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Electors To Decide On 3 Propositions

Three propositions will be presented Wednesday, August 31, to the qualified electors of West Farmington School District No. 4, fractional, at the school building. School Board members announced this week.

Voters will decide at the meeting whether or not they are in favor of a $5,000 bond issue for the erection and furnishing of a two room addition to the present school building, whether or not they are in favor of increasing the tax limitation, and whether or not the School District should transport seventh and eighth grade pupils to the Farmington City schools and pay $15 a pupil tuition.

$14,500 Cost

Members of the Board estimate that the erection and addition of the two-room addition will cost $14,500. According to the present plans $6,525 would be paid in the form of a grant by the U. S. Federal government, $5,000 in bonds would be issued by the District, and $2,975 cash would be transferred from the general fund to a special building fund.

Voters will decide when the bonds will mature, when they will be payable, and the rate of interest they will bear. On the second proposition they will determine whether or not the tax limitation should be increased for a 5 year period from 1939 to 1943, from 15 mills to not more than 19 mills. A two-thirds majority is necessary to pass this measure. Qualified electors will also decide whether or not they favor transporting seventh and eighth grade students to the Farmington City school and pay $15 tuition for each pupil.

4 to 8 P. M.

The meeting will begin Wednesday at 1 o'clock at the school building and will conclude at 8 p. m.

At an earlier meeting, held July 18, West Farmington voters favored the bond issue by a 38 to 28 count, but opposed the increase of tax limitation, by 34 to 30.

The earlier building which the Board planned was to have cost $12,000, necessitating a $9,000 bond issue, with $3,000 to be transferred from the general fund to a special building fund. No government grant was included in the first plans.

School Buildings Will Be Painted

Bright class rooms will greet Farmington pupils when they return to school September 12, it was assured this week. WPA officials approved an allotment of $3,706 to paint the Grade and High School buildings, inside and outside.

Workers will begin the job Tuesday, August 30, Supervisor Emory Hatton stated. Before the paint can be applied all the walls will have to be washed.

Although classes will begin before the painters can finish their jobs, school officials will work out plans so that classes can be shifted about temporarily.

The project had received a Washington approval at an earlier date, but it was held up at Lansing along with other school projects, it was stated.

According to school officials the boiler installation, under the supervision of A. C. Worsfold, has been completed. Also the hot water heating system for added showers is now finished.

A&P Manager To Meet Every Shopper's Needs

Manager M. K. Ferrier of the local A & P store will be happy to serve you with food that will be appropriate for the "family" meal and for the special "company" dinner, he says. Furthermore, he adds that Farmington housewives will be pleased with the better quality and more reasonable prices.

If canning supplies are needed he has them also. He asks the shoppers to see his stock of Mason jars, caps and rubbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Plumton are spending their vacation at their cottage near Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson are leaving for the cottage Thursday and will remain over Labor Day.

Walled Lake May Refuse Non-Residents Attendance

Children attending the Walled Lake schools will resume their studies Tuesday morning, September 6, Superintendent C. A. Hoffman announced this week, and a large enrollment is expected. The school census, completed June 1, showed a 25 per cent increase in the number of children of school age, and since the report was made many new families have moved into the district. According to the census the number of eligible pupils increased from 924 to 1172.

"The Walled Lake Board of Education," according to a statement made by Mr. Hoffman, "is faced with the question of the advisability of refusing admittance of any more non-resident high school students, due to the overcrowded condition, because of the lack of sufficient classrooms, and due to the attitude taken by the state administration in cutting the allowance to the high schools of the state for non-resident students. Schools cannot afford to take in these non-resident pupils when the funds are reduced as seriously as they are threatened for this year. Besides this the Attorney General has ruled that the entire amount of the allowance must be deducted from the state aid to the high schools rather than the smaller amount which the high schools receive. This is a very serious situation for those people who live adjacent to crowded high schools. Undoubtedly it will be the cause for many girls and boys from rural areas not getting a high school education.

Different Situation

"Two years ago the Walled Lake School district discontinued taking non-resident grade pupils and transporting non-resident high school students. The situation here is entirely different from that in many of the villages particularly those removed from the metropolitan areas. In such districts where the school enrollment has been decreasing and where they have had adequate school buildings, it has been common practice for the village school to purchase buses surrounding rural schools. The consolidated schools of Michigan can not follow this method because of the setup of school laws that govern their operation.

"The enlarged Walled Lake school district comprises only forty square miles and the fact that three-fourths of the pupils live from three to four miles from the Walled Lake building, makes a real transportation problem for us. The state financial aid is figured on the seating capacity of each bus times the number of miles that children are transported. Since the area is becoming so thickly populated only a few miles are covered in getting a bus load of children. A new plan must be followed by the local school authorities to meet this situation. Some of the buses will make two short trips while other routes will be lengthened to collect the pupils living farthest from the school buildings. For years the Walled Lake buses have left the garage at eight o'clock in the morning and this same plan will be followed.

"It will be entirely impossible for any non-resident pupils to be transported on Walled Lake school buses. Many patrons living just out of the consolidated district wonder why their children are not being taken to high school when the bus may be going past their house or the children could walk to the bus route. The state school law governing consolidated schools does not permit this without penalty to the consolidated district and with a school system as crowded as Walled Lake it would be folly to buy more buses as a donation to territory that does not support a high school.

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Gala Day Plans Near Completion

Plans for the annual Gala Day celebration to be held September 3, 4, and 5, at Warner Field, Maple avenue and Grand River Road, sponsored by the Groves-Walker American Legion Post No. 346, are nearing completion.

Entertainment, races and rides will headline the program. Lunches will be served by members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

One of the features of the celebration will be the Pet and Doll Parade to be held Labor Day at 1 o'clock. Contestants will gather at the Town Hall, Farmington and Grand River Roads, and march to the Warner grounds. Mrs. Homer Eisenlord, and Dorothy Smith, Auxiliary members are in charge of the parade.

Prizes of $1 each will be awarded winners of the following features: best clown, best decorated bicycle, best decorated float on an express wagon, best decorated tricycle, best patriotic float, best doll buggy, best display of dolls, most original costume for boys and girls, best soap box racer in parade, and the most attractive pet. All contestants, whether they win or not, will be awarded some prize, according to Mrs. Eisenlord.

Other Gala Day plans will be announced next week.

WPA PICNIC

Workers on the local WPA project and their friends will gather Friday, August 26, at 10 a. m. at Lola Valley Park, to the north of Eight Mile Road, between Middle Belt and Farmington Roads, for a picnic. Signs will be posted to direct all picnicers to the grounds, where there will be games for men, women and children. W. D. McNutt, Emmett Howe and Frank Davis are in charge of the program.

Two Dogs Are Placed Under Observation

Two dogs in this vicinity are now under observation, local police authorities reported.

A black dog said by police to be owned by Cleo Christiansen, of 26248 Shiawassee avenue, is tied up and under observation for a ten day period awaiting any possible results of a bite suffered by Tom Simpson, 8 years old, of 26250 Shiawassee avenue.

Deputy Sheriff Elmo McKinley received a call from Mr. Reed, Detroit Health officer, to place a Southfield dog under observation. A family owned dog bit Robert Wendell, 16 years old, of 21560 McClung avenue.

A family reunion was held Sunday, August 21, at the home of Mrs. Emily Gildemeister, in honor of her 78th birthday anniversary. Guests were the children, 12 grandchildren and great grandson of Mrs. Gildemeister. Miss Barbara Gildemeister also celebrated her 15th birthday. A pot luck dinner was served and many lovely flowers and gifts were received.

Mrs. W. J. Banfield was a Detroit business caller, Monday.

Farmington Chapter No. 239, O. E. S. will hold their annual basket picnic Sunday, August 28, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seebaldt at Cass Lake. Members are asked to bring their own silver and dishes. The picnic will be held regardless of the weather and signs will be posted to give directions to the cottage.

Eight Days Remain For Registration

Residents of the City of Farmington and the Townships of Farmington and Livonia have eight days in which to register for the forthcoming general Primary election to be held September 13, the clerks of the respective municipalities announced. The final day of registration will be Saturday, September 3.

City Clerk H. W. Moore will register qualified electors each day except Sunday, at his office in the Farmington State Bank building between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. On the final registration date, September 3, the Clerk in addition to the regular hours, will register voters at his residence at 32732 Grand River avenue, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 a. m. and from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m.

H. N. McCracken, Farmington Township Clerk, has announced that he will register qualified electors at his office between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and that Saturday, September 3, he will be at his residence, at 35720 Twelve Mile Road, from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. and Saturday, August 27, at the Township office at 28734 Grand River Road, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Registrations for voters who are not registered in Livonia Township under the permanent registration system will be taken by Township Clerk Harry S. Wolfe every day, except Sunday, at the new Township office on the north side of Five Mile Road, one block east of Farmington Road, or at his office, at 32398 Five Mile Road from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday, September 3, Clerk Wolfe will be at the Township office from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

JUDGE BLANCHARD TO HEAR BREAKING, ENTERING CASE

Two trials will be heard before Judge Earnest Blanchard in the Farmington Municipal Court September 2 as the result of a disturbance reported Saturday night at the home of W. Allen Nelson, 23708 Warner avenue.

A complaint was brought against Charles Kirk, Carl Kirk, Mrs. Stidham and John Doe, of Novi, stating the defendants "did break and enter the house of W. Allen Nelson without permission." Attorney Hudson Covert Monday entered a plea of not guilty for the defendants. They were released on their personal recognizance, without bond, at the consent of all parties.

The case of a woman known as Mrs. Ora Purtee will also be heard September 2. The complaint filed against her stated that she committed assault and battery upon Sarah C. Nelson in the home of W. Allen Nelson.

Announcement is made of the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 23, at Providence Hospital, Detroit, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Richards of Sherwood road.

High School Band Director Arranges 3 Day Program

Director Alvin Benner is bringing the brief vacation of the members of the Farmington High School band to a halt, and practice sessions will soon begin. The youthful musicians will tune up their instruments in preparation for three concerts, to be held on three successive days, during the American Legion Gala Day.

Programs for each of the days follow:

Saturday, September 3

"America"

March, "The U. S. Field Artillery" —Sousa.

Overture, "Narrator" .....Buchtel

"Song of the Fighting Marines" —Burnett-Erine

March, "Vanished Army"—Alford

Selection "Songs of the Nation" —Lampe

Fox-Trot, "There is Something About a Soldier"—Gay

"The Song of the Marines" —Warren

(from Warner Bros. "The Singing Marine".)

Patrol, "The American Patrol" —Meacham

March, "Over There" ....Cohan

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Sunday, September 4

Choral, "Kom, Susser Tod"—Bach

Overture, "Diane" .....Holmes

"Agnus Dei"—Bizet

"Lost Chord"—Sullivan

Baritone Solo, "The Evening Star" —Wagner

(Soloist—Robert Ham)

March, "The Footlifter"—Fillmore

Selection, "Messiah" .....Handel

March, "March Religioso" —Chambers

"America"

Monday, September 5

March, "Chicago World's Fair" —Mader

Overture, "Sir Galahad"—Hildreth

March, "Colorado" .....Holmes

Selection, "The Merry Widow" —Lehar

March, "The Old Gray Mare" —arr. Yoder

(Introducing "The Cassion Song")

Baritone Solo, "Gaiety Polka" —Hartley

(Soloist—Robert Ham)

March, "Semper Fidelis" —Sousa

"Star Dust"—Carmichael

Selection, "Over There"—arr. Lake

(World War Melodies)

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever" ..... Sousa

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Clarenceville School Board Has Building Plans Set Up

The Clarenceville schools will resume classes Tuesday, September 6, the day after Labor Day, it was announced this week by Superintendent M. J. Beiser. An increase in enrollment is anticipated.

"Although the number of new students is not expected to be as great as last year," commented Mr. Beiser, "there will be a decided jump in enrollment due to the many new homes built during the summer."

To inform the parents as to which school their children should attend the Superintendent stated, "As usual all the children in grades one to six living north of Grand River and those living east of Inkster Road will attend the Edgewood School, while the remainder will enroll at the Central building. Exceptions will not be possible this year. It is likely that some from the Central building may be transferred to the Edgewood School."

Additions Planned

Commenting on the plans for the near future Mr. Beiser stated, "The Board of Education has authorized Lyndon and Smith, architects, to draw plans for additions to the Central building, and are planning to get PWA funds to aid in the construction. This would relieve the congestion for a time, or until the laws are changed to enable us to do otherwise. It is the opinion of the Board that the whole building will eventually be used for a grade school."

Four new teachers will be in the High School on opening day. Stewart W. Thiemley will teach Mathematics and Social Science; John F. Westfield will teach English and Social Science; Effie Ellen Malerone will teach Commercial subjects; and Victor Craftchik will teach English. The balance of the teaching staff will be the same as last year.

New text books will be used in spelling in the grades, and ninth and tenth grade English texts will be changed.

M. J. BEISER

WEST POINT PARK

Rev. O. J. Lyon, of the West Point Park Community Church, promises a real treat for all listeners who attend services at the Church Sunday, August 28, at 11:15 when the Detroit Harmonica Band, under the direction of Willis Wilson Jr., will present a musical program. The public is being invited to hear the 20 colored boys, who have appeared several times before the Detroit noonday luncheon clubs.

CAMP HIGH OAKS GIRLS POSTPONE PUPPET SHOW

Members of the Camp High Oaks group postponed their puppet show until following the opening of school, Mrs. Robert Cale, Director, stated this week. The girls worked on their puppets at their Tuesday meeting.

Vivid red noses and cheeks were given the seven dwarfs, and little Red Riding Hood's wolf looks very vicious. The three little pigs are cute and pink, according to the girls.

At Tuesday's meeting, the last of the season, Betty Hunt, Margaret Elkin and Mary Jane Smith concluded their tree nature study. Animal studies were completed by Pearl Krocker and Glenna McIntyre.

In true scout fashion, without paper and with only two matches, Christine Bicking and Dorothy Goers started a fire and passed the requirements for fire prevention.

Mary Jane Smith, Shirley June Rousseaux, Marjorie Barlow, Isabelle Davis, Betty Hunt, Margaret Elkin, Dorothy Goers, Christine Bicking and Glenna McIntyre are now acquainted with the eight points of the compass. They passed the compass reading and direction finding test at their last camp gathering.

Sorensen Guernsey Cow Completes New Record

A new record, exceeding the average of the Guernsey breed for her age and class, has just been completed by a four and one-half year old cow, Bournedale Queen Coronet, of Farmington, tested and owned by Charles E. Sorensen. Her official records, supervised by the Michigan State College and announced by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, is 13936.3 pounds of milk and 680.4 pounds of butter fat, class B.

Two Women Are Seriously Hurt

Two women are in the Redford Branch of the Receiving Hospital in critical condition as the result of a collision Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 between an automobile and a loaded coal truck at the intersection of Farmington and Eight Mile Roads.

Police were told by witnesses that Miss Alice Loomis, 73 year old driver of the car, whose address is Route 2, Oxford, failed to stop for the sign. The truck owned by the McCurdy Coal Co., of Detroit, and driven by Walter Zurcher, 26, of 4898 Hillsboro street, Detroit, was traveling west on Eight Mile, bound for Meadowbrook Golf Course, when it collided with the Loomis car.

Two passengers and Miss Loomis were rushed to the Redford Receiving Hospital in the Heeney ambulance. They are Mrs. Minnie Hollser, 57, of Oxford, and Mrs. Ella Travis, 67, of the same city, both of whom were still unconscious Thursday morning. Miss Loomis was only slightly hurt, and was released from the hospital.

Zurcher received only a slight scratch on the arm. He made a statement to the Prosecuting Attorney Thursday morning.

The impact of the collision caused the truck to turn on its side. Four company drivers who were also bound for Meadowbrook, and who came along after the accident, shoveled the coal after the truck had been righted. Miss Loomis' car was badly damaged on the right side, and impressions of the truck's headlights and bumper are plainly marked on the body.

An accident reported earlier in the week to Deputy Sheriff Elmo McKinley occurred at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon west of the Cut-Off at Botkins Inn. According to reports a Ford car, driven by J. H. Mathiesen, of Route 2, Plymouth, attempting to make a left hand turn into the Inn, drove in front of the path of an East-bound Oldsmobile, driven by Paul G. Heidemann, of 15361 Mansfield Drive, Detroit. The right side of the Ford was badly damaged. Neither driver received serious injuries.

4 Per Cent Tax Penalty To Be Added

Five days of grace remain for the payment of the general City of Farmington taxes, Treasurer George C. Gildemeister is reminding local residents. Starting September 1 a 4 per cent penalty will be added.

The City books at the close of business Wednesday night showed that $13,248.48 in general taxes had been collected. The Treasurer anticipates that a last minute rush will substantially raise the collection.

During the first 24 days of August $2,460.37 were collected, compared to $9,064.17 paid during the entire month of August 1937. July collections, however, this year amounted to $10,788.11, which exceeded last year's sum of $5,790.91 paid in July.

Of this year's $20,562.58 tax roll 64.4 per cent is collected. By August 31, 1937, 75.1 per cent of the $19,760.52 tax levy had been collected. Whether the 1938 collection will exceed that percentage next Wednesday night depends on the payments made by the taxpayers before the September 1 deadline.

Although a 2 per cent penalty was scheduled to be added after July 31 this year the City Commission went on record at their August meeting to withhold the penalty until September 1.

"Materials" Is Free Film Name For Monday

A movie that has been shown to Franklin D. Roosevelt and the United States Congress will be brought to Farmington for projection Monday, August 29, at 8 p. m. Residents are invited to see the movie, free of charge, at the City Parking Lot as guests of the Blakeslee Motor Sales, sponsors of the movie, through the cooperation of the Chevrolet Company.

The main feature which has been viewed by Official Washington, is entitled "Materials." A first rate dog picture, "All in One," an all color comedy, "Peg Leg Pedro" and news events will also be shown.

Plate Deadline To Be August 31

The deadline for the use of half-year auto plates has been placed at August 31, and drivers using old plates after that time will be subject to penalty. The Farmington branch of the Secretary of State's office expects the last three days to be busy ones, and the sale heavy.

Tuesday saw the heaviest sale since the full plates were put on sale at half price, when 84 plates were issued at the local office. Up to four o'clock Wednesday, 297 plates had been sold during the past five days.

The records showed that 30 plates were sold Friday, 74 on Saturday, 64 on Monday, 84 on Tuesday and 45 on Wednesday.

Officials at the local office find that the greatest difficulty they run into is making purchasers understand that they must present the title to their car when they register for their licenses.

Himmelspach To See Native Land After 26 Years Absence

Returning to his native land for the first time in 26 years will be Joseph Himmelspach of Farmington, who on Sunday will leave with Mrs. Himmelspach for a trip to Europe. They will visit their parents and scenes of their childhood days during a two-months tour which will take them to several of the principal countries of Europe.

Mr. Himmelspach will see his father and mother for the first time since he left to come to America more than a quarter of a century ago. Mrs. Himmelspach, whose mother is still living, made a trip home seven years ago.

To visit their home towns, the couple will not have to travel much distance from one to the other. Although they had never met until after they came to this country, Mr. and Mrs. Himmelspach spent their childhood days in towns only half a dozen miles apart.

Sail Tuesday

Sailing next Tuesday at midnight, the Himmelspachs will land at Bremen, and begin their trip in their own car, which they will take to Europe. They will motor through northern Germany and then into Czechoslovakia, where they will pass through the capital, Prague, and then continue southeast, reentering German territory by travelling into what was formerly Austria. Thence they will go to the little towns just across the border, in what is now Jugoslavia, where they were born.

After an extended stay with their relatives, they will head back through the Atlantic, reentering former Austrian territory and passing through approximately 60 miles of Italian territory in the northern tip of Italy; thence through Switzerland and into France. After crossing France they will prepare to board ship at Cherbourg for the return crossing, with an additional trip of a few days across the English Channel and into London, if time permits.

They expect to return to Farmington in October.