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Township Will Vote Monday On Fire Protection

Fire Proposition And Capital Punishment Issues Evident In Drab Election

With candidates of only one party on the ballot, the fire protection situation is expected to hold the chief interest of Farmington Township voters at the election, Monday, April 6. The capital punishment question on the ballot is also expected to swell the vote of an election which would otherwise be drab, with the absence of another party.

Voters of the Township are to decide whether the Township Board shall be authorized to purchase and house fire extinguishing apparatus and equipment, and whether an appropriation of \$4,000 shall be granted for that purpose.

This proposition is expected to be favored strongly by the voters living in the Clarenceville section, which is voting District No. 2, while most of the opposition is expected to come from the voters of Precinct No. 1, including the more scattered portion of the Township, north of the City of Farmington.

Considerable interest is being shown in the regular Township business meeting, which will be held at noon Monday at the Bond schoolhouse on Orchard Lake avenue.

With only one party in the field the following candidates are unopposed: Supervisor, Arthur P. Coe; clerk, Willard Campbell; treasurer, Mark Bachelor; highway commissioner, Clayton Goers; overseers: District 1, George Merritt; District 2, Albert Ferguson; District 3, John L. Thomas; District 4, Wesley Currie; justice of the peace (full term), Walter Headerle; board of review, Chas. Heise; constables, Fred Menke, Will Gregor, Edward Grimmer and Cleo Weatherly; township committee, Arthur P. Coe, Willard Campbell, and Walter Headerle.

MRS. JAMES MCGEE BURIED HERE AFTER DEATH IN FLINT

Burial In Farmington Follows Services In Flint; Was 47 Years Old

Mrs. Mary Alice McGee of Flint was buried Tuesday in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, after funeral services had been held at her home in Flint. Mrs. McGee was the wife of Rev. James McGee, pastor of the First Baptist church of Flint, brother of Thomas McGee of Farmington. She was 47 years old. Her illness was of short duration.

Mrs. McGee died Sunday at Flint. She is survived, beside her husband, by two daughters, and three sons.

Funeral arrangements in Farmington were in charge of Spencer Heenev.

Phyllis Vivier Buried Thursday In Redford

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon for Phyllis Ann, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivier, who died Tuesday morning of a throat infection, followed by pneumonia.

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson officiated at the last rites. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Redford.

The child is survived, besides her parents, by a little sister, Marilyn Kay.

Spencer Heenev was in charge of funeral arrangements.

CLASS TO MEET

The Golden Key class will hold a supper meeting at the home of Mrs. William Slocum on Oakland road, Tuesday evening, April 7th at 6:30 o'clock. Persons who will attend are requested to call Miss Pierce.

Capital Punishment Debaters



REV. FRANK D. ADAMS



CAPT. E. S. DENNISTON

Anticipate Light Vote In Livonia

County And State Issues Only Attractions For Township Voters

Only a light vote is expected in the Livonia Township election on Monday, April 6. With but one party in the field, voters will be attracted only by State and County issues.

The polling place in Precinct No. 1 will be located at 33362 7-Mile road and in Precinct No. 2, Sheldon's real estate office in Rosedale Park will serve as a polling place.

The following are unopposed for election: Supervisor, Jesse Ziegler; clerk, John Harlan; treasurer, Herbert Livrance; highway commissioner, Arthur Trapp; justice (full term), Joseph Grace; justice (three-year-term), Levi Clemens; board of review, Herman Johnson; overseers, District 1, Carl Wanck; District 2, Louis Salow; District 3, Thomas Levandowski; District 4, George Wolfrom; constables, Clarence Hoffman, John W. Walker and August Barrand.

Business To Cease From 12 To 3 Friday

Practically every business place in Farmington will suspend business from 12 to 3 on Good Friday marking the time that Christ hung on the cross. Placards have been distributed throughout the city bearing the legend, "Don't buy, don't sell, 12 to 3 Good Friday."

Three Farmington churches, Evangelical, Baptist and Methodist will hold a union Good Friday service in the Evangelical church from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.

The various ministers will deliver short messages appropriate for the worship period. There will be a 15-minute organ recital and special singing with hymns.

Three Running For Treasurer

Mrs. Fannie Adams To Run As "Sticker" Candidate For Treasurer

The election Monday in Southfield Township holds more interest than usual with two parties having candidates in the field and Mrs. Fannie Adams, defeated in the primary for treasurer, running as a sticker candidate.

Mrs. Adams was defeated by Charles E. Collins in a recount by three votes, after the tabulations following the election gave her a two vote margin over her opponent.

In the contest for major offices, George Bingham, incumbent and Republican nominee for supervisor, will be opposed by Charles Bilkovsky, Democrat. James Kirchoff, Republican, and present highway commissioner, will be opposed by Irving Johnson, Democratic nominee.

Mrs. Ona M. Utley, Democratic nominee, and Albert Jacobs, Republican, will fight for the office of clerk. Mrs. Utley is the present township clerk. Arthur Baynes, present township treasurer, and William Davis, Democrat, will contest for justice of the peace for full term.

Charles Collins, Republican, will be opposed by Norwood Tibbits, Democrat, and Mrs. Fannie Adams, "sticker" candidate.

City Employees Grade Alley; To Lay Cinders

Farmington City employees under the direction of Commissioner Amos Otis were engaged this week in grading the alley running north of State street, just east of Farmington Mills. The alley, which is 14 1/2 feet wide through most of its length, connects with the east-and-west alley north of the Enterprise building.

The north-and-south alley will be given a coating of cinders.

Overflow Crowd Hears Talks On Death Penalty

Over 400 Gather At Meeting In Farmington Town Hall

"Capital punishment" was on every tongue Wednesday and Thursday in Farmington, following a debate Tuesday evening that packed Farmington Town Hall with what was declared to be the largest crowd in many years.

Over 400 people filled every available space in the hall, nearly one-third of them standing through the two and one-half

Speakers Compliment Town Hall Audience

A fine tribute was paid to the audience which attended the capital punishment debate Tuesday evening in the Farmington Town Hall. After the debate the speakers joined in commending the audience for their courtesy and attention.

"It was the finest audience I ever spoke to," said one of the speakers. "Although the subject was highly controversial, we couldn't have asked a finer spirit in an audience. They gave us their best attention through the whole evening to the very end."

hours of debate. Chairs placed on the stage accommodated many who were unable to find room elsewhere.

Rev. D. S. Carmichael, Captain Edward S. Denniston, Rev. Frank Adams, and Judge Edward J. Jeffries, all of Detroit, were the speakers. Rev. Carmichael was the first speaker.

Deprecate Figures

Rev. Carmichael declared for capital punishment, asserting that there is Biblical justification for the death penalty. He said that statistics comparing states with and without capital punishment are not good argument, because "there are so many kinds of homicides." "Are we to submit to the killers?" asked Rev. Carmichael. "If not the best way to get rid of them is to put them out of the way." He said that one difficulty with capital punishment thus far is not with the penalty as such, but that the States having it need to enforce their laws more strictly in order to make it more effective.

Rev. Adams followed Rev. Carmichael. He declared that "My opponent, and those favoring capital punishment, would like to rule out statistics of course, because statistics give cold comfort to them. For instance, in Oklahoma, which has capital punishment, the murder rate is twice that of Kansas, which has not, although they are adjoining states. (Continued on page five)

To Have Contest For Mayor In City Election Monday

Movement Under Way To Name Commissioner Amos Otis On Stickers; Interest Centers On Race For Three Commission Places

Indications that the Farmington City election Monday may prove more exciting than has been expected were given this week when it was learned that a movement is under way to name Commissioner Amos Otis for mayor, as a sticker candidate. While no stickers have yet appeared, it was stated definitely Thursday that the slips will be distributed and that an active effort would be made to elect Mr. Otis.

Mayor Arthur Lamb was unopposed for re-election when the City Commission finished canvassing petitions last Friday evening. His name is the only one printed on the ballot for mayor. Rumors of the sticker campaign were heard Monday.

It is anticipated that this contest and interest in the capital punishment bill may result in a much larger vote than had been expected up to this week. Interest in the other contests has not increased appreciably with the approach of election, although there is much speculation as to the candidates for the Commission.

Other offices for which there are contests are treasurer, assessor, justice of the peace and constable. There has been little active campaigning, however, on the part of any of the candidates.

Will Decide On Domestic Science

School Board To Consider Problem Of Continuance Of Home Economics

The Board of Education of Farmington schools will decide next Thursday evening, April 9, whether the home economics department at the school will be retained or eliminated. Incidental to this matter, Supt. John Dalrymple this week made the following statement:

"At the present time when school costs are being given careful consideration, it is well to give serious thought to the value of each school activity.

These values, however, are not easy to determine and we have no definite evidence to establish what is essential or non-essential.

"The local school provides outside of the strictly academic courses, work in art, commercial, music, both vocal and instrumental, home economics and physical work mostly in the form of competitive athletics. The practical value of each of these activities can not be determined by the expertness of the individual as a musician, accountant, a seamstress or an athlete but rather by the normal growth of the average child as he finds his life broadened by these various contacts."

ELECTRIC CURRENT SERVICE PROBLEMS TOLD TO EXCHANGE

Efforts To Mainain Efficiency Outlined By Edison Company Official

Interesting features which develop in transmitting and providing electric power to users of current were related to members of Farmington Exchange club Wednesday noon by Fred Bagnall, of the Detroit Edison Company. Problems of transmission are many and varied, Mr. Bagnall said.

"Few people realize," said the speaker, "that there are in this section of the country great birds with a wing-spread of seven or eight feet. But we do have them, and they give us line trouble." The company often chartered airplanes to locate line-breaks, and employs every modern facility to keep service at the highest efficiency at all times, Mr. Bagnall said.

Mr. Bagnall came to Farmington as the guest of Earl Grosvener, manager of the Farmington-Detroit Edison Company office.

Arthur Lamb and N. H. Power were in Pontiac Monday on city business.

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The polls will be open Monday from 7 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night. A number of State officers are to be elected, also a County school commissioner.

The election board will consist of Ralph Auten, Eugene Brown, Ann Brown, Carl Goers, E. O. Hatton, and Fred Maas, with Eugene Edwards as gatekeeper.

FUNERAL SERVICES ON SATURDAY FOR CHARLES HELIKER

Deceased Was Life Resident Of This Section; Ill One Year

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. for Charles Heliker, 63 years old, who died Wednesday morning on his farm on the 12-Mile road, where he was born and had spent his entire life. Rev. Melvin R. Alair of Detroit will officiate and interment will be in Farmington Cemetery.

Mr. Heliker had been in ill health for the past year. He is the last surviving member of a family of three boys and three girls, being the son of Baldwin Heliker and Rosmond Spencer. The deceased is survived, besides the widow, by one son, Grant, who lived with his father, and two step-children, Mrs. William Tamm and Earl Heliker.

NEW FEATURES ADD TO NEW CASINO'S ATTRACTIVENESS

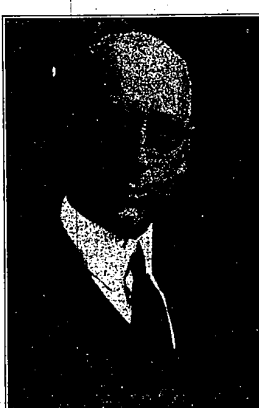
Heating And Ventilating System To Make Pavilion More Comfortable

Dancers at the New Casino at Walled Lake need suffer no discomfort this season by dancing in a ballroom that is chilled by the Spring atmosphere or "stuffy" with Summer heat. A new heating and ventilating system has been installed which makes the New Casino comfortable at all times, equally on cool nights as well as warm nights.

The New Casino ballroom opens for the season Saturday, April 11 with a Grand Opening dance, and will be open every night thereafter except Monday. On Sundays there will be continuous dancing from 8 p. m.

The Broadway Collegians orchestra, who played at Walled Lake for the past three years, will be back again this season with new surprises.

Speakers On Death Penalty Bill At Farmington Town Hall



Rev. D. S. Carmichael, left, and Judge J. Jeffries, right, speakers on the affirmative and negative sides respectively, at the capital punishment debate in Farmington Town Hall Tuesday evening.