

Editorial Speaking

You'll Decide An Important Pct. Figure

What will the percentages be? This is a question that we can only guess at the answer to today but one which will be answered very accurately for us a few days hence.

We are not talking about the batting averages of Rocky Colavito or Norman Cash nor the won and lost percentage figure for the Tigers as of August 1. The percentage we are talking about is the one that will be recorded next Tuesday, August 2, when the total number of voters has been determined and compared against the total number eligible to cast ballots. The percentage of voters in any election is far more important than any other percentage figure we know of.

We can only hope that the percentages recorded in Farmington city and township this August 2 will be far better than the ones set locally in the general primary two years ago. In the 1948 election only 21 percent of the eligible voters bothered to ballot and the percentage would have been lower than this if high percentages had not been recorded in two precincts where voters were asked to approve or disapprove incorporation of part of the township into the city. The city percentage ran around 25 percent but, again, probably would have been lower had the local incorporation question not been on the ballot.

There are several candidates to be nominated for very important offices in this year's primary and several good candidates to choose from. Will the best from the two parties be coming in the November election or only those who had the most money to spend on advertising and the most free time to contact the greatest number of citizens who cared?

Will it be another occasion when a 20 to 25 percent minority decide for the city and/or township candidates to set the policies and/or manage our national, state and country affairs?

We would sincerely hope for a vote of over 50% of those eligible to exercise this privilege of voting but we are not optimistic enough to believe that the percentage will run this high.

The fact that there are two important local propositions (one a county and the other a township proposition) on the ballot makes us hopeful that at least 30 or 40 percent of our local voting citizenry might turn out at the polls next Tuesday.

Both city and township residents will be asked to approve a slight increase in the county taxes for a four year period to provide funds with which to construct modern new county offices. There is no question in our mind that present county offices are old and inadequate. There is some question, however, whether this is the time to ask Farmington homeowners to stand still more costs for the county. The fact that many of us are faced with special assessments to provide water and sewer facilities in addition to regular and somewhat high general taxes, makes us wonder how much more the taxpayer can be asked to bear.

It will be up to voters to decide Tuesday whether they can dig just a little deeper into their pockets to pro-

vide for better county administration buildings which you can't spare a half hour or so to voice, their opinion, will have no right to complain about slightly higher county tax bills for the next four years.

On the proposition of abolishing the Annual Township Meeting in Farmington Township we have already expressed ourselves. Those who can not see the dangers of allowing such meetings to continue with one or two percent of the community's citizens calling for action binding on all the rest will just have to suffer the consequences if they are voted to be continued.

With a light vote Tuesday, a pressure group could very easily defeat the proposal to abolish the annual meetings. The stage would then be set for a minority group or groups to call for action in the township not in the best interest of the community as a whole.

Need or Luxury

Bids are about to be taken for the proposed construction and completion of air conditioning work in the Farmington School District Administration and Service Building. As the hot summer sun pours down on our flat roof, we can sympathize with personnel working in this new building on the hill on Shawwassee Road.

Until the bids are opened later in August we do not feel that we should be overly critical of action being taken in considering the desirability of such a convenience. If the job can be done with only a small expenditure of tax money, then we feel school officials are justified in authorizing it. If it is a job that is going to run three or four thousand dollars or more then we would question whether it is a "luxury" which a district with the rather low tax base which Farmington has can afford.

We are told that the duct work is all in for air conditioning of the building. This should keep the cost down.

Although we cannot be critical of a small expenditure for such an improvement in air conditioning in a building of this kind, we do have to question why a cost estimate was not received when the building was under construction a year ago. Installation at that time would seem to have been more logical than doing the job less than a year later under a separate contract.

We have heard builders and architects say time and time again it costs considerably more to make additions and improvements to a building later than it does to include them in the original plans. Our own limited experience in connection with building improvements substantiates this.

If only a small cost is going to be involved, then we are 100 percent for air conditioning the building. But, if the cost is going to run into thousands then we would hope that the Board of Education will take a long look before approving the project. Despite our own personal suffering from the heat, we still question whether complete air conditioning of a building is a real need or whether it doesn't fall into the category of a "semi-luxury."

12th District GOP Nod Is Sought by 3

There are three candidates vying for the 12th District State Senate nomination on the Republican ticket in the coming primary election.

The three candidates are: DONALD E. BARBER, a 37-year-old farmer, The Town ship resident, Barber is a member of the Oakland County Young Republican Club. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1929 where he majored in political science.

Active in his father's business from 1947 until 1951, Barber served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 through 1955. He joined the Young Republicans in April of 1950 and has held the office of campaign manager, treasurer, and vice president of the Michigan Young Republican Club. He was also a member of the Michigan State University Young Republican Club and a member of the Michigan Young Republican Club and executive secretary of the Michigan Young Republican Club.

Barber was a campaign assistant to Paul D. Sigwalt in his 1950 gubernatorial campaign.

RICHARD D. KUHN - A Pontiac attorney and business man, Kuhn, 30, lives at 205 Gateway Drive, Waterford Township. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in political science and the Detroit College of Law with an LL.B. degree.

Kuhn is married and the father of two children. He is a member of the West Pontiac Kiwanis Club, Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce and Waterford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Kuhn served in the Navy as an ensign in Pacific waters in World War II. He was called back into service during the Korean conflict and served at the U.S. Naval Air Station in New York and the naval station in the Panama Canal Zone. He left the service in 1952 with the rank of Lt. Senior Grade. He is still active in the Naval Reserve.

FARRELL E. ROBERTS - A member of the state legislature for two terms, Roberts, 38, formerly was an assistant prosecuting attorney. He is married and the father of one son.

A graduate of Ann Arbor, Roberts is a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is a combat aviator in World War II and the Korean conflict.

Roberts is also a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Farmington Sports Center Meet Your Merchants

One of the newest merchants in the Farmington area is Harold Nyman, who opened his Farmington Sports Center in the Westbrook Shopping Center in May of this year.

The modern store is a split level structure and is strikingly unique in its appearance. It features a general line of sporting goods as well as bicycle parts and accessories and bicycle repair service.

Harold, a man with a wealth of merchandising experience, is a sports enthusiast himself and quite naturally turned to sporting goods as a business enterprise. He played golf and enjoyed bowling and is a hard baseball fan who feels the Tigers should be doing better than they are this season.

HAROLD AND his wife, Zeal, have two children, George, 14, and Leslie, 11. Young George is quite a golfer himself already and his dad is proud of his progress on the links.

Though the new store is well supplied with anything for the sportsman, it places emphasis on certain items such as trophies, bowling and football equipment, the Gorman line of golf clubs and archery and tennis equipment.

Nyman is especially enthused about the recent interest shown in tennis in the Farmington area as he feels it is a great game that deserves more recognition than it has had.

Not strictly in the sporting goods category but closely related is the hobby of model airplane flying which has given a great deal of consideration at the Farmington Sports Center, with a complete line of merchandise on display.

THE STORE also carries a full line of U.S. Kid gym shoes for both boys and men.

Nyman, a World War II veteran who served 3 1/2 years in the U.S. Army, is a member of which was overseas in the European theater, is a member of the Masonic Lodge F & A M No. 230.

He is very optimistic about the growth potential in the Farmington area and feels it will grow more in the next 10 years than any other community in the greater Detroit area. Harold is a former real estate man who sold property in Farmington which, it seems, would give him a pretty good basis on which to make his prediction.

GLEN ORCHARD NEWS

BARB HOUGHINS SHIRLEY STORM GR. 6-0440

Little Tommy Gallagher, four children, Robert, Fred, Diane and Patty, have returned from their vacation at Sarasota, Florida. They stayed at Longboat Key and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burton. Fred and Robert took their skin diving equipment and tried it out in the Gulf of Mexico. They all had a good time swimming and fishing.

Bob and Barb Houghins of Glen Orchard Drive had out of town guests for the weekend. They were Phil and Alice Marson and daughter, Dawn, from Port Sanilac, Michigan.

Sally and Dr. Edwin Kempf and sons, John and Tom, just got back from a trip that proved interesting and very educational for both the parents and children. They traveled through Dayton, Ohio, where they visited the Carillon Park Museum which is similar to Greenfield Village here only on a smaller basis. They traveled on to Kentucky where they went into the Mammoth Cave and stopped at the Lincoln Memorial and visited a few horse farms in Lexington and saw the Man of War Memorial.

THE FIRST TEEN activity proved very successful. Last Wednesday twenty-eight teens from the subdivision and their chaperones took the trip to Bob-Lo. They left on at 10 a.m. boat and came back on the 4 p.m. boat. It was a wonderful day, and everyone enjoyed themselves, including the chaperones.

It was very rewarding and enjoyable as the Teens were very well behaved. Chaperones were Opal Demaschek, Ann Burton, Flo and George Kastan, Dorothy Davy, and Jean Winston. The group ate their lunches on the island, enjoyed the rides roller skated, and took the train ride around the island. They also danced on the boat and were very enthusiastic with the first activity that they are getting busy on plans now for a hayride.

Flo-Kastan, chairman of the social committee, mentioned that very soon you will be notified of a get-together in the Kastan yard for all the young children and mothers. With this column for further details.

DON DAVY, Gary Clarkson, and Doug Griffin, went on a Boy Scouts Jubilee Jamoree last weekend at the Ferry Seed Farm in Rochester, Michigan. Duncan Clarkson and Glen Griffin helped set up the tents. Duncan stayed the weekend and Glen Griffin stayed Sunday.

Bob and Anne Burton of Glen Orchard Drive and their

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Register Early Is WSU Plea

Wayne State University's Office of Admissions is urging all students who plan to enroll at the University for the first time this fall to get their records to the Office of Admissions before Monday, August 1.

The August 1 deadline has been established to prevent a flood of last minute applications. The University will attempt to process all records received after August 1, but will not guarantee a decision in time for registration for the fall semester, which begins on Monday, Sept. 28.

Admissions applications are up 25 per cent for the same period a year ago while the number of students admitted to date is up 20 per cent.

Lose Licenses

During the past week the driving licenses of 482 Michigan drivers were suspended and those of 136 were revoked.

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Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago JULY 26, 1945
Advance Post Office
The Farmington Post Office recently received a first class rating, according to a report made by Norman Lee, postmaster, who advised that the post office began July 1.

With the granting of this new permit it is expected that a survey will soon be made for additional help.

Final Concert
Band members are getting ready for the fourth and final concert of the summer season next Tuesday evening. The third concert held last Tuesday was well attended.

Day Camp
The Farmington Township Girl Scout Council will hold day camp beginning July 31, with headquarters in the city park.

Fire Damages Store
Fire early Tuesday morning caused extensive damage to the Oak Pharmacy which was recently purchased by Edward C. Mousre. The store will remain open for business, according to the owner.

Recreation Program
The Summer Recreation Program is now in its fifth week with many children enjoying the wide variety of activities offered including a weekly dance being held for teen-agers.

Attend Olvett
The Salem Baptist Church, Church Olvett, will have a week of religious services next week at Olvett. The week will consist of leadership training and recreation.

10 Years Ago JULY 27, 1950
Joint Road Repairs
Better streets and roads came one step closer for both city and township last week when machinery was set in motion for improving badly battered city streets and township roads. The township has made available petition blanks for establishing special assessment districts.

Add New Teachers
Four new teachers and two new principals have been added to the staff at Farmington High School, according to G. V. Harrison, principal. The increased staff is now completed, Harrison said.

Clareville's 1st Team
Clareville's baseball team won their tenth game of the season when they defeated Pontiac 4 to 3 at Nankin Mills. Backcock was the winning pitcher, and Miller was behind the plate for Clareville.

Dental Clinic
A total of 80 children have received fluoride treatments at the Farmington Dental Clinic to date, according to Dr. William Edelson. The original goal was to treat 100 children during the summer, and the present pace, the goal will be reached.

Plan Cruise
The annual boat trip to Put-In-Bay, sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, will be held next Wednesday, August 2. All youngsters in the Farmington-Clareville area are eligible to attend.

5 Years Ago JULY 28, 1955
Shopping Center Opens
Farmington's first new neighborhood shopping center located on Orchard Lake Road and 10 Mile officially opened its doors this week. The new Bel-Aire Shopping Center includes a supermarket, Bel-Aire Drug Store, a cleaners and a variety store.

Dial System
Five specially trained operators of the Michigan Bell System are calling more than 6,500 telephone users in the Farmington area as part of a testing and education program to prepare for the coming of dial service, August 21.

Bleacher Bids
Sealed bids on the purchase and erection of bleachers for the new Clareville Athletic Field will be received at the city clerk's office, 401 Michigan, opened August 4, by School Board officials.

Sat. Tax Rate
The total school tax rate for the 1955-56 fiscal year for Farmington Township school district has been set at 25.24 mills per \$1,000, according to O. D. Dunkel, superintendent of schools.

Dr. Boys "Castle"
Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Broadman have purchased the house often referred to by passersby as the "Castle" at 11 Mile and Michigan Roads.

Indiana Wins
The Arrowhead Indians finished the season in a blaze of glory, with four straight victories, to take the Championship in the Babe Ruth League.

3 Dems. Seek State Senator Nomination

Democratic candidates for State Senator for the 12th District are:

S. JEROME BRONSON - Taking his college training at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, Bronson majored in history and received his law degree from WSU. He is married and the father of one child, making his home at 2845 Oak in Oak Park.

Bronson is a practicing attorney with an office at 2845 Oak in Madison Heights. A charter member of the Madison Heights Rotary Club and a past officer, he is presently secretary of the South Oakland County Bar Association.

ROBERT H. CHAPIN - No information received.

JOSEPH STADNIK - A resident of Wixom for the past 17 years, Stadnik is on the community's charter commission, and was the first village president. He later became city mayor.

A former secretary of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Walled Lake Board, he is presently a member of the Southeast Oakland County Regional Planning Commission. Active in school affairs, he is a former member of the PTA Legislative Council and a member of the Walled Lake-Wixom PTA. He served as president two consecutive terms. Stadnik is also a charter member of the Walled Lake-Wixom Lions Club.

A businessman for the past 20 years, Stadnik presently owns and operates in Plymouth.

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Business News

Ford Payroll Reaches Record Proportions

Ford Motor Company's total labor cost for hourly rated employees and its total payroll both reached new highs in the first half of 1950. K. D. Cassidy, vice president - Industrial Relations, announced today.

The company's labor cost was a record high \$3.38 per hour in the first six months of the year, compared to \$3.37 for the comparable period of 1949. Labor cost includes wages paid to hourly employees and fringe benefits.

Mrs. Hibbs Named Toy Representative

Mrs. Leon Hibbs, 21905 Taylor, Farmington, spent the day yesterday as a guest of George Toys Inc., at a state-wide sales meeting and luncheon.

Mrs. Hibbs will be the representative of George's Toys in this area.

Fitzgerald Elected To CPA Institute

George Robert Fitzgerald of 3084 Broadway, Farmington, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Fitzgerald is with the accounting firm of Rutten, Walling & Company in Detroit.

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