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Petition Out For One City Office; Suggest Women

Stephen Tredway Proposed For Place On City Commission; Women May Run

The first petition for any candidate for office in the City of Farmington at the April election was put in circulation at the city hall last week. The petition is for Stephen Tredway, of Grand River avenue, as a member of the City Commission.

The appearance of one candidate, at least, was balanced, however, by the statement of still another present Commissioner that he will not seek re-election. Harrison Johnson, the only one of the five whose terms expire, who had not previously declined to run, said this week that he did not expect to be a candidate for another term.

An interesting development of the past few days, however, is discussion of the possible candidacy of one or more women for places on the Commission. Women interested in civic affairs have indicated in recent weeks that they believed members of their sex might logically seek and be chosen for places on the Commission, but no names were suggested.

The increasingly-evident reluctance of male citizens to allow their names to be put on petitions caused one woman to exclaim that "if the men won't run, then women will." Suggestions as to who the women candidates might be were not forthcoming, however.

Election day is only a little more than four weeks away, on Monday, April 1, and petitions must be filed with the City Clerk at least ten days before that time. Petitions require at least 20 signatures of qualified electors. The form of petitions is specified in detail in the City Charter.

Named For Treasurer
A petition nominating George C. Gildemeister for City Treasurer was put in circulation Thursday. Mr. Gildemeister is a former treasurer and is not expected to have opposition.

MRS. MARY KAISER, 78 YEARS OLD, IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Resident Of Switzer Road Dies Following Illness; Services Held Today

Funeral services were held today morning at the home of Sorrows Church, Farmington, for Mrs. Marie Kaiser, 78, of Switzer, and Farmington roads, who died Monday afternoon. Mrs. Kaiser had been ill for some time. She was 78 years old. The deceased was the widow of the late Herman Kaiser, who died last April. Surviving are two sons and a daughter, Lewis, who resided with his mother; Herman, of Redford, and Elizabeth of Detroit. A second daughter, Anna, died in January, 1928. Services at Our Lady of Sorrows Church were in charge of Rev. James A. Callahan. Burial took place in Calvary Cemetery, Redford.

STATE CONVENTION IS DESCRIBED BY PIERCE

Reminiscences of the State Republican Convention at Lansing were recounted for the Farmington Exchange Club by Edgar S. Pierce at its meeting Wednesday noon. Mr. Pierce was Farmington's delegate to the Convention. Mr. Pierce outlined the struggle for control between Governor Fred W. Green and Edward Bernard of Detroit, and how the insistence of the Upper Peninsula delegates on attending, despite bad weather and roads, upset Mr. Bernard's plans.

SHIRLEY GOERS, 6, DIES

Shirley Goers, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers of Maple avenue, Farmington, died in Harper Hospital, Detroit, Thursday morning following an operation for appendicitis performed Monday evening. Funeral arrangements had not been made at time of going to press.

Native Of Farmington Is The First Woman On Teachers College Board



MISS MERCY J. HAYES

'Bucket Brigade' Helps Save Home

Teachers Clothing Burned In Clarenceville Fire; Firemen, Scouts, Give Aid

Fire destroyed the interior of the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson of Dresden boulevard, Clarenceville, Saturday afternoon but did no damage whatever to the walls. Work of a "bucket brigade" of 50 men and Boy Scouts of the neighborhood, and prompt arrival of the Farmington and Redford Township Fire Department saved the exterior of the building.

Mrs. Robertson and her son George had just returned from a trip to Redford and were about to enter their home when they detected smoke. Men came running from homes nearby, some going inside to carry out clothing and furniture and others bringing water. Not much of the furnishings was saved, however, due to the headway gained by the fire. It is believed the blaze started from an overloaded furnace.

Three Clarenceville school teachers had made their home with the Robertsons, Misses Sarnes, Essenloth, and Lawrence. That part of their clothing, which was saved, was badly damaged by smoke and water. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson had recently enlarged their home. The loss is partly covered by insurance. They desire to express thanks to the Enterprise, their neighbors, and the fire department for their prompt response to the call and to the men and boys who lent their aid.

WIDER GRAND RIVER TO HAVE DOUBLE LIGHTING

Grand River avenue between Fourth and Sixth streets, Clarenceville, and Fifth street, will be lighted on both sides of the new wide highway, following favorable action of the Redford Township Board recently. The present lights are located almost in the center of the road, having been installed for the old 20-foot highway.

The new lights will provide ample illumination for both stretches of concrete in the Redford Township portion.

Ford Dealer Accepts Challenge For Race

Acceptance of the offer of W. F. Goers for a race between an Essex and a Ford car on his road, was made by Olin Russell, Farmington Ford dealer, Monday morning. Mr. Russell deposited \$50.00 on his part of the Enterprise offer for the wager.

Just before going to press the Enterprise received a telephone call from a man who gave his name as "Frank Smith," who said he understood that \$500 had been placed with the Enterprise by Ford backers. He said he would bet \$1,000 on his part of the race, to take the loser's car as well as the money.

A considerable number of Farmington men have gone out into the larger world of affairs and achieved renown in various fields. In business, science, education, and other fields, natives of this community are holding high places.

And they are not confined to members of the male sex alone, for the latest native of Farmington to come into the public eye is Miss Mercy J. Hayes, the first woman to be chosen a permanent member of the Board of Trustees of Teachers' College, Columbia University. For years Miss Hayes has been a noted figure in the education of the city.

Bestowal of this recent honor that has come to Miss Hayes is not the first time she has been named to a position held previously only by men. Two years ago the college re-elected her, at the conclusion of one term, as an alumni trustee, the first time any woman had been re-elected. She is now a trustee for life.

Miss Hayes was born in Farmington, in the Quinn residence on Grand River avenue, just east of the business section. She spent her girlhood in Farmington and was educated in Farmington schools. She took up teaching and for many years taught in Detroit schools. She became deeply interested in young teachers who sought to better themselves in their work. Her encouragement of them was augmented in a very practical way, some years ago, when she established a scholarship fund for worthy Detroit teachers at Columbia University. Miss Hayes is "not without honor" in her adopted home city, Detroit, for she is president of that city's branch of the American Association of University Women. She resides at Grosse Pointe Park, but is at present in California.

FARMINGTON MEN ARE HONORED AT PIONEER MEETING

N. H. Power Re-Elected Vice-President And Harry N. McCracken Is Added

Farmington residents were honored at the sixteenth annual meeting of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society in Pontiac last Friday. Nathan H. Power being re-elected first vice-president of the Society and Harry N. McCracken, an additional member of the young girls' class of Clarenceville Methodist church. Rev. Robert Richards of the Clarenceville church officiated at the services. Interment took place in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Redford.

Besides her parents, the girl is survived by a brother, George. Charles Ostel Dies. Charles Ostel of Jackson avenue, Clarenceville, passed away on Saturday morning. The body was taken to Centralia, O., for burial.

All of the officers of the Society during the past year were re-elected. Among those who attended from Farmington were, Mrs. Wells D. Butterfield, Mrs. and Martha Warner, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Andrews, Miss Meriah Andrews, N. H. Power, Arthur Lamb, Frank and Waters Lee. McCracken was elected a vice-president in his absence, the meeting of the Society Friday having been the first he had missed in years. Mrs. C. N. Andrews of Farmington is a trustee of the Society.

MARK GOLDEN WEDDING

Before a score of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Countro of Orchard Lake road were "re-married" Monday morning at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. The occasion was their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

NEW CLOSING HOURS

The barber shops of Plumton and Loomis and M. B. Pierce now close at 6 o'clock on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The closing hour on Saturday nights is 10 o'clock.

PLACED ON PROBATION

After pleading guilty to setting a fire in the Leo Block in Farmington on January 22, Frank Seaver, 23, was placed on two years probation last week in Circuit Court at Pontiac. Disposition of the case included provision for payment to Henry Lee, for damage done by the fire.

Deputy Stokes. Is Defendant In Suit For \$5,000

Damages Sought In Civil Action Claiming Assault And Battery By Officer

A damage suit for \$5,000 has been started in the Oakland County Circuit Court at Pontiac against Deputy Sheriff Clayton Stokes of Farmington, by Alfred Lemeraud, 22, also of Farmington. The suit was filed Saturday.

Deputy Stokes was served with a summons Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Pitts of Pontiac in that city. The summons is returnable on March 23. The papers filed in the suit for Lemeraud by George Sutton, Pontiac attorney, charge Deputy Stokes with assault and battery. The action in trespass, is an outcome of an incident in the police booth at Farmington on the evening of January 11. According to Mr. Sutton, it is Lemeraud's contention that he was in the police booth, waiting for information, when Deputy Stokes strode in and without provocation, knocked him down.

The incident resulted in an investigation by Sheriff Frank Schram, who came to Farmington a few days later to inquire into the matter. The results of his investigation were not announced. Deputy Stokes declined to comment on the incident at the time. Lemeraud, who formerly was a driver for the Methodist Children's Home, west of Farmington, is employed by the Detroit Detroit Department of Street Railways.

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD FOR GIRL, 13, AT CLARENCEVILLE

Jean Kurtz Passes Away After Long Illness; Classmates Are Pallbearers

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Jean Kurtz, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kurtz of Redford Township, formerly of Clarenceville. The girl passed away Sunday. Jean had been in ill health for several years. Previous to her illness, she attended the Volney Smith School. Members of her class in school were pallbearers at the funeral. She was also a member of the young girls' class of Clarenceville Methodist church. Rev. Robert Richards of the Clarenceville church officiated at the services. Interment took place in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Redford.

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SEVEN WARRANTS CHARGE YOUTHS WITH LOITERING

Seven warrants were issued Thursday morning for young men charged with loitering about the Smith Service Store on Grand River avenue. The warrants were to be served Thursday evening. The issuance of the warrants follows efforts by the proprietor, Mr. Smith, to put an end to loitering about his store. Warnings were issued to the youths and their parents before action was taken, Mr. Smith said.

Whining Of Cat Brings Discovery Of Fire, Put Out Without Damage

Persistent whining of a cat, revealed a chimney fire and may have saved the home of Mrs. David Ross on Shiawassee street, Farmington, last Friday morning. The cat's cry induced on Mrs. Ross to pause in a trip to the basement and return to the kitchen, where she found smoke pouring down from the chimney. Farmington firemen, arriving at the Ross home two minutes and 15 seconds after the fire sounded, were able to put the fire out before it did any damage, and without injury to the house. Spot in the chimney believed to have caused the fire.

Interest At High Pitch In Township's First Primary

Race For Nominations Monday Becomes More Intense As Rival Candidates Conclude Campaigns; Decisions By Few Votes Possible

Increasing interest that borders on excitement is apparent in every part of Farmington Township as citizens and candidates await the outcome of the first primary election in the Township's history next Monday, March 4. Candidates are wending up their campaigns with vigorous efforts to get out every possible vote. The spirited campaigning and coming of milder weather is expected to result in the largest vote ever recorded in the Township.

'Out Of Gas', This Man Stopped At Nothing

Someone who apparently was very desperately "out of gas" last Saturday morning broke into one of our gas pumps and smashed the locks on two others, but failed to obtain any of the much desired fluid, at Elsenold's Service Station at Farmington Junction.

Then, failing to obtain any of the precious fluid, the same person apparently spied the automobile of Edward Tully of the Orchards, which was parked nearby, and drained the tank. About eight gallons of gasoline was taken.

Quick Work Ends Gas Truck Fire

Explosion On Gasoline Supply Vehicle Prevented, After Accident

Explosion of a truck load of gasoline following an accident to the tank-truck was narrowly averted Wednesday afternoon, when the partly-disabled truck owned by E. A. Wagner caught fire as it was being driven to a garage for repairs. Quick action on the part of Claude Lee in obtaining a fire extinguisher prevented serious consequences.

The Farmington Fire Department was called to the scene, but the blaze had been extinguished before its arrival.

Mr. Wagner was driving his truck north on Maple avenue, near his home, and attempted to stop at Grand River avenue for a westbound street-car. The truck skidded on the ice just far enough across the tracks to cause the trucker to catch the right front fender and bumper. Neither Mr. Wagner nor Mrs. Wagner, who was with him were injured.

Mr. Wagner called Mr. Lee and while the two were taking the truck up for repairs, a fire broke out under the hood. It is believed that the radiator may have been damaged and some tubes stopped up, preventing a free flow and causing alcohol to become over-heated.

The fire broke out when the truck was opposite the end of Orchard street. Mr. Lee ran to the gasoline station of Earl Vivier across the street and obtained an extinguisher, with which he put out the flames. Meanwhile Mr. Vivier sent in a call for the fire department.

The truck was not seriously damaged.

INFANT PASSES AWAY

A baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schroeder, West Farmington, Saturday evening, died Tuesday. Burial took place Wednesday at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Approach of the primary day brings endless speculation, but few are inclined to publicly prophesy the result in all of the contests. The candidates themselves appear content with quiet expressions of confidence that Monday night will see them victors.

keenest interest is manifest, of course, in the three-cornered race for Supervisor, but not far behind in attention is the battle for highway commissioner, with the same number of candidates. Supervisor Harry N. McCracken, former Treasurer Arthur P. Coe, and William S. Kenyon are concluding active campaigns this week.

In the other three-way contest, Highway Commissioner Joseph Graham, Overseer Clayton F. Goers, and Edwin Meyer are expected to furnish one of the hardest struggles in Township history. Observers believe that this contest may be the closest in the primary, with not more than a few votes deciding the issue.

The contest between Treasurer Elmer Empson, seeking nomination for re-election and Edward L. Kline, commands attention, as does the battle for the other major Township office, that of clerk, for which the present incumbent, Willard Campbell, is opposed by George S. Cotten.

The abundance of candidates for the more important places is in contrast to the scarcity of aspirants for lesser positions. There is but one candidate for the position of highway overseer in each of three sections, and a candidate for the office in the remaining section. Only one candidate has filed for justice of the peace, there being two vacancies.

Charles E. Heliker is the candidate for overseer in section No. 1, Albert Pennington in section No. 2, and Wesley Currie in section No. 4. Section No. 3 has no candidate. A blank space will be left in the ballot to write in names, and the same will be done under the heading of justice of the peace. Willis T. Roberts is the only candidate with two vacancies.

Polls will be open at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening. Voting will be at Bond School and at the former Elsie Young Beauty Parlor, Clarenceville.

A statement urging all citizens of the Township to vote Monday was issued this week by Supervisor Harry N. McCracken, as follows:

To the Voters of the Township: I am taking the privilege through the columns of the Enterprise to urge upon the voters the importance of getting out at the primary on March 4 and casting your ballot for the selection of township officers. The candidates are all home men and well known and should be selected with the same care you would choose men to handle your private business. Their highest powers rest in the hands of the voter and the officers are their agents. Thus with a large vote cast and carefully weighing this matter from all angles before going to the polls and then by your vote helping to shape the policies of the Township for the coming year you will be doing your duty as citizens.

FARMINGTON BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS DEARBORN

A basketball team determined to avenge a "four-seconds" defeat will come to Farmington Friday evening to play Farmington High School's squad. Dearborn will be the High School team's final opponent of the season. At Dearborn, Captain Cox's basket in the last four seconds of play tied the score for Farmington and Farmington won in the three-minute overtime period.