

Thayer, Peterson in Smash Win in City

Howard W. Thayer and Hugo (Pete) Peterson were given top-lipped victories Monday in the race for Farmington city council, while incumbent V. O. Bates edged a couple of close competitors to retain his seat.

Incumbents Tom Barber and Jim Cavanaugh failed in their bids for re-election.

THE VOTE by precincts follows:

	1	2	3	Total
Howard Thayer	237	215	69	521
Hugo Peterson	111	192	102	505
V. O. Bates	156	126	88	370
Robert Boise	111	154	60	325
Jim Cavanaugh	111	83	129	323
Allen Nelson	86	104	69	259
Samuel Graham	98	94	64	256
Tom Barber	83	83	83	249
Jack Habermehl	82	60	76	218
Charles Bridges	26	40	73	139
Dora Payne	29	68	39	136
Linwood Chambers	34	60	38	132

Tom Barber's was the most unusual vote. He got 83 ballots opposition vote. They are puzzled, however, because it was a quiet campaign, with no strong criticisms or programs advanced.

The votes were canvassed Tuesday night by Mayor Bob Lindbert, Councilman Wilbur V. Brotherton and Clerk Trena Quinn. The three winning candidates will be sworn in at the next meeting, Monday, April 13.

Longtime city observers, not discounting the personal popularity of the two leaders, say

New Home Building Down Only Little from Year Ago

New home construction in Farmington Township for the first three months of this year was down only slightly over the same period of last year, according to figures released by the township building department.

A total of 46 new home permits were issued during the first quarter. While it is six fewer than the number issued during the first three months of last year, it is not nearly as sharp a drop as was experienced from the previous year.

TOTAL VALUATION of the 46 new homes was \$1,242,200. The permits were taken out during the first quarter of this year was \$1,242,200. Estimated valuation on the 53 homes for which permits were issued during the same period last year was \$1,242,200.

Although new home building was off a little, other building activities were more active. Permits were issued for two commercial buildings having a combined estimated valuation of \$37,200. Also taken out were combined estimated valuation

Big Three-Ring Circus Coming To Town May 6

The circus will be coming to town the first of next month.

On Wednesday, May 6, Mills Brothers three-ring circus will present two performances with acts ranging from musical specialties to a climactic elephant

Being brought here under the auspices of the Farmington Lions, proceeds will go to the Lions Club sight conservation fund.

Circus champions from 18 different nations give Mills Brothers circus a wide variety of aerial, ground and animal features. A congress of clowns leading by German trapeze funnyman, should delight both children and adults alike.

Leading the elephant act will be world-famed Miss Burma, official symbol and mascot of the Republican party who performed at President Eisenhower's inaugural parade.

Major big-top attractions will include Miss Gerta with her death-defying teeth side show, the Russian party who performed at President Eisenhower's inaugural parade.

Several other circus marvels are also scheduled.

Three Propositions Carry in Township

The three state propositions on the ballot carried easily in the state, and in the township. Here are township figures:

One: yes 2,262; no 444.  
Two: yes 1,894; no 620.  
Three: yes 2,093; no 588.

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Annual Twp. Meeting Tame Affair Saturday

This year's township annual meeting last Saturday proved to be short and sweet, with no arguments and few questions.

More than 200 attended the meeting at Dunclell Junior High, perhaps a few less than a year ago.

THE BUDGET had prior consideration by all candidates for township office, and it had been put together after a series of public meetings.

After the proposed budget was read by Clerk Floyd Cairns, and a few points explained, the board offered a resolution for its approval. Only a few scattered noes were heard.

IT MAY STILL have to be whittled some, however, if the county allocation board does not give the township the millage being asked for. The couple of years the township was given .85 of a mill. Asked this year will be 1.27 mills.

It's a fairly tight budget, so if the millage would not be granted the new board of trustees and supervisor will have to find ways to cut. If the same millage is allowed as in the past, it will mean roughly \$22,000 more to be cut somewhere.

One possibility is failure to provide matching funds for county road work.

SUPERVISOR Frank Stephenson gave a lengthy report on his year's work. He said that the township property had been completed as the result of extra help provided for the past year.

Seven or eight months of work will get the changes on the tax rolls, and the changes will be effective for the 1959 taxes, he said.

TREASURER Elise Avery read her report, and it was adopted.

Opposition to the plan to reduce the land zoned commercial was voiced by the township. It was pointed out a public hearing would be set soon on all this could be heard.

Present was an expert on public hearing, but he wasn't needed as the meeting passed by with decorum and apparent approval by nearly everyone present.

Village Budget Hearing Set

Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. was set as the date and time for a public hearing on a proposed village budget for 1959.

The budget calls for an expenditure of \$2,167 with a balance of \$1,998.83 is anticipated on the books as of the end of the year. The estimated deficit of \$2,000 will be received from the sale in sales tax rebates and \$50 from miscellaneous sources. This would give the village a general operating income of \$3,948.83 or an excess of \$1,781.23 at the end of the 1959-60 fiscal year.

A proposed budget, to be drawn up by Road Administrator Richard Norwalk, will be considered separately, later.

Praise Highly Work Of Village Road Head

Roads in the Village of Wood Creek Farms are getting special attention and the Council Tuesday night was high in its praise of Road Administrator Richard Norwalk's personal efforts to keep all roads passable.

Payment of bills totaling \$1,563.36 for road repairs, submitted by Norwalk, was authorized by the Council. Included in this total was approximately \$180.00 for Norwalk for countless hours spent by him during the winter and March doing road labor work.



OFFICIALS of Quakertown Village have now completed negotiations to determine the approximate amount of money they will have to work without raising additional funds with a special village tax levy. Two weeks ago they agreed with the township on a division formula for the split of tax collections coming from the state. Last week they met with state highway officials to determine the motor vehicle fund allocation formula for the village.

Village officials are: (seated l. to r.) Isabel Haynes, clerk; Stanley Thorpe, president; James Cruise, treasurer. Standing behind them (l. to r.) are: William Kurtz, councilman; Rex Holton, road commissioner; Morley Foster, councilman.

Is Farmington's Chamber of Commerce About to Break Up?

Whether or not the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will be prevailed upon to continue until the end of the next few weeks is a matter of some serious problem facing members as a result of the monthly meeting held recently.

Manager Donald D. Pullen and directors Herbert Lundberg and Fred Curcio also resigned. With the exception of the president, the other resignations were accepted with regret. The members present voted special thanks to Manager Pullen for his excellent work performed for the Chamber since its inception.

It was agreed the board of directors would be called for a special meeting to discuss the matter, to consider filling the manager's post.

Last December there were 120 paid members, but now only 60 have paid their dues. More serious is the fact that few members are willing to accept committee posts, and take an active part in C.C. programs and work.

Members present Tuesday agreed that unless there is fast action by business men in all parts of the city and township, the Chamber of Commerce is doomed to speedy death.

Fred's Bar Again Entered, Robbed

Fred's Bar at 27815 Middlebelt Road was broken into and robbed for the second time in less than a month, last week.

Change from the various machines in the building as well as 38 cartons of cigarettes, four boxes of cigars and six fifth of whiskey were reported stolen.

An attempt was also made to break open the safe, Police Chief Irving Yakes stated.

Entry was made by prying open a side door.

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Hall Leads GOP Sweep of Township

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Democratic Supervisor Ousted With Slate by 1,086 Margin

Long time Republican Farmington township showed Monday it was not about to roll over and play dead. Voters kicked out one-term Democratic Supervisor Francis Stephenson, replacing him with Curtis H. (Curly) Hall. The margin of victory was 1,086 votes.

Republican candidates also won every contested race with about the same margins. They left in office only Democratic Trustee Richard Hugg, elected two years ago with Stephenson, and Justice of the Peace James Lawson, also elected two years ago.

TOWNSHIP VOTERS reelected Clerk Floyd Cairns and Treasurer Elise Avery, put Arthur S. Bassette and Raymond B. Wilson in as new trustees, named Robert H. Nelson Justice of the Peace, and Victor J. Saliba to the board of review.

Democrats named without any opposition were Frank E. Furlong and Richard Salvaggio as constables, and John W. Keith as parks commissioner.

Oldest Voter?

Herbert Kelly voted Monday at precinct one, the township hall. What's unusual is that he will be 85 years of age in September. Did anyone older vote in the April 6 election?

Mr. Kelly came four years ago to stay with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emil LeChevalier, of 20991 Gill Road. He had spent much of his life at LeChevalier, where he was a friend of the father of Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker.

He's voted at every election in recent years.

City Voters Okay Water

A good majority of Farmington city voters favors a joint Water Authority with the township, an advisory vote indicated Monday.

Voting in favor of the plan were 686, while 433 voted against.

CITY OFFICIALS wanted an indication of what voters thought of a plan to join to create the authority which would buy soft water from Detroit. They redistributed it to the systems of the township and city, which would handle their own distribution.

The proposal offers advantages in selling bonds for the authority, especially for the township. It would bring water to the dry areas of the township. While the city water supply appears very adequate now, no one knows how long it will be plentiful.

New Optimist Club to Start

First meeting for a proposed new Farmington Optimist Club was held here this morning at 7:30 a.m. It will be a breakfast club, meeting regularly at that time, Thursday.

Sponsor for the new club will be the Redford Optimist Club. New club needs 25 members to get a charter. To date more than two-thirds that number have signed the petition for charter membership.

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