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Re-Registration In The Township Gets Under Way

Equipment Purchased For Permanent Registration; Cost Is $221.74

With purchase of equipment completed, the new permanent registration of Farmington Township voters is under way. Within the next three and a half months all citizens who wish to vote at the next primary election, to be held on September 13, must record their names under the new system.

Purchase of the equipment was completed Tuesday evening by the Township board, which bought a system designed to care for up to 1,500 registrations, at a cost of $221.74. The equipment is adequate for two precincts.

Not only does the new system require regular voting in order to be retained on the registration records, but illegal voting is made extremely difficult. Voters will be required to sign their names when they register. Upon coming to the polls to vote, the voter must sign an application blank for a ballot, and the signature on the application is to be compared with that upon the registration card before a ballot is issued.

Card Index Used

The new system employs the card index method, with a master file kept in the clerk's office, and a card-index precinct-book for each precinct. Record is kept of each citizen's voting, and if a citizen does not vote for two years, his resignation is cancelled and he must reregister before he can vote again.

The registration cards provide for an unusually complete record of each voter, including a detailed account of removals from one voting place to another from the time of the first registration in the Township.

The new system will add considerably to the work of the township clerk, because of the completeness of check-up on every voter, and particularly during the next three months when the entire Township must re-register. However, it is anticipated that substantial benefits will be realized, in bringing and keeping up to date of the registration books and encouraging greater interest in voting on the part of citizens.

Wilson, Hart, First In Township To Register

Claude Wilson of Eleven Mile Road and William H. Hart of Clarenceville led the van of Township voters in registering under the new permanent registration system just put in effect. They were the first to present themselves to Township Clerk Willard Campbell for recording of their names and signatures.

Mr. Campbell is receiving registrations at his residence 20830 Pearl St., Clarenceville.

Opportunity Given To Plough For Township

Men with plowing equipment will have an opportunity to get in some work in the garden project being undertaken by Farmington Township. The land must be ploughed and fitted, and the Township board will receive bids on the work at its next meeting, Tuesday night, May 17. Board members found that the idea of contributed work had not developed as satisfactorily as might be desired.

From 20 to 50 acres will be put in shape, and work is to be done under supervision of the supervisor and highway commissioner. Bids must be submitted in writing on an acre basis.

Supervisor Coe has been authorized to purchase the required quantity of seed potatoes for the project.

L. S. Gullen is in Flint this week.

Farmington High School Band To Seek Honors In Contest Friday

Farmington High School's 45-piece band will go to Ypsilanti Friday morning to compete in a district competition for bands of Class C High Schools in five counties. The district contest festival is a preliminary to state and national events of similar nature, which will result in selection of the finest high school bands in the country, in each class of school.

Farmington's band last year won third place. Oxford's noted musical organization of more than 50 pieces not only won the district event but also the state contest and went to the national competition. Inasmuch as the Oxford band has won every event of recent years, Farmington's band would not be disappointed if it does not land first prize. However, a good showing is anticipated by all those interested in the Farmington band.

Trenton, which last year won second place, is entered again this year.

In addition to the entry of the entire band, Farmington will make a bid for prizes in two special events. A brass quartette will compete, comprised of Howard Thayer, Wayne Wixom, Lucille Jacobs, and Lewis Haas. A woodwind ensemble will be entered, consisting of Viola Lamb, Pearl Brown, Lena Himmelspach and Gilbert Grimme.

The festival will begin at 8:30 a. m. Friday in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Eight or more bands from Oakland, Wayne, Ingham, Livingston and Washtenaw counties are expected to enter the event. A number of adults will accompany the Farmington band.

Farmers Receive $2,085 In Loans

Crop-Aid Checks Sent Out To 15 In This Part Of County

Welcome and substantial aid came to 15 farmers of this area this week, when checks totalling $2,085 were received from authorities in charge of Federal crop loan funds. The checks were mailed Tuesday to 14 farmers around Farmington and one in Novi Township.

These are the first loans to be made in this vicinity under the act passed to assist farmers. Fruit-growers and others are materially aided by these advances of money.

Checks for the loans are coming through in about four days after approval at the disbursing office at Washington, according to K. D. Bailey, county agricultural agent. The time for making application for Michigan farmers has been extended to May 14.

Over 2,600 applications have been made in Michigan, about 40 of them from Oakland County.

The committee in this section which has been assisting farmers in making out applications consists of E. N. Blanchard, Howard Warner and John Fitzpatrick.

MRS. JAMES NEW HEAD OF BUSINESS WOMEN'S GROUP

Farmington Organization Elects Officers At Annual Meeting And Dinner

The Business and Professional Woman's Club of Farmington held its second annual dinner Monday evening in the Methodist church parlors with election of officers. Mrs. Virginia James, was elected president, Mrs. Leola Hake, vice-president, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood treasurer, Mrs. Mae Schoenberger recording secretary, Mrs. Ethel Williams, corresponding secretary.

The members were seated at one long table adorned with a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers flanked on either side by colored tapers. Mrs. Hake was presented with an electric clock by Miss Martha Stamahn, a gift from the members of the Club.

LONG, LONG SESSION

The meeting of the Farmington Township Board Tuesday night was one of the longest on record. It began at 8 o'clock and concluded just before midnight.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. F. WESTFALL TO BE SATURDAY

Six Months Illness Fatal To Farmington Resident; Was 57 Years Old

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock for Mrs. Fred Westfall of Farmington, who died Tuesday morning following an illness of six months. Services will be at the residence on Pickett avenue, and at the Evangelical church, followed by burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Westfall, who before her marriage was Catherine Landau, was born in Livonia Township and had lived in this vicinity throughout her life. About nine years ago the family moved into Farmington from their farm at Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile Roads.

Besides the husband, eight children and four brothers survive Mrs. Westfall, who was 57 years old. The children are: Mrs. Ida Tucher, Mrs. Ella Binkley, and Herman, Edward, John, Fred, Norman, and Harold Westfall. Four brothers surviving are John, Herman, Julius and Fred Landau.

Rev. A. A. Schoen will officate at the services.

P. T. A. Plans Card Party For Needy Children

Farmington P. T. A. is sponsoring a card and bunco party to be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Nelson Friday, May 13th, at 8 p. m.

The proceeds are to be used to buy shoes and the like for needy children, who would otherwise have to go without them.

The co-operation of all is needed to make the event a success. Admission is 25 cents.

Soft Ball Appeals To 40; Thrilling 25-25 Tie Opens 3-Team Title Chase

So popular has the soft-ball play for Farmington men proven already that enough have appeared to make up three teams. About 40 men have turned out and indicated a desire to play during the evenings since the idea was taken up.

Three aggregations have been chosen by leaders and will be in spirited competition for "the championship of Farmington" throughout the coming weeks.

G. H. ("Curly") Williams heads one team, Harrison Johnson a second, and George Gildemeister the third. A regular schedule has been drawn up, with the teams alternating, and with each team playing the other two an equal number of games. Fourteen men were chosen for each team, to provide a surplus that would assure nine men ready for play at each game, allowing for absences, illness, etc.

The first game in the series, played Wednesday between the teams of "Curly" Williams and Harrison Johnson, ended in a thrilling tie, 25 to 25, as darkness fell at the end of seven innings. Johnson's team, trailing 12 to 24 as the sixth inning started, scored 10 runs after two were out in the inning. A mighty home run by Arthur Lamb was the only score for Williams' side in the first part of the seventh, and Dr. G. F. Weaver followed two teammates across the plate with the tieing run in the last half of the inning.

The three leaders used the boyhood method of "choosing up

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Town Hall Case Starts Tuesday In Circuit Court

Long-Delayed Trial To Begin Before Judge; Citizens To Testify

The long-awaited beginning of the Farmington Town Hall ownership case is to occur next Tuesday, May 10, in Circuit Court at Pontiac. Taking of testimony will begin on that day.

Notice that the case is about to be opened was received Monday evening by the Farmington City Commission from George E. Bushnell, of Sempliner, Dewey, Stanton and Bushnell of Detroit. The case might have been started Thursday of this week, but it was found more convenient for all concerned to adjourn it for five days. Inasmuch as so much time has been required to get the case called for hearing, however, it is agreed that there is to be no further delay and that the hearing will proceed.

Officers of the Township, City and the Masonic Lodge will be called to testify regarding the agreement for occupancy of the hall, and its use during the past 55 years. Old documents and records are an important factor in the case.

Mr. Bushnell's firm represents the City, James H. Lynch of Pontiac will appear for the Township, and Roscoe O. Bonisteel of Ann Arbor will represent the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which holds the interest of the Farmington Masonic Lodge in the hall.

It is understood that Mr. Lynch will contend that the township officials acted illegally in 1876 in entering into the agreement with the Masons for the second story of the Town Hall, and that therefore the transaction cannot affect the ownership of the property. A statute was passed in 1907 prohibiting such agreements. It is understood that the attorneys for the Masonic Lodge will contend that the agreement was legal at the time, and will point to the 55 years' undisturbed occupancy, together with sharing of expense, as giving the Lodge a share in ownership.

The case wil probably be heard before Judge Glenn C. Gillespie.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY BUDGET MONDAY, MAY 23

Citiens Get Opportunity To Learn Of Appropriations For 1932-33

Monday evening, May 23, has been designated by the City Commission as the date for public hearing on a proposed budget for 1932-33, which is to be adopted by the City Commission. On that date citizens are invited to attend the session of the Commission and take part in consideration of the appropriations to be made for various purposes during the coming year.

The hearing is in compliance with the charter provision which requires that the Mayor and City Clerk shall draw up a tenative budget, with estimates for the various departments. After the public hearing, at its meeting on the first Monday in June, the Commission is to take up the proposed budget and, after considering each item separately, pass an appropriation bill providing the required funds.

The appropriations suggested in the proposed budget may be reduced or increased by the Commission, but no increase may be made without two-thirds vote of the Commission.

A schedule including a number of items was shown to members of the Commission Monday evening. It contained a number of substantial reductions from the 1931-32 budget. One new item appeared, that for welfare work, in view of the fact that each city and township is to handle its own poor relief after January 1, 1933, unless this is changed by the County board of supervisors between now and that date. The appropriation suggested is $1,000.

Spring Clean-Up To Be Held On May 10, 11

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10 and 11, will be Spring Clean-Up Days in Farmington. The dates were set by Mayor Lamb Monday night at the meeting of the City Commission.

On the days specified, City employes will pick up discarded matter that is placed at the curb or edge of the road by residents. Everything to be hauled away should be placed in containers to facilitate loading on the trucks. All residents are urged to co-operate in the effort for a cleaner city.

Seek To Change Voting Precinct

Township Voters Reported Desiring Change; Area Without Definite Boundary

Whether voters of one entire section of Farmington Township should vote in Precinct 1 or Precinct 2, and where the precinct boundary should be, is a problem before the Township board. In fact, a technical question might be raised as to whether the people of that section have ever been definitely established in one precinct or the other.

The district in question is Section 34, lying between the southerly limit of the City of Farmington on the north and the Eight Mile road on the south, and between Farmington Road on the west and the section line on the east.

Orchard Lake Road is designated as the dividing line between the precincts 1 and 2, all west of that road voting in Precinct 1, and all to the east in Precinct 2. However, the question arises because Orchard Lake Road does not extend south of Grand River, and the only boundary below the intersection would be an imaginary line, an extension of the line of Orchard Lake Road southward to Eight Mile Road.

The problem came before the board Tuesday evening, when Supervisor Coe reported that the people in that section, who have heretofore voted in Precinct No.1, at the Bond School, have protested at the distance they have to travel in order to vote. Mr. Coe said that they contend that if they were allowed to vote in Clarenceville, they could cast their ballots on the way to or from work, since they travel Eight Mile Road twice daily and pass within a few hundred feet of the polling-place in Precinct Two. The suggestion had been made, Supervisor Coe said that the precinct boundary be definitely declared for the area southwest of Orchard Lake Road and Grand River, the boundary to follow the Township-City line westward to Farmington Road, and thence south along Farmington Road to the county line, Eight Mile Road. This would place the area in Precinct 2.

Justice Blanchard expressed the view that it is better practise to keep precinct boundaries in a straight line rather than making districts of irregular shape. He said that as to convenience, many in the Township, including himself, could probably vote as conveniently in precinct 2 as in Precinct 1, and possibly more so. Supervisor Coe stated that another factor is the number of voters in Precinct 1, because the vote there approximates the legal limit, and if there is too large a total, it might be necessary to form a third precinct, with consequent increase in expense due to having another election board and polling-place.

Mr. Coe said that he understood that if the board did not take action, the voters of the district in question were prepared to circulate a petition asking the change. Mr. Blanchard said he would prefer to have a petition oefore the board before acting on the matter, and no action was taken.

Protest Changes In Bus Schedule; Propose Jitneys

City Commission Hears Objection To New Time-Table; Jitney Line Offered

Once again the troublesome problem of transportation service on Grand River is before the authorities, with vigorous protests registered against the new schedule made effective Sunday by Eastern Michigan Motorbuses, and with another offer of jitney line service made to the Farmington City Commission.

The new schedule has apparently been made up with the intention of utilizing the Detroit-Lansing "Blue Goose" service and cutting down expense by avoiding duplication of transportation units between Farmington and Redford. The fare on the "Blue Goose" buses between Farmington and Redford has been cut to the local bus rate, and the Farmington-Redford bus is scheduled for only early morning and late afternoon and evening runs. During the day it is expected that the through service will care for transportation needs.

The early morning runs are made without stop-overs, the first leaving Redford at 5:40 a. m., arriving at Farmington at 6:00 a. m., and returning immediately, arriving at Redford 6:20. Two more round trips are made, leaving Redford 6:20 and 7:00, and Farmington at 6:40 and 7:20. The bus then lays over until afternoon. Meanwhile, there are Blue Goose buses leaving from Farmington for Detroit at 9:16, 10:16, 12:16, 1:16 and 3:16, the two-hour gap between the last two runs being one of the causes of protest.

Afternoon Run

The local bus starts running again, leaving Farmington at 3:40 p. m. after having come up from Redford, from which place it departs at 3:00 o'clock. It makes regular trips between the hourly runs of the through buses, affording frequent service up to its last run, which leaves Farmington at 7:00 p. m.

Objections were voiced with

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REVIVAL OF MARX BROTHERS' FAMOUS PICTURE MAY 6, 7

Publix Redford Theater To Exhibit "Animal Crackers" A Classic Of The Screen

One of the most popular motion pictures of recent years is to be exhibited Friday and Saturday at the Publix Redford Theater, the showing being a revival of the Four Marx Brothers' famous movie, "Animal Crackers."

"Like good books, good music, fine paintings, or any other worthy works of art, an exceptionally fine piece of work in motion pictures endures and can be seen with enjoyment again and again," says Joel Smouse, manager of the theater. "For that reason, after many requests, we are exhibiting 'Animal Crackers' Friday and Saturday. Those who happen to have missed this unusual picture will surely want to see it, and those who have seen it once need not be urged to come again. Although it is a comedy and its theme is pure fun, it is nevertheless an achievement that displays rare artistry in every phrase of picture-making. It is at the same time one of the funniest and one of the greatest pictures ever produced."

The showing of "Animal Crackers" is in addition to the regular scheduled attractions, and there will be no advance in prices.

CLEAN UP DAYS

The City Commission have named Tuesday and Wednesday May 10-11 clean up days. Will residents having cans and rubbish or any waste material, kindly place the same where they will be easily accessible to the city truck men.

N. H. POWER
City Clerk