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Jitney Bus Operator Offers 15 Cent Fare To Five Points

City Commission Receives Proposal For Lower Fare, And More Frequent Service; Eastern Michigan Reports Increase In Revenues

A proposal to establish a jitney bus line between Farmington and Five Points with a 15-cent fare was received by the Farmington City Commission Monday night. The offer was made by M. Murphy of Clawson, who informed the Commission that he has had eight years experience in operation of jitneys.

While the offer was made in writing, details were discussed verbally by the Commission with the applicant. The discussion indicated that not only would a lower fare be offered, but much better service, probably on a half-hour basis.

The service would differ from the Eastern Michigan transportation in that the jitney line would undoubtedly run to Five Points only instead of to Redford. On the other hand, the jitney bus applicant stated that he would be willing to provide a late bus for a number of Ford men, who have been without transportation since the discontinuance of street car service.

Show Dissatisfaction

While no official action was taken, comment by the Commissioners left no doubt that the officials are dissatisfied with the transportation facilities provided by the Eastern Michigan Railway buses, because of the fare charged. The Commissioners appeared to be unanimous in their belief that the fare is too high.

H. G. Walker, division superintendent of the Eastern Michigan Railways, appeared before the Commission Monday night, and stated that his company is willing to continue the service until further notice. He said that he had no available figures as to the amount taken in by the buses last week, but the 7 days before had shown a slight increase over previous weeks.

Mr. Walker inquired of the Commission if they had any complaints to make in regard to the bus service. The Commissioners said the only dissatisfaction was the high fare, to which he replied that an increase in traffic would be the only possible means of remedying this condition.

Would Co-operate

The jitney bus applicant indicated that if he were given a permit to operate, he would be willing to co-operate with the City Commission in establishing a fare and schedule agreeable to both. He would also be willing to comply with regulations made by the Commission, as to buses, drivers, safety, inspection, terminals and other details. He also stated that Farmington men would be given preference in the employment of drivers.

EXCHANGE CLUB IS TOLD OF OBSOLETE TAX DESCRIPTIONS

Officials Explain How Plymouth Copied With Tax Description Situation

The Farmington Exchange club members at their regular meeting Wednesday were addressed by two Plymouth village officials in regard to obsolete description of properties, which has cost several municipalities a considerable sum.

A. J. Koenig, Plymouth village manager and Herald Hamill, engineer, told the club members how Plymouth dealt with this situation.

Plymouth like Farmington was in a bad situation, they said, because the village had no accurate description of certain lots in both residential and business districts. It was found necessary to make an assessor's plat, which eliminated the yearly loss. This plat was found to give great satisfaction.

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School District Sues Township For Tax Money

Attorney For Clarenceville Board Starts Action To Collect Funds Due

A climax to the much-discussed school fund question in Farmington Township district came Tuesday after many months, when suit was filed in Circuit Court at Pontiac by Clarenceville District No. 5 Fractional against Farmington Township. The suit was filed by George E. Bushnell, attorney for the school district, the amount asked being \$12,884.

The sum due is 1929 tax money. The total owed the various districts in the Township is about \$45,000. The Clarenceville district has the largest sum due. Farmington Township has about \$10,000 due from the Township from the same tax funds.

In the papers filed Tuesday the Clarenceville Board of Education sets up that in April, 1930 the Township Board issued warrants on the Township for the money due but has not redeemed the warrants. At the time the warrants were issued, it was hoped that the Township would be able to find some means of raising the money.

The action is for a writ of mandamus to compel the Township Board to pay the money at once, and if the money is not available, to raise the sum necessary.

SHORT EXTENSION GIVEN FOR TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP

Treasurer Mark Bachelor Announces He Will Accept Taxes Until March 15

An extension of time during which Farmington Township property owners may pay their 1930 taxes was announced this week by Mark D. Bachelor. Mr. Bachelor stated that he will accept taxes until March 15, and that taxpayers, who might not be able to pay by the 15th, but would be able to do so by the 20th can make arrangements for such payment, provided they communicate with him before March 15th.

At the meeting of the Township Board Tuesday night, Mr. Bachelor reported that only 34 per cent of the taxes had been collected. The Township Board expressed itself as favoring as much extension as possible. Supervisor Coe said that he knew of several large property-owners who would be in a position to pay within the next ten days.

Mr. Bachelor announced that he would be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Thursday and at the Peoples State Bank on Friday and Saturday of this week, these being the last days that he will be at the bank for the collection of taxes.

Mrs. Eli Stodgel and Mrs. L. R. Pike spent Monday in Detroit.

Interest Turns To Election In City April 6th

Terms Of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Justice And 3 Commissioners Expire

With the Farmington Township primary out of the way, attention of the community turns to the Farmington City election which will be held Monday, April 6th. Thus far little interest has been displayed in the coming election, which has evidently been overshadowed by the Township primary.

Although the final date for filing petitions is less than three weeks away, only one candidate has filed a petition, according to City Clerk Nathan H. Power. He is George Gildemeister, City Treasurer. Interest in the City election is not expected to reach the high point of the Township primary just concluded.

Petitions were reported in circulation Thursday, however, for two candidates for assessor, James L. Hogle, and W. Allen Nelson. Mr. Hogle is the present assessor. It is also understood that Mrs. Bertha Westfall will be a candidate for treasurer.

Vote For 12

The people of Farmington will elect a mayor, three commissioners, clerk, treasurer, assessor, two members of board of review, one justice of peace (four year term), and two constables. The terms for these officers, are all for a two-year period with the exception of the three commissioners and justice of the peace.

Officials whose terms expire this year include Mayor Arthur Lamb, Clerk N. H. Power, Treasurer George Gildemeister, Assessor James Hogle, Justice John J. Schulte, H. A. Seely and Joseph A. Karle, members of the board of review and Constable Mari Pettibone.

Beside the two-year term offices above-mentioned the terms of three commissioners expire this year. They are Carl Hogle, Amos Otis and Fred Staman. Justice John J. Schulte's four-year term also ends this year.

Petition Limit March 24 March 24 is the last date for filing of petitions. This is ten days before the election. The registration period ends Saturday, March 28, with Tuesday, March 17 set as a registration day also by City Clerk N. H. Power.

MAKE PLANS FOR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S BANQUET

Plans are being made for the third annual St. Patrick's banquet to be given by Our Lady of Sorrows Church of Farmington at St. Mary's auditorium, Mansfield and Grand River roads, Tuesday evening, March 17.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p. m. after which a program of entertainers and speakers will follow. Tickets at 75 cents are now on sale for this affair.

Incumbents Win As Township Casts Record-Breaking Vote

Supervisor Coe, Clerk Campbell, Highway Commissioner Goers And Justice Headerle Victors In Spirited Contests; 1,089 Votes Cast

Surpassing all predictions Farmington Township voters went to the polls in record breaking numbers at Monday's primary, re-electing all incumbents of major offices. The vote totaled 1,089, the largest in history. On the tide of overwhelming majorities in Precinct 2, Clarenceville, Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, Clerk Willard Campbell, Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers, and Justice Walter Headerle were returned to office by decisive margins.

Not in many years has such enthusiasm been witnessed in the Township as was displayed Monday evening at the Clarenceville polling-place, following the most spirited campaign in recent years. Voters shouted, whistled, and stamped their feet as announcements told of big majorities for their favorites. In Precinct No. 1, the Bond School building, the crowd was less demonstrative, but the building was jammed throughout the evening, until the counting was concluded.

Condition Still Remains Critical

Henry Pauline's Condition Unchanged In Redford Hospital; Others Recover

Henry Pauline, 55, well-known Farmington merchant, is still in a critical condition at Redford Receiving hospital as result of serious injuries he suffered in an automobile accident on Grand River avenue, Tuesday of last week. Mr. Pauline's rugged constitution appears to be aiding him greatly in his fight to recover from numerous injuries he received.

Mr. Pauline showed a marked improvement on Friday of last week, but appeared to suffer a slight relapse the next day. His condition for the past several days has continued without change. Removal of the injured man to another hospital was considered, but has been postponed for the present.

Others in the accident, William Pauline and Lloyd Pearson are recovering from their injuries. Mr. Pauline's son, P. Owen Pauline and brother-in-law, Harry Newcomb, are in charge of the Pauline Market.

Former Resident Is Buried Here Thursday

Funeral services were held on Thursday for Mrs. Libbie Hake of Plymouth, former Farmington resident, who died at her home, Tuesday.

Mrs. Hake was born and raised in Farmington, attending Farmington Public Schools, and was well known here.

Burial was in Quaker cemetery, Farmington, at 2:30 p. m. from her home at Plymouth.

Try an Enterprise Liner.

Farmington Post Has Veteran Loan Blanks

All veterans in Farmington and vicinity who desire to get veteran loan blanks can get the same and receive assistance in filling them out from Groves-Walker Post, American Legion.

Blanks can be obtained from Myron Carrier of the Groves-Walker Post, welfare officer, or at Lee Hardware Co.

Overseer Defeated

In only one instance was an incumbent defeated, William Sager, highway overseer of District No. 1, losing to George Merritt by a vote of almost two to one.

Supervisor Coe carried both precincts, gaining a plurality of 51 in Precinct No. 1, but a lopsided vote in Precinct No. 2 made his total more than twice that of Ward Eagle, his opponent. The vote was:

| | Pct. 1 | Pct. 2 |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Coe | 321 | 432 |
| Eagle | 270 | 43 |

Totals, Coe, 753; Eagle, 313.

Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers also carried both precincts, receiving seven votes more than his nearest rival in Precinct 1, and getting a huge majority in Precinct 2. The vote was:

| | Pct. 1 | Pct. 2 |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Goers | 251 | 419 |
| Leet | 244 | 21 |
| Spaller | 54 | 37 |

Totals, Goers, 670; Leet, 255; Spaller, 91.

Campbell Wins Clerk Willard Campbell's majority of more than 300 votes in (Continued on page four)

MAY ASK RECOUNT FOR TREASURER IN SOUTHFIELD

Republican Candidate Defeated For Nomination By Two Votes

Possibility of a recount of the votes for Republican nomination for treasurer in Southfield Township developed following tabulation of the votes Monday night, Charles L. Collins receiving 188 votes to 190 for Mrs. Fannie Adams. Further difficulties were hinted at by supporters of Collins, who claimed an irregularity in the closing of the polls.

According to Collins' supporters, the notices originally posted stated that the polls would be closed at 9 o'clock. Later, they claimed, this was changed to 8 o'clock on all the posted notices except that on Southfield Community hall near Fourth Gate. According to the Collins men, two "Collins" voters came to cast their ballots between 8 and 9 o'clock and were refused the privilege of voting because the polls were closed, although, they assert, the notice outside the hall still read 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Adams has been secretary to the present treasurer, Arthur Baynes. A third candidate, Henry Robt. Jr., received 154 votes and Lewis Dowsett, 67. Whoever is the successful Republican candidate for treasurer will be opposed by Norwood Tibbitts, nominated on the Democratic ticket, without opposition, receiving 39 votes.

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Officials Re-elected In Farmington Township Primary



Farmington Township officials re-elected at the primary Monday—left to right: Supervisor Arthur P. Coe, Clerk Willard Campbell, Highway Commissioner Clayton Goers, and Justice Walter Headerle.

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