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## Important School Election Monday, July 9th.

The 9th of July will signalize a very important and busy day in the history of the Rural Agricultural School District No. 1 of the Township of Grosse Pointe. On this date the Annual meeting will be held, two trustees of the Board will be elected, and two Bond issues will be voted on.

Because of the amount of work to be covered, and to be strictly in accord with the Rural Agricultural School ruling the Annual meeting will take place from ten o'clock A. M. until ten o'clock P. M. in the Cadieux School House. All balloting at this meeting will be concluded at 8 o'clock in the evening and the remainder of the time devoted to the general business of the Annual meeting.

Qualified voters residing in the Precincts two, three, and four may vote on the bond issues and for two trustees at their respective Town Halls; but in the case of Precinct one the voting will take place at the Cadieux School House. The polls will be open in all Precincts from 12 o'clock noon until 8 o'clock P. M.

There are four candidates up for election. The retiring members, Mr. Charles Paye and Mr. John Kirby, will run and also Mr. Edward Tucker and Mr. George Wetherby.

The balloting will close sharply at eight o'clock and each Precinct will count the results and bring their respective reports to the Board at Precinct number one, Cadieux School, where the total vote of the Township will be compounded and the results of the election announced.

### Taxpayers' Meeting 8 o'clock, Cadieux School.

The annual meeting of Electors, as explained above, will be held at the Cadieux School the same evening at eight o'clock.

Owing to the consolidation of former districts into the present district number one, the School Budget which is to supply the wants of the Grosse Pointe Schools for the coming year, totals up to a considerable sum. Taxpayers should look upon this as an important meeting.

The Citizens' Association of Grosse Pointe Township feels that our schools are of greatest importance to the growth of Grosse Pointe and the welfare of our people. Money spent for education is the best possible use of our taxes. The yearly increase in the number of children of school age in Grosse Pointe, especially in the past two years, has brought about an acute situation that must be met in a wise and generous manner. Our school officials report overcrowding in two of the buildings and a pressing need for more room. Such a condition is but an indication of the progressive development of our community and indicates the necessity of preparing now for the future.

The Board decided at their meeting June 11 to start a program for a four-year High School at the Cadieux School. Accordingly the eleventh grade will be taught next September and the twelfth grade added the following school year. The school curriculum will be enlarged with Economics, Biology, Chemistry, and General Geography.

The present Junior High School has been housed in the annex of the Cadieux School up until this time, and is so crowded as to require holding some of the classes in the basement, thus subjecting the children in attendance to the dangers of poor lighting, ventilation, and of possible fire.

A qualified elector or voter on the matter of District School Board Trustees is any person above the age of 21 residing in the district who has children of school age or a resident tax payer.

A qualified elector or voter on the Bond issue must be a resident tax payer.

#### Designation of Precincts

The Rural Agricultural School District No. 1 of the Township of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan is divided into four precincts as follows:

Precinct No. 1.—That district outlined by the Fisher Road, Lake St. Clair, the Cadieux Road, and the Northerly line of the Township.

Precinct No. 2. The village of Grosse Pointe Park.

Precinct No. 3. That district outlined by Weir Lane, Lake St. Clair, Fisher Road, and the Northerly line of the Township.

Precinct No. 4. That district outlined by the Wayne County line, Lake St. Clair, Weir Lane and the Northerly line of the Township.

## THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

For many years the formation of a civic association in Grosse Pointe has been favorably discussed. Finally on May 3, 1923, a group of residents of the township met at the Detroit Board of Commerce and organized the Citizens' Association of Grosse Pointe Township. A temporary executive committee was then elected which in the ensuing month effected the incorporation of the association, financed it through various classes of memberships, and laid an excellent foundation for its future.

On June 12, the first annual meeting of members was held at the Cadieux School. The following directors or trustees were elected: For the three year term: Harry P. Breitenbach, Wm. M. Mertz and Dr. L. E. Maire; for the two year term: Joseph L. Hickey and Oscar Webber; for the one year term: J. J. Crowley and Chas. A. Parcells. At a subsequent meeting these elected the following officers for the first year. Harry P. Breitenbach, president; Dr. L. E. Maire, vice-president; Wm. M. Mertz, secretary, and Joseph L. Hickey, treasurer.

The objects of the association, as set forth in the articles of association, are "to seek to preserve the purity of elections, to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, to publish information regarding public affairs and to promote governmental efficiency within the township of Grosse Pointe."

The association is designed to be and remain non-partisan. Its by-laws protect it against being used for political ends. They provide that no person shall be a member of the Executive Board who holds a public elective office within the Township of Grosse Pointe, and also that any member of the Executive Board automatically resigns from the Board who becomes a candidate for any such public office.

Among the plans already made by the association are the compiling for the first time of an accurate mailing list of all voters in the township; the preparation at least once each month of a report to be sent to members regarding public affairs; the printing of a manual describing the official activities of all municipal bodies within the township, and giving other information, such as names of officials, location of schools, times of elections, places to pay taxes, etc.