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Prepare Voting Machines For Township Election

Primary Election Set For Monday, Feb. 16

The setting up of voting machines for the Farmington Township Primary Election, to be held Monday, February 16, is expected to be completed this week, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced Tuesday.

Name tabs of the candidates have been printed and will be installed on the various machines in the four precincts of the township. A total of 12 machines will be used in the Primary Election. McCracken stated that the absentee ballots have also been printed and are now available to those registered voters who will not be in the township at the time of the election.

THE LIST of prospective election board officials has been compiled by the Clerk. However, the list must be certified by the Board before it becomes official. A total of seven officials will serve in the smaller precincts with nine voting machines, the larger precincts, the Clerk added.

Two contests are assured in the Primary Election on the Republican ticket. For Township Clerk, candidates have filed nomination petitions. They are Howard Eldridge and Harry McCracken. A total of seven candidates have filed for Trustee, with four to be nominated. The candidates include: R. Lewis Brown, Ward Eagle, Fred G. Menke, Richard Trieb, Edward Shaffer, Thomas Pardy and Fred Westlake. Unopposed candidates are Robert B. Burchard for Supervisor, Clayton Giers for Treasurer and Geoffrey Gagnon for Constable.

No candidates filed nomination petitions for Board of Review or Justice of the Peace. There are also four constables to be nominated. Where no candidate is elected, the Board may fill the vacancy. No candidates on the Democratic ticket filed petitions for nomination.

Register Now Adult Education Classes Still Open

Several vacancies in adult education classes still exist according to word received this week from James Read, assistant superintendent of Farmington Township Schools.

The classes, which will begin this month and continue for a period of eight weeks, include instruction in art, sewing and upholstery.

Read stated that art instructor Keith Whitmore has facilities for four additional class members in the painting and drawing room, which meets in the Farmington High School cafeteria on Monday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.

A new sewing class will start on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school home-making room. This course is the "Junior advanced group," which will be composed of students who have had one or two years experience.

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Township Issues Electrical Licenses

The first licenses to be issued under the new Electrical Licensing Ordinance, approved by the Township Board last week, will be mailed out in the next few days, officials stated Tuesday.

A total of 18 Journeyman licenses and one contractor's license will be issued. The applicants met at the Township office Monday evening for screening. The applicants include: R. Lewis Brown, Ward Eagle, Fred G. Menke, Richard Trieb, Edward Shaffer, Thomas Pardy and Fred Westlake. Unopposed candidates are Robert B. Burchard for Supervisor, Clayton Giers for Treasurer and Geoffrey Gagnon for Constable.

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BUSY FINGERS were kept extra busy last Thursday evening counting the record number of dimes and dollars collected during the annual March of Dimes "Porch Light Parade". Here a group of volunteers cut and wrap the coins and bills, at the March of Dimes headquarters in the Farmington Municipal Building. Seated from right to left are: Mrs. Gene Hynes,

Mrs. Franklin Cottone, Mrs. James Lillie, Mrs. George Kudla and Mrs. Warren Joy. Approximately \$2,100 was collected in the Farmington area during the hour-long "Mothers' March". The Clarenceville Mothers reported approximately \$1,370 collected during their canvass and Novi volunteers collected \$972 in their "Porch Light Parade".

March Of Dimes Volunteers Collect Record Total In "PorchLight" Drive

Final Campaign Report To Be Presented At Police Luncheon Scheduled For Thursday At Town Hall

Mothers of Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi took to the streets last Thursday evening and collected a record total of dimes and dollars to climax the 1953 March of Dimes Campaign.

Mrs. George Kudla, chairman of the Farmington Mothers' March, reported that a total of \$2,100 was collected in the city and township during the one-hour "Porch Light Parade". This is far in excess of the amount collected last year, which was the previous record. Mrs. Vera Hawley, chairman of the Clarenceville campaign, reported a record collection total of \$1,374.49 during the "Mothers' March" there. In Novi a total of \$972 was collected, according to Mrs. Irene Stroman, chairman, which is also a new record.

FINAL REPORTS on the full month-long drive will be presented at a special pot luck luncheon to be held Thursday afternoon at the Farmington Town Hall. In addition to the "Porch Light Parade", the various community organizations held fund sales, card parties and other activities to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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CITY GETS \$2,190 PAYMENT FROM HIGHWAY FUND

The City of Farmington will receive \$2,190.75 as its fourth quarter payment under the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, the State Highway Department announced Tuesday.

Payments to cities are based on the mileage of city streets. Oakland County will receive a total of \$437,778 in the fourth quarter payment under the Highway Act.

P.T.A. Launches Drive For New Band Uniforms

Set Goal In Community Campaign At \$3,000

Beginning this week and the Farmington Parent Teachers Association will launch a community-wide project to raise \$3,000 for the purchase of new uniforms for the Farmington High School band. Announcement of the project was made by Mrs. Charles Berlitz, president of the P. T. A. The present band uniforms have been used for the past nine years. Tentative programs to be held during the campaign include: the Detroit Civic Players' production of "Huckleberry Finn", to be held this Saturday evening at the high school gym, tag days on May 1 and 2, and a special fair on May 2. The entire proceeds of these activities will go to the Band Uniforms. Plans are also under way for the scheduling of individual card parties to help raise additional funds. Mrs. Frank Annette is in charge of this committee.

ALL FUNDS from merchants and manufacturers of this area (Continued on Page Twelve)

New Band Uniforms Are Their Goal



Final plans for the Farmington Parent Teachers Association high school band uniform project is the main topic of discussion at this meeting of trustees held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Clarence Berlitz, P. T. A. president. Seated left to right are project trustees: Dr. Harold Soderquist, Mrs. Berlitz, Mrs. Samuel Turner and Mr. Carl Matz. The purpose of the project is to raise sufficient money to purchase completely new uniforms for the Farmington High School Band. A goal of \$3,000 has been set for the campaign. One of the first activities under the project is the Detroit Civic Players' production of "Huckleberry Finn", to be held this Saturday evening at the high school gym.

Work Expected To Begin This Spring On Widening Of Orchard Lake Road

Traffic Light OK'd Initial Project To Include Section For Grand River - From 14 Mile South To 11 Mile Road Middlebelt Corner

Installation Of Lights Authorized By State

The State Highway Department has notified the city that a new stop and go traffic light has been authorized for the corner of Grand River and Middlebelt Road, Joseph DeVriendt, Police Chief, announced this week.

Notification of the proposed installation was given in a letter to DeVriendt from J. Carl McElroy, director of the Planning and Traffic Division of the State Highway Department. McElroy stated in the letter that because of the heavy backlog of work, it is impossible at this time to give the exact date of installation of the light. However, it is expected that the light will be erected sometime this spring.

Authorization for the traffic light is the result of a series of traffic surveys conducted at the intersection by the Highway Department. The high accident rate at the corner plus a number of letters from organizations and individuals prompted the surveys. The increase in traffic on both Grand River and Middlebelt Road has necessitated the installation of a traffic light.

TWO SIGNAL lights will actually be installed at the intersection, one on each side of the island. The light will afford safe crossing of the boulevard street by cars traveling Middlebelt. During heavy traffic periods cars frequently line up for considerable distance both ways on Middlebelt attempting to cross Grand River.

Cut Milk Prices At Clarenceville

The Clarenceville School Board, at a special session last week, approved motion to reduce the price of half-plats of milk to students by one cent.

This price change will be effective beginning the week of February 9. The weekly cost in the elementary grades will be 20 cents rather than the present 25 cents. The present price structure has been in effect since February of 1952.

Requests on furniture and equipment for the new Botsford Elementary School have been mailed out to prospective school supply companies. The deadline for the receiving of bids has been set for Thursday, February 12, at 8:00 p.m. Plans and specifications for the furniture and equipment were mailed with the bid request.

Work is nearly completed on plans for new equipment to be installed in the new home-making rooms in the high school addition. The specifications are designed for the food section of the home-making department. Plans are also being drawn for kitchen equipment to be used in conjunction with the new high school cafeteria. No deadline has been set for filing bids on either kitchen or home-making equipment.

School Financial Situation Eased At Farmington

New Tax Payments Bring Temporary Aid

Additional tax money received in the last few weeks by the Farmington Township School District has slightly eased the financial situation, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated Monday.

A total of \$43,573 has been received from the State, including \$19,213 in Sales Tax funds and \$24,360 in State Aid. In addition to the State monies, a total of \$99,454 has been collected in local taxes for operation purposes. This latter figure represents approximately 53% of the total local taxes.

Dunckel pointed out, however, that of the \$99,454 a total of \$71,000 plus interest is obligated. This obligation is the result of money borrowed several months ago to meet current operating expenses.

THE NEW FUNDS received are expected to provide sufficient revenue to operate the District until April 1, Dunckel stated. The application now before the Municipal Finance Commission for permission to borrow \$50,000 on anticipated State revenues is expected to be approved this week. However, the actual borrowing of the money may be delayed temporarily. Dunckel pointed out that the Board doesn't want to pay interest on borrowed funds until it has to.

'HUCKLEBERRY FINN' TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY EVENING

The Detroit Civic Players' production of "Huckleberry Finn" will be presented this Saturday evening, February 7-8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Doors of the gymnasium will open at 6:45 with certain time to be scheduled for January 17, but had to be cancelled because of a freezing rain that coated the streets and highways. Proceeds from the play will be added to the P. T. A. campaign fund earmarked for the purchase of new uniforms for the Farmington High School band. Tickets for the play may be secured from any school principal or at the door.

Red Cross Drive Chairmen Named

Mrs. Mel Stevens and Charles Stuart have been named co-chairmen of the 1953 Farmington Area Red Cross Drive. It was announced this week by Red Cross officials.

The annual Red Cross Drive will officially open March 1 and continue throughout the month. Door to door solicitation will be conducted in both the city and township. Special booths are expected to be set up in various locations in the area. The quota for the 1953 Farmington Red Cross drive has been set at \$5,626.43.

Fred G. Menke will serve as chairman of the Red Cross drive in the Clarenceville area. The portion of Clarenceville located in the township is included in the Farmington campaign area.

An organization meeting of Red Cross volunteers will be held Thursday afternoon, February 12, at 1:00 at the Farmington Town Hall. All persons interested in volunteering their services are urged to attend the organization meeting. Plans will be outlined for the coming drive and area captains will be selected.

Red Cross officials also announced that the Mobile Blood Bank will visit Farmington again on May 18 for one day only. The Bank will be in operation from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington Town Hall.

DANCING CLASSES TO CONTINUE AT CLARENCEVILLE

The two dancing programs sponsored by the Clarenceville Recreation Commission will be continued for another several weeks, it was announced this week by Commission officials.

Both of the programs are being extended because of the high degree of interest shown by the people. The regular Saturday evening square dance will continue for seven weeks and the Monday evening ballet, tap and ballroom dancing program is being extended for eight or nine weeks.

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AROUND THE BLOCK

THE WEATHER... for the first time in many weeks is a secondary point of conversation around the hot stove. The main topics of discussion concern common attractions. Both Farmington and Clarenceville have big things on the fire for the Saturday. The Detroit Civic Players' production of "Huckleberry Finn", sponsored by the Farmington P. T. A. The doors of the Farmington High School gymnasium will open at 6:45 p.m. with certain time set for 7:30 p.m. Over at Clarenceville it will be "Fun Night" with a donkey basketball game scheduled between the P. T. A. teachers, members of the boys and the girls. In addition there will be a volleyball game between mothers and women teachers as well as a basketball game between the younger students. So it looks like a busy evening ahead and you will want to get in on it!

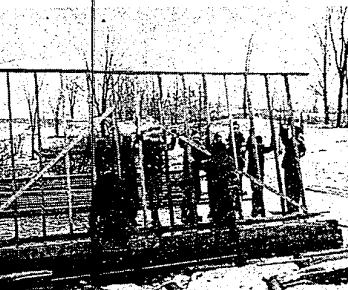
HATS OFF... to the Boy Scouts in the Farmington community on this, their 43rd Anniversary. They represent one of the few last remaining free youth movements in the world. For this reason the slogan of the 1953 Boy Scouts anniversary celebration, "Forward on the Scout Trail," is ever more significant. Right here in our own community boys are being given the opportunity and the encouragement to build, not destroy. They are learning valuable lessons in constructive living... they are learning leadership, and most important of all, citizenship. We want to congratulate the boys and their leaders on the valuable contributions they have made to their community during the past year, and wish them new success in the year ahead.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED... in Farmington. No, we haven't snapped under the strain or anything like that. It's true, the calendar doesn't say spring, nor does the weather outside feel like it, but spring has arrived just the same. All you have to do is look at a few store windows around the city, and there you are. We are thinking particularly of the department stores. Right before your eyes are all the latest fashions for spring in a colorful array. It not only adds a new dash of color to main street, but gives you a real lift besides. And just in case you need a little more proof, we have it on good authority that Mr. Groundhog couldn't have seen his shadow last Monday. We tested it ourselves and there just wasn't a shadow to be had. So you can dig out those catalogues now, but maybe you had better wait a few days before you order the seed.

CONGRATULATIONS... to the volunteers and to the citizens of Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi who gave so generously of their time and money in the recently completed March of Dimes Campaign. Thanks to this cooperative effort new records were set in all three communities. The respective chairmen in each of the communities are: Dr. Harold Soderquist, Farmington; Mrs. Samuel Turner and Mr. Carl Matz, Clarenceville. We want to thank all the workers who contributed so much to the success of the drive. And we want to add our personal thanks, also. It is this type of cooperation that makes communities great, regardless of their size. Most important of all, as a result of the record collections, we now have new and more effective tools with which to fight back the spread of polio.

SPEAKING OF SPRING... we have just received a report on the first robin to be spotted thus far in 1953. The "rob" John Byrne, 21720 Waldron, who saw the red breasted Tuesday afternoon. We don't know whether the robin just got his dates crossed up or whether he has an inside track with the weatherman. At any rate, he has arrived and we trust he brought an extra coat and boots along just in case.

Scouts Raise First Cabin Wall



Farmington Boy Scouts raise one of the walls of their cabin, which is being constructed on the Thoma W. Moss farm at 36104 Grand River. This work party was on the job on Saturday, January 31, to continue work begun several weeks earlier. Included in the work party are Scouts Roger Fend, Dave Williams, Larry Lemon, Dale Willoughby, Dale Boyd, Nick Hoffman, Bob Boyd, Bob Martin, Jerry Drumm, Boy Scout leaders and members of the Farmington community who have been supervising the work are Louis Gilson, Bob Williams and Dick Graham.