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JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

At the last regular meeting of the directors of the Citizens Association of Grosse Pointe Township held at the Board of Commerce February 13, definite plans for the enlargement of the membership of the Association were inaugurated.

As a result many of the citizens of Grosse Pointe who have not joined the Association will be interviewed.

There seems no reason why every citizen interested in the governmental activities of Grosse Pointe Township should not be a member. The membership fees of \$1 for active, \$10 for sustaining and sums in excess of \$10 contributing, makes the enrollment open to all.

The purpose of the Association, as conclusively demonstrated through eight months of its existence, is "to publish information regarding public affairs" and to aid in the governmental welfare of Grosse Pointe.

The Charter members who have made the Association possible, were impressed with the importance of having some popular means of acquiring unbiased governmental information as an aid to the promotion of a friendly and co-operative interest of electors and officials towards an ideal community growth.

Any reader of the Civic News who is convinced of the practical importance of this plan is solicited to join the Association and lend his support.

Send your application and membership fee to Joseph L. Hickey, treasurer, 1275 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

The Lochmoor Clubhouse, which was destroyed by fire early in the morning of February 16, carried maximum insurance. This is the third time a fire has occurred in this building.

There are over 900 homes in the Village of Grosse Pointe Park.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Wednesday evening, February 13, the school board held its regular meeting at the Cadieux School in joint session with the building committee for the purpose of giving final approval of the plans and specifications on the new school to be built on Kercheval Avenue and Nottingham Road in Grosse Pointe Park. Copies of the working plans and completed specifications were submitted by the architect, George J. Haas, to the board and the building committee at a meeting held in the Cadieux School Friday evening, February 8.

It was hoped that the approval of the plans at the Wednesday evening meeting would permit the opening of bidding for contracts on February 14. The building under consideration met with the approval of the building committee and the school board as a building suitable for teaching classes under the present system used in Grosse Pointe; but the building committee withheld their approval pending a decision of the board upon the advisability of adopting the platoon system of handling classes.

The building committee, subsequent to interviewing the Department of Education in Detroit, submitted a communication from Mr. Spain of that department who pointed out that the building under consideration was not adaptable to the platoon system of teaching, nor could it at any time be made adaptable because of the nature of its floor plan.

Members of the building committee of the Parent-teachers Association of the Trombly School officially representing their Association, spoke favorably of the platoon system, and asked that a careful investigation be made of this system.

It was decided that the school board would sit in joint session with the building committee and the five members of the Trombly Parent-teachers Association committee on

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THE ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTIONS

On March 10, 1924, the Villages of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Village and Grosse Pointe Farms will hold their annual election of officers.

Voting will take place in the respective municipal halls. The polls will be opened from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening, Eastern Standard Time.

All qualified electors who have not already registered may do so by appearing before representatives of the Board of Registration in their respective municipal halls on February 16 or 23, or by making application to the clerk of their village during office hours on any day prior to February 23. In the Village of Grosse Pointe there will be a special registration day on Saturday, March 8, due to a legal requirement in cases where the annual election includes bond proposals.

In Grosse Pointe Park a president, clerk, treasurer and assessor are to be elected. Also three election commissioners and three trustees for two year terms. The matter of a primary election of candidates will be handled through a caucus, the date of which has not been determined at the time of writing. Apparently there is no party opposition to the party in office.

In Grosse Pointe Village a president, clerk, treasurer, trustee and assessor will be elected. Also there will be a bond issue for the paving of Maumee Avenue and a charter amendment providing for a petition fee accompanying all nomination statements of candidates. The non-partisan policy is in use in this village and the number of candidates for any office is unlimited. There will be no primary or elimination before the election.

In Grosse Pointe Farms the non-partisan policy is in use, but only two candidates are allowed to run for an office and any in excess of this are eliminated by a primary

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A LETTER ABOUT CAR SERVICE

The Village of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

The matter relative to street car service in our village having been referred to me for investigation, I beg leave to report that I had considerable difficulty in locating the records of the Village of Fairview on Railways. Originally a franchise was granted to the Detroit United Railways and renewed May 16th, 1905, by the Village of Fairview for a period of 30 years. Prior to that time several ordinances granting franchise rights were enacted by the Village of Fairview but none were accepted by the Detroit United Railways and, therefore, were not binding. It is apparent from the ordinances now in effect that the service rendered by the Detroit United Railways is such that there is a technical complication with the franchise.

The matter of obtaining better service was thoroughly discussed with Mr. Fitzpatrick, the attorney for the Detroit United Railways, and, although not speaking with authority, he felt that if the four villages would hold a joint meeting and formulate some plans relative to service desired and type of equipment to be used and restricted competition of the jitney buses, that the Detroit United Railways would be in a receptive mood for giving more frequent service and installing better equipment, and also would probably provide for a waiting room. He also mentioned that in the event such a proposition was presented to the Detroit United Railways that no doubt service would be resumed by interurban cars running into the

City, and if the service warranted, probably more frequent service than had been given in the past. He felt that the Detroit United Railways would be willing to negotiate along these lines, provided all the villages would unite in their actions, as they did not feel it would be advisable to negotiate with one village unless they were certain of co-operation from the others.

Mr. Fitzpatrick also stated that he had attempted to obtain information relative to a waiting room, in order to take care of people waiting for street cars.

He also stated that negotiations had been under way with the Department of Street Railways of Detroit whereby that department would take over the Detroit United Railways franchise and operate cars to the Weir Road. However, nothing has developed along this line.

Respectfully submitted,

Jul L. Berns, Village Atty.

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Wednesday evening, February 20, at the Cadieux School, to consider the platoon system with a view to its incorporation in the new schools to be built in Grosse Pointe. The school board will take official action upon the recommendations of this joint session.

If the idea of the platoon system is incorporated in the building under consideration, the plans and specifications as completed will be discarded, the architect paid for his work, and an entirely new set of plans evolved.

If new plans are called for, Mr. Haas says it will take six weeks to get them in a workable form.

In this connection it might be worthy of note that there are available for use in the City of Detroit, 150 standard working school plans. Some of these are on file in offices of the Board of Education on Broadway; and the others in the office of the Bureau of Governmental Research in the Krolik Building on Jefferson Avenue.

Charles Parcels has been appointed president of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Cadieux School. This office was made vacant by the resignation of E. W. Douglas.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

As explained in the sixth issue of the Civic News, state and county taxes are payable to the Township Treasurer at the Municipal Building in Grosse Pointe Park on Jefferson and Maryland Avenues every day up to March 10, 1924, excepting February 22 and 29, when they will be payable at the county treasurer's office in the County Building.

After March 10, 1924, they will be payable at the County Building only.

The penalty for tardiness in payments is 4 per cent after the first 30 days, or January 10. The County Treasurer gets the tax roll after the Township Treasurer has made his return, and adds $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent per month for delinquency in addition to the 4 per cent.

There is a collection fee of 1 per cent on all taxes.

WATER PUMPING STATION

Highland Park and Grosse Pointe Farms are progressing with their negotiations on the purchase and ownership of the water pumping station on Lake Shore Drive near the Seven Mile Road. Apparently the result of their conferences will be something in the nature of a compromise whereby the properties involved will be divided between the two communities. A definite settlement is looked for soon.

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election. Such election was held February 11, and as a result the following names will be upon the ballot for election March 10:

President — Theodore Beaupre, Edward J. Tucker.

Trustees (3 elected)—George S. Hendrie, Neil McMillan Jr., William P. Stevens, William Van Dyke, Daniel G. Allor, Clement D. Furton.

Clerk—John R. Kerby.

Treasurer—Walter A. Allor.

Assessor — William C. Saeman, Edmond A. Reno.

In Grosse Pointe Shores this year's election will be held on the third Tuesday in May, as a result of the charter amendment authorized at a special election January 8, 1924.

Grosse Pointe Village will advertise for bids on the bond sale for Maumee paving February 15, subject to March 10 election.

OUR DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Health District No. 1-A, comprising the four villages of Grosse Pointe, was organized in October, 1917, by the following committee: George Osius, representing the Shores; Paul Deming, representing the Farms; Richard Connor, the Village of Grosse Pointe, and Dr. L. E. Maire, representing the Park; and was the first consolidated health district in the State of Michigan, formed under Act 130 of 1917.

In the six years of its existence, the activities of the board have been rapidly increasing, until now its growth and importance has become an indispensable factor in our community.

The board has always worked in close relationship to the schools, and in the Spring of 1919 a dental clinic was established in the Vernier, Cadieux, St. Paul's Parochial and Kerby Schools. A dentist was engaged on full time for one year, and as a result of this campaign mouth hygiene was improved to 90 per cent good.

Other clinics were formed as seemed necessary. An eye clinic proved a success, and in the spring of 1920 the board co-operated with the Detroit Community Fund in the establishment of a tuberculosis clinic which is held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Board of Health offices. The main object of the clinic is the examination of school children who are found under weight and for this purpose all pupils are weighed once a month. Since its establishment up until September, 1923, two hundred and ninety pupils were examined and in this number were found thirty-six incipient cases of tuberculosis, which, however, were detected in time and were successfully treated.

The schools are inspected by a staff consisting of the Health Officer, School Dentist, and a nurse, once at the opening of each year, and two weeks before the closing. Physical examination of all the pupils are made and accurate notice taken of any ill health. One result of these examinations has been 150 tonsil operations.

Daily visits are made to each school and where a pupil has been absent over 24 hours the case is

looked up, with a view to getting any possible sickness at an early stage. Teachers notify the health board when a pupil goes home ill.

The importance of pre-school work is emphasized. The health board maintains that the best time to correct any ailments is in the first few years of a child's life and the examination and vaccination of young children before they enter school is done wherever possible. The children of the kindergarten are under constant observation and the formation of health habits form a large part of their work.

In 1919 an infant welfare clinic was established and now meets every Friday in the office of the board of health at Jefferson and Rivard Boulevard. These clinics have had an average attendance of 12. At last year's baby show there were over 90 entries.

In connection with the general health welfare of the district the board supervises and instructs in cases of quarantine and isolation and makes reports to the State Department at Lansing.

The board was responsible for the establishment of a garbage collection system in the Grosse Pointe Villages. Our table refuse is turned over by the village highway departments to the Detroit Reduction Company for the manufacture of grease.

Daily bacteriological examination is made of our drinking water, and the chlorine amounts to be added to our drinking water at the Grosse Pointe water pumping station is computed from these examinations.

The active staff of the health board is comprised of one doctor, two nurses and an accountant.

Members of the board are Frank W. Hubbard, President; Dr. A. J. Neumann, Secretary; Dr. F. C. Kidner, Treasurer, and John H. French. Dr. B. H. Warren is health officer.

The appropriations for running the department are estimated from a budget filed by the board of health in the month of October, and, after submission to and approval by the several village councils, spread upon the township tax rolls in that area of the township comprising the health district. These sums are collected by the township treasurer at

the time of collecting the state and county taxes and are placed by him in a special fund known as the "General fund for Health District No. 1-A" to be drawn on at the discretion of the health board.

A list of some of the 1923 activities are as follows:

- 4380 Nursing visits.
- 15 Tuberculosis Clinics, 150 attendance.
- 84 Dental Clinics, 523 attendance.
- 45 Infant Welfare Clinics, 421 attendance.
- 5 Tonsil Clinics, 19 attendance.
- 603 First Aid (consultation, vaccinations, etc.)
- 105 Throat cultures.
- 6367 Pupils weighed.
- 2772 Pupils inspected.

FARMS' SEWERS

The Village of Grosse Pointe Farms, in attempting to solve their sewage problem, are at present considering two plans. One involves a contract with the City of Detroit for the privilege of making connection with the City sewer at Mack Avenue and Cadieux Road. The other plan involves a contract with Grosse Pointe Village for the handling of the sewage at their sanitary plant. Several conferences have been held by representatives of both Villages and it is possible that a proposal may be before the electors at the March 10 elections.

The office of the Wayne County Commissioner of Schools, through their news letter No. 6 of February 1, 1924, make the following announcement of interest to high school students:

"The Union Trust Company of Detroit offers five \$1,000 scholarships for any American College or University of the accepted standard.

"Seniors in county high schools are eligible to enter this contest, and the final for the awards shall be essays on indicated subjects submitted by these seniors.

"The subject for the 1924 contest shall be "The Selection of Investments." Each essay shall be limited to 2,000 words, and must be typed on stationery, and bound in covers provided by the Union Trust Company.

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"So soon as a citizen says, 'What
 are state affairs to me?' the state may
 be given up for lost."

—Rousseau.

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