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SHORES ELECTION

On Tuesday, May 20, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores held its annual election and the following officers were re-elected:

George Osius, President; William C. Roney, Clerk; Harry M. Jewett, N. E. Roney, and C. J. Chandler, Trustees for the two-year term.

There was no opposition to any of the candidates.

This is the first May election held by the village as authorized by a charter amendment January 8, 1924:

RE-REGISTRATION

At a recent meeting of the Township Board it was officially decided to have a re-registration for all the voters in Grosse Pointe.

The re-registration does not concern the village elections but is applicable to township, state and national elections.

A voter may re-register with the township clerk at any time after June 10th, and there also will be at least three re-registration days before the fall elections when registration boards will convene at the respective precincts.

MACK AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

Representatives of the City of Detroit and the Village of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a joint meeting, May 22, in the Municipal Building, Grosse Pointe Park, to consider practical steps to be taken in the development of the Mack Avenue highway from Wayburn Avenue to the Cadieux Road.

Not only will the widening of Mack be considered but the committee aims to decide upon a modern and adequate means of street rapid transportation to operate in connection with the city's proposed street car line.

SCHOOL SITES

Condemnation proceedings have been filed with the courts for obtaining the proposed school site for the new Cadieux School at Cadieux Road and Kercheval Avenue, and also for a five-acre site south of Jefferson on Essex Drive. This property takes the land on both sides of Queen Avenue from lots 65 to 192 and closes the street for one block necessitating a short street opening from Queen to Nottingham.

In the case of the High School site on the Fisher Road and the Boulevard the School Board has tendered a price to the Newberry Estate and are awaiting a reply to their offer.

MAY DAY

On May 27th, at 2 P. M., the children of all the schools in the Rural Agricultural School district will meet at the Park in the Village of Grosse Pointe for their annual May Day Festival.

Eight hundred to a thousand pupils are expected to attend and those performing in the Maypole and folk dances will be in costume. Everyone is invited and especially the parents of the pupils.

While this is not a field day, some of the boys will perform stunts.

The drilling of the children for the performance has been under the supervision of Miss Tefft, physical training directress.

The school bus will convey the children taking part in the activities while the majority of the pupils will walk from their respective schools.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Neighborhood News, a paper printed under the promotion of the Neighborhood Clubs, has discontinued circulation as a result of a fire which burned out their printer.

RESEARCH REPORTS

The Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research with offices in the Krolik Building has recently completed a research of the principal governmental agencies of Grosse Pointe. Their work was done by request of the Citizens' Association and has resulted in the compilation of extensive reports.

The purpose of the survey was to give citizens a fuller knowledge of their local government.

The bureau is non-political and is solely interested in furthering efficiency and economy. The research has been pursued in co-operation with the personnel in office.

The report of the Bureau's survey will be submitted to the Trustees of the Bureau for approval. It then will be made available to the public through the Citizens' Association.

The report on the school survey is now ready and will in all probability be printed in the next issue of this paper. In subsequent issues will be published reports on the surveys of police and fire department activities; municipally owned property, including parks and village buildings; the health district, accounting and budgeting systems, engineering and municipal services, such as lighting, water and waste disposals.

The reports will often carry with them suggestions and recommendations appearing advisable in the opinion of the Bureau.

AN ADJUSTMENT

In the last issue of the *CIVIC NEWS* a statement was made to the effect that 88.4% of the taxes were collected by our township treasurer which is about on a par with the results of former years.

This is not in accordance to the facts of the case as a study of the tax collections of the past few years shows a much larger percentage of tax collections in 1922 and 1923 than in the years preceding.

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

On Wednesday evening, May 20th, a number of citizens met in the Cadieux School and discussed plans for the enlargement of the membership of the Citizens' Association.

To facilitate the membership campaign these citizens divided the township of Grosse Pointe according to streets, and certain sections were assigned to volunteer canvassers who will make house-to-house visits explaining the purpose and importance of the Association.

The purpose of the Association, as set forth in its charter and demonstrated through eleven months of its existence, is to publish information regarding public affairs and to aid in the governmental welfare of Grosse Pointe.

The organization is designed to be non-partisan, but while no person on the board of directors can hold a public office within the township, citizens holding elective offices are welcomed as members of the Association.

The life of the Association is firmly assured, both from the standpoint of members and finance, but an extension of membership is essential to an aggressive growth.

Any reader of the CIVIC NEWS who is not a member may expect a visit from an association canvasser. Don't fail to sign up.

Maumee Avenue paving work has reached an advanced state. Before long the inconvenient detour on north and south running streets will be done away with.

Wayne County League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe Branch

On the 23rd of April, 1924, a representative group of the women voters of the four villages of Grosse Pointe met at the residence of Mrs. John Newberry and organized a Grosse Pointe branch of the Wayne County League of Women Voters.

The following officers were appointed: Mrs. Russell Alger, President; Mrs. Horace Dodge, First Vice-President; Mrs. E. J. Hickey, Second Vice-President; and Mrs. E. K. Hoover, Secretary and Treasurer.

Active membership dues are 25 cents and sustaining \$3.

Mrs. Russell Alger is chairman of the membership campaign.

The organization since last January of thirteen branches of the Wayne County League of Women Voters, five of which are in Detroit, six in the other cities and towns of the county, is an interesting development of the nineteenth amendment and the gaining of suffrage by women.

The towns which already have branch Leagues are Highland Park, Plymouth, Wyandotte, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Ile, Redford, and Dearborn; while in Detroit the Central, Northern, Western, Northwestern, Eastern, and Southeastern districts follow the boundaries of the same high school districts.

The League of Women Voters is a National organization, the outgrowth of the National American Women's Suffrage Association.

It aims to stimulate women to value and use their rights of suffrage, and more than that, to use their vote intelligently.

The League of Women Voters is not a woman's party.

It is a civic organization whose work is supplementary to the parties and it urges every woman to enroll in the party of her choice.

There are Leagues of Women Voters in forty-seven of the states. It is particularly strong in Michigan where the League has been in operation since 1920.

The general purpose of the League falls more specifically under the following subjects: education for citizenship, efficient government,

needed legislation and international co-operation to prevent war.

The motto for the work of educating for citizenship is "To increase the number of efficient voting citizens." Under the work of "Efficient Government" there are four sub-heads of instruction: methods of nominations; election laws; administration of local, state and national government; and legislative bodies. Under the work of "Public Welfare in Government" are: child welfare, education, living costs, social hygiene, uniform laws concerning women, and women in industry.

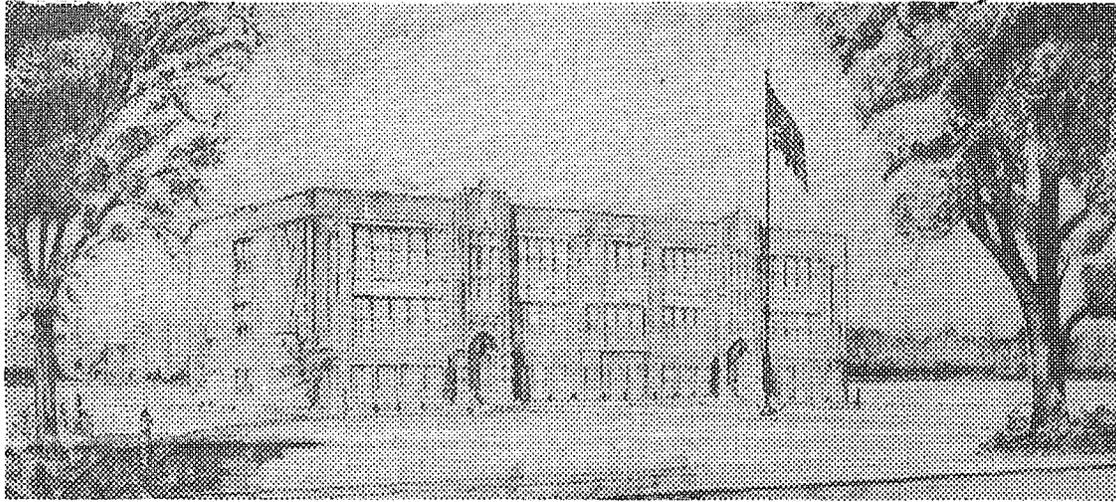
The League is governed nationally by a board of thirteen officers and directors elected at an annual convention. The fifth annual national convention was held April 24 to 29, at Buffalo, and is the second one to be held just previous to a national election. The League is incorporated and has its national headquarters at 532 Seventeenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., which is also the center for conducting the work for Federal legislation.

The purpose of the League is to bring into the electorate a fresh, vivifying element with a characteristic woman's point of view as its contribution to American life. It believes that its members should study public questions not only as good citizens, but as women citizens, for there are matters for which women are peculiarly responsible and that organization of women is necessary to give these matters the emphasis in government which their importance deserves.

The League is absolutely non-partisan in politics, and at all of its meetings it aims to have every side of each question presented and to give each candidate an opportunity to present his qualifications to the women voters of his district.

The headquarters of the Wayne County League is at 211 Women's City Club Building, 2110 Park Avenue, Detroit, and the president is Mrs. Homer E. Safford, Mrs. Willard Pope, Mrs. F. J. Donovan, Mrs. Louis Ives, Mrs. C. H. Hodges, are vice-presidents; Miss Jessie Miller and Mrs. H. Lee Simpson, secretaries; and Mrs. E. E. Bross, treasurer.

THE NEW SCHOOL



This building is being constructed at Kercheval Avenue and Nottingham Road, and the mason work is now completed to the main floor. The main part of the build-

ing will be 164 by 69 feet and in the rear center will be an extension 70 by 48 feet. The seating capacity of the class rooms aside from the kindergarten will be approximately

320. George Haas is architect and M. A. Mahoney, contractor, with Andrew Sisman & Co., carpenter contractors. The above cut was loaned through the courtesy of *The Detroit Free Press*.

PRECINCTS AND BOUNDARIES

The districts and precincts of Grosse Pointe with their interlocking boundaries are generally confusing. The following descriptions of areas may aid many readers in clarifying any vagueness.

The Village of Grosse Pointe Park is bounded on the east by the lake, on the south by Detroit at an imaginary line 200 feet east of the Alter Road, on the northwest by Detroit at the center of Mack Road and northeast by the Cadieux Road.

The Village of Grosse Pointe is bounded on the south by Cadieux Road, on the northwest by Mack Avenue, on the northeast by Fisher Road and on the east by the lake. This village owns the sanitation plant site south of Mack, part of which is in Gratiot Township, but the area is not termed a part of the Village.

Grosse Pointe Farms is bounded by the Fisher Road, Mack Avenue, Weir Lane and the lake.

Grosse Pointe Shores is bounded by the Weir Lane on the south, on the northwest by a line 1,000 feet back from Jefferson and running parallel to it, and on the northeast by the Wayne County Line which at this point is just south of the

mouth of the Milk River, and on the east by the lake.

Our health board, known as District No. 1 A., has an official district of the four villages just described, although a large portion of its work has been in the area north of Mack, and throughout the township its financial support comes from the four villages only.

The township consists of the four villages with a strip north of Mack 1,600 feet wide running parallel to Mack from the Cadieux Road to the Wayne County line.

Our School District which is officially designated as Rural Agricultural School District No. 1, consists of all of Grosse Pointe Township and a small portion of the adjacent area of Gratiot township.

The district is divided into four precincts. Precinct No. 1 is the Village of Grosse Pointe and that area north of it. Precinct No. 2 is the Village of Grosse Pointe Park, Precinct No. 3 is Grosse Pointe Farms and that area within the School District to the north of it, and School Precinct No. 4 consists of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores and that area to the north.

It is important that citizens bear in mind the precinct they live in as school elections are carried on by precincts.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION

The General Spring election, held Monday, April 7, resulted in the election of the following township officials:

Supervisor, Charles A. Poupard; Clerk, Charles A. Paye; Treasurer, Edmund C. Vernier; Justice of the Peace, Noah G. Paye; Highway Commissioner, Walter A. Allard; Member of Board of Reviews, Michael C. Beaupre; Drain Commissioners, William Diegel and Jerry Vandebush; and four Constables, Andrew T. Phillips, Henry A. Gaul, Jr., James Rasmussen, and Albert C. Liley.

All the candidates elected were members of the Democratic party.

ANNEXATION

At the Spring Elections, April 7, the City of Detroit voted in favor of annexation of the southwest portion of Gratiot Township north of Grosse Pointe, but on the same date Gratiot Township disapproved of the annexation, and as a result, the boundary lines were unchanged.

The Detroit Motor Bus Company are rendering good service to the Village of Grosse Pointe Park with their Kercheval line.

PUMPING STATION.

Grosse Pointe Farms and the City of Highland Park have reached a point of final agreement in the settlement of the pumping station ownership and operation. Both parties have filed for consideration all contentions essential to the compact and within a few days the contracts will be signed. The next issue of the Civic News will include full particulars on this important agreement which involves the ownership of lands, buildings, equipment, right of ways, easements, pumping, rates, assured payments, and the installation of extensions.

WASTE DISPOSAL.

The Village of Grosse Pointe and the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms are still contemplating co-operation on a waste disposal system that will serve the present and future needs of both communities.

The representatives of the villages are skeptical about the capacity of the present equipment. While the plant is adequate to handle the disposal of both communities under normal conditions it is found that heavy storms seep into the system at such a rate that the plant becomes crowded for a short time.

A replacement of all crock sewers with expensive metal sewer pipes well jointed would do away with this trouble and make the plant adequate for the needs of both communities. Loose sandy subsoil makes a crock sewer difficult in many parts of the two villages.

Grosse Pointe Farms has not entirely given up the idea of making connection with the City of Detroit trunk sewer terminal at Mack Avenue and the Cadieux Road.

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