic Service Award was presented for the Jaycees' work on various community betterment projects during the year.

The "SAL" Award was presented by the National organization for the local group's participation in at least five youth projects.

Construction Bids Opened Tuesday On Proposed City Sewer Interceptor

Composite Low Bids For Pumping Station And Sewer Main Run Below Cost Estimates

A total of 15 sealed bids on various phases of the proposed Farmington City Sewer project were publicly opened and read at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Municipal Building.

Separate proposals were received on the proposed pumping station and the outfall sewer connecting the City of Farmington to the Detroit system. The composite of the low bids totaled \$25,475.55, including both the sewer and the pumping station. It was explained that the engineering fees as well as the cost of the storm water treatment plant must be added to this total. Plans for the treatment plant, which is expected to cost approximately \$70,000, are now being completed by Tate and Hens Engineers. The total of the low bids is below the cost estimates originally anticipated.

AFTERNOON MAIL DELIVERY IN CITY TO STOP JUNE 11

Beginning Monday, June 11, the afternoon mail delivery in the City of Farmington will be discontinued. Postmaster Henry Trombley disclosed Tuesday.

It has been determined that the amount of mail coming in for delivery does not justify the continuance of the service to business places, he stated. This is another step in a continued effort by local postal officials to keep down the cost of operations while maintaining the highest possible quality of service to all the people.

AROUND THE BLOCK



WE'RE LEADING OFF... the column this week with what we hope is the leading question on the minds of the majority of the readers of the Farmington Enterprise. According to preliminary estimates, the vote is expected to be comparatively heavy in both Districts. We sincerely hope it works out that way. So many words have been written concerning the importance of the election that it's hard to find any new angles to the subject. Yet the opportunity of the individual to cast his ballot whenever he has the opportunity is so vital that it can't be ignored. This is particularly true in school elections where the obligation rests completely on the citizens of the community. So, for your sake and the sake of your schools... vote this Monday, June 11!

JUST 15 YEARS AGO... this week, the present publishers of the Farmington Enterprise took over the reins of "Farmington's Own Community Newspaper." During this span of years we have seen the community grow from a semi-rural area to a busy suburban center. It has been a real challenge to keep pace with the rapidly changing life events. Thanks to the fine support and cooperation of the people of Farmington we have been able to meet the challenge. On June 1, 1941, The Farmington Enterprise consisted of a seven column, eight page paper with a circulation of approximately 800. Today, "Farmington's Own Community Newspaper" is averaging 16 full size pages per week and has a total circulation of 3,856. Our staff has been increased over 300% during the 15-year period and up-to-date equipment has been added in all departments. We would like to emphasize that this would not have been possible without the continuing help and support we have received from the community. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you!

LAST WEEK... column relative to "someone placing names of various persons in their knowledge or authority." We have been advised that since this item appeared, the practice has stopped. It is our sincere hope that it will remain that way. This kind of practical joke is not only embarrassing to everyone concerned but is extremely costly in time and money. We would like to suggest that local merchants continue to check out suspicious phone orders both as a protection to themselves and as a means of preventing this type of thing from getting started again.

Baccalaureate Services Sunday

Farmington And Clarenceville Seniors To Receive Diplomas At Commencement Exercises June 14

Members of the class of 1956 of Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools will receive their diplomas at separate commencement exercises to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the senior high school gym on Saturday evening, June 14.

A total of 123 graduating seniors will take part in the Annual Farmington Commencement program to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the senior high school gym on Shaw-Wesley Street. Dr. Frank D. Slutz, prominent educator will be the principal Commencement speaker. His address will be entitled "Three Heritages." He has served as educational advisor at Chicago Teachers' College has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Union College, and has written numerous books on education and business.

The 77 graduating seniors of Clarenceville High School will receive their diplomas during special Commencement Exercises to be held at 8:00 p.m. at the



DR. FRANK D. SLUTZ

held at 8:00 p.m. at the senior high school. Dr. Walton E. Cole, distinguished author, past president of the National American Forum of the Air program as well as numerous other radio programs. He has written a number of successful books and has served as chairman of the National Committee on Intercultural Relations. Dr. Cole has played a prominent role in the building of racial and religious unity in America.

Baccalaureate Services will be held at both high schools Sunday evening, June 10. Dr. Robert Froese, Director of the Detroit Round Table, will be the main speaker at the Farmington service, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the senior high school. Dr. Froese will speak on the subject, "Released Power." The Farmington service will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the senior high school. (Continued on Page 8A)

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