

Brown, Westlake, Harris And Avery Win Republican Trustee Race

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LIGHT VOTE RECORDED IN TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION

Only 21.4% Of Registered Voters Cast Ballots In Monday's Primary

An unexpected light vote was recorded in the Biennial Township Primary Election Monday with the three incumbent Republican candidates seeking nomination.

A total of 1,769 votes were cast in the six Township precincts out of a qualified registration list of 8,274 electors. Thus only 21.4 per cent of the registered voters went to the polls during the Biennial Election. This is exactly the same number of votes as were cast in the Primary election two years ago. However, at that time, there were approximately 6,400 registered voters in the Township.

The greatest interest in the election centered around the Republican race for Board Trustee with nine candidates.

Wendell Brown received the highest number of votes with 690. He was followed by Robert Harris and Fred Westlake with 592 votes each and Mrs. Elise Avery with 537 votes. Harris, Westlake and Mrs. Avery are incumbents.

In the only other contest, Margaret Schaeffer defeated Joseph Brennan for the Republican nomination as Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Schaeffer received 576 votes to Brennan's 503. Albert Gain, unopposed candidate on the Republican Ticket for Supervisor, polled the highest number of votes cast for any candidate with 1,058. He was followed by Jean Lee, Democratic candidate for Treasurer, who received 338 votes, and James P. Lawson, Democratic candidate for Justice of the Peace, who polled 327 votes.

NO CONTESTS existed on the Democratic Ticket. Frank Stephenson, Democratic candidate for Supervisor, received the highest number of votes with 382. He was followed by John Lee, Democratic candidate for Treasurer, who received 338 votes, and James P. Lawson, Democratic candidate for Justice of the Peace, who polled 327 votes.

Joseph DeMarco was the leading candidate for Board Trustee on the Democratic Ticket. He received 323 votes and was followed by Richard Hug with 317 votes, Louis Dorris with 316 votes and Christine Fellows with 308 votes. The other Democratic candidates who had nomination are: James L. Smith, Board of Review, and Richard Stewart, Park Commissioner. Catherine Jones, Justice of the Peace, received 41 votes but failed to qualify for nomination.

The successful nominees from both parties will oppose each other in the General Election to be held on April 1.

ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED FUND SET FOR TUESDAY

The Annual Meeting of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest will be held Tuesday evening, February 26, in the Farmington Senior High School.

Edward Sanderson, Chairman of the United Fund Board, stated that the meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. All residents of the Community Chest are invited to attend the meeting and take part in the program. The principal items of business will be the election of Board members and the reading of the final 1957 campaign reports.

Township Primary Vote Tabulation

Candidates	Republican Ticket						Tot.
	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	
SUPERVISOR							
Albert Gain	114	101	140	425	80	198	1058
CLERK							
Floyd A. Cairns	104	99	134	411	78	194	1020
TREASURER							
Wendell Brown	112	105	135	402	81	194	1029
BOARD TRUSTEES							
Wendell Brown	70	69	127	242	46	136	690
Robert Harris	37	56	81	230	47	91	592
Fred Westlake	37	56	88	199	57	95	592
Elise Avery	26	71	149	31	172	53	537
Stanley Thorpe	33	30	58	280	25	100	504
Harvey Freeman	74	26	61	114	15	120	433
Robert Schuklins	75	24	31	225	9	76	392
E. J. Beuerle	49	46	34	116	47	53	345
Fred Menke	49	46	34	116	47	53	345
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE							
Margaret Schaeffer	63	59	73	204	35	142	578
John T. Brennan	35	87	215	30	93	50	503
CONSTABLE							
Thomas Scriber	68	72	97	288	55	147	727
Godfrey Gagnon	63	59	95	257	44	131	651

Withhold Action On Proposed City Curfew Ordinance

Councilmen Question Necessity Of Proposal

Members of the City Council indicated at their regular meeting Monday evening that they were in no hurry to enact a proposed curfew ordinance.

Copies of a proposed ordinance were distributed to the Council members prior to the meeting. The ordinance was included in the City Manager's report, however, no recommendations were made. Mayor Robert Lindbergh questioned the advisability of such an ordinance at this time and suggested that it be taken under advisement. Councilman James Cavanaugh also expressed doubt that the ordinance was necessary. The Council approved a motion that the proposal be tabled for an indefinite period of time.

Action on the proposed ordinance of the Police and Fire Departments was also tabled until City Manager Earl Scherffus could submit a verbal report to the Council. Scherffus, who is in the hospital as a result of an attack of food poisoning, has previously recommended that the two departments be combined. It is anticipated that the proposal will be discussed in detail at the next regular meeting.

THE COUNCIL approved a resolution setting up the procedures for the special election April 1 on the proposed \$25,000 bond issue for public works improvements in the Public Works Department. The electors will be asked to vote on the question of whether or not the Council should borrow the sum of \$25,000 for new public works equipment as well as a new building to house the department. The issue would be financed through a bond issue.

Set Final School Vote Registration

Next Monday, February 25 has been set as the final date of registration for the Special March 4 Farmington School District Election, officials reported this week.

The deadline for the District, which are not already registered, may qualify up to 5 p.m. on February 25. Persons who are registered prior to the deadline will be ineligible to vote in the special election.

Adopt Resolution On Sewer Tie-In For New HS Unit

The Clarenceville School Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening approved a resolution setting up the provisions for agreement with the City of Livonia on the connection of the new high school sewer with the main running along Middlebelt Road.

The resolution is to be submitted to City officials for ratification. Under the agreement the School District will pay the City \$3,000 for the connection upon completion and occupancy of the building. Previously the District had contributed \$19,000 toward the cost of construction. However, the City has indicated that it would prefer to have the connection made to the Middlebelt sewer.

The Board also approved two major changes in the construction plans for the new high school representing an additional cost of approximately \$2,100. Both of the changes were proposed by the architect and involve interior alterations. A motion was approved authorizing the purchase of three Quabset Huts at a cost of \$75 each. The buildings will be used for the housing of school buses and other equipment.

ACTION was taken by the Board setting up a new procedure for the handling of requests for use of school facilities. Under the plan, applications by organizations having priority under the Plans and Procedures will be handled through the principal's office. All other applications shall be sent directly to the Board. Any organization or club having a priority shall be granted use of the facilities upon approval of the Board.

The Board delayed action on a letter of resignation from John Turjo as basketball coach. Turjo requested that his resignation as basketball coach be made effective at the close of the 1956-57 season.

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS DISCUSSION ON INCORPORATION

A panel discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of possible incorporation of the City and Township as a single municipality was conducted by local officials at the regular meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the panel included: Bob Hamilton, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors; Albert Gain, Township Supervisor; and Duane Partain, Assistant City Manager. Members of the Exchange Club and guests participated in the program.



WENDELL BROWN



ELISE AVERY



MARGARET SCHAEFFER



FRED WESTLAKE



ROBERT HARRIS

New Consultant To Assist Township On Bonding Plans For Water System

Claude Stevens Agrees To Work On Program Following Release Of Judge Arthur Moore

Claude Stevens, Financial Consultant, has agreed to assist the Board in the preparation of bonding procedures for the proposed water system to serve the southern and eastern sections of Farmington Township.

Albert Gain, Supervisor, stated that he has conferred with Judge Arthur E. Moore, who has been obtained a release from Judge Arthur E. Moore, who has been acting as a consultant on the water problem. In separate motions, Thursday evening, the Board took action to terminate Moore's services and to employ Stevens as financial consultant.

Four Injured In Auto Accidents

Four persons were injured last week in separate auto accidents in Farmington City and Township.

Around 11 a.m. Sunday morning, William Spiller, of 33009 Orchard Street, suffered multiple leg fractures when he was struck down by a car at the Grand River-Farmington Road intersection. He was hit by a car driven by Frank O. Gaffka of 19397 Warden, Detroit, making a right turn from Farmington Road onto Grand River.

Saturday evening shortly after 9 o'clock, Joseph J. Gougoun of New Hudson was injured when he was struck in the rear end of one of several cars parked in front of the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakewood. Gougoun suffered lacerations about the head and internal injuries. The parked cars were not occupied.

Elias Dixon of Lansing was injured Sunday evening shortly before 7 o'clock when he ran over a curb in the center line of Grand River while proceeding west. His car smashed into another going east operated by John P. Hise of Walled Lake. The accident occurred near Hawthorne Street at the east city line. (See ACCIDENTS, Page 8A)

Audit of Township Books Planned

Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, reported Tuesday that arrangements are now being completed for an audit of the Township books by a firm of Certified Public Accountants in accordance with the action taken by the Board at its meeting Thursday evening.

Gain stated that the proposed audit has been discussed with the Board and that a contract will be awarded within the next few days. Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, suggested that the audit be made in view of the remarks made by Jean Lee, Democratic candidate for Treasurer, at the Political Rally, February 13. Mrs. Lee stated that the books were not being properly kept.

SEEK APPLICANTS FOR TOWNSHIP INSPECTOR POSTS

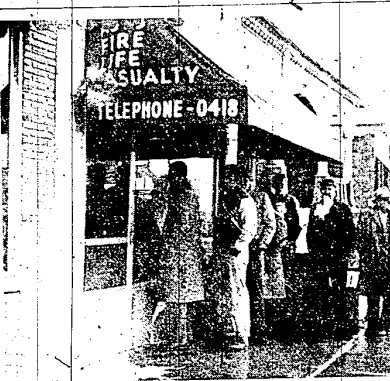
Applications are being accepted at the office of the Township Clerk for the positions of electrical inspector and plumbing inspector for Farmington Township.

Floyd A. Cairns, Clerk, stated that all applications for the positions must be filed prior to the close of business on Friday, March 1. Applicants for electrical inspector must be licensed and should be familiar with the reciprocal electrical code. Plumbing inspector applicants must also be licensed and should be acquainted with the Detroit Plumbing Code, which the Township Board recently adopted, by reference.

Applications for the two positions will be interviewed by the Board at a special meeting Monday evening, March 4.

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THE BIG LINE-UP is beginning to take shape at the Farmington Branch of the Secretary of State's office as the deadline on 1956 auto license plates draws to a close. Gerald Grace, Branch Manager, stated that the line-up is expected to grow during the next week, as a large number of motorists have not secured their new 1957 plates as yet. The Branch office is located in the Grace Insurance on the north side of Grand River east of the Municipal Building. The deadline for use of 1956 plates has been set at midnight, February 28.

Council Rejects Proposed Rezoning Of Property For Shopping Center

Uphold Recommendation Of Planning Commission On Farmington Road-Grand River Cut-Off Site

On the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council Monday evening rejected a request for the proposed rezoning of the northeast corner of Farmington Road and the Cut-Off from residential to commercial.

The Planners approved the recommendation at a regular meeting of the Commission held Thursday evening at the Municipal Building. Malcolm Waring, Planning Consultant, stated at a previous meeting that in his opinion the site was not so satisfactory for commercial development. Property owners in the Wasaga Farms Subdivision, adjacent to the proposed shopping center, voiced strong objection to the rezoning at a public hearing held several days ago.

COUNCIL BOOSTS PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATE

The Farmington City Council at a special meeting Tuesday evening approved a motion to increase the tax rate on personal property assessments from 60 to 67 per cent.

The seven per cent increase was suggested by Donn Bates, assessor, and approved by the Council following a discussion. Bates stated that the new percentage is comparable with the rate used by other communities in the metropolitan area and will provide some additional funds badly needed by the City.

Mayor Robert Lindbergh and Councilman Harvey Chapman voiced opposition to the increase. In separate action the Council unanimously approved a motion to maintain the present 26 per cent rate on real estate property assessments.



WE'VE GOT A QUESTION... that a lot of people would like to have answered. Where did all of the potential voters go last Monday? There is one thing for sure, they didn't go to the polls! In spite of the high degree of interest that was generated in the campaign during the final week, only about 21.4 per cent of the registered voters of the Township actually cast their ballots. It is recognized that these contests stimulated a record amount of activity prior to election day. What happened after that is only speculation, but the turn-out of voters speaks for itself. The majority apparently decided to sit by and let somebody else do the job for them.

THE PROBLEM OF MCGEE HILL... continues to plague the City Council. Several suggestions have been discussed at the Council meetings including the closing of the road, making it one way from the south and erecting additional concrete, blinker lights and guard rails. From all indications, the problem will continue to rest in the hands of the Council, since the County has declared it to be a City obligation. As we have stated before, in our opinion, the only answer to the problem is to rebuild the road. This is much easier said than done. In the meantime, the City is making every effort to reduce the hazardous condition. The rest is up to you... the motorist. Remember McGee Hill and play it safe!

THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON... at 4:00 p.m., Farmington residents will have a rare opportunity to make a flight behind the Iron Curtain without even having to leave the ground. The "trip" will take place at the Farmington Junior High school auditorium under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club. The guide will be Russ Potter, noted radio and television artist and writer who succeeded in recording on film the story of life in Soviet Russia. This documentary has received nationwide acclaim and should be a "must" on everybody's calendar for this Sunday afternoon.