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Vote Again On School Bond Issue

Property taxpayers in School District No. Five were expected to turn out in smaller numbers for the election, 4 to 8 p. m. Thursday, than they did at the previous election on the proposed new school building.

They were asked to approve the levying of a maximum of three per cent on property instead of two per cent, as approved with a thumping 5 to 1 majority Sept. 28. This tax is intended to retire the $45,000 bond issue which will be supplemented by a $36,818 PWA grant to pay for the new building.

The election has been preceded by group action intended to convince the voters of the advisability of voting in favor of the project. If the voters pass the increased levy, the people of Farmington as well as the school children will benefit. In the proposed building there will be an auditorium capable of seating 1,000 people. It will also be a gymnasium, so the present gymnasium in the high school can be partitioned into classrooms, thereby relieving the congestion being suffered in the schools now.

The new building will contain a manual training shop, a domestic science room and another classroom. Along with the space provided by the present gymnasium, these rooms will greatly alleviate the problem of congestion.

The increase was deemed necessary in order to offset possible tax delinquency. The two per cent limit would not be sufficient unless there were 100 per cent payment of taxes, it is found, and tax payments now are about 75 per cent.

The increase in the authorized levy does not mean a greater expenditure for the building, it is pointed out, or that the maximum will be utilized. It will meet the requirements for compliance with project rules, however, and will also bring a better price for the bonds when they are sold, since buyers will feel a greater attraction to the issue.

C. W. MUIRHEAD SERIOUSLY HURT IN CAR CRASH

Charles W. Muirhead, 23 years old, of 242 East Pike Street, Pontiac, lies in the Pontiac General Hospital with a fractured skull and a ruptured liver, injuries suffered when his car struck a tree at 1:30 a. m. Friday on the Twelve Mile Road near Farmington Road.

Muirhead, who had gone to sleep at the wheel, is in serious condition, according to Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt.

Muirhead was coming from Ann Arbor, DeVriendt said, and when he nodded at the wheel the car left the road and struck a tree. The force of the crash caused the body of the small coupe to be bent in around him. A towing chain was attached to the door and then pulled by a truck, before Muirhead could be extricated from the wreckage, according to DeVriendt, who was at the scene of the accident shortly after it happened. The car is damaged beyond repair.

Except for this accident, last week end was without any traffic mishaps, DeVriendt reports.

Woman's Club to Have Thanksgiving Luncheon

Members of the Farmington Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Georgian Bagnall, 23734 Warner Avenue, for a Thanksgiving luncheon, as their meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Members in charge include Mrs. Grace Auten, Mrs. Mable Checketts and Mrs. Josephine McGee.

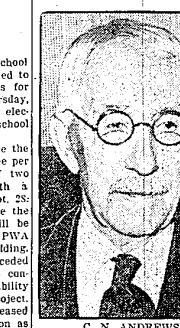
Roll call will be answered by giving some quotation or thought about Thanksgiving, to be followed by a song service. As a program feature, the Rev. Frederick Bagnall, recently returned from England, will give a discourse on his travels abroad.

On Friday, Nov. 18, the Farmington Club has been invited by the Northville Woman's Club to attend a guest day and tea to be held in the Presbyterian church house, starting at 2:30. The speaker will be Miss Helen C. Bowen, literary editor of the Detroit Free Press, and her subject will be "Adventures in Interviewing." Those desiring transportation will please call Mrs. Bagnall at 168.

SENIOR PICTURES

Seniors in the Farmington High School will have their pictures taken Wednesday and Thursday in Detroit. The official photographer is the H. A. Powell Studio.

City's Oldest Voter, 96, Once Voted For Lincoln



C. N. ANDREWS

Oldest of the numerous citizens voting here Tuesday is Charles Andrews, who first went to the polls to cast a vote for Abraham Lincoln. Since then Mr. Andrews has voted at every election, he says.

Mr. Andrews was born 96 years ago last week in West Bloomfield. He lived in the house where he was born on the Sixteen Mile Road until quite a few years ago, when he moved to Farmington.

Voting with Mr. Andrews Tuesday was his wife, Sarah, to whom he has been married 68 years. Mrs. Andrews first voted in 1920 when woman suffrage came in, and she says she has voted regularly since. She is 91 years old.

Farmington Township's oldest voter Tuesday was Mrs. Jane Houldershaw, who is 87 and has been voting ever since women have had the franchise.

Not so many years ago, there were quite a few nonagenerians in Farmington and one woman over 100 years old. Charles Andrews has been the oldest man in Farmington for several years.

Zone Plan Ready For Commission

Arrangements were approved by the City Commission at its meeting Monday for the typewriting of nine tentative copies of the zoning ordinance being prepared for the city by Paul Schreiber.

The zoning material is more than 150 pages long and is the result of more than seven months' work by Mr. Schreiber. Cities are zoned so that certain districts can be designated and activities, such as manufacturing and retailing, can be restricted in prescribed areas.

Zoning is a long and complicated task for it requires an appraisal of each district in a city. The recently appointed zoning committee in Detroit has been given three years in which to complete its job.

Farmington's zoning ordinance is by no means completed, Mr. Schreiber says, and that is why the commission is providing for nine typewritten copies of it. These will be examined by the commission and any citizen interested in looking over the proposed ordinance material may borrow one of the copies for a few days, according to Mr. Schreiber. The typewriting is about half done and will be completed in time for the next meeting of the commission a month from now.

After citizens and commissioners have made what alterations they wish to, the ordinance will probably be sent to Walter Blucher of the American Society of Planning Officials in Chicago. Mr. Schreiber says. It is likely to be several months before the ordinance will be completely approved and ready for adoption.

The building ordinance, being drawn up by Bayard Tupper, is also nearing completion. Like the zoning code, it will provide rules regulating the construction of buildings. It is intended to safeguard the health and safety of occupants of buildings, by requiring them to be well constructed.

Among the bills approved by the Commission was one for a sewer cleaner which the city has been trying out for several weeks. It is a device which cleans out sewers by means of rods. There is a root cutting implement with it which can remove this obstruction from the sewers. The cost of the machine was $184.

All of the bills before the Commission totaled $6,950, of which $5,863.50 had already been paid by City Clerk Harry Moore.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD

About forty-four members and friends of the Farmington Universalist Church attended the annual dinner and business meeting held last Saturday. Following the dinner, served by the ladies of the church, election of officers for the coming year was held. They are: President, Frank N. Steele; Secretary, Miss Zalda Steele and Treasurer, Alfred Smith. Trustees will be Mrs. Addie Pearson, Mrs. Lydia Grace and Alfred Smith. Several friends from the Detroit church were present.

Frank D. Adams Talks Wednesday Night

Dr. Frank D. Adams, of Oak Park, Ill., will preach at 8 p. m. Wednesday in Universalist Church. Dr. Adams' subject is: "Can I Discharge My Debt?"

Dr. Adams comes to Farmington monthly to preach. He was formerly the pastor of Universalist Churches in Detroit and Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. McCaskill attended the football game at Ann Arbor, Saturday afternoon.

Splitting Tickets Really An Art

Selecting one's candidates is more complex today, with government playing a larger role in business and becoming more social-minded through legislation such as old age pensions and unemployment insurance.

This served to make the mantle of responsibility weigh heavier than usual upon the shoulders of Farmington citizens who journeyed to the Town Hall Tuesday to cast their votes. Their minds filled with such academic considerations as who was really the "farmer's friend," and who would reduce "the tax burden," they were handed two ballots, almost large enough to paper a bedroom.

The longest was almost a yard long (32 inches) and it was the amendment ballot. The other was 26 inches long. The problem became real when they reached the voting booths, which are 2 feet 5 inches deep and 2 feet 1 inch wide.

Marking and folding these ballots inside the booth was as one substantial citizen remarked, like trying to play a trombone in a telephone booth. Despite this hazard to voting, which was increased by the heavy coats most voters wore, the returns were quite large, and Harry Moore reports there were many split tickets. One would think that simply making one cross over the party column would have been a more common practice than the more complicated maneuvre of splitting one's ticket. Apparently Farmington voters are no more to be scared away by small voting booths than they are by intricate issues.

Canned Goods Featured At A&P This Week

Canned goods receive particular attention in this week's list of bargains from the A&P. Among other things that can be bought in cans at bargain prices are: Del Maiz niblets, corn-peas-tomatoes, apple sauce, pineapple, pink salmon, corned beef hash, Snowdrift, Daily Dog Food, and tomato juice.

In addition to these values in canned goods, the A&P is offering specials in other lines of food, according to M. K. Ferrier, manager. He mentioned the low prices for soap chips, Fels Naphtha soap, Iona flour and Chief Pontiac pancake flour.

Merchants Will Supply Many Needs For Hunting

The toxophilites (bow and arrow artists, to you) have been in the woods after deer since the first of the month, but hunters who prefer to bag their deer with a rifle will not start shooting until Tuesday.

Several local hunters will leave Farmington for the north woods over the week end. Others will not begin their pursuit of the deer until after Tuesday. For these early birds, as well as those who will go hunting later on, Farmington merchants are offering merchandise that is intended to help bag that deer.

Cook's has on display a complete line of clothing suitable for hunters. This includes the famous Soo line of outdoor garments. They have many coats and hats as well as footwear and heavy socks intended to be worn in the woods.

The Farmington Hardware carries a number of guns for those hunters who have not yet selected the gun they are going to use. They also have on sale a complete line of wearing apparel for the hunter. One piece of equipment that should interest most hunters is the mitten that does not have to be taken off to permit the hunter to pull the trigger. It has a flap just above the palm through which the trigger finger can be slipped when a deer hoves into range.

The Dickerson Hardware has two items that no hunter dare overlook. One of them is the license. The other item is ammunition. Dickerson's carry a complete line of ammunition for deer hunting rifles.

F.H.S. Team Faces Keego In Title Game

Farmington high school's football team is girding itself for the game with Keego Harbor Friday, which will determine the championship of the Southwestern Oakland County League. If Farmington wins, it will be its first undisputed championship since it entered the league in 1935, according to Coach Paul Shoemaker.

The last preliminary to the championship game was the defeat of Brighton, 13 to 0, last Friday. Obviously nervous at the prospect of facing the highly praised Brighton team, Farmington fumbled three times in the first quarter. When the team had sensed its superiority to the visitors, the nervousness was gone.

Bill Pink threw Bob Cossin a long pass in the latter part of the first quarter for a touchdown. The second one was made in the second quarter when Ed Barrons sliced off tackle to break through to the Brighton goal line.

There was perfect football weather Friday and this in combination with the two bands, Brighton's and Farmington's, made the game colorful for the many who attended.

Also playing last Friday was the team Farmington must defeat if they are to be league champions, Keego Harbor. Without much difficulty, they defeated Milford, 20 to 0. This statistic is an ominous one for Coach Shoemaker and his boys, because the only defeat they suffered all season was from Milford, to whom they went down, 0 to 2. It is undeniable that the team has improved since that early defeat, and it is true that Milford was able to score up two points only because of an inaccurately centered ball. It is also true, however, that Milford has improved, too, and that a team able to defeat them by a margin of 20 points is a decided threat to Farmington.

Coach Ashley's Brighton boys play a fine game, according to Coach Shoemaker. They are heavy but active, and accustomed to playing together. In addition to these advantages, they have boys who can pass well right handed and those who can throw a ball with their left hand.

Keego has not been defeated or even scored against all season. Farmington has been defeated once, by Milford. If the teams tie, Keego will be the winner, but if Farmington wins, it will be the undisputed champion.

The names of the boys on the football squad are: B. Cossin, Brown, Werschin, Don Coolman, Lutz, Erwin, DeVriendt, Hunt, Pink, J. Barrons, E. Barrons, Wilson, Schram, Brykalski, Larson, Auten, Brigham, Hinger, Dickerson, Lauritzen, J. Born, E. Born, D. Coolman, Parent, Parrel, Campbell, Ray Cossin, Davis, and Gillespie.

There are eight teams in the Southwestern Oakland County League: Holly, Milford, Keego Harbor, Brighton, Farmington, Walled Lake, South Lyon and Clarkston. Clarkston's football team is dropping out of the League for two years and South Lyon is leaving completely in June. High school officials are eager to find other schools which would be interested in entering the League.

HARRY CECIL COMING

Harry Cecil, well known magician, will give two performances Wednesday for the students in the Farmington schools. According to Superintendent of Schools R. C. Burns, tickets for the two shows, one of which will be for grade school students, the other for the high school, must be obtained from the Smith-Bradley drug store. They are free.

Local Weather Prophets Utter Pronouncements

That favorite topic of conversation, the weather, has been receiving particular attention this fall, because of the late arrival of winter. It has been futile talk, for as Mark Twain said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one ever does anything about it," but it has been interesting. This October has had a mean temperature five degrees above the 50-year mean. The average October mean for the past 50 years is 49.1; this year it was 54.4, and on six occasions during the month the thermometer registered 80 or more.

This peculiar weather has turned the conversation toward speculation over what kind of a winter we shall have. Some scientists have declared that it will be a severe winter, because they come in 11-year cycles and we are now at the end of such a cycle. Local weather forecasters have various opinions.

Most ingenious in arriving at his ideas on what the winter will be like, is Deputy Sheriff Joe DeVriendt, who relies pretty much on caterpillars. Joe has noticed that the stripes on the backs of fuzzy caterpillars predict an unusual stretch of mild weather (which we have been enjoying), followed by a raging winter that will last until late in the spring. The small dark stripes near the caterpillars' heads are a sign for the short cold snap we had in September, he pointed out.

Another prognosticator who believes that one impulse from nature can teach you more of what the winter will be than all the sages can, is Lee Moates, scoutmaster of the Farmington Boy Scouts. Mr. Moates has noticed that the muskrat houses are not so high this year. This indicates that we will not have much snow, he says. Field mice do not seem to be prepared for a hard winter, or do the squirrels, Mr. Moates says. All of this leads him to expect very little snow. He is not so sure about the temperature as Joe is. All he will say is that sometimes when it doesn't snow much it certainly gets awfully cold.

With the caution of a professor, Max Thompson, principal of the high school, declares that it will probably be an average winter, except that it will start later. He would not tell how he had arrived at this prediction.

Fred Cook has a refreshing outlook. He says, "It seems to me we'll have to pay for all the nice weather we've been having. Maybe it'll be in the form of a long cold winter; or maybe it will be just a late spring. But we'll pay for it."

There's no conclusion to be drawn from these assorted predictions, unless it is that because of its defiance of men's predictions, the weather will go right on being the ideal topic of conversation.

Only Youth Back Hitler, Eva Says

The youth of Germany, that 30 per cent of the population which has grown up since the World War, is firmly behind Hitler; but the older generation are performing only lip service to his administration, Rev. Sydney D. Eva told the Exchange Club at its meeting on Wednesday.

Material comfort is widespread in Germany, Rev. Eva declared, and he found the same to be true in recently annexed Austria. He also visited Switzerland, which he described as being very beautiful. He stayed in Lucern and took a cog railway trip up Pilatus, the loftiest mountain in that part of Switzerland.

Rev. Eva, who is an honorary member of the Exchange Club and the former pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church, also visited Italy. He was in seven European countries and returned here Sept. 15. Rev. Eva is now in Detroit.

At next week's meeting of the Exchange Club, Dr. Fred Atkins Moore will speak. His speech is entitled: "China Today."

Moore is from Chicago, according to Rev. D. C. Stubbs, who is in charge of the program.

See Branch Office for Special License Plates

Of the thousands of letters coming into the Department of State these days, many are requests for special license plate numbers. Hundreds ask for plates with their initials on them, others request special combinations such as WOO DOC, etc., which they think will make their automobiles run faster, smoother and longer.

Some people want the smallest numbered license plate they are able to obtain, and others desire the largest numbers available. One individual requested a license plate numbered 1234567890.

Under the new system, a majority of the counties receive license plates bearing two letters designating their counties and numbered from one to five digits. Therefore, requests for special and numbered license plates should be submitted through the Department of State local branch offices in the People's State Bank Building.

A large number of Michigan motorists has had the same numbers on their license plates for several years. The Department of State tries to please the individual motorist to the greatest extent possible in the matter of issuing special plates.

Iturbi In Ann Arbor For Concert Nov. 22

Jose Iturbi, world famous Spanish pianist, will present the third concert in the 60th annual Choral Union series at the University of Michigan on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Hill Auditorium.

Trained at the Valencia and Paris Conservatories in his youth, Iturbi has won fame as both a conductor and pianist. He has played in Ann Arbor on two previous occasions, and two years ago served as guest conductor at one of the May Festival concerts.

Iturbi, once head of the piano faculty at the Conservatory of Geneva, made his first appearance in the United States in October, 1929. Since that time he has played more concerts in this country than any other pianist except Paderewski.

CEMETERY AUXILIARY

North Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary will hold a chicken dinner at 12:30 Tuesday in the West Bloomfield Town Hall. The fund is used to beautify the cemetery. Everyone is cordially invited.

SCHULTE FINES ONLY ONE DRIVER THIS WEEK

Reckless driving is apparently decreasing in this area, because Justice John J. Schulte, Jr., heard only two cases for traffic violations last week, and Deputy Sheriff Joseph DeVriendt wrote up only one accident report—and that involved only one car.

The two drivers charged with recklessness are William Makowski, of 422 S. Melborn, Detroit, and C. B. Turnbull, of Northville. Makowski passed on a hill and a curve on Telegraph Road and was fined $7.50.

Turnbull failed to stop for the Eight Mile Road, a through highway, while driving on Farmington Road. He has been driving 23 years and never has received a ticket. On the basis of Turnbull's good record, Justice Schulte suspended sentence.

Friday has been set as the arraignment date for Duane Greenlee, who is charged with negligent homicide in connection with the death of Ben Allen, Oct. 13. Allen was killed when Greenlee failed to stop for the Eight Mile Road while driving on Farmington Road.

Mrs. Robbie Harrison Chosen As O.E.S. Head

Public installation of officers of Farmington Lodge No. 239, O.E.S., will be held Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 8 p. m. at the Farmington Masonic Temple. Mrs. Robbie Harrison will succeed Mrs. Hazel Lynch as Worthy Matron.

Other officers elected at the annual meeting and election of officers, held Tuesday evening, include Charles Perry, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ida Worsfold, Associate Matron; Lowell Ramsey, Associate Patron; Mrs. Hazel Diamond, Conductress; Mrs. Florence Ramsey, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Ada Bond, Secretary; Mrs. E. Sonnenberg, Treasurer, and Mrs. Gertrude Webster, Mrs. Hazel Lynch and Mrs. Loretta Cox as Alternates.

Mrs. Hazel Lynch, as the retiring Worthy Matron, will entertain new and old officers and members in the dining room of the Farmington Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock, Saturday evening, Nov. 26.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John Lapham announce the engagement of their daughter, Eileen, to Louis W. Higgins, of Detroit. Mr. Higgins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgins, of Emmetsburg, Iowa. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Paul R. Schreiber and son, Richard, spent Thursday in Detroit.

Local Votes Follow Trend Of County

Farmington City and Township reasserted their staunch Republicanism Tuesday by giving every GOP candidate a clear majority. Governor-elect Fitzgerald garnered almost twice as many votes as Murphy here. He received 1,081 and Murphy had only 605.

The margin given Republican candidates in Farmington City was even greater than in the Township, but in each of them it was greater than in the whole county. The vote here was quite heavy, being slightly below the 1936 presidential election which was one of the largest ever held here. The number of votes cast in precinct number one of the Township exceeded the mark of 1936 made in 1936. There were 697 in that precinct.

In the City the only Democrat who approached the Republican totals was Franklin Morris, candidate for prosecuting attorney, who won 213 votes to Charles L. Wilson's 281. In the Township Wilson rode to victory with about the same margin as the rest of the Republicans.

Wilson, along with James Lynch, the candidate for probate judge, was probably the cause of many of the split tickets in the City. Harry Moore, City Clerk, explained. Of the 492 votes in the City, 205 were straight Republican, 68 were straight Democratic, 217 were split and 2 were spoiled.

The four proposed amendments to the State constitution were all defeated in the Township except the third one, which provides for a restriction in the use of gasoline taxes. It received 385 votes in its favor; 246 votes in opposition. Results of the amendment ballot in the City are not known.

In the Township, precinct number one rolled up a greater Republican total than precinct two, and was also proportionately more ardent in its support of Fitzgerald and his followers. While the Old Guard was having a field day in precinct one the left wingers were also bringing in more votes than they did in any other precinct in the City or Township. Seventeen votes were cast for the Socialist Party candidates in precinct one of the Township and four votes were given to the men running on the Socialist Labor Party of America ticket. Nineteen voters veered to the left in the City, most of them for the Socialist Party.

Shirley Della Pennell, Seven Years Old, Dies

Shirley Della Pennell, seven years old, is being mourned by her many friends near Walled Lake, and by her relatives. She died of a heart disorder Saturday night.

The deceased child's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pennell, of route number one, Walled Lake. She leaves five sisters, Harriet, Louella, Florence, Marilyn, and Nancy; and five brothers, Lester, Arthur, Harold, Sherll and Donald, and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, at Heeney's Funeral Home, Rev. MacRae, of Novi, officiated and the burial will be in the North Farmington Cemetery. Mrs. Ivan Gray and Miss Dorothy Russell sang at the funeral.

Election of Officers Held By Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club held its November meeting last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Steele, with a co-operative luncheon. The annual meeting and election of officers followed. Also made known was the fact that the Garden Club this year will be affiliated with the National Farm and Garden Club, rather than the Federated Garden Club, as formerly.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Max Hulett; Vice-president, Miss Vera Blanchard; Secretary, Mrs. R. E. McCurdy; Treasurer, Mrs. George Checketts, and the Board of Directors includes Mrs. Fred Warner and Mrs. Karl Ritter.

ON THE NOSE!

Sylvia Caplia carefully regarded the wilderness of toothpicks displayed in the window of Jane's Lunch and then guessed that there were 2,050 of them. Late that night Paul Armes, the proprietor, counted the last toothpick. It was number 2,050, so Sylvia won the chicken dinner. Currently displayed in Paul's window is a mountain of beans which is the subject of a similar contest.