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Sheriff, Hit By Mayor, Says 'Did Not Break Word'

Farmington Executive Says Sheriff Schram Has Changed Demands Since Winning

Sharp criticism of Sheriff Frank Schram of Oakland County was hurled at the sheriff last Thursday evening by Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington, at a meeting of Farmington business men and civic leaders in the City Hall.

The criticism involved the question of the sheriff's salary, which has aroused intense interest since it was learned that the Sheriff, like the county treasurer, county clerk and register of deeds, may go on a fee basis and collect thousands of dollars in fees after January 1, receiving many times the present salary. Sheriff Schram's salary has been \$7,000, and it is estimated fees would pay him from \$40,000 upward a year.

"Ten days ago Sheriff Schram appeared before the board of supervisors," said Mayor Lamb, who is a member of the board. "We asked all the heads of departments to come before the board. Mr. Schram said that he was willing to take a cut of a thousand dollars, but that he did not want his deputies cut. Then he said that we could even cut him \$2,000—he would work for \$5,000 a year, but not to cut his deputies."

"Now Wants \$7,000"
"Since then it has been brought out that the sheriff, county clerk, treasurer and register of deeds would go on a fee basis; according to law," continued Mayor Lamb. "So we asked them to tell us what they were willing to do on the salary proposition. This morning Prosecutor Norman Orr came before the board, representing Mr. Schram, and here is what he demands now: \$7,000 a year for his salary, and his living quarters and his expenses paid; his private automobile, the upkeep of it, and all his deputies kept on at the same salary and gasoline and oil for all their cars. Now that's the kind of a man that you elected the other day to be at the head of your law-enforcing agency in this County."

"Made Offer"
Sheriff Schram was interviewed by the Enterprise in regard to Mayor Lamb's statements. He said that it was true that he had made the offer stated above.

"They called me four times," said Sheriff Schram, "and I did offer to work for \$1,000 less, or even for \$5,000, but that they were to leave my help alone. They didn't take me up on my proposition, so I don't feel that I'm doing anything out of the way at all. I don't feel that I'm breaking my word."

Sheriff Schram said that the board did not "take up his proposition," in that they wanted to reduce the salaries of his deputies all along the line, at the time he made his offer to take less money for himself, and did not assure him they would let the deputies' pay continue as it had been.

There are about 60 in the sheriff's department, including girls engaged in clerical work.

Legion Starts To Improve Clubhouse

Members of Groves-Walker Post, American Legion took possession of their new home on Grand River avenue this week, and on Saturday will commence to receive contributions of funds for improvement of the clubhouse. Solicitations will cover a period of one week.

Members tore down an old barn back of the house this week, and are planning other work at the home. The committee on donations is as follows: Chas. O. Lueke, chairman, Fred Schaupter, C. Waters Lee, Harley Shroeder, treasurer. Checks may be mailed to the treasurer.

Past Grand Master Of Michigan Masons To Speak In Farmington



ROSCOE O. BONISTEEL

Farmington Masons anticipate one of the biggest events in recent years for the Lodge next Monday afternoon, when members of the Motor Products Lodge of Detroit will confer the third degree, and Past Grand Master Roscoe Bonisteel of Ann Arbor will deliver an address.

Mr. Bonisteel was Grand Master of Michigan Masonry during the term preceding the present one. His home is in Ann Arbor. The event, which opens with work at 4:30 p. m., will include a dinner at 6:30 p. m., and degree work in the evening.

It was originally planned to have Ionic Lodge of Detroit confer the degrees, but the death of one of their higher officers necessitated a change in plans. A number of visitors from other lodges are expected.

Party Leaders Prepare For '32

Election Results Analyzed; Both Factions Declare Vote Shows Own Strength

By F. M. BLUNK
Pontiac.—The week that has passed since the election has provided opportunity for political leaders and those of the rank and file to analyze the election returns and the outlook for the immediate future.

Most Republicans, rather than feeling disturbed because one Democrat achieved election (now in dispute), point to the victories of all the other Republican candidates by decisive margins. They declare that while it might be said the Democrats "made a good run," the results only go to prove that even with the Democratic organization exerting itself to the utmost, and in the midst of serious business depression, the Democrats still are unable to make any considerable dent in the Republican solid wall. They assert that even the most optimistic Democratic view of the election returns can show only that Oakland County is in the Republican column to stay.

The most optimistic view, of course, comes from the Democrats themselves. They point to figures and results in several contests, in various parts of the County as proving their contentions that their party is on the upgrade in the County. Their views of the election may be outlined as follows:

The Democrats declare that the popular, oft-expressed belief that Oakland County is a rock-ribbed Republican stronghold, that except in certain small districts no Democrat, regardless of the issues raised in his campaign, could break down the normal Republican majority, was proved fallacious last week. While it is true that only one Democrat, Murray D. Van Wagoner, candidate for the Drain Commissioner's office, was able to gather more than his Republican opponent, Arthur W. Spencer, that hardly completes the story.

An analysis of the vote in the 25 voting districts of the County (townships and cities) shows that in every district excepting two—Bloomfield and Pleasant Ridge—there was enough vote splitting for at least one Democrat, either on the State or County ticket, to obtain greater support than his Republican opponent.

As an index the three strongest Democratic candidates—William A. Comstock, Mr. Van Wagoner and the Charleston aspirant for the sheriff's office, Frank Dunston. Van Wagoner alone broke the Pontiac City voting, obtaining a margin over Spencer, while Comstock, who ran behind Bricker in Pontiac, broke into Ferndale and Royal Oak for substantial gains. Thus in the three largest voting sections of the County, one or the other of these

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Runs Into Pipes, Motorist Killed

Steel Tubes Pierce Man's Body, Head, In Crash In Fog At Five Points

Albert Kelly, South Lyon, suffered horrible injuries from which he later died early Thursday morning at Grand River and Seven Mile roads, when his car ran into the back end of a truck loaded with pipe, one pipe going into his head and another into his body. He died in Receiving Hospital, Redford, Thursday.

Kelly was travelling west in a small car, and although the truck carried proper lights, Kelly did not see the vehicle ahead, due to fog. The crash drove the pipes through the windshield of his car with such force that half a dozen men were required to hold the car while the truck pulled the pipes away.

Kelly was still conscious, although the two pipes were in his face and body, when help reached him after the crash. The driver of the truck was released.

OLD RESIDENT OF 14-MILE ROAD IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Christian Schlusler Expires Suddenly At Age Of 84; Native Of Germany

Christian Schlusler, 85 years old, for 33 years a resident of Fourteen Mile road, died suddenly Thursday morning at the home of his son, August W. Schlusler, with whom he had made his home. Mr. Schlusler suffered a stroke.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but burial will be in North Farmington Cemetery. Mr. Schlusler is survived by another son, and a brother, Thomas, of Miami, Fla. Mr. Schlusler was born in Germany.

New Chevrolet Model To Be Here Saturday

Motorists who have been eager to get glimpse of the new "bigger and better" Chevrolet model, newest product of the Chevrolet company, will have an opportunity to look the new model over from radiator to tail-light Saturday in Farmington. Farmington Motor Sales, Chevrolet dealers in this section, will have the new model on display.

The new cars are longer and roomier, yet there is a reduction rather than an increase in price, states R. E. Beckley, of Farmington Motor Sales. "The new model offers even greater value than the Chevrolet of the past year," said Mr. Beckley. "Quality is as high as ever, and with some very attractive new features that will interest and appeal to everyone."

The display by Farmington Motor Sales Saturday will be one of the earliest except in the larger cities of the country.

Largest Budget In History Of County Adopted

County To Borrow \$2,200,000 On Delinquent Taxes For Expenses

(Special to the Enterprise)
Pontiac.—Actions vital to the affairs of Oakland County taken by the Board of Supervisors at its sessions this week included—

Adoption, without comment, of a Ways and Means Committee report providing for raising by taxation \$2,836,460.56 the general expense budget for the County for the coming year. The report was carried by a vote of 38 to 5, Supervisors Curtis, Harmon, Paddison, Porritt and Springsteen dissenting. The budget carries an increase over the last budget of \$689,808.34.

Adoption of a Ways and Means Committee report authorizing the County Board of Auditors and the County Treasurer to negotiate a loan of \$2,200,000 on the delinquent taxes of 1928 and 1929 to meet County financial requirements until the first of the year. A special fund to receive the delinquencies, to be applied only to the liquidation of the loan was suggested. The report was adopted 29 to 12.

Adoption of a Ways and Means Committee report fixing the amount to be spread over the County for Covert Road-Large funds at \$612,792.06. The report carried by a vote of 38 to 1.

Adoption of a resolution submitted by Supervisor Garner Miller, halting construction of drains throughout the town of Commerce and Probate Judge to stop proceedings on all drains now before them. This was amended by Supervisor Joseph Long to read that no drains should be built until approved by affected township boards, and carried.

The Board deferred until its next session (to be called by Chairman Bruce Leggett when the Supreme Court has handed down its opinion in the tax case) further discussion on a matter raised by Supervisor Paddison (Oxford) concerning adoption of the township plan of raising poor funds after January 1. Mr. Paddison's scheme would make each city and township responsible for its own poor, thus allowing the smaller communities to escape with lighter taxation for this purpose. In the adopted budget there is an item of \$600,000 for temporary poor relief.

Approval of Supervisor Washington E. Irish's (Independence Township) plan for a test case in the State Supreme Court to determine the legality of the Board's action last summer in adopting its equalization committee's report. State legal authorities had ruled the adoption of the report illegal because only a majority of the Supervisors present—and not a majority of the Board as a whole—had voted for it. The Irish resolution for a test case was carried by a vote of 40 to 1, only Supervisor Charles Harmon of Pontiac dissenting.

Adoption of a motion by Supervisor Alfred Gale (Waterford), ratifying the Board's adoption of the equalization report of July 10, as well as its subsequent vote of September 23 approving those valuations. The Gale motion carried by a vote of 38 to 5, Supervisors Harmon, Springsteen and McClure dissenting.

Detroit News Poet To Be At Clarenceville

Anne Campbell, Detroit News poet, will be a guest at the Clarenceville P. T. A. meeting Monday evening, November 17. A fine program has been arranged after which a box social will be held for every one.

A large attendance is desired. All members are urged to be present and those not members, to attend and hear and see the program.

Committee Will See State Officials Regarding Track

One Hundred Citizens At Public Meeting Discuss Transportation Problem; Committee To Report At Another Meeting Next Tuesday Night

One hundred men and women of Farmington City and Township gathered in Farmington Town Hall Monday evening to discuss the position this community should take in regard to removal or retaining of the trolley tracks on Grand River avenue. It was the largest gathering of citizens for discussion of a public question in Farmington in years.

As a result of the gathering Monday night, and of a previous meeting last Thursday evening of leading citizens of the community, a committee will go to Lansing Friday morning to interview State Highway Commissioner Grover C. Dillman and members of his department regarding possibilities of saving the tracks. The committee will report next Tuesday evening, when another public meeting will be held in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock.

According to reports, the State Highway Department has already exercised an option to buy for \$22,500 land owned by the Eastern Michigan Railways along the trolley right-of-way.

The committee, consisting of Leo Gildemeister Amos Otis and Howard Warner, have been gathering statistics which it is believed will show that the freight operations, even in the past year of serious business depression, are sufficient to return a profit, and in good business years would provide a far greater profit.

Road Commissioner Isaac Bond will accompany the committee, as will Supervisor Arthur P. Coe of Farmington Township, and probably several others.

Opinions Differ

Widely divergent opinions on the problem were expressed by a number of citizens. At the opening of the meeting, John Ross of the Detroit Department of Street Railways, read a letter in response to questions as to what might be the attitude of that department. The letter stated that if the tracks were removed and bus service was desired, the department would furnish it, providing Farmington would make up any deficit that might occur, and the same would apply to trolley service.

John Thayer arose and said he would protest as a taxpayer against taxes being used to make up any deficiency. Justice Walter Headeler of Farmington Township suggested that Farmington might ask the Pere Marquette Railroad to make a connection which might run to Pontiac.

Charles Pettibone pointed out that "we have no assurance" at present as to how long the street car service would be continued, and Charles H. Ely said that while he disliked to see the tracks go, he believed there was "no use trying to save them."

"Freight Profitable"
Ralph Hogle of Redford said he believed it could be easily proved that the freight service (Continued on page five)

PLAYERS PRESENT COMEDY IN TOWN HALL NEXT WEEK

Seats Sale Begins For "The Royal Family"; Change In Cast Announced

Farmington Players will re-open their activity next week, when the first offering of the season will be presented in Farmington Town Hall. Rehearsals for "The Royal Family" are nearing the final stages.

Seats are on sale at F. L. Cook & Co. all seats being reserved. The play will be given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The players wish to make a correction in the cast announced for "The Royal Family." Miss Beatrice Prior is taking the place of Miss Billie Hoffman as Julie Cavendish.

AGRICULTURE REPORT

The Enterprise has received a copy of the report of the State Board of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and annual report of the experimental station. Anyone in this vicinity desiring to use it may do so.