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New Member Certain on School Board

A new member will assume a seat on the Farmington Board of Education following the annual meeting and election to be held June 9. Decision of Spencer J. Heene, veteran member of the Board, not to be a candidate, makes certain that the Board is to have a new member.

Petitions have been filed on behalf of two candidates, Dr. G. Frank Weaver and W. Allen Nelson. Time for filing petitions expired last Saturday, May 23.

Not residents of the community and all who were not registered last year, are warned that Saturday, May 31, is the final day for registration for the June 9 election. Only those who have been registered by Saturday evening will be allowed to vote.

Registrations Saturday are to be made with City Clerk Harry W. Moore, who will accept them from 9:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. Thus far, there have been only one new registration, that of Arthur Lamb, Jr., a retired electrician. Electors are those residents of the community owning real property, or parents of children listed on the school census.

BOARDS OF REVIEW WILL MEET NEXT WEEK

Property-owners of the City and Township of Farmington will have an opportunity next Tuesday and Wednesday to learn the assessments made upon their property and present their views before the respective boards of review. The Township Board of Review will hold another session two weeks later, on June 17 and 18, but the City board's session next week will be the only one held by that body.

Taxpayers will find their assessments corresponding to those of a year ago, although total rolls are higher, due to substantial increases in building.

In Farmington City, increase in taxable property, consisting almost entirely of homes, amounts to approximately \$52,000, according to Assessor James L. Hogle. During the past year, however, approximately \$36,000 in valuations has been removed from the rolls due to the scavenger sales, so that the net increase in the city's total valuation is about \$16,000. The figure for 1941 is \$1,418,000 as compared with \$1,418,000 a year ago. As in other years, few objections to assessments are anticipated at either board session.

Wednesday Evening Busy for Community

Few evenings in recent years have called for such a busy schedule of activities on this part of Farmington as Wednesday evening of this week. One of the most important meetings of the year relative to municipal affairs, a joint meeting of civic clubs, and a meeting of the new Defense Bonds committee chairman, all were placed on the calendar.

The gathering on municipal affairs was the annual budget meeting of the City Commission. The joint meeting of the civic clubs was to advance organization work of the United Service Organizations, planned to provide recreation for the new defense forces; and the Defense Bonds committee meeting was planned to give impetus to the community's part in furnishing funds for the country's armament.

In some instances the scheduling of the three meetings resulted in conflicts for some active citizens, who were pressed with the problem of being in two (and in some instances three) places at once.

Speaks on Defense Training

Members of Farmington Kiwanis and Exchange Clubs at a joint meeting Wednesday evening heard an address by William B. Shinton, director of defense training in Detroit Public Schools.

Civic Theatre Opens

AT 1:30 MEMORIAL DAY. The management of the Civic Theatre announces that there will be a continuous performance on Friday, May 30, Memorial Day, from 1:30.

Bank's Stock Doubling Recalls Modest Start

On Wednesday afternoon, just a few days more than seven years after the opening of Farmington State Bank, stockholders of the institution ratified doubling of the common stock which means a 100 per cent stock dividend to all stockholders.

The meeting was held Wednesday in a community atmosphere in sharp contrast to that of seven years ago May 15, when the new institution opened for business amidst a feeling of skepticism which far outweighed the confidence and optimism of the comparatively small number who had faith. Even the latter, however,

would not have dared to dream of such an amazing growth and progress as has been achieved, with the bank already above the one million and three-quarters mark in assets, and almost certain to pass two million dollars before the end of 1941. Doubt that the new bank's stock would "ever be worth anything" was freely expressed—and predictions that within seven years the institution would declare a 100 per cent stock dividend would have been dismissed as a "pipe-dream." The efforts to provide Farmington with a bank were in fact labelled by many as "Just ballyhoo."

An idea of the metamorphosis that has been achieved within a few short years, may be gathered from the fact that officers and others close to the institution when it opened looked forward eagerly to the time when the bank's assets would reach at least \$1 million and wondered to themselves how many years it would take, if ever, before that goal would be attained. By way of contrast, the increase in assets since January 1, 1934, has been more than \$1,000,000, or 80 per cent a half million dollars, once hoped would be the total. A gain in the next seven months of \$250,000 will put the bank over the two million mark before the end of 1941.

Accounts increase. Equally expressive of the transformation is the number of accounts carried. Whereas in what were supposed to be the flourishing days of the nineteen-twenties, from 100 to 150 commercial accounts were regarded as a goodly number for a bank in a town like Farmington, today's commercial depositors in Farmington State Bank number 1,100, and the bank is carrying a total of 3,500 depositors.

To take care of this astonishing expansion, the little force of three persons with which the bank started has been more than trebled, and Cashier Howard C. Knickerbocker's chief concern is as to how to keep up with the work. Besides Mr. Knickerbocker, only Mrs. Arvale Tipper and Byron C. Lapham were on hand, using a small portion of the bank's space, on May 19, 1934. Today every available inch of space is utilized, and the staff is growing up with the ever increasing volume of business.

New Certificates. Each of the bank's stockholders will receive before June 30 a new certificate in double the amount of the shares now held. One certificate will probably remain just where it is, even with necessary writings across its face. It is Certificate No. 1, issued to Farmington Exchange Club, and now framed on a wall in the bank. It recalls the day seven years ago, when amidst flowers and cellophane cameras-shutters, the then Knickerbocker President, Earl "Doc" Grosvenor, formally indicated to Mr. Knickerbocker the confidence of the bank's early patrons.

It was, "Great call from little across grow." It has been more than fulfilled.

Blakeslee Motor Sales and H. and A. Ott's announcement that their place of business will be closed all day Saturday, May 31.

Post Office and Bank Not Open on Friday

Staffs of Farmington Postoffice and Farmington State Bank looked forward this week to the piling up of mail and a flood of business Saturday, as a result of the holiday Friday. Both have given ample notice of closing, but the usual congestion, and the usual number of armed persons who "just forgot," was anticipated in both places.

Farmington Merchants Give Warm Weather Suggestions

The weather this week makes one realize that summer has come, and come to stay. Now the problem that arises is how to keep cool, rather than how to keep warm.

The first thing that comes to mind, is something cool to drink. And what better suggestion could there be, than to see Fisch Electrical Appliances at 2537 Grand River avenue, and investigate their fine offers on refrigerators, so that you may keep a supply of your favorite beverage on hand. Fisch Electrical Appliances announces this week their designation as Westinghouse dealers. You are sure to find what you are seeking in the electrical line at Fisch's.

Another suggestion might be a leisurely drive in the cool of the evening. To be sure your automobile is in its "best" working order, drive into Burnside Service Station and have them fill it up with

Sinclair H-C or Ethyl. You'll like their friendly service, too.

It's always cool at the Civic Theatre! And, there's always a good double bill, Friday and Saturday, the full length cartoon, "Culliver's Travels" and "Son of Monte Cristo" with Louis Hayward will be shown. Friday the Civic will open at 1:30 and run continuously. On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the bill is "Adam Had Four Sons" with Warner Baxter and Ingrid Bergman, and "Romance of the Rio Grande" with Cesar Romero as the Cisco Kid. Wednesday and Thursday, "Merchants' Family Nights," Lupe Velez and Leon Errol in "Mexican Hat Time" with Rita Quigley and Eugene Paletta will be shown. As a special extra feature the March of

City Budget May Show Increase

Farmington City's budget for 1941-42 is likely to be higher by a moderate amount than that of the current year, just drawing to a close. However, information on the new budget will not be available for another week at least. Public hearing was held on the budget by the City Commission Wednesday evening, but issuance of the figures is being delayed until after sessions of the Board of Review next Tuesday and Wednesday.

While details of the budget, of the total amount are not available, reports indicate that the amounts suggested for the various city departments would have totaled about \$15,000 more than the 1940-41 budget. Following the meeting Wednesday evening, it was indicated that reductions had been considered which would decrease the proposed amounts by about \$10,000, thus resulting in an increase over last year of about \$5,000.

The 1940-41 budget was \$41,643.32. Commissioner Fred Bagnall, chairman of the finance committee, outlined proposals for appropriations for the various departments, and members of the Commission participated in discussion.

Chief factors which appear to figure in the probable increases are extension of police and fire protection. Favor is expressed for maintenance of a full-time police officer with motor equipment, to patrol the city. However, difference of opinion appears to exist on this issue.

BOND DRIVE TO BEGIN: UNDER NEW CHAIRMAN

Farmington's drive to promote sale of defense bonds will get under way immediately following the meeting Wednesday evening at which State Chairman Frank N. Abbey of Detroit outlined the procedure recommended by the State organization.

Completion of organization plan at the meeting followed a change in the general chairmanship of the Farmington committee. Archie G. Leonard announced his inability to accept the post, due to the likelihood that he would soon be serving in an important defense position. Joseph Himmelsbach volunteered to act as general chairman, and his offer was accepted. He will direct the various committee chairmen who have been selected.

Thelma Graham To Be Married June 14

Mr. and Mrs. John Graham are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Thelma Carrie to Kenneth Arnold Miller, son of Mrs. Bessie A. Miller of Southfield. The wedding will take place Saturday evening, June 14, at the Methodist Church at seven o'clock.

EDITOR'S MOTHER DIES

Edwin Laude, editor of The Enterprise, was called to New Jersey last Friday evening by the death of his mother. Funeral services were held in Kansas, former home of the deceased.

To Retire From Board



Spencer J. Heene, veteran member of Farmington Board of Education, will retire at the conclusion of his present term in June, having decided not to be a candidate for re-election.

100,000 Growth Forecast For West of Detroit

One hundred thousand new residents for half a dozen suburbs west of Detroit, within the next two or three years? That is the amazing prophecy which has been propounded as building season of 1941 approaches its height.

Dismissed at first as an idle conjecture, of late the forecast has come to be regarded seriously by cautious, careful observers of population trends. The tremendous impact of the nation's defense program is of course the basis for the prophecy.

Communities indicated as being in the major stream of the anticipated vast outpouring of people from Detroit, together with a flood of new population from other sections of the country, are:

Wayne
Inkster
Plymouth
Northville
Garden City

The listing of the above communities does not of course mean that it is expected the growth will be confined within their limits, or even that the greater portion of the increase will take place therein. In fact, one of the significant aspects of the immense revival of suburban home-building in the Detroit metropolitan area, is the huge numbers of homes which have been built along or near improved highways, outside of corporate limits. The listing of towns, however, indicates in general the section with which it is anticipated the larger portion of the 100,000 population increase will occur.

Great strides of the past few years in the development of home ownership and conveniences, together with extensive highway improvements, have provided the greatest impetus to construction of homes in outlying areas. However, those who are seriously discussing the "100,000 more people" prophecy for this area, point out also that there is always a certain proportion of people who prefer life within a definite community, whether metropolises or smaller town, to living outside corporate limits. Thus, they reason, the attractive suburban communities are certain to experience a spectacular growth within the next few years.

West Side Favored. While the students of population trends see also rapid development for suburbs to the east and north of Detroit, the west side is regarded as certain to see the greatest growth. The reason for this is the "pull" of Detroit population westward. Its former center around Woodward avenue, toward Grand River, and down toward the areas nearer the "Down-River" sector within the past 15 years. The admitted superiority of west side location for industry, due to greater accessibility to lake shipping and railroad connections to the East, is largely accountable for the trend, it is stated.

With the defense program built upon the production of industrial plants, it is regarded as inevitable that the largest population increase will be in the areas tributary to the greatest defense production centers. This is regarded as especially important because movement of products from the industries with the greatest rapidity and facility is as important as the efficient production of them.

The half dozen communities named now have a population totaling less than half the predicted increase for the area. Those who subscribe to the "100,000 increase" prophecy point out, however, that an increase of 50 per cent for each of the communities within the next few years is well within the bounds of reasonable expectancy. A similar increase in the number of inhabitants of the area outside the towns would, they assert, more than offset the fulfillment of the forecast.

Outcome Uncertain. Whether a realization of the prophecy, so rapid a mushrooming of population within so short a time, would come to be looked upon by the municipalities as an un-mixed blessing, might prove an interesting question. While such inferences always bring benefits, they often create problems, also—serious problems particularly of facilities, with which the communities are sometimes unable to cope successfully.

But the prophets still proclaim "100,000 more within two or three years."

"Americans All" To Be Shown at Civic Theatre

One of the features at the Civic Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, is the March of Time entitled "Americans All." This is a subject on the people of the United States, both native born and immigrants alike. Shown are the many ways in which the five million U. S. immigrants are today working to preserve their adopted land.

All covered are the small groups that comprise the U. S. Fifth Column.

It is a feature every American should see.

Classes will also be awarded in Junior classes, and a grand prize will be given to the exhibitor who wins the most blue ribbon points. The public is cordially invited.

Class 1—Peonies in Metal containers.

Class 2—Any arrangement in identical container to be supplied by committee.

Class 3—Any arrangement in interesting glass bottle. Flowers permitted.

Class 4—Arrangement of roses in any container. No restrictions.

Class 5—Arrangement of flowers in glass container.

Class 6—Fruit and Flower arrangement. Flat container, for outdoor luncheon. No accessories.

Class 10—Ten trays—flowers and accessories.

Class 11—Miniature arrangement in 6 inches.

Class 12—Small arrangement not to exceed 8 inches.

Class 13—Open Class. Any type of container or flower may be used. Section 8.

Class 14—Arrangement in modern manner for hall table. Accessories permitted. Table optional.

Class 15—Table for any occasion. To be named by exhibitor. Table 40 inches by 60 inches, supplied by committee.

Section C.

Class 16—Roses. One rose to a container properly labeled.

(a) Hybrid Teas

(b) Hybrid Perpetuals

(c) Polyanthus (one spray)

(d) Climbers, Ramblers, and June roses.

Class 17—Flowers brought to show labeled as to name will be judged in competition with other specimens of same variety.

(a) Iris

(b) Pansies

(c) Delphinium

(d) Lillies

Class 18—All other named perennials or annuals. Two spikes of blooms to each display.

Section D.

Class 19—4 years to 8 years. Arrangement for mother's birthday. Accessories permitted.

Class 20—10 years to 13 years. Summer breakfast table. Accessories permitted.

Class 21—14 years to 16 years. Patriotic arrangement. Accessories permitted.

Backgrounds and tables will be furnished by Farmington Lumber Company.

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Addition To School May Be Provided

Possibility of construction of a substantial addition to the new Farmington Schools building, as a consequence of the national defense program, and without necessity of additional taxation, is encouraging the question of school officials, and enabling action is to be voted on by the electors of the school district at the annual meeting June 9. If the possibility materializes, it will greatly increase facilities of the school system for vocational guidance as well as the national defense program, and enable Farmington Schools to accommodate numbers of students who have been turned away because of inadequate facilities.

The new addition and increased training would become available from two sources. One is payment by Farmington Township of a deficit which has existed for some years, and the remainder would be supplied by the Federal Government. The former is under consideration, while the Federal Government would supply the equipment.

Payment by the Township of the \$1,300 due the School District would provide most of the funds for the building. In addition, that sum, the Board of Education would utilize \$1,700 from its general fund, affording \$3,000 for the building. Authority for transfer of money from the general to specific funds must be given by the electors, and a proposal to this effect will be on the ballot when the electors vote for a new board member June 9.

The State Board of Control for Vocational Education is interested in establishing training units of the type proposed, in schools in the industrial production areas. It enables the training of factory workers in the use of machines for defense production, during hours when they are not at work in the factories. During other hours, the machines would be available to school students for training.

Machines and all materials used in training of workmen would be supplied by the Federal Government, according to George Fern, director of the State Vocational board. The chief obstacle that may arise is that of obtaining machines for training. However, the possibility of acquiring the new unit is believed sufficient to justify a vote on the matter by the electors.

During the past school year, 25 students had to be denied manual training by Farmington Schools because of inability to accommodate them.

WOMAN'S CLUB PRESIDENT'S DAY PLANS COMPLETED

The Farmington Woman's Club will hold their annual President's Day luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, June 3, at 1:00 o'clock at the Children's Village on Six Mile Road. Those attending are asked to please notify one of the committee. Mrs. M. B. Pearce, Mrs. Fred Cook, or Mrs. A. J. Constock. Mrs. George Chetkett is in charge of transportation.

At their last regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Bowe, Mrs. Gilbert Mills acted as President. It was a well attended meeting, and Mrs. Archie Leonard gave a fine review of Jan Struthers' book "Mrs. Miniver."

On Tuesday, June 3, the Woman's Club have been invited by the Farmington Baptist church, to give a presentation to the Women's National Farm and Garden Association to be guests at their meeting at the Baptist church. Mrs. David Dunlop will be the speaker and her topic is "Flower Arrangements As a Hobby."

Mr. Hulet is chairman of reservations.

Seniors' Exercises Next Week

The final week's activities for 32 Farmington High School seniors will begin Sunday evening, June 1, when Baccalaureate services will be held. The services will be held in the High School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m., the address of the evening to be given by Rev. Delmore C. Shibus. Commencement exercises will be held next Thursday evening, June 5, in the High School Auditorium. The Commencement program appears elsewhere in this issue.