

School Districts To Hold Election

School districts throughout the Farmington area are preparing this week to hold their annual school board meetings and election of officers.

At Bond School No. 8 the election will be held this Monday evening, July 7, when two members will be elected to fill the expired terms of Isaac Bond and Alvin Gramer.

Most of the other school districts are holding their annual meetings on July 14, which is the second day of the month. At Clearwater school district two members will be elected, to fill the terms of Harold Hippo and Hubert Marie. There will be a contest, for June 30 was the last day for filling positions and only Mr. Hippo and Mr. Marie had filed. All voters in Clearwater district must be registered this year in order to vote. Registrations will be taken at the home of any board member on Saturday, July 6, which is the last day for registration. The school house will be open for registration purposes from three to eight.

At Noble District No. 6 there is only one office to be filled, the term of Samuel Pihl having expired.

In the Pierson School District at West Point Park, the term of Robert Parish is expiring. Parish is qualified No. 2, the term of Mrs. Eva Tesch is expiring.

At Fairview School District, the term of Moderator Guy Morgan expires.

At the two Novi school districts there is one position open on each board. In Novi District No. 2 the term of James Erwin expires, and at Novi No. 8, Walter Tuck, who has served as president of the board, will be up for re-election.

There is little contest expected in any of the districts this year, as there is no major issue up for consideration, though the usual problems of bus transportation and adequate accommodations for the pupils are anticipated.

At the Thayer School District, the election will also be held on July 14 and will meet at the home of Mrs. Joseph Graham on Nine Mile Road. A Treasurer will be elected in this school district.

Y.P.L.U. HOLD LAST REUNION AT LAMB HOME

On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Y.P.L.U. Society and their friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb, for their fiftieth anniversary meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb opened their home in honor of Mr. Lamb's brother, Perry, who was a member of the society and now resides in Greeley, Colorado. They did everything to make every one welcome, all of which was highly appreciated by the members and friends.

There has wrought many changes since this society was organized fifty years ago, last July 8. Out of the original members, only two are living. One was present at the meeting, and the other lives on the Pacific Coast.

Many others became members within the first year after the organization of the society.

There was no prepared program for this meeting, but Floyd Nichols read an interesting poem written by T. Francis Drake of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Lily Lamb Angell said she was glad to meet with so many of her old schoolmates and pupils of West Farmington school, but would not say how long ago she taught there.

Orlon Everett had a picture of the Society, taken many years ago, and the names of those in the picture, but most of the girls have chosen other names since the picture was taken.

Harold McCracken of Detroit, attended and showed moving pictures of the Society taken at the reunion one year ago. This feature seemed to be much enjoyed by all. He also took moving pictures of the members and friends of the reunion at the Lamb home.

This being the fiftieth anniversary of the Society, and so many changes had taken place, it was suggested by the members, to discontinue any future reunions or meetings.

Farmington Youths Attend Wolverine Boys' State

Three Farmington boys returned last Friday after a week's stay at Wolverine Boys' State, at Michigan State College in East Lansing. Boys' State is sponsored each year by the American Legion, and trains the boys in good citizenship, and at the same time gives them a clearer understanding of our government and how it works.

Bob Gullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gullen, was sent by the City Commission and Bill Fournier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fournier, was sent by the Farmington Exchange Club. The Township Board sent Hugo Pascoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Pascoe.

The boys left Farmington on the 19th, returning home the 27th. As soon as they arrived at Boys' State, they were placed in different cities, which were named for Presidents of the United States. Bob was in Grant, Bill in Adams and Hugo in Arthur. These cities are composed of approximately 50 boys each, and there are 20 cities. Two cities form a County, and these counties comprise the Boys' State. At the present time there are 34 such States in the United States.

The boys set up their own governing units, electing their own officers in the same manner elections are really conducted. The Farmington boys had various duties being city attorneys, Bill State Health Commissioner and Bob acted as Deputy State Health Commissioner. Bill and Bob both ran for State offices, also.

On the 26th, the boys had the experience of running the State for a day. They spent the day in Lansing and each conducted the office to which he had been elected.

During their stay on the campus, the boys were housed at Demonstration Hall and Jensen Field House. Their meals they took at the Union. Much of the day was free time, and they could play baseball, handball, tennis or any of the other sports offered. Debating contests, an annual feature, were held. These were the Constitutional and Lincoln contests.

A band was organized and played at different times throughout the week. A number of the boys are really fine musicians, and several had won State championships in individual contests. Several drum majors were available also.

All of the boys feel that they spent one of the most worthwhile and enjoyable weeks of the year, when they attended Wolverine Boys' State.

William Cable, Former Policeman, Dies Here

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 24 at 10 o'clock, from the home of Mr. Cable, 2225 Greening Blvd., from the home. Mr. Cable died here Saturday, June 21.

Formerly a policeman in Detroit, the Cables had lived in Farmington for many years.

Mr. Cable has returned to Detroit to stay since his husband's death.

MSC Girl Assisting at Springbrook Gardens

Miss Mary Tate of Ann Arbor, junior in floriculture at Michigan State College, has been sent by the floriculture department of M.S.C. to assist Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bickling with their floral work at Springbrook Gardens on Powers street.

Miss Tate, who is majoring in floriculture, has had special training in designing and other work with flowers. She will remain as the Bickling's assistant for the remainder of the summer.

Merchants Feature Special Fourth of July Stock

Everyone, young and old alike, is looking forward with much anticipation to the holiday week end. The Fourth of July has always been one of the most enjoyed of our National holidays, perhaps because of the occasion it commemorates.

Farmington merchants have caught the holiday spirit, too, and offer their customers a variety of values to add to holiday celebration.

What better way to spend the Fourth than a family picnic? The Farmington Bakery has just the assortment you are looking for in the way of rolls and dainty tidbits. Mr. A. L. Ross, the genial owner, suggests you let them make your sandwiches. Just call in the number you require and they will be ready when you call for them.

Hamilton's Market are offering special values this week in picnic supplies. Stop in and see what a fine selection they have.

When you return from that picnic, and feel the need of a peaceful, cool evening, why not stop in meetings.

Industrial Shop Plans Under Way

Plans and a preliminary sketch are now being worked out for the proposed industrial shop addition to be constructed on the Farmington High School.

Supt. Orville E. Dunkel and Marcus R. Burrows, drafter of the sketch, will confer July 3 with officials in Lansing as to the feasibility of the plan. Counsel will be held with officials of the State Board of Control for Vocational Education and the NYA.

The plans call for a new structure to match the present industrial shop building. This addition will be constructed on the north end of the Farmington High school shops. The proposed plans call for a building 60 feet by 40 feet, containing an auto mechanics shop, welding equipment, pipe fitting work, pattern making and machine shop equipment. This will be in addition to the present shop facilities which contain equipment and supplies for courses in woodwork, drawing, blue print, and shop math.

Upon completion of the proposed plans for the new building, they will be submitted to the Board of Education for approval. Directly after this approval bids will be advertised for the construction of the building. School District No. 5 in the last election allotted \$9,000 for the building of this addition. It will be constructed under contract.

This project is in line with the present needs for skilled workers in National Defense. A group of 15 are prepared to begin training under the present system. This group will have the use of the present equipment and are preparing to take work in the printing, drawing, shop mechanics, and woodwork. The new shops are designed to add those interested in National Defense training, according to Dunkel, as well as the present school classes, but this project is intended to take the work in construction. All those interested in any of the present courses offered, regardless of age, may enroll at the Farmington High school.

JOHN SAMUELSON PARTICIPATES IN DRIVER FINALS

John F. Samuelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson of the Children's Hospital of Michigan, was Farmington's representative in the Ford Good Drivers' League finals held Tuesday at the Ford Airport.

A boy and a girl were selected to participate in the national finals to be held at Dearborn. The winners were both from Detroit. They will compete with state finalists from the other 47 states and the District of Columbia. Each contestant must, put his or her car through a series of intricate tests and are graded by a board of traffic experts.

Samuelson participated with representatives from various corners of Michigan for an opportunity to engage in the national finals. The winners of the final contest will receive \$5,000 scholarship to some college in the United States. One will be awarded to the best boy and best girl driver.

The Good Drivers' League which began two years ago is sponsored by Edsel Ford, and is designed to produce better drivers for the future. Under this program the boys and girls are taught the rules of driving and how to properly handle their automobiles.

Judges of the Michigan finals were Inspector Fred W. Juergens, of the traffic division of the Detroit Police Department; Lee C. Richardson, director of the motor vehicle division of the Secretary of State's office; Albert Malo, of the State Highway Department; and Harold G. Odger, director of safety education at Fordson High school.

Harry McCracken Hears Gov. Dickinson Preach

Harry McCracken attended church at Wixom last Sunday, and listen to an address by Ex-Governor Loren D. Dickinson. Governor Dickinson and Mr. McCracken were both members of the legislature of 1905 and 1907, and have since been fast friends.

Frances Bacon Safe in England, Says Red Cross



Courtesy Detroit News

Definite assurance that their daughter Miss Frances Bacon has been saved from aboard the torpedoed Dutch ship Maarsden has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bacon, 33436 Shilwaukee from the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Miss Bacon left three weeks ago as a volunteer member of the Harvard and American Red Cross unit to serve as a nurse in a London hospital. The Dutch ship, now believed by the British, was torpedoed somewhere in the Atlantic earlier in the war three weeks ago.

Mr. Bacon said that the report from Red Cross headquarters stated that the 17 nurses aboard the Maarsden had been landed somewhere on British soil.

A graduate of Northville high school with the class of 1934, Miss Bacon, 25 years old, took her nurses training at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Upon graduating she received for high scholarship an award which entitled her to four months of special training in Boston Lying-in Hospital. She returned to Butterworth Hospital from Boston where she has been assistant superintendent of the obstetrical department.

A former frequent visitor to Farmington, Miss Nancy Pett, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Detroit, former residents of the Harvard and American Red Cross unit. However, she sailed from New Orleans a few days before the Maarsden sailed from Halifax.

Originally the two young nurses had been scheduled to leave as members of the same unit. Miss Bacon was granted a three weeks leave so that she might take a vacation trip to Canada with her parents. The Bacon family had been in Canada only three days when Miss Bacon was called to report in New York immediately.

Miss Pett, who has many relatives in England, has not been heard from but it is assumed that her ship arrived safely in Great Britain.

Miss Marian C. Weimer of Detroit and Miss Laurine A. Smith of Hudsonville were the other two Michigan nurses aboard the Maarsden.

The Harvard and American Red Cross unit of which Miss Bacon was a member, is comprised of 50 nurses and 25 doctors who will make a study of wartime epidemics in England.

It is not known for sure, Mrs. Bacon stated, but it is assumed that the group aboard the Maarsden was the first of the Harvard and American Red Cross unit to go to England.

Great secrecy surrounded the sailing of the ship because it was feared that word might be leaked to the enemy of its sailing, route to be taken, and other facts were.

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Farmington Closes Highly Successful Fiscal Year

On June 30, 1941, the City of Farmington closed its books on the end of another highly successful year, Monday being the end of the current fiscal year for the city.

According to Mayor Leo Gildemeister, the city operating within its budget, was able to carry out all of the major projects outlined at the beginning of the year.

The first of these projects was the converting of the old Peoples Bank Building into city offices. This was accomplished mainly by the payment of back taxes accumulated by the old bank. At the close of the year all but \$3,000 has been paid by the city.

Another project of major interest to the citizens of Farmington was the installation of a new pump at the city Pump Station, Shilwaukee street. This pump was purchased and installed at a cost of \$1,500 to the city. This was an additional pump, put in to improve the water supply of Farmington.

The last major project undertaken by the city was the Shilwaukee street bridge over the Rouge River and the road improvement in connection with it. According to Gildemeister \$2,000 was set aside in the 1940-41 budget for this project. This bridge and road improvement, now under construction, is being sponsored jointly by the City of Farmington and the federal government.

Farmington received state-wide attention in the Michigan Municipal Review, state municipal government magazine, for installing the fiscal year. According to Gildemeister this system is the most modern for municipal governments and has been of great help in the carrying on of Farmington's government.

Due to the increase in population of Farmington from 1,350 to 1,500 the cities revenue from taxes will increase for this fiscal year over the one previous. Farmington has for the past 8 to 10 years levied taxes on the basis of 15 mills, and the increase in population will broaden the revenue from this ratio.

The city is anticipating an increase of \$1,000 over last year's budget for the construction and maintenance of roads, it was also stated by Gildemeister. This is due to the shifting of funds from the larger units of government to the municipalities, in connection with roads and their maintenance.

Gambee to Head District American Legion

W. B. Gambee, 28875 Middlebelt Rd., past commander of the Groves Water, post American Legion, was named commander of the seventeenth district American Legion at a meeting in Ferndale Friday night.

Masson Gelberon of Redford was named vice commander. Other officers were non-local men. Legions The seventeenth district includes approximately 20 posts in Pontiac, Royal Oak and nearby territory.

SALES TAX RETURNS SENT TO LANSING

More than 10,000 retail merchants of Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, and Washington counties were notified this week to mail sales tax returns and pay sales taxes to the State Board of Tax Administration at Lansing, beginning with the filing of their June 1941 returns. These are due on or before July 15, 1941.

Hereafter retailers in these counties have filed returns and paid sales taxes at the Detroit office of the Sales Tax Department. Hereafter the Detroit office will receive tax returns and payments from Wayne county retail merchants only.

Louis M. Nims, managing director of State Board of Tax Administration, commenting on the change-over, declared that the new plan requiring all lower peninsula retail merchants, excepting those in Wayne county, to file their returns in Lansing would make for greater efficiency. It is in line with the new revenue bill recently passed by the legislature establishing a centralized tax collecting agency.

Wanda Forsythe Weds Gene Gibson June 28

The wedding of Miss Wanda Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wanda Forsythe, and Gene Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Gibson of Indianapolis, Indiana, took place at the home of the bride's mother, on Tuesday, Saturday evening, June 28, at eight o'clock.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Omaha Jean Forsythe and Arthur Furby attended the groom.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony, and the young couple left for a short wedding trip to Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will make their home in Ferndale.

Private James Lee In Coast Artillery

Private James L. Lee, of 23459 Sherwood avenue, Farmington, has completed his basic training and is now assigned to the 210th Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft, Regiment at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. The 210th is commanded by Col. Robert F. Gleim.

The new assignment was consummated with the completion of the basic training as prescribed by Army Regulations. In the group undergoing this training were 601 soldiers from Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

The 210th, before being inducted into Federal Service, was a National Guard regiment from Detroit.

Save Lives By Taking These Precautions

Most accidents would not happen if every driver:

- 1—Regulated his speed with regard to safety.
- 2—Exercised special care when overtaking and passing and in keeping as far to the right of opposite-bound traffic as possible.
- 3—Observed stop signs and traffic signals and made certain it was safe to enter intersections before doing so.