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Recall Petitions Need Rewording, Judge's Decision

Demands For Recall Of Farmington School Officials, Have 158 Signatures

Petitions bearing the signatures of 158 citizens of Farmington School District No. 5, asking the recall of school trustees of the district, were placed before Probate Judge Dan McGaffey of Oakland County at his office in Pontiac by W. Allen Nelson Monday.

According to Mr. Nelson, however, Judge McGaffey advised him that before he could call a recall election, it would be necessary to change the wording of the petitions, to make more definite charges against the trustees. Supreme Court decisions, it is understood, have so interpreted the law providing for recall of officials that it is practically necessary to charge them with wrongdoing in order to assure a recall election, in case the trustees saw fit to contest it.

It is understood that a Pontiac attorney was retained some time ago on behalf of the school trustees.

Consequently, it is expected that with the annual meeting not far away, activity will be deferred until that time. In this connection, Mr. Nelson made a statement for publication, as follows:

"We left off getting signatures to the petition the latter part of last week, with 158 names, more than enough. The highest number of votes cast at the largest school meeting ever held in the District, in 1928, was 160, and the highest one candidate received was 160. There can be no mistaking the sentiment of the people in view of these figures."

"The petitions were taken before Judge McGaffey Monday. Before they were drawn up, we consulted an attorney. Normally, he gave the official opinion that general reasons for the recall would be sufficient, as there is nothing stated in the law providing for recall as to what the charges must include. We naturally had the reasons stated in as inoffensive a manner as possible, in order to avoid any personal animosities arising."

"However, Judge McGaffey referred to court decisions of the courts which would undoubtedly be cited if the school trustees fought the recall proceedings in court. These decisions apparently change the intent of the recall statute, so that it is practically necessary to charge the officials with offenses that border on the proceeds or neglect of their duty. Judge McGaffey indicated that to obtain recall it would be necessary to prepare new petitions with different wording and have them signed."

"After considering the matter with a number of prominent citizens who had signed the petitions and supported the recall movement, and in view of the fact that the present majority of the Board will be beyond the opportunity at the annual meeting, we feel that the time and expense required to get new petitions and hold elections would hardly be justified."

"However, the people of the District will have the opportunity at the annual meeting to indicate their feeling in regard to the acts of our present Board of Education."

Lamb Is Appointed On Tax Committee

Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington was appointed Tuesday to what is regarded as probably the most important committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, the equalization committee, by the chairman, Robert Y. Moore. The equalization committee is in charge of review of assessments of the County. Supervisor Arthur Coe of Farmington Township was appointed to the Township expense and appropriations committee.

New Officers Of O. E. S. Installed

Mrs. Kate Banfield Takes Place As Worthy Matron Of Chapter

In the presence of a large number of members and friends and a profusion of flowers and plants Mrs. Kate Banfield was installed Worthy Matron of Farmington Chapter No. 239 O. E. S., Tuesday evening, April 22.

The installing officers were:

Installing matron, Mrs. Carolyn Spaulding, Ferndale.

Installing marshal, Mrs. Nellie Williams, Royal Oak.

Installing chaplain, Mrs. Mary F. Lytle, Pontiac.

Installing organist, Miss Martha Staman.

Other officers installed were: Worthy patron, Benjamin E. Storms.

Associate matron, Mary A. Johnson.

Associate patron, Arthur Coe, Secretary, C. Ada Bond.

Treasurer, Lillian Zvahlen.

Conductress, Mae West.

Associate conductress, Gertrude Webster.

Chaplain, Leola Pagel.

Marshal, Evelyn Johnson.

Knight, Gladys Baker.

Adah, Ada Goers.

Ruth, Allie Coe.

Esther, Lola Switzer.

Martha, Georgia Walters.

Electa, Muri Hoyle.

Warden, Nabel Eckler.

Sentinel, Frank L. Lee.

A beautiful floral service was given by Kathryn Banfield, Ralph Banfield, Lois Storms, Donna Kahl, Christine Bicking and the retiring Worthy Matron Mrs. Ethel A. Middlewood. The presentation of emblematic floral offerings added much to the beauty of the installation ceremonies.

A beautiful ring of flowers and numerous bouquets were presented to the Worthy Matron from admiring and devoted relatives and friends.

Mrs. Middlewood was presented with a past matron's jewel, a symbol of great merit well rendered and other gifts and bouquets. The Worthy Patron, B. E. Storms presented an emblem of the order to the retiring patron Isaac Bond.

Gifts were presented to the installing officers of the chapter. An excellent program was rendered by the M. E. Church male quartette, Miss Ault, Mrs. Charlotte Walters and pupils of Miss Baker's dancing class.

Ice cream and cake were served after the ceremonies by the Past Matrons of the chapter. Visitors were present from Ferndale, Royal Oak, Northville, Detroit and Pontiac.

P. T. A. Past President Presented With Pin

Clarenceville Parent-Teacher Association held its first regular meeting of the year Monday evening. The Girls' Glee Club under the direction of Miss Evelyn Meek sang two songs. Miss Smith of Pontiac gave a talk on girl scouts.

Floyd Hallock presented the past president, Mrs. Lina Herrington with a P. T. A. pin in honor and appreciation of her fine work and friendship during her years in Clarenceville.

A luncheon was served by the tenth grade girls, after which a silver offering was taken up to help pay their way to Niagara Falls this summer.

Fishing Season Opens

Trout fishing season opens next Thursday, May 1, according to advices received this week. Anglers are preparing for the sport.

Girls Lead Senior Class In Studies

Winifred Seely and Eleanor Perry are valedictorian and salutatorian of the Farmington High School Senior Class.

The valedictorian has throughout her four years in high school received an A record excepting for one B's. Among the other students of the class mentioned for scholarship are: Virginia McGaffey, Esther Seely, Kathlyn Herrington and Lois Murphy. All have maintained better than a B average throughout their four years in High School.

City Population Gain Over 1920 Is 45 Per Cent

Unofficial 1930 Census Report Gives Farmington Population Of 1,238

A population gain of slightly over 45 per cent for the City of Farmington, over the 1920 figure, is indicated in an unofficial report of the 1930 census Thursday. According to the report, the population of the City is 1,238.

This figure was announced by the Director of the Census for this area Thursday, following filing of the report by Carl Goers, census-taker of the City. It is subject to revision later, but the official figure will not vary greatly by this report.

The 1920 census gave the village of Farmington a population of 853. The gain in numbers is 385.

Mr. Goers completed his census-taking a few days ago. Herbert Lindstrom, census-taker in Farmington Township, is still at work, and due to the larger territory and the farm questions with its numerous questions, still has considerable territory to cover.

The two enumerators in this community have met with few of the difficulties encountered in other sections of the country. What hindrances of misunderstanding have provided obstacles to their work, Mr. Lindstrom reported particular difficulty at one farmhouse where the housewife, having been bothered by salesmen until her nerves were completely broken, refused to admit him until he showed his book and his certificate of appointment as a census-taker. "I was almost crying because I was not getting anything."

FARMINGTON CLUB WOMEN TO ATTEND COUNTY LUNCHEON

Highland Park High School Faculty Member Speaks At Meeting

The regular meeting of the Farmington Women's Club was held Wednesday, April 16 at the home of Mrs. R. G. Adams, Mrs. Irish, Mrs. Gullen, and Miss Andrews in charge of the program.

The speaker for the evening, Mr. Van Loan, of the Highland Park High School, gave an interesting illustrated talk on John Burroughs.

The speaker told of the need of conserving natural resources, and the value of bird life in preventing the utter destruction of foliage and vegetation.

Mr. Emory Hatton explained, with the aid of blue prints, the projected Farmington Sewer, the imperative need for it, and the extent of area to be served by it.

Mr. N. H. Power explained how it is proposed to finance the project, and the need of promptly availing of State aid.

Monday, April 14, several members of the Farmington Club attended the meeting of the County Federation at Pontiac at which Oakland County suburban clubs were the guests of the City Federation of Pontiac. The leading features of the afternoon were the presentation of an entertaining farce, "Wisdom Teeth," delightfully given by the Woman's Club of Milford, and the rendition of the National Federation Ritual, in responsive chant, by the Thursday Musical and the Women's Chorus Clubs of Pontiac. The Women's Chorus also gave the cantata, "Gallia." The work of these two splendid organizations furnished most excellent music and a fit offering for Passion Week.

Friday, April 25, a group from Farmington will attend a luncheon and bridge party to be given under the auspices of the Oakland County Federation at the Fox and Hounds Inn.

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Women's Club will be held Wednesday, April 30 at the home of Mrs. M. B. Perry.

The afternoon will be devoted to some of our modern poets and their work, in charge of Miss Hard, Mrs. Bicking and Mrs. Parker.

—Helen L. Hard, Cor. Sec'y, Pro Tem.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher of Detroit were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Snyder on Thursday.

Sewer Bond Issue Outlined

Farmington is to vote next Monday on the most important question before the people in recent years. The outcome of the voting on Monday will be of even greater importance a few years hence.

In order that all the people may have a thorough understanding of the proposition, and the conditions under which it is submitted to them, a review of the situation has been prepared by a City official who is thoroughly familiar with all phases. It is as follows:

"Farmington has a reputation of being one of the finest residential suburbs of Detroit with an All-American population, fine schools and churches. Practically all homes owned by their occupants, a good business section and situated on one of the main trunk lines that will be second to none when improved. Our water system and the quality of the water is well known to the travelling public. What Farmington needs to help complete the picture of an ideal little city for home folks to live in is an adequate sewer system. The opportunity is at hand next Monday for the people to vote on a bond issue that will provide this needed benefit for the major portion of the City. Never in the City's history was the financial condition better to undertake this needed improvement. We are informed by reputable engineers that the work can be done at this time at prices that are exceedingly low."

"The State Highway Department is giving Farmington this year one of the finest main streets a city could wish for and have (Continued on page five)

Meyers' Firing One Of Several

Milford Special Deputy Also Has Commission Revoked; Same Reasons Given

Former special deputy sheriff Bernarl Meyers of Farmington is not the only special deputy in the County whose commission has been revoked by Sheriff Frank Schram. For political reasons in view of the approaching campaign, it was revealed this week, Harry Colby, of Milford, special deputy for seventeen and one-half years, and well known throughout the west section of the County, had his commission revoked also.

Reports in Farmington that Mr. Colby had been similarly treated by the Sheriff were confirmed by Mr. Colby Wednesday. The notification he received was by letter identical to that which was received by Mr. Meyers.

It was reported this week also that the special deputy in the southwest section of the County had his commission revoked.

Bridge Fill Is Near Completion

Large Fleet Of Trucks Employed; Paving Of Cut-Off To Start Soon

Completion of the fill for the bridge on Grand River avenue east of Brookdale in Farmington was expected Thursday night or Friday, according to a statement of employees of Julius Porath & Son, contractors, Thursday morning.

A fleet of trucks, ranging in number at times from 13 to 17, has made short work of the job, providing almost a continuous stream of dirt-carrying vehicles from the supply near the old Methodist Children's Home to the bridge site. Over a score of men have been employed.

It is expected that the fill will settle sufficiently to permit paving under at least before the opening on Grand River from the Cut-Off to the City will reach the new bridge, it was stated Thursday. The Cut-Off will be paved first, as soon as weather permits.

Whether the present pavement on Grand River avenue will be left to permit traffic over it, while the strip on the south side of the tracks is being paved, has not yet been determined.

OAKLAND COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT DAY TO BE SATURDAY

Boys And Girl Champions From Each District Will Compete

Ferry Seed Farm, Rochester, will file the center activities of the County boys and girls 4-H Club Achievement Day Saturday, April 26th.

At the County Achievement Day each winter club is represented by the local champion of that club which was selected at local Achievement days the week of April 7th. At the County Achievement Day April 26th the County champions will be picked from their respective projects. The local champions all bring an exhibit of their work which is judged by State Club department. Representatives are Nevel Pearson for the boys and Miss Lola Green for the girls.

The program April 26th will begin at 10 a. m. with the judging of handicraft, clothing, health and music appreciation projects. A basket lunch will be enjoyed at noon. At 1:30 the afternoon program will begin consisting of the style show, announcements of all County champions, music and demonstrations by both boys and girls.

All boys and girls of the County are welcome and the parents are especially invited to make this a real day to see and hear the results of our boys' and girls' work.

ACCIDENT VICTIM HERE

A man who was the victim of an accident at Farmington and Five-Mile roads Wednesday afternoon was brought to Farmington in an ambulance. After a brief examination, Dr. Z. R. Aschen-Brenner, who was consulted, advised that the man be taken to Receiving Hospital at Redford. His head was badly battered.

1800 AT OPENING

Nine hundred couples attended the opening of the New Casino Pavilion at Walled Lake Monday evening. Music by the Broadway Collegians Orchestra was broadcast over the radio.

Favorable Vote Is Anticipated On Bond Issue

Sewer Proposition Is Expected To Carry; Is First Since City Was Organized

An affirmative vote of more than the required 60 per cent is expected for the sewer bond issue before the people of Farmington next Monday, April 28. City officials and civic leaders anticipate general approval of the proposition which was passed by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

This will be the first bond issue election under the City Charter, since the City was organized five years ago.

Voting will be in the Town Hall, and the polls will be open

All Voters Eligible To Ballot Monday

All registered voters in the City of Farmington may vote on the sewer bond issue Monday, whether they are property-owners or not, it was learned this week.

Last week City officials believed that only owners of property could vote on the question, and it was so stated in last week's Enterprise. However, a ruling obtained Thursday is to the effect that all men and women registered may vote on the bond issue Monday.

from 7 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening. All registered voters whether property-owners or not, are eligible to vote on the proposition, which will authorize borrowing of \$55,000 for construction of the improvements, to be retired by 20-year bonds.

It is pointed out that the bond issue, rather than raising taxes, will actually avoid an increase next year, because if the bond issue failed, the City Commission would find it necessary, in order not to lose State aid on the Grand River sewer and to avoid cutting up the new pavement later, to declare an emergency and borrow the money for construction of the Grand River unit. All of this cost would have to be put in next year's budget, which would necessitate a large increase in the tax rate.

Election inspectors for Monday are Carl Goers, Ralph Auten, Bertha Westphal, Martha Schram, Arthur Lamb and N. H. Power.

West Point Park To Open Baseball Season

West Point Park's baseball team, champions of the Inter-County League last season, is to open its regular season in the League on Sunday, May 11. The schedule has not yet been completed.

Appropriate ceremonies are contemplated for the opening game. It is anticipated that a band will be engaged for the event.

West Point Park plays Franklin Sunday afternoon in a practice game, at West Point Park grounds at three o'clock.

Officers Are Chosen At Auxiliary Meeting

North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary annual meeting was held at the West Bloomfield Town Hall April 15.

Officers elected were:

Mrs. Allie Coe, president, succeeding Miss Libbie Kyle; Mrs. Nellie Green, vice president; Mrs. Lucille Dickie, vice president; Mrs. Carrie Graham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mylie Graham, secretary; Mrs. Allie Graham, treasurer.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE READ

A copy of Birmingham's traffic ordinance was read before the Farmington City Commission on Monday evening, at the instance of Mayor Arthur Lamb, who suggested that adoption of such an ordinance would be beneficial for Farmington. The ordinance covers every phase of traffic regulation.

AUDITOR IN CITY

Mr. Bailey, a representative of Winterhalter and Glaser, Farmington City auditors, has been in the City working on the books during the past week.