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CAUCUS NAMES ALL CANDIDATES

Was Harmonious Affair—All Retiring Officers Nominated Except Clerk.

The village caucus called for last evening at the Town Hall, came to order on schedule, and within thirty minutes the work had been completed and a full ticket named.

It was a very harmonious affair, and so far as rivalry for office was concerned, all nominations could have easily been made by acclamation.

All the officers nominated are at present members of the village council, with the exception of Ralph Hogle for clerk, who is slated to succeed B. F. Pierson, who declined to try for the office again, owing to outside business, and J. J. Webster, who was nominated in the place of Louis Gilde-meister, deceased, as councilman, and John Walters succeeding H. L. Maas as treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by F. H. Nichols as chairman, and B. F. Pierson as clerk. B. J. Meyers, Harrison Johnson and J. A. Price acted as tellers. The following were declared nominated:

President, George Francis. Clerk, Ralph Hogle. Treasurer, John Walters. Councilman, Chas. Ely. Councilman, Frank Walters. Councilman, J. J. Webster. Assessor, John Thayer. The caucus was well attended about 75 persons voting.

Methodist Church

"The Bible Times and Our Time" is the subject next Sunday morning. Sunday evening there will be a service of song. Special hymns by Benny Crosby will be used by the choir and for congregational singing. The subject is "Singing and Life".

To all services there is a welcome for you and your friends. E. R. Stevenson, Pastor.

Wm. and Herman Maas were Detroit visitors Monday.

Gleaned From Our Exchanges

The editor of the Birmingham Eccentric broke out into poetry of the Walt Mason variety last week, which, we rise to remark, is another sure sign that Spring is on the way.

Oxford citizens recently indulged in an old-fashioned fox chase, which proved to be a very exciting event to all participants.

The "we" and "dry" issue promises to be a very lively one at the Northville municipal election, says the Record, and there are likely to be several tickets in the field.

The editor of the South Lyon Herald has the following to say upon his rounding out another year of newspaper work: "The only thing the present editor of the Herald has to say in starting a new year's work, is that he has been here a trifle over six years and is not sorry for it, yet. We have tried to give our readers a good paper and believe from the looks of our subscription list and advertising columns that it has been appreciated. For all of which we thank you."

The people of Plymouth are after another manufacturing establishment for their town. It is a concern that manufactures an automobile wind shield and a toy automobile for children.

A letter was received at the Holly postoffice recently for a firm that had been out of business for twenty-five years, and the Advertiser says that it goes to show that when you start a ripple on the advertising wave there is no telling where it will end.

Basket Ball Game Feb. 27

The Farmington Independents will play the Wayne Omegas at the Fireman's Hall Saturday evening, February 27. This will be a good game. Admission 15 cents.

The following are the players for Farmington: H. D. Warner, E. S. Pierce, J. C. Clark, H. M. Warner, E. R. Finch, E. Gilde-meister.

Miss Edith Ringle was a Northville visitor last Friday.

MILK PRODUCERS HAVE BIG MEET

Annual Meeting Held in Odd Fellow Hall Tuesday Evening—Big Attendance.

The annual meeting of the Dairymen of this section called by Fred M. Warner, proved the successful affair that it has proved in years heretofore, and in the neighborhood of 100 farmers and milk producers attended, received valuable information and enjoyed a sumptuous feed.

Two special talkers were on hand for the occasion, in the personages of Colon C. Lillie, who also delivered an address last year at a similar meeting, and Dr. Robison. Both men are well versed in dairying matters, and gave highly instructive talks. Questions were both asked and answered.

The meeting opened with a big dinner at 6 o'clock, and from the moment of the serving of the first plate until the last farmer had departed, the meeting was an enjoyable and successful affair.

Dairymen, through these meetings are coming to realize more and more the value of co-operation, and the annual meetings will be looked forward to more and more with each year.

Last Game of the Season

Friday night February 26th, the River Rouge High School team will come to Farmington to play the local High School boys.

The locals have had thirteen victories, without a defeat, and are looking forward to getting the fourteenth this week.

This will probably be the last chance to see this year's high school team play, as this is the last game scheduled to be played at the home gym.

A good preliminary will be arranged between the High School Reserves and some good, sixteen year old team.

We would like to see a good crowd out to the game. Come out and root for the home team, and help the boys win.

Bar Politics in the Selection of School Commissioner

Everyone studying education says that the greatest present need in American education is the improvement of rural schools, and everyone knows that rural school conditions cannot be greatly improved where the county superintendent has to play politics.

Such public respect for the office that only in rare cases will a faithful county superintendent be required to waste time, energy and money in a campaign to retain one of the most important public offices in the United States is as high a manifestation of patriotism as can be found in times of peace.

Whoever forces a county superintendent to rob the schools of effort and devotion to their professional needs for months that he may have the salary of the man in office comes very near being an enemy to his country.

A political regulation or understanding that a county superintendent should serve but two terms—in one state it is a law—is a crime against the children and the country. The country protects a letter carrier, a rural delivery man, and hundreds of thousands of other government and state officers from politics entirely on the ground, for instance, that a letter carrier cannot be beneficial in his business if he is thinking about the danger of losing his job.

It is impossible for a politician or any rival candidate to shorten a letter carrier's tenure on the ground that he has learned so much of his business that efficient service will be jeopardized by change, and yet the county superintendent's knowledge of the best interests of the future citizens of the republic is not considered of as much value to the country as a letter carrier's knowledge of the mere residence of men and women.

Is there any greater absurdity than such an assumption?

It requires four years for a county superintendent to acquaint himself with the conditions of his work, with local situations, with the needs of each community, with the teachers, with children, and with citizens. One does not begin to be highly efficient until near four years in service, and yet, when politics reigns, county superintendents are offered as a sacrifice to political traditions.

The county superintendent is about the only public school man who has no protection from political raiders.

Of course there are states with such noble ideals that this is impossible and there are some counties in every state in which a virtuous and honorable people make it impossible for political raiders to dominate in such a sacred matter. Is not this a good time for all who reverence righteousness and would serve their fellowmen to assert themselves? Isn't this as noble an evidence of progressiveness as any that can be demonstrated? Can any public service be greater?

Are we willing to continue the degradation of one of the noblest of officials?

Every sentiment of patriotism, every impulse of manhood, every civic propriety, every sense of business sagacity appeals so strongly to men of today that it ought to be easy this year to rescue the office of county superintendent from all taint or suspicion of politics.—Dr. A. R. Winship, Editor Journal of Education.

Lake Cottage For Rent

For Rent—Summer cottage completely furnished, on shore of Walled Lake. Reservations can be made at this time.

Ralph Hogle, Phone 115

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I am in a position to take orders for Tomato and Cabbage sets. I have a very early Tomato—it is a sure winner, and will be planted in

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If you want to vote "WET"

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INSTRUCTION BALLOT—MARK AS SHOWN

Shall the Manufacture of Liquors and the Liquor Traffic be Prohibited within the County YES

Shall the Manufacture of Liquors and the Liquor Traffic be Prohibited within the County NO

If you place a cross after the word "Yes" you vote for DRY
If you place a cross after the word "NO" you have voted WET



Spring is Coming--
And so are good roads

Is Your Car In Shape?

With our added equipment including a new lathe and drill press, we are prepared to put your car in Al shape. Why put it off? Do it now.

Come in and let us tell you about the NEW FORD—and profit sharing

The Park Garage, Farmington