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Voters Asked To Register For Election

Qualified electors of Farmington may register for the coming primary election to be held Monday, February 17. The election is being held to vote upon candidates for the Oakland County Circuit Court, announces City Clerk Harry Moore.

All persons wishing to vote, who are not already registered in Farmington must register before they will be allowed to vote in this election. Mr. Moore is accepting registrations now and will continue to do so until the final day for registration, Saturday, February 8.

Registrants should apply to Mr. Moore's office in the City Building, 2312 Grand River at 10 o'clock, day up to and including Saturday, February 8. Moore's office will be open from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. and on February 8 from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.

Moore declared that the name of no person but an actual resident of the City at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution if remaining such resident to vote at the next election shall be entered in the registration books.

SUBDIVIDED LAND OFFERED IN AUCTION SALE

Properties described in Book III will be offered for sale in the Oakland County "scavenger" sale, beginning next Monday. An analysis of sales during the week of December 30, 1940, shows that 1919 parcels were offered and of these, 138 were sold. The amount of sales during the week was \$35,061.25.

Next week's schedule:

Monday, January 13—Beginning with land in Carroll Lake Heights Subdivision No. 1, Commerce Township on Page 2, Pages 3, 4 and through lands in Cedar Lake Park No. 1, White Lake Township on Page 5 of Book III.

Tuesday, January 14—Beginning with land in Cananda Shoreway Subdivision No. 1, Commerce Township on Page 5, Pages 6, 7, 8 and through land in Crystal Beach Country Club Addition to Crystal Beach Country Club, West Bloomfield Township on Page 9 of Book III.

Wednesday, January 15—Beginning with land in Crystal Beach Subdivision, Southfield Township on Page 9, Pages 10, 11, 12 and through Floral Park Subdivision on Page 13 of Book III.

Thursday, January 16—Beginning with land in Ford Heights Addition, Royal Oak Township on Page 13, Page 14 and through Township on Page 15 of Book III.

Friday, January 17—Reoffering of requested parcels—and beginning with land in Prospect Heights, Gray's Southfield Woods Subdivision, Southfield Township on Page 15, Pages 16, 17 and through land in John R. Park No. 1, Royal Oak Township on Page 18 of Book III.

GEORGE DEWEY ASSUMES DUTIES AS EXCHANGE HEAD

The newly-elected officers of the Farmington Exchange Club took over their duties at the meeting held Wednesday night. It was the club's first meeting since the holidays and discussions were held on the Goodwill campaign conducted by the club during the Christmas season.

Mr. Randall Kohler, former president of the Redford Exchange club, was a guest at the meeting, and gave a short talk.

The newly-elected president of the club is George Dewey, who replaces Walter Cook, outgoing head of the organization. Other officers are Max Smith, vice president; Emory Hutton, treasurer and Gilbert Miles, secretary.

Three new members named to the Board of Control are: C. H. Hogle, Harrison Johnson and Charles Kowalsky.

It is expected that President Dewey will name the committee to be in charge of programs throughout the coming term at the next meeting.

Charles Fuller Dies Wednesday Morning

Charles Fuller, 71, of Winmaria avenue, passed away Wednesday morning at St. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit. Mr. Fuller had been ill for some time. The body will be taken to Portland, Maine, for burial in the family lot.

Mr. Fuller had lived for some time here, with his housekeeper, Mrs. Lillian Lettich.

Rep. George Higgins Seeks To Revise Sales Tax Act



REP. GEORGE HIGGINS

Young Man Dies In Fire Sunday

A fire Sunday morning took the life of Lloyd Oliver, 24 years old. The blaze occurred in a garage at the rear of a vacant house at Grand River and Eight Mile, eating such headway before it was noticed that there was no opportunity to rescue Oliver, who lived alone in the garage.

Norman Barrons, volunteer fireman with the Farmington fire department declared that the building was nearly leveled by the time the truck could reach the scene. The Redford fire department arrived shortly afterwards. The fire occurred at about 8 a. m. Sunday.

Oliver had lived in the neighborhood for some time and made his living doing odd jobs. He heated the garage with an oil stove and used candles for lighting.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Heeneey Funeral Home.

Oliver is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Clarence Booker of Clarencville, and Mrs. Frank Knowlton and Miss Dorothy Oliver of Detroit.

Rev. Gilbert A. Miles, of the Farmington Baptist church, officiated at the services. Burial was in Grand Lawn cemetery.

Clarenceville Cemetery Group Meets Tuesday

The twenty-seventh annual meeting and election of trustees of The Clarenceville Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1941, at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nacker in Clarenceville.

Annual reports of all officers and committees will be given. Trustees elected for the ensuing year, elected, and such other business transacted as may properly come before said meeting.

A good attendance of those interested is urgently requested.

Signed, Julia Tyler, Secretary.

Ellen Grace Marries David Mynatt

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Grace of Leslie, Michigan, announce the marriage of their daughter, Ellen Viola, to David Alvin Mynatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Mynatt. The young couple were quietly married in the presence of their immediate families by the Rev. Otto Lyons of Novi, on Saturday, December 25.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Edwin Aldrich and Ellen Mynatt acted as his brother's best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Mynatt are making their home in Plymouth.

Clarence H. Dorset Passes Away Monday

Clarence H. Dorset, 21201 Neunee, a resident of Southfield Township, died Monday, January 6 at the age of 59 years. He was born on July 4, 1881, in Richmond, Virginia.

He leaves his wife, Ames; two sons, George and Thomas, and a daughter, Marian.

Services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Heeneey Funeral home. Burial was at North Farmington cemetery.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schweitzer announce the engagement of their daughter, Irene Marie, to Edgar West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West. No date has been set for the wedding.

Rep. George N. Higgins, of Ferndale, in an effort to close what was a \$20,000,000-a-year loophole in the sales tax law, this week is preparing for introduction a package-stamp system revision of the Sales Tax Act.

Higgins said he would introduce a bill proposing a stamp tax method of recording sales tax payments, which would make the buyer equally responsible with the vendor for payment of the tax.

Every purchase of ten cents or more would be subject to the tax, he said, and the bill would propose that the law require that a tax stamp be affixed to each bundled package. In restaurants, proprietors would affix the stamp to the customers' checks, and in the purchase of such items as gasoline, the vendor would pay the tax in advance when he bought from the wholesale dealer.

The representative said he had conducted a survey which indicated that when the sales tax produced not less than \$75,000,000.

Average Return is \$641

Higgins said he could not believe that the average sales tax return of \$641.45 a year by each licensed Michigan merchant was legitimate. If they didn't do a bigger gross business," he asserted. "I find that in 1939, \$6,151 licenses paid sales taxes totaling \$53,267,303. This means a sales tax return of \$11.12 for each of the 4,842,325 persons listed in the census that year, and I'm convinced something is wrong with that picture—the total is far too low."

His bill would propose abolition of the exemption each merchant is allowed under the present law. Higgins said, but would benefit the merchant by permitting him to collect the tax from his customers on small purchases.

"Break" For Merchants

By mutual agreement merchants now charge the sales tax specifically to customers only in making a sale of 17 cents or more. The printing of sales tax stamps in denominations of three cents or more would give the merchant a better "break," especially in the case of drug store operators.

"In some States," he said, "tickets are issued to prove that the tax has been paid." Ohio now uses a similar method. The tax on the Ohio system is weak in that stamps may be used twice or a number of times unless the purchaser picks them up and destroys them after each sale.

Could Not Be Repealed

"My bill would make that impossible by requiring that a tax stamp be affixed to the package, where it could not again be used. The vendor would be subject to a mandatory fine for violation, and the merchant would be equally guilty if he accepted a package that did not bear the tax stamp."

As a part of his proposal, Higgins recommends that the \$50-a-month tax exemption for merchants be repealed.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Helen Gagner

Services for Mrs. Helen Gagner, 1813 Floral, Livonia Township, who passed away Wednesday, January 8, Mrs. Gagner was 77 years old and was born in Plattsburg, New York.

She was the widow of Caesar Gagner; she leaves four sons, Philip and Adolphus, both of Farmington, Michigan; and two daughters, Wisconsin, and Leon, of Northville. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Rose Esslin and Mrs. Eleanor Holmes of Muskegon.

Services will be held at 10 a. m. at Our Lady of Sorrows church, Farmington. Rev. John Larkin will officiate and interment will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine Logue Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Catherine Logue, 29383 Shawassaw avenue, passed away Saturday, January 4, following an illness of several years. Mrs. Logue was 82 years old and had lived in Farmington about five years. She was 52 years of age.

Mrs. Logue leaves her husband, Henry and two daughters, Catherine and Ellen.

Services will be held Tuesday, January 8, at Our Lady of Sorrows church, with Rev. John J. Larkin officiating.

Stamp Plan Adopted To Aid Needy

Needy families of Farmington Township and the City of Farmington who have previously received warm food orders from the county welfare commission will, in the future, receive surplus commodities through retail merchants. By a unanimous vote of 63 members, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Wednesday adopted the federal food stamp plan for distributing food to persons in the county who are being assisted through relief agencies.

The plan will be helpful to all persons on direct relief as well as those who are redeeming old age pensions, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and who are on WPA.

The adoption of the plan was recommended by the ways and means and welfare committees of the board and by the Board of Auditors.

To place it into effect, the board voted to create a revolving fund of \$30,000 which will be used to purchase the stamps from the government which in turn are sold to those receiving aid. It is estimated 3,200 families in the county will be benefited by the plan and it will bring into the county each year \$100,000 worth of surplus commodities. Instead of the surplus commodities being handled by the county welfare commission they will be handled through retail merchants.

According to the report submitted by the three groups the plan is designed to bridge the gap between the producing farmer and the nation's needy, those people who have a real need of these surplus foods. Many families have not sufficient funds which are so necessary to keep adults, as well as growing children, well and healthy. At the same time, the farmers have produced more of these foods than the housewives of America have been able to use. The food stamp plan provides the American farmer with a broader market for his products, gives needy families the opportunity to obtain more food than they have formerly been able to get, and finally, through the mechanics of the program, stimulates business by letting normal wholesale and retail food channels handle the task of distribution of these surplus foods.

"Wayne County has been operating under the stamp plan since early in the fall," the report continued. "J. Walter Dunne of the Wayne County social welfare board stated in our talk with him that merchants, storekeepers, clients and the general public have been tremendously pleased with the stamp plan system; and the club receives about twice as much food by use of the stamps than through warehouse distribution."

"The cost of operating the stamp plan does not appear to be materially different from the cost of distribution under the present plan of distributing surplus commodities, but in every instance where we have interviewed recipients of the stamps, welfare officials or merchants, they were all very enthusiastic in their praise of the plan and not a single person found a word of fault with its operation in any manner."

"The operation of the food stamp plan requires a revolving fund for the purchase of orange stamps which can be supplied from the county welfare fund, already appropriated."

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. RUTH MILES

The Farmington Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, January 9, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Miles, 2364 Warner avenue. Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain, chairman of the Fine Arts Committee is in charge of the program of the day. Each member is to respond to the roll call by giving the name and something about the life of her favorite movie star.

At the last meeting of the club held December 11 with Mrs. Bagnall, white gifts were brought for the Goodwill Christmas baskets.

Miss M. McDonald was in charge of the afternoon program and gave a very well prepared and worth while talk on "Women of the Bible."

Mrs. McCullough gave a fine report of the Northville Club's House Day program, to which the Farmington club was invited.

Mrs. McCall gave a most interesting talk on current events.

Visiting Kiwanian



NELSIE KNUDSEN

Knudsen Installs Club Officers

At a ceremony Wednesday evening, Kiwanis officers for the coming year were installed by Nelsie Knudsen, former governor of Michigan Kiwanis. Vice Blakeslee will head the club during 1941, replacing Joseph Himmelreich as president. Other officers include Walter Durham, vice-president; Norman Lee, treasurer and Rev. Carl Schultz, secretary. In the Board of Directors are Howard C. Knicker, Leo F. Gildemeister, Ed Pierce, Guy Duggan, Arthur Garlick, Stanley Curn and Richard Taylor.

Blakeslee was installed as president by his brother, A. Floyd Blakeslee, Pontiac attorney.

As his last official act as president of the club, Mr. Himmelreich read a report of the accomplishments of the club during the past year. The Farmington group's work during 1940 received high praise from Knudsen and he charged the incoming officers with the duty of maintaining during 1941 the standards set by the club in its first year of existence.

In accepting the presidency of the club, Blakeslee outlined a program which he hoped to carry through during the coming year.

Entertainment was provided by Henry Miller's old-time three-piece band from Utica.

Farmington Chosen For District Cage Tourney

Word has been received by Principal Evans V. Ayres of Farmington high school, that the school has been chosen by the Michigan Education District as the site for the 1941 District basketball tournament. The tourney will be held early in March, Mr. Ayres said.

Birthday Ball Date Set For February 1

The annual President's Birthday Ball will be held in Farmington on Saturday evening, February 1, at the high school gymnasium.

Chairman of the birthday ball committee this year is Delia Hamlin, and members of the committee include Ed Pierce, Spencer J. Heeneey, and Richard Taylor.

Mid-Winter Shopping Values Offered at Stores

Mid-winter bargains are being featured in many Farmington stores, and with the completion of inventory which is going on in many business houses, even greater values will be offered.

This week Fred L. Cook and Co. is featuring specials on ladies' robes, hosiery and other articles, and feminine shoppers will do well to look over their offerings.

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A once-a-year savings event is to be held at DeRoy's Jewelry store in Redford in their "disposal sale." Don't miss it! You can save up to 50 per cent on many high quality items. DeRoy's is located on Grand River at Greendale.

Have you used Detroit Edison's lighting service yet? Without a light meter and tell you exactly how much light you are getting from your lamps and fixtures.

Redford Theater features two excellent shows on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. They are "Tin Pan Alley" and "The Great Gable, and Jack Oakie, and Westerner" with Gary Cooper and Walter Brennan.

City Clerk Receives Official Primary Notice

Official notice was received this week by Harry W. Moore City clerk, of the General Primary Election to be held throughout Oakland County on Monday, February 17, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Circuit Judge, as prescribed by Act 351, Public Acts of 1935, and by Section 23 of Article XII of the State Constitution. Notice was sent to all City and Township clerks by Lynn D. Allen County Clerk.

City Considers Land Purchase

At its meeting Wednesday night the City Commission discussed the feasibility of purchasing a seven-acre tract of land to be used as a future city park. Hubert P. Brennan, owner of the land, was present at the meeting and offered to sell the property to the city.

The tract adjoins the present city park situated just east of the high school athletic field. The commissioners ordered the proposition to be turned over to the parks committee for further consideration. The committee will make a report at the next meeting of the commission.

The commissioners heard a request by a joint committee composed of Gordon Walker, and Mrs. Miriam Callahan representing the Farmington Young Republican Club, to assist in repairing and remodeling the Town Hall so that it may be used as a community house. The commission referred the matter to the building committee and a further hearing will be held at a future meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Emory Hutton, it was voted to transfer a sum of \$2,000 from the sewer fund to the bridge fund, to continue work on the Shawassaw street bridge.

A controversy over city purchasing an charges for a clean-up job by city employees enlivened the discussion. The dispute consumed upwards of an hour.

Garden Club Announces New Officers

The Farmington branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association held their annual luncheon and election of officers Tuesday, January 7, at the Botanical Tavern. The T-shaped table, decorated with pussy-willows and yellow daffodils, gave a springlike atmosphere to the any occasion.

The annual reports, given by officers, enlightened the members as to the progress and strides that the organization has made in the past year. The new officers, heartily embraced by the members in elude Mrs. F. J. Nash, president; Mrs. Leo Gamache, vice-president; Mrs. F. W. Sinks, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Warren Joy, recording secretary; Mrs. George Novlin, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, treasurer.

Walter Durham has been named general chairman of the committee which will handle the details of the presentation. There is to be a meeting of all committees Monday evening and it is expected that the director, representing the John B. Rogers Production Co., will be present at the meeting.

Last year the Kiwanians minstrel show "Anchors Aweigh" was a marked success and club members believe that the experience gained from their first show will help make the second an even bigger success.

Farmington P.T.A. Will Hear Child Psychologist

The Farmington Parent Teachers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 22, at the High School Auditorium, at 8:00 o'clock. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Belle Parley Murray. Mrs. Murray is an eminent child psychologist, formerly with Cranbrook School and now associated with the J. L. Hudson Company. Her topic will be "Helping Our Children Face Today's World."

Many members of the P.T.A. will recall with enthusiasm the very fine talk given by Mrs. Malory one of last year's programs, and will make a special effort to hear Mrs. Murray whose talk will be in the same vein of thought.

West Farmington P.T.A. Will See Movies

The regular meeting of the West Farmington Parent-Teachers' Association will be held Monday evening, January 14, at eight o'clock. The children of the community and their parents will be entertained with moving pictures. Howard Oaks of Farmington will be in charge. The pictures to be shown are "Army on Wheels" and "White Over India." Everybody is cordially invited.

February Draft Call Doubled

Draft Board No. 8, under which eligible men from Farmington Township and the City of Farmington are registered, together with other County local boards, will send twice as many men in February as were called in January, according to information released in Lansing this week. These numbers must be augmented by replacements resulting from those who are turned down by army medical examiners when this month's class is inducted, probably January 27.

Board No. 8, the largest board in the county, has a January quota of 30, bringing its February total to 60.

Draft questionnaires have been mailed to the many men in Farmington. The sending of these questionnaires stacked off somewhat the latter part of December, due to the fact that boards had mailed their quota demanded by the selective service act. The act required that 30 per cent be sent out by Jan. 1.

Those in Board No. 8, order numbers, 1,201 to 1,250, are: Warren W. Kiefer, Russell C. Gross, Charles D. Kelley, Joseph H. Helman, Thomas C. Hosner, Edward H. Reddish, Howard J. Mainwaring, Allen D. Parkinson, William E. McGowan, Maurice J. Stevens, Frank E. Schwell, Norbert B. Rook, John H. Brockhuizen, Wilfred Meyer, William A. Foster, James J. Murphy, Wilbert P. Ide, Harold H. Cantfield, Lloyd D. Heck, Adolph A. Brause, Donald W. Brington, August H. Lange, Kenneth W. White, Claude C. McKinnon, Thomas C. O'Dell, Harold W. Bigelow, Leonard C. Bender, Ewald Christensen, Emory E. Amos, Ward O'Hara, Jess D. Byington, John W. Street, Albert S. D. McLendon, Gerald P. Trotter, Clarence L. Ferrier, Harold J. Muldowney, Robert T. Crabtree, Charles S. Thompson, Virgil W. Campbell, John L. St. Clair, Julius W. Koshlinski, James L. Barnes, Max L. Miller, Glen L. Gaedt, Joseph Van Dyke, John Donahue, Carls Fitzgerald, Kenneth H. Simpson, Lloyd N. Mosbey and Raymond W. Spurrier.

KIWANIS PLANS SECOND ANNUAL MINSTREL SHOW

The Farmington Kiwanis Club will present its second annual minstrel show Monday evening, January 27, at the high school auditorium. Benefits from the show will go into the club's underprivileged children's fund.

Walter Durham has been named general chairman of the committee which will handle the details of the presentation. There is to be a meeting of all committees Monday evening and it is expected that the director, representing the John B. Rogers Production Co., will be present at the meeting.

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