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26 Candidates Enter Township Primary Race

Largest Field Of Candidates In History Enters Primary Election Race

Twenty-six candidates, the largest number in the history of Farmington Township, are seeking 12 offices at the primary election, March 7. The previous record number of candidates to enter the primary, 23, was made last year.

The center of interest, according to early indications, will be the race for treasurer in which seven candidates have filed petitions. They are Jay C. Button, Mrs. Loretta Cox, P. Ray DeLuili, Charles (Jack) Habermehl, Fred Lahr, Willis T. Roberts and Roy Schroeder.

LeRoy Currie, 35300 Thirteen Mile road, will oppose Arthur Cio, the incumbent, for supervisor. This is expected to be one of the outstanding contests of the election.

Three In Race For Clerk

Willard Campbell and Mrs. Ina Sturman will renew a political battle for Township clerk that dates back to last year when they opposed each other for the office. Mr. Campbell was elected last year by more than 300 votes. A nominating petition for William Wendtland, although received a day late will place him on the ballot. More details concerning Mr. Wendtland's petition appear in another column.

Three candidates are in the field for Highway Commissioner. Clayton Goers, the incumbent, is opposed by James Roberts and Joseph Graham, former commissioner. Mr. Goers won over two other candidates last year by more than 400 votes.

Four Battle For Overseer

Action of the Township board in reducing the number of overseers from four to one has precipitated an interesting battle for the office. Two present overseers and a former overseer are among the four candidates in the race. William Seger, overseer from District 1 in 1930, was defeated last year by George Merritt, who is not a candidate this year. Louis Smith, also of District 1, opposed Seger and Merritt and is again a candidate for the office. J. W. Currie of District 4 and John L. Thomas of District 3, both incumbents, are seeking the office.

Two candidates seek the office of Justice of the Peace. Ernest Blanchard, the present holder of the office, is opposed by H. A. McIntyre of Farmington Acres.

The officers of Board of Review member and constables will apparently be elected without contest. Don Button was the only candidate to file for the former office while Henry DeHenke, Fred Menke, William Gregor and William LaForge are the only candidates for the four constable offices to be filled.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET PLANNED AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Hon. Dan A. McGaffey Secured As Speaker by Rev. E. W. Palmer

Two speakers of note have been secured by Rev. E. W. Palmer, pastor of Farmington Baptist church, for the annual Baptist Father and Son banquet Thursday, February 25.

Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate, has assured Rev. Palmer that he will be in Farmington for the event. His appearance on the program is expected to prove popular with sons as well as fathers.

Billy Repaid, known as the "Floyd Gibbons" of Michigan, a news reporter over W. J. R. will also be on the program.

There will be no charge for the banquet, Rev. Palmer announced, but an offering will be taken at the table. Those who expect to attend are asked to phone their reservations to Rev. Palmer, 206.

Mario Walling attended a Consumers Power Co. party given for the employees at their new office Friday night.

Addresses Womans Club



FRED M. BUTZEL

Improvement In Prisons Is Told

Fred M. Butzel, Detroit Attorney And Social Worker, Addresses Club

"Lifers" generally make model prisoners and not more than 30 per cent of the inmates in the prisons of Michigan are to be classed as vicious criminals. Fred M. Butzel, leader in social movements of Detroit and the State, said in an address before Farmington Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon.

The vast improvements that have been made in handling of prisoners throughout the State, the special function of the various institutions and the types of inmate helped prisoners, and the State, said in detail by Mr. Butzel. His address included an outline of the work among sub-normal boys and girls, particularly at the training school near Northville.

Mr. Butzel said that the men and women who commit murder, believing that they have "justification" for doing so, almost invariably turn out to be obedient, helpful prisoners, and very frequently are made "trusties." This class does not include, of course, Mr. Butzel said, bandits who murder with robbery as a motive.

New Buildings

Treatment of prisoners has changed remarkably in recent years, with beneficial results, Mr. Butzel told the Club. In some instances institutions where vile conditions prevailed where vile replaced by new and sanitary buildings, while in other cases alterations in administrative personnel had occurred.

Especially interesting was a

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FATHERS AND SONS ENTERTAINED AT METHODIST CHURCH

Varied Program Given At Farmington Event Before Large Crowd

More than 100 Farmington fathers and sons attended the annual Father and Son banquet at Farmington M. E. church Tuesday night. A. L. Ross was master of ceremonies.

J. A. Dalrymple, superintendent of schools, gave a toast to sons in which he pleaded for greater understanding among fathers and sons and the convergence of ideas of youth and the mature.

Buster Pierson gave a x-ylophone solo followed by a toast to fathers, given by Dean Parker. Betty Jane and Mary Lou Worsfold gave two dance numbers. The Methodist church quartet composed of Norman Barrons, Edward Eaton, Robert Cook and Arthur Applein sang several numbers and Ed. Alexander gave a parody of "Little Red Riding Hood."

The feature number of the program was Stanley Smith, appearing as a magician. For more than an hour, Mr. Smith entertained the assembly with a variety of tricks.

Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson closed the program with brief remarks.

Agreements In For 80 Per Cent Of Bank Deposits

Renewal Of Business Within Short Time Seems Practically Assured

Depositors of the Peoples State Bank representing more than 80 per cent of the total deposits have signed the depositors-stockholders agreement, it was announced Thursday by Chairman Arthur Lamb of the depositors' committee. It seems practically assured that the bank will renew business as usual within a short time.

Considerable encouragement was given the bank officials with the announcement of resumption of business at the First National Bank of Plymouth, under a plan similar to that which Judge Lacy proposed in Farmington. The Plymouth bank resumed business Monday and reported that deposits received on the first day of business totalled \$11,000.

Steady Progress Shown

The past week has shown steady progress as the result of the work of the depositors' committee and officers of the bank. Signatures for approximately 30 per cent of the deposits were secured in the last few days.

The importance of the success of the agreement plan, as an alternative to receivership, was emphasized in a discussion of several business men this week. One Farmington citizen said that "if bank depositors realized the costs of a receivership in a financial crisis such as this they would come to the bank unsolicited to back any plan for resuming business, rather than allow their institution to be taken over by a receiver." This speaker produced an Illinois newspaper which went into some detail on costs of a receivership carried on in the Illinois community for seven years.

The bank in question had been in constant litigation for seven years following its closing and that time its depositors had received only a dividend of ten per cent. On the other hand, according to the newspaper, "the receiver and his attorneys have received \$28,849.82. Year after year the expenses of the liquidation have exceeded the amounts collected."

Costs More Than Income

The newspaper article goes on to show that each year the cost of receivership has overbalanced the amounts received and then asks, "Who benefits when a closed bank is thrown into the hands of a receiver? At the time the bank closed its doors its assets amounted to \$198,712. Its liabilities totalled \$170,263 and included \$40,075 in individual deposits, \$77,389 in savings deposits, \$10,641 in time certificates of deposits."

"The total amount of the ten per cent dividend paid to these depositors plus the balance of \$6,293 shown in the receiver's last report, is less than the cash on hand at the time the receiver was appointed. And seven years have passed," the article concludes.

FOURTEEN STUDENTS AT CLARENCEVILLE RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Commencement exercises for the tenth grade were held at the Central school, Clarenceville, Monday night. Fourteen members of the class received diplomas which were presented by Walter Headlee, president of the Board of Education.

The program was as follows: Salutatory, Lillian Meyers; "Mathematics In Modern Civilization," Clinton Spies, piano solo, Iva Shaw; "The World Court," Beatrice Kambout; "American and the World Court," Ethel Leveade; piano solo, Dorothy Clark; "Class Room Discussion," Mildred Krueger; "Present Day Literature," Mary Franklin; "Why I Like Little Business," David Jones; "Why I Like Big Business," Iva Shaw; Valedictory, Dorothy Clark.

The other members of the graduating class were: Marie Prew, Russell Lilly, Cyril Wilkenson, Robert Getts, and Melvin Witte.

Township Clerk Allows Late Petition Against Himself - For 'Fair Play'

Fairness and genuine sportsmanship still exist, even in a cynical world and in times of intense competition. In order that every man have an equal chance as a candidate for office, Clerk Willard Campbell of Farmington Township is going to place upon the primary election ballot the name of a candidate whose petition, under strict interpretation of the law, was filed one day too late. And the man is a candidate against Mr. Campbell himself.

Although decisions of the court are fairly clear on the matter according to Attorney James H. Lynch of Pontiac, whom the Township Board consulted on the problem, Mr. Campbell still can

Interest Lags In Livonia Politics

Jesse Zeigler Candidate For Supervisor For Eleventh Successive Year

Two major offices in Livonia Township will not be contested at the primary election, March 7, while the remainder are being sought by only a minimum number of candidates in an election that thus far has stirred little interest in the Township. There is but one ticket, the Republican.

For the eleventh successive year Jesse Zeigler will be a candidate for supervisor. In eleven years Mr. Zeigler has been opposed but once for the office. John Harlan, clerk, is also unopposed in the primary.

Two candidates are entered in the race for Township treasurer. They are William Tomas and Daniel McKinney. Herbert Lirrance, the incumbent, is not eligible for re-election, having served for the past two years.

Arthur Trapp, present highway commissioner, will be opposed by William Keehl. Mr. Trapp was returned the victor last year by more than a three to one vote over Nelson Bennett.

T. J. Lewandowski will oppose Carl Waack for overseer in District 1. Mr. Waack is the present overseer. Louis Salow, overseer in District 2, is unopposed.

Two candidates have entered the race for justice of the peace, full term. They are Mabelle M. Rohde and Gustave Adams. John W. Walker and Ernest Ash are running for member board of review, full term.

Four constables are to be chosen and in this race the competition is fairly keen, six candidates having entered. They are John E. Gallagher, Ray Owens, Charles H. Canfield, Sol Rice, Albert Hirsch and Edward Howard.

INVESTIGATING BANK

Investigation of the closing of Farmington State Savings Bank was begun Wednesday by Circuit Judge Frank L. Doby's one man jury. Howard C. Knickerbocker, receiver, and Edgar S. Pierce were called to Pontiac to testify. Other witnesses will testify Friday.

District Officers Of Epworth League



Dr. J. A. Halmhuber (left) is district superintendent of the Epworth League and dean of the Institute which will begin in Farmington Friday; Rev. Bert Edde (right) is district president and associate dean of the Institute.

exercise his discretion in the matter, since recognition of nominating petitions rests finally with him, and overturning of a clerk's acceptance or rejection is a long and doubtful undertaking in the courts.

One Day Important

The entire matter turns on the close question as to whether the day of filing a petition may be counted, under the statute which says that nominating petitions must be filed "not less than 20 days before" the primary election. If the day is to be counted, the petition in question was filed in time; if not, it was not.

Petition Blank

Shortly before three o'clock on Friday of last week, James Roberts brought to Mr. Campbell's home a petition-form bearing a number of names. The Township Board had set four o'clock on Friday as the time limit for petitions on the table and left. Some time later, Mr. Campbell unfolded the paper and found that the heading contained only Wm. Wendtland's name, but not the office for which he was running of the political party. Mr. Campbell placed the petition along with the others and on Tuesday evening the matter came up before the Township Board, with both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Wendtland present.

At the time, the petition was still blank as to the office and party. Mr. Roberts said that he had expected Mr. Campbell to fill these in for him. Mr. Roberts is a candidate for highway commissioner, and when he obtained his own petition blank, he asked Mr. Campbell to fill in the heading for him, which Mr. Campbell did. He admitted Mr. Wendtland's petition. (Continued on page five)

CHECKETTS MOTOR SALES HOLDS OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEK

Many Features Of Interest Promised Those Inspecting New Pontiac Models

Checketts Motor Sales is holding open house all this week, and extends an invitation to the public to visit the showroom and inspect the new Pontiac Six and V-Eight.

"Through our appointment as dealer here," said Mr. Checketts, "our company becomes the representative of one of the largest automobile companies in the world, and one of the most progressive. Within the last year Pontiac has advanced from sixth to fourth position in the automobile industry—and in 1932 plans to progress even further and do a still greater volume of business.

"To those who take advantage of our invitation to inspect the new cars in our showrooms, we promise many features of interest. Both series—the Six and the V-Eight—offer sprocket-mesh transmission with quiet second gear, built-in free wheeling, ride control, rubber cushioned at 47 points in the chassis, full pressure motor lubrication and ultra-smart Fisher bodies.

Expect 200 At M. E. Conference In Farmington

Mid-Year Meeting Of Epworth League Institute Will Begin Friday

More than 100 delegates from 30 churches in the Ann Arbor district of the Methodist church are expected to attend the annual Epworth League Mid-Year Institute in Farmington which is to begin Friday night and continue until Sunday. It is the first meeting of its kind to be held in Farmington.

At least 200 persons will attend the three-day session. Rev. Floyd Charles Johnson, manager of the Institute, estimates. "Providing accommodations for the influx of visitors expected at the meeting is occupying the attention of Rev. Johnson. He has been canvassing Farmington homes this week in an attempt to house the delegates. He has met with splendid co-operation, he said, but is still lacking necessary accommodations for the number expected.

To Attend Five Classes

Delegates will attend five class periods during the Institute for which a certificate of training will be awarded, leading to graduate standing for the delegates in young people's church work.

Friday evening will be devoted to registration, a social hour and the first two class periods. Dr. Weldon Crossland of Pontiac will be the leader for the evening watch.

The third and fourth class periods will be held Saturday. The delegates will also hear Rev. Bert Edde, pastor of Walled Lake M. E. church. Dr. Hugh Kennedy, dean of State Institutes and secretary to the Bishop in the Detroit conference and Dr. Fred Poole, Detroit Conference director of Religious Education. The afternoon will be devoted to an automobile trip for the delegates to the Grand brook church and the Methodist Children's Village.

Open To Public

The Saturday evening program, open to the public, will be presented by the Wesley Guild of Ann Arbor under the direction of Dr. E. W. Blakeman. Sunday Rev. Johnson will give the sermon. He has chosen for his topic, "The Cry of Youth." The Institute will close Sunday afternoon with the presentation of certificates by Dr. J. Adolph Halmhuber of Ypsilanti, Dean of the Institute.

Those in charge of arrangements for the Institute are Dr. Halmhuber, district superintendent and Dean of the Institute; Rev. Bert Edde, district president and associate dean; Rev. Johnson, manager, and Clarence Osborne, registrar.

Officers of the district are Clarence Osborn, Pontiac, president; Miss Gladys Gentz, Belleville, Miss Effie Seger, Farmington, Miss June Currie, Ann Arbor, and Miss Gene McLane, Ypsilanti, vice-president; Miss Oral Renwick, Wixom, secretary; Earl Kouba, Wayne, treasurer; Miss Ruth Bradley, Walled Lake, junior superintendent; and Miss Helen McLane, intermediate superintendent.

The faculty for the Institute is comprised of Dr. Halmhuber, Dr. Blakeman, whose specialty is dramatics; Dr. Peter Stair, Ann Arbor, social problems; Dr. Weldon Crossland, Pontiac, who will conduct a class in practical psychology; Rev. Harry Lord, Pontiac, religious education; Rev. Floyd Johnson, the Bible, Rev. P. Ray Norton, Plymouth; and Rev. Edde.

G. H. Riddle Transferred To Pennsylvania Office

G. H. Riddle, an official of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and a resident of Farmington for the past ten years, has been assigned to the main office of the Corporation and has moved to Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. Riddle was at one time City engineer of Farmington. Dixon Riddle, his son will reside with his uncle, Marlin Riddle at Lewistown, Pa., until other arrangements are made.



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