

School Board Holds Heated Discussion

State Department of Public Instruction auditors will check the books of the treasurer and secretary it was decided at a meeting of the directors of the Farmington School District, following a heated discussion of methods used during the past year.

Charges and counter-charges of irregularities in handling the duties of the secretary and treasurer were made by Treasurer Setrak Utjian and H. W. Earle, secretary during the past year. Other members of the board when questioned were divided in their opinions as to the methods used by Utjian and Earle.

Utjian publicly challenged Earle to produce a ledger of the secretary's books for the year. Earle counter-charged that Utjian had exceeded his authority as treasurer and had collected from both Bedford and Livonia Townships the tax monies and issued no receipts.

The treasurer replied after Earle read a section of the school law that he had not been aware of exceeding his duties.

President Walter Hederle when questioned by Utjian stated that the board had decided at the beginning of the year to have reports read at each meeting, and that Utjian had made reports for possibly two meetings, but not since.

Figure Dohany stated the treasurer had made some reports, and Fred Lahr answered that Utjian had made some accountings, but not regularly.

Two close elections were also held to heighten the night's interest. After counting the ballots three times Willard Campbell was elected as trustee to succeed Elmer Dohany, whose term expired. The first public tabulation gave Dohany the trusteeship by a 47 to 46 vote.

When a Campbell supporter asked for a recount a number of voters declared the returns reversed. A third count showed Campbell the victor by 47 to 46. Five electors who had been named as candidates on the slate declined.

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NO. 4 FARMINGTON FRACTIONAL SCHOOL ELECTORS TO VOTE

Whether or not a 2-room addition will be erected on to the present building of school district No. 4, electors of the township of Farmington and Novi, will depend on the vote of the qualified electors of that district, to be held at the school house, Monday, July 18. The polls will be open from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Two proposals will be made at the time. Submitted to the electors will be the question whether or not the school district should "borrow" a sum sufficient for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a two room addition to the present school house, and to issue the bonds of the district therefor, said bonds to mature and be payable on such date or dates, and bear such rate of interest per annum, as the qualified electors of said district shall determine by their vote at said meeting."

The second proposition to be submitted to the electors will be whether or not the "tax limitation provided in Section 21, Article X of the Constitution, shall be increased for a period of five years from 1938 to 1943, both inclusive, from 15 mills to not to exceed 22 mills of the assessed valuation of all property in the district, for the purpose of raising additional funds for the building and equipping of said addition to the school house."

Members of the Board of Education have estimated that the expense of erecting and equipping the addition will be \$12,000. If the electors vote in favor of the propositions \$2,000 will be transferred from the general school fund to a "special building fund. This would necessitate a \$9,000 bond issue.

POSTPONED MEETING

The Women's Division of the Oakland County Democratic Committee is omitting its regular monthly meeting for July, which is generally held the third Thursday of each month at the St. Francis Club. Members are urged to attend the August 18 meeting, when all the Democratic candidates for county offices will appear.

Mrs. Lou McElroy spent the holiday week end visiting in Pittsburgh.

Two Fatally Injured In Car Accident

Miss Betty Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, 33068 Shawansee avenue, will have to remain in the Sunnybrook Hospital, at Royal Oak, for 6 or 8 weeks, and Don B. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Sutton, 31600 Twelve Mile Road, will remain in the same hospital until the first part of next week.

The two are survivors of a group of four young people who were in an accident Sunday morning.

Betty Smith is suffering a double fracture of the pelvis, and Robert Sutton, 16 years, formerly of the same home, has severe wounds and head injuries. Doctors are of the opinion that there is no skull fracture.

Buried Wednesday Edith Smith, Betty's sister, and Norman Harrison, who died as a result of the accident, were buried at Acadia Park Wednesday afternoon where final rites were held. The young couple were buried in a double grave.

One of the largest groups ever to attend a funeral service in Farmington gathered at the Methodist church to hear Rev. Delmore Stubbs, pastor of the church and pastor of the Farmington church, offer the prayers and condolences, and give the obituaries.

Miss Ernestine Pierce sang two selections.

Bodies of the couple were lying in state at the Spencer Heene Funeral Home preceding the services. Many of the business houses closed during the time the rites were held.

The young couple, Norman and Edith, who are now buried together in the same grave, a short time previously had high hopes of a bright future together. They planned to be married in November, and for some time had been saving their money in a joint account to aid them in establishing themselves.

Surviving Norman Jr. besides his mother and father, are five brothers, Edgar, Jim, George, and William and Dick, the twins. Surviving Edith, besides her mother and father, and injured sister Betty, are two brothers, Robert and Ted, and one other sister, Mary Jane.

Summoned From Neebish Mr. and Mrs. Smith were summoned from Neebish, Michigan, where they were vacationing with Mrs. Eleanor Talbot, with whom they reside in Farmington.

The accident occurred Sunday morning at 12:30 p. m. on the intersection of Twelve Mile and Greenfield Roads, when the car driven by Norman Barron Jr. collided with one driven by Miss Lillian A. Schwan, 16724 Rosemont avenue, Detroit. Miss Schwan is suffering a head and back injury and a possible broken jaw.

Barrons died shortly after the accident. Miss Smith died Monday at 3 a. m. in the Royal Oak Hospital.

High School Band Will Play Novelty Feature At Concert

As a feature of the concert at the athletic field shell next Thursday night the Farmington High School band, under the direction of Alvin Benner, will present a novelty arrangement of Fillmore's "Military Escort." The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30.

The band will give a variety of "Military Escort" as the bands of the average high school, Benny Goodman, the United States Marine, the German concert band, and Mussolini's band would play it.

A varied program is being presented. For lovers of marches the band will play Sullivan's "Entrance and March of the Peers," Alford's "Vanished Army," and Sousa's "Cotton King." Two overtures, "Call of Bagdad" by Boieldieu and "Dauntless" by Holmes will also please the audience.

Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and Lehar's "Merry Widow" are two well known selections. Running in a lighter vein will be "Two Guitars" by Horlick. The program will conclude with "The Star Spangled Banner."

School District Members To Begin New Board Terms

Members of the school boards of the various school districts in this area will begin their new terms in the near future following the elections held Monday night.

In a gathering featured by attendance of more than 60 electors as compared with only four or five at annual meetings in the past several years, Spencer J. Heene was re-elected to the Farmington No. 5 school board by a large majority. He polled 49 votes to 12 for John Hunt. Mr. Heene's term was the only one expiring.

The electors heard a report on plans being considered by the Board to attempt erection of a \$75,000 addition to the school plant to relieve congestion. Of the sum, \$33,750 would be available from the federal government as a grant, and \$41,250 would be the cost to the school district. A vote of election on the matter would be required.

Large Gymnasium The building would provide a large gymnasium in addition to domestic science and other rooms. The new building would be partitioned for community events, such as plays, dances and the like. The present gymnasium would be partitioned to provide several classrooms, which would relieve the congestion throughout the grade and high schools.

A long discussion preceded the casting of votes at 10:15 p. m. in the 9 district meeting, centering about the eligibility of Joseph H. Kennedy, a junior supplies salesman, to be a candidate in the race for the trusteeship vacated by William Harrison, who declined to run again.

A similar discussion was held last year. Electors did not agree on Kennedy's eligibility, and a slate of three persons included his name. By the narrow margin of one vote Mrs. Eve Teich Kennedy polled 28 votes to 27. Kennedy polled 29 votes.

Mullins Elected The 74 electors gathered heard a letter read announcing the resignation of Joseph Doe, secretary for the past year. Board members called a brief recess to the general meeting, and during a private session, they accepted the resignation. Oscar Mullins was elected to succeed Doe as trustee for the unexpired term of one year. He defeated Richard Thompson 44 to 16.

In a quiet order meeting of Bond No. 6 fractional school district 65 electors unanimously re-elected Arthur Coe for a three year term. Isaac Bond, the other trustee, whose term expired, succeeded himself when he defeated Theodore Coleman by 40 to 25 votes.

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Mrs. STYRE DIES

Mrs. Stella Styre who had many friends in Farmington, was buried at Holy Sepulchre cemetery in Detroit last week. She is survived by her husband, father and mother, two sons, three sisters and one brother. Mrs. Styre was the former Miss Vandenburg of the 1929 class of Farmington High School.

Honor Honolulu Couple At Family Reunion

A family reunion was held recently at Cass-Benton Park in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mass and Mrs. Harold, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Other out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie McConchle, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Dan McConchle, and son Bill, Mr. Fred Shoaff, Paris, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shuffelbarger, South Bend, Ind.; and Mrs. Nancy Sull, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Guests from the Farmington area included, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brugman, Nancy, Betty and Shirley Moore, Mrs. Herbert Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Kirtley McConchle and family, Mr. and Mrs. James McConchle and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Donald and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. Markham and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. Nathan and Mr. and Mrs. Ormel Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry E. Fisher (formerly Betty Dohany), spent last week visiting with their parents in Detroit and Clarenceville. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were married last week Saturday morning at Carlisle, New Mexico, on April 23. From there they went to Hollywood, where they visited for a day on the film lot. They visited Los Angeles, and journeyed through the redwood forest on their way to Portland, Oregon. They spent three days at Timberland Lodge, Seattle, and visited Yellowstone Park on their return home. They were enroute to Washington, which is Mr. Fisher's business headquarters. They expect to go to Nova Scotia, where Mr. Fisher will be connected in business.

C. R. Batson Awaits Court Examination

Clifford R. Batson, 45, truck farmer, who lives in Farmington Township awaits examination, set for September 2. He was arraigned Monday afternoon before Judge John J. Schulte at the Oakland County Jail, on charges of negligent homicide, and was released on \$500 bail.

According to police reports Batson's auto struck four children on two bicycles Saturday night at the LaSalle Winery near Orchard Lake Road as the youngsters were returning to their homes in Detroit.

As a result of the accident Roland Waters, 8, of 15707 Riverdale avenue, is dead. Suffering from head injuries at the Bedford Receiving Hospital are Elizabeth Boyd, 13, and her sister, Stella, 11, of 15832 Beaverland Street. Thomas Biggers, 11, of 19725 Riverdale avenue, was reported internally injured.

Denies Reports

Police and witnesses stated that Batson was driving under the influence of liquor, but the driver denied the statement. State police reported that Batson's wife had called them earlier in the afternoon asking them if they had seen her husband, who they had been missing.

One witness stated that the bicycles were dragged 150 feet. The frames were wrapped together, and the grill work on the automobile was said to have been badly dented.

Police stated that the bicycle riders were straddling the line dividing the right and left eastbound lanes at the time of the accident. The two girls were riding the bars, while the boys were "pumping."

Another victim of an automobile tragedy was Mrs. Doris Traynor, 76, of Northville, who died in the Bedford Receiving Hospital Saturday afternoon of injuries received in an accident at Nine Mile and Farmington Roads June 5. The driver of the car, Robert Adler, also of Northville, died in the same hospital, early in the morning following the accident.

Mark Ferrier Suggests Light Summer Desserts

M. K. Ferrier, in charge of the Farmington A. P. store, has suggestions for summer drinks and light desserts.

Ice cold grape juice, or cold tomato juice are two refreshing appetizers recommended by the manager. Ginger Ale, Root Beer and assorted Sodas he further asserts are the drinks of the town for warm afternoons and nights.

To those people who have not tried iced coffee he states a treat awaits them when they try it.

Light desserts are excellent for the present season, Ferrier says, and Sparkle Desserts, Dole Pineapple Gems and Prunes can be added to other ingredients to form delicious dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Bayport, Michigan, are spending several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Miss Theda Arnold has returned to her home after spending eight months with her grandmother, Mrs. R. N. Shafer, at Coopersville, Michigan.

Close Vote In Elections

H. W. Earle (left) and Willard Campbell (right) were elected Monday night by close majorities to the Farmington No. 5, fractional, School Board. Earle won out by three votes over his closest

Bank Will Install Bullet Proof Glass

News Happens Here Within Few Hours

Excitement runs rampant in Farmington in clusters. During the early morning hours of March 27 of this year a fire was raging, following an explosion, in which the Wall Chemical Company, on Grand River Road near Hagerly Highway, was destroyed. On the same day the Farmington State Bank was held up.

Preceding this latest bank robbery this week two tragic accidents occurred involving Farmington residents. An eight year old Detroit boy died from injuries received Saturday night as a result of being hit by an automobile on Grand River, while riding a bicycle. The following morning an automobile accident occurred resulting in the deaths of Norman Barron Jr., and Miss Edith Smith. Only 39 hours elapsed between the first accident and the bank hold-up.

Police are hunting the two bandits, who were partially frustrated in their plans by the courage and screams of Mrs. Ida Jineyfield. They secured \$14,652 in the March 25 holdup \$5,750.39 was taken. Otto Barnowski and Walter McDonald are held at Milan pending trial in September on charges of participating in the first holdup.

Varied Damages Caused By Storm

Farmington residents are still telling out-of-town friends of the fury of the lightning in Farmington early Monday morning during the storm which was general in this locality.

One local resident reported that it was the worst electric storm he had witnessed here in twenty years. The Detroit Edison Company officials reported that more transformers had been struck by lightning during this storm than during similar summer storms in past years.

Edison's crew worked for 24 hours following the storm in order to maintain service. Most of the calls for repairs were in the Township. Only a few wires were down. Service was only momentarily interrupted about 1 a. m. when a change-over was made to a sub-station. Electric clocks stopped during this period.

Walter Durban's home, at 23069 Main avenue, was reported struck by lightning, although no one was at home at the time. Slight damage was done in the interior.

City workmen were busy all day Monday gathering brush and broken limbs which the wind brought down. Two big trees which had been felled also had to be removed. No damage was done by the trees which were located on the properties of Henry Otis on Grand River, and Dr. Z. R. Aschenbrenner, on Power and Shawansee avenues.

Hall, which accompanied the storm, was reported to have done considerable harm on the Haisted Park on Grand River Road. The apple orchard suffered damages amounting from \$600 to \$1,000, it has been estimated. The hail which came down about 1:30 lasted only a few minutes.

Guests over the Fourth of July at the Elmer Dohany home on Eight Mile Road were the Dohany's two grandsons, Mike Thomas and Louis Brown of Detroit, and Robert Ely and Jimmy Ross of Northville.

Close Vote In Elections

When the newspaper men heard of the feat of Mrs. Jineyfield they rushed to her home at 24705 Grand River to secure pictures and her version of the story. She refused to see them.

Mrs. Homer Elsenlord visited friends in Detroit, Tuesday.



SPENCER J. HEENE

Zoning Progress Told Commission

The zoning code for Farmington will not be ready until later for the City Commission's consideration. Paul R. Schreiber stated at a meeting of that group Monday night.

Schreiber told the Commission that Bayard Tupper had suggested that the building code had been returned by Detroit authorities who had been looking it over for suggestions and criticisms, and that the code would be introduced for the City's examination at a meeting in the near future.

Zoning is something individual, Schreiber stated, which requires a different setup in each locality. A building code may be the same in different cities, and the main problem there is to find the most suitable one for this city.

The Commission voted to pay the \$306 provided in the 1938 act for the library's salary and purchase of new books to the Treasurer of the City and Township Library Commission. By this method, it was explained, the Commission can function without the direct approval of the entire Commission. Commissioner Delos Hamlin is the city's representative on that committee.

Due to a mix-up in which it was discovered that the 1932 school taxes, amounting to \$25, had been paid twice, the City instructed the Treasurer to refund \$25 to Mrs. Doris Thompson of Brookside avenue.

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