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## 5 Schools Retain Board Members; 4 Have Contests

Electors Quiet, Attendances Small; Noble, Southfield Hold Long Sessions

Electors of five of the eight school districts in this vicinity where annual elections were held Monday evening, re-elected the trustees to continue in office. The other four staged elections which in at least two instances, led to intense competition and heated arguments, and in one case, the battle waxed hot to long past midnight. In general, the elections were quiet, with only small attendances and early adjournments. Elections where there were no contests were Clarenceville No. 5, Fractional, Eagle district No. 1, Thayer district No. 3, Fractional, Novi district No. 2, and Fairview district No. 4. Pierson district in Livonia Township changed one of its trustees. Noble no. 6 electors put in two new board members. At school district No. 8, in Southfield Township, the most heated struggle of the nine took place, where one change was made.

At Pierson school district in Livonia Township, Fred Garchow was re-elected to succeed himself. Ernest Ash was elected to fill the vacancy made by Emerson Ault. Only 25 votes were cast at the school. The officers who complete the board of five are Jesse Ziegler, president; Albert Nacker and John Harlan, secretary.

**Ten Votes Elected**  
Mr. Garchow was the only nominee whose name appeared on the ballot, received 24 votes. Ten voters wrote in the name of Mr. Ash and seven Mr. Ault's name, for the other office.

**Change Meeting Date**  
George Leet was re-elected as moderator at Eagle district, No. 1. School meetings will hereafter be held the second Monday in June, instead of July, it was decided. The other officers are Mrs. Ina Sturman, director; and Ward Eagle, treasurer.

**Only Seven Vote**  
At Thayer district No. 3, Fractional, Joseph Graham was re-elected as moderator. Only seven voters participated in the election of the board member. Mrs. Mildred Graham Irving was re-elected to drive the school bus. Leo Fendt is the treasurer, and Mrs. Eva Fendt, the director.

**Borchart Re-Elected**  
Novi district No. 2, Fractional held its election at the school and re-elected William Borchart as treasurer. Transporting of the children to Farmington school will continue in the fall. Other officers who continue in office are Ed. Seelye, moderator; and James Erwin, director.

**Blanchard Continues**  
Earnest V. Blanchard continues in office as school board treasurer at Fairview No. 4, having been re-elected at the Monday meeting. Thomas Gibson, director; and Charles Gates, moderator, continue in office.

## FARMER PUTS HAY IN BARN—BURNS FEW HOURS LATER

Loses Crop On Farm At Seven Mile And Middle Belt; Horses Die

Last Saturday afternoon,ohn Orim, formerly living at seven Mile and Middle Belt roads, completed the task of putting into his barn a large crop of hay. He was glad the job was done. A few hours later, early Sunday morning, he was awakened by shouts, and informed that his barn was afire. The barn filled with hay, two horses, and a large assortment of farm tools were burned. The flames were so hot that for a time it was impossible to get near the barn. It is believed the fire may have been caused by spontaneous combustion, due to the hay being green. A passing motorist saw the flames and gave the alarm.

## Should Board Accept \$10 Checks? Where Are Missing \$3,000 Bonds?

Should the Board of Education accept a check for \$10 for refund of money illegally accepted a year and two years ago by a member of the Board? Where are \$3,000 in bonds that belong, or should belong, to the school district? Who is wrong and who is right, among a dozen trustees and former trustees in spirited combat.

For nearly four hours, electors and officials of School District No. 9, Southfield Township, wrestled with their problems Monday night. Until after midnight they stayed, and left with the question which occupied more than half their time—unanswered. The calendar was turned back five years, and minutes were opened and read—and a debate went on

such as few communities and not many individuals ever have the privilege to witness.

No room in the school, located a few blocks north of Grand River and east of Fourth Gate road, was large enough for the meeting, so it was held in Southfield Community Hall.

**Dramatic**  
Any dramatist would give much to be able to depict such scenes as occurred there Monday night. As those who use the vernacular of the stage might say, "this show 'had everything'". There was comedy—lots of it. There were serious moments, moments of breath-taking intensity. There were climaxes, anticlimaxes, and climaxes again—little rise and fall of drama. (Continued on page five)

## W. Point To Play At Navin Field

Will Engage In Feature Contest Of "Amateur Day" In Detroit

With Carl Goers pitching one of the best games of his career, West Point Park baseball team Thursday afternoon won the right to play at Navin Field Sunday in the annual Detroit "Amateur Day", the biggest event of the year in amateur baseball circles.

## Manager Wolfe Urges Support For Team

West Point Park baseball players were jubilant Thursday over the team's stirring victory over the Skrzycki's, entitling them to play Hermand Lau at 3:30 o'clock, Sunday at Navin Field on "Amateur Day." Manager Harry Wolfe urged Farmington fans to turn out and "root" for "the home team."

West Point Park earned the honor by defeating the Skrzycki's team at Northwestern Field Thursday 5 to 4.

The final inning brought a thrilling climax, with three men on base, two men out and "Big Joe" Truskowski, former University of Michigan star, at bat. Goers had walked the two men ahead of Truskowski. Five pitched balls made the count "three and two," and on the last pitch, Goers struck the batter out. (Continued on page eight)

## BAPTISTS HOLD RADIO RALLY AT CHURCH FRIDAY

Dr. Savage Of Pontiac To Preach; Musical Program Is Planned

A "Radio Rally" will be held at Farmington Baptist Church next Thursday night July 23, at eight o'clock. The Farmington church is associated with five other churches in a broadcasting program each noon from 12:30 to 1 o'clock over station WJBK Detroit. These broadcasts have been on the air for the past seven weeks and will continue in the future. The rally has been planned, that those who tune in each (Continued on page four)



REV. H. H. SAVAGE

## Deny Franchise For Jitney Line On Grand River

Public Utilities Commission Refuses Permit; Five For \$1 Tickets Are Issued

Attempts to establish a jitney line on Grand River road between Farmington and Redford met with failure Wednesday, when notification was received from the Michigan Public Utilities Commission that the petition had been denied. Troy Alterson, of Nyrborne avenue, Redford Township. (Continued on page eight)

## Township, City Tax Shares Less

Farmington Area Has Lower Percentage Of State And County Tax This Year

Both Farmington Township and City will have a smaller proportion of the State and County tax to pay this year, under the equalization report adopted by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Wednesday. The report, filed by the equalization committee, of which Mayor Arthur Lamb of Farmington is chairman, was accepted by a vote of 27 to 7.

All the votes against it were by Pontiac members of the Board. Charles Harmon of Pontiac submitted a substitute report, which would have raised the total County valuation from \$320,000,000 to \$420,239,710, meanwhile leaving Pontiac's assessment at approximately \$102,000,000.

This would have given Pontiac a much smaller portion of the total tax. Mayor Lamb points out that the really important figure in the entire table is the percentage of tax to be paid rather than the figures in dollars. Pontiac has appealed to the State Tax Commission for three successive years, and each time the County has received an increase in valuation as a result.

**Under 1930 Proposition**  
Farmington Township's proportion of the State and County tax this year will be .02320775, as compared with .023839 in 1930. Last Spring the equalization committee communicated to all assessing officers a suggested valuation, Farmington's being \$7,925,260. The Township's valuation last year was \$3,242,987. Supervisor Coo made a reduction of between 10 and 15 per cent in his assessing, as compared with last year, and the board of review cut this further, to an average of about 25 per cent. The board of review felt that this was necessary to "keep property-owners in Farmington Township," as a better policy than keeping valuations high and losing the taxes entirely. Supervisor Coo had not wished to make such a drastic (Continued on page four)

## CLOSE POST OFFICE SATURDAYS AT 3 DISPATCH AT 1:45

Outgoing Mail Leaves At 1:45; Delivers One Hour Later

Closing of the Farmington post office at three o'clock on Saturdays went into effect, July 11, and will remain in effect hereafter, Postmaster Thomas H. McGee announces. The early closing is a result of the 44-hour postal employees' law which became effective on July 1.

Changes in mail dispatch for Saturdays also have gone into effect. Hereafter, outgoing mail will leave on Saturday at 1:45 o'clock and letters should be in the postoffice by 1:30 to insure dispatch.

Incoming mail arrives at 2:45 o'clock. Residents will therefore have fifteen minutes in which to call for their mail on these days. Weekday mail will be distributed as before, outgoing mail leaving at 4:15 o'clock, and incoming mail arriving at 5:15 o'clock. Other post offices operating under the civil service commission in the State practically all are closing at noon Saturdays: In this list are Pontiac, Plymouth, Dearborn, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Flint and Wyandotte.

Farmington's late closing is due to the lateness of the incoming delivery.

## President Re-Elected



WALTER HEADLERLE

## Board Head Stays At Clarenceville

Headlerle Re-Elected By Clarenceville Electors And Chosen Again By Board

The same officers who have been in charge of Clarenceville School District No. 5 affairs for the past two years will continue in office for the coming year, following re-election Monday evening of Walter Headlerle, president of the Board. Immediately after the annual meeting at which the voters returned Mr. Headlerle to office Monday evening the Board met and re-elected its three officers, including Mr. Headlerle, Fred Lehr, secretary, and Strak Utujian, treasurer.

The electors received with enthusiasm a report of Mr. Utujian revealing that the schools had been conducted during the past year at a saving of more than \$8,000 over the previous year. The actual expenditures for the past year, Mr. Utujian reported, were \$56,499.63, of which \$8,800 was paid on a bond issue. The previous year the running expense was \$56,131, with nothing paid on bonds, and the borrowing of \$14,000.

Additional economies are planned for next year, the kindergarten and music and art course having already been eliminated.

**Two Nominated**  
Mr. Headlerle was the only officer whose term expired. He was nominated by H. W. Earle, C. C. Heise supporting. William Hinborn was nominated by John Wagner, the nomination being supported by Clarence Barber, Clifford Humphrey and Mrs. Clarence Billings acted as tellers. Of 61 votes cast, Mr. Headlerle received 39 and Mr. Hinborn 22.

The matter of having a nine or ten months' term was left to the Board as was the matter of a depository. The teachers have been engaged for ten months, but with a 30-day clause, the Board stated.

Payment of excess tuition for (Continued on page four)

## 22 Are Killed At Crossing In Year; Order 6 Signals

Traffic at Northwestern Highway and Telegraph Road Causes Change

With a record of 22 people killed and scores injured at one highway crossing in less than a year, officials have taken steps to reduce the accident toll by placing traffic signals at six important intersections. Foremost of these is the crossing at Northwestern Highway and Telegraph road, where the 22 fatalities have occurred, and where crashes occur almost daily, with an appalling record every Sunday. The intersection has been in use less than a year.

**Other Lights Planned**  
Besides the signal lighting equipment to be placed at Northwestern and Telegraph, lights will be placed at the intersection of Lasher, Ten Mile, Twelve Mile and Thirteen Mile roads with Northwestern Highway. Another will be installed at Telegraph and Ten Mile roads, where seven Farmington residents were seriously injured a few weeks ago.

Recognition by the State Highway Department of the importance and danger of these crossings was given this week, with the ordering by the Department of the six signals. The roads are state highways.

**Describes Hazards**  
A graphic description of the hazards of the Northwestern-Telegraph crossing dangers is given by Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt of Farmington, who is on duty Sundays at the corner, and who, with a fellow-officer, narrowly escaped being struck by a skidding car last Sunday.

"We were on our motorcycles," he explained, "when suddenly a big sedan, brakes screeching, came sliding sideways down towards us, with the driver apparently helpless to do anything. The other officer who was with me managed to leap from his motorcycle, but I was caught unawares. Luckily, the car just missed my motorcycle, and stopped near us, just a foot from a maple tree."

"If someone wants a real thrill, let him spend a short time at the intersection on a Sunday or holiday afternoon," he added.

DeVriendt explained the reason for the number of accidents. "The cars have not been stopping as they reached the intersection," Deputy DeVriendt said. "Instead after waiting in line near the intersection, they do not stop again at the corner, but go right through."

The ladies of Our Ladies of Sorrows Church are holding a bake sale in W. S. Kenyon's store just the other side of Switzer road Saturday afternoon July 18. Everybody is invited to shop.

## Officer Hurt On Road While Directing Traffic

In an effort to reduce mounting death toll along the Northwestern highway, Deputy Sheriff Floyd Stapleton, and Deputies Don Menzie and Leon See were standing on Telegraph road and the Highway directing traffic Sunday night. Stapleton was struck by a truck making a right hand turn at the intersection, suffering head lacerations, and abrasions on one arm. He was feared to have been critically hurt with a possible skull fracture, but a photograph taken at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, to which Stapleton was removed, Monday revealed his skull was not fractured, and he was released from the hospital. The truck owned by Wolverine Motor Freight Co. was driven by Nige Lewis, 4610 Industrial street, Flint.

## "Flash" Electrocuted Riding Horse Was Prize Pet At Banks Home

"Flash", a riding horse, owned by William R. Banks and Mrs. Banks at their home at 20230 Farmington road, just west of Base Line road was instantly killed, July 5, at three o'clock during an electrical storm, when she was struck by a flash of lightning.

The horse, a prize Morgan mare, had been the pride of the Banks family for six years, having been raised as a colt, and was considered a pet by all who knew her. When the bolt struck, the horse had been standing close to a wire fence near the stable and it was dead almost immediately after the shock, as if it had been electrocuted.

## Unwilling to Sell

It had been rumored that Mr. Banks was willing to sell his horse, but he denied this yesterday in an interview.

"We wouldn't have sold her for the world," Mr. Banks said. "She was a pet, and we raised her as a colt. You know, you get attached to your pet, and this one was a wonderful three-gaited saddle-horse. Always full of zip, she may have been fiery, but she was a kind horse. It seems kind of lonely here without her."

According to Mr. Banks, the horse would not let him get out of the automobile when he came home. It would in no instance recognize anyone it did not know. It pricked up its ears as if to listen to conversations, a snapshot of the horse with one ear forward and the other as if listening eagerly, readily evidencing this fact.

"Flash" had won a number of (Continued on page four)