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## Farmington Board Lets Furniture Contracts For New High School

### Four Contracts Totaling \$32,590 Awarded On Library, Homemaking, Art, Shop Equipment

The Farmington Township School Board approved the awarding of four contracts for equipment to be installed in the new high school at a special meeting of the Board Monday evening.

After consideration by the Board and recommendation by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel, a contract was awarded to the McFadden Corporation of Lansing for library equipment in the amount of \$9,190.99. By terms of the contract the McFadden Corporation will furnish tables, chairs, charge-out desk and other necessary equipment.

## Set Final Plans For Orchard Lake Road Resurfacing

### Three Mile Sections Scheduled This Year

Final plans are now being drafted for the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Eleven Mile Road north to Fourteen Mile Road, officials of the Oakland County Road Commission announced this week.

The project has been assigned a Federal construction number and completed plans and specifications are being developed. As soon as the plans are finished they will be checked by additional road construction engineers. Once the plans are approved they will be forwarded to the State Highway Department for advertising and awarding of contracts.

COUNTY ROAD Commission officials stated that the project is expected to get under way in a few months and will be completed this year. The present project will cover just that portion of Orchard Lake Road between Eleven Mile and Fourteen Mile Roads. It is anticipated that the balance of the road from Eleven Mile south to Grand River will be constructed next year.

Officials pointed out that the over-all project is being done in sections because of limited funds. Some Federal funds are to be used for the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road.

## TWO NEW ORDINANCES INTRODUCED BY CITY COUNCIL

### Three Injured When Truck Smashes Novi Gas Station



This is the result when a truck smashed into a gasoline station and it happened in Novi last Saturday morning about 11:15. The truck, driven by John C. Little, 41311 Mironok, is shown in the upper picture amid the debris that was the rear and side wall of the station. The truck almost completely demolished the station, owned by Edward Slatts of Novi. The picture at the right shows the rear end of the truck. According to police the accident occurred when Little attempted to avoid a car and struck another truck before smashing into the building. The second truck was driven by Charles C. Dolloff of Northville.

## School Citizens Advisory Group To Meet Monday

### More Organizations Accept Invitation

Five more organizations have accepted the invitation by the Farmington Township School District Citizens Advisory Committee, which will hold its first meeting next Monday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school library.

The new organizations joining the committee are: American Association of University Women, Farmington Garden Club, Forrest Hills Association, Wood Creek Farm, Civic Association and the Farmington Township Board. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, stated that a total of 13 groups including 26 individuals have accepted the invitation to take part in the new program. He added that additional organizations are expected to join the group before the meeting next Monday.

LETTERS of invitation were sent out to all civic and service organizations in the Farmington Township School District. The meeting will be confined largely to data and information concerning the present situation and future prospects of the district. (Continued on Page Ten)

## Proposals Would Control Drainage And Prohibit Removal Of Top Soil

A proposed ordinance prohibiting the removal of top soil and one setting up provisions for the installation of curbs at private property were introduced by the City Council at its regular meeting held Monday evening.

Final action on both proposed ordinances is expected at the next regular meeting of the Council. The ordinance concerning the removal of top soil also prohibits the lowering of grade below the official street level, as well as the dumping of loose earth above the surface of the street. The prohibitions allow for work necessary for the erection or alteration of a building. Penalties under the ordinance provide for a \$500 fine or imprisonment for not more than 90 days. The complete text of the ordinance appears on page 8 of this week's issue of The Farmington Enterprise.

## Two Persons Hurt In Auto Accidents Over Week End

### Crash Throws Woman Through Car Door

Two persons were injured, one seriously, in separate automobile accidents over the week end, according to Farmington City Police.

Clara D. Lapham, 32410 Grand River, was injured Friday evening when she was thrown from her car as the result of an accident at the corner of Power and Grand River. According to police, the accident occurred when a car driven by Thelma Rooney, 46220 West Eleven Mile Road, Northville, and the car driven by Mrs. Lapham collided at the intersection.

Mrs. Rooney was traveling east on Grand River at the time of the accident, and Mrs. Lapham was attempting to cross Grand River at Power going south.

Mrs. Lapham was thrown from her car on impact and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where she was treated for lacerations and bruises of the head and body. Two of Mrs. Lapham's grandchildren (Continued on Page Ten)

## Nine Boys State Delegates Chosen

Nine boys from Farmington and Clarenceville have been selected as delegates to the 1953 Wolverine Boys State to be held in East Lansing in June, officials of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, announced this week.

Six of the boys are from Farmington and three from Clarenceville. The Farmington boys and their sponsors are: Alan Alexander, sponsored by Kiwanis Club; Paul Kosmensch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kosmensch, sponsored by the Township Board; James Brewbaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Brewbaker, sponsored by the City of Farmington; Joseph Goulet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goulet, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Charles Dryden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dryden, sponsored by the Lions Club; and Kurt Ebd, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hilar Erickson, sponsored by the Exchange (Continued on Page Eight)

## Scrap Metal Needed By Explorer Scouts

Members of Farmington Troop 46, Explorer Scouts, are issuing a last call this week for scrap metal, the proceeds of which will be used to help finance a Boy Scout to the International Jamboree in California this summer.

Farmington City and Township residents who have scrap metal to donate are requested to call Farmington 0125 anytime Friday, April 24. Scouts will pick up the material on Saturday.

## TWO FARMINGTON RESIDENTS RECEIVE V. F. W. CITATIONS

Dr. Joseph Gadwab and Mary Lou Ackerson were awarded special citations by the Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 463 and the Farmington Chapter of the American Legion, in recognition of their installation of new officers held Tuesday evening at the Farmington Town Hall.

Mary Lou Ackerson, 10 years old, of 23355 Gill Road, received a citation for bravery from the Auxiliary. Mary Lou was credited with rescuing her younger brothers and sisters when their home caught fire last December 31. Mrs. Ackerson is Americanism chairman of the Auxiliary, made the presentation.

Dr. Gadwab received both a Citizenship Medal and a citation for his efforts in behalf of the building and refurbishing of the Harry Foster home which was destroyed by fire a month ago, and for his work in the interest of the youth of Farmington. Jasper H. Kohn, State Commander, made the presentation to Dr. Gadwab. The Citizenship Medal is the 51st to be presented in Michigan in 39 years.

## Trojans' Kileen Stumps Falcons, C.H.S. Wins 9-4

### Farmington Loses Lead To Rivals' Heavy Bats

The 1953 high school baseball season got under way in the Farmington area Tuesday afternoon with the Clarenceville Trojans defeating the Farmington Falcons 9 to 4 on the Clarenceville diamond.

Pat Kileen started on the mound for Clarenceville and went all the way for the victory. He allowed four runs and four hits in the seven-inning game. Fred Leach started for the Falcons. He was relieved by Dave Wyman in the second, who gave way to Ralph Porter in the seventh. Leach was charged with the loss.

Farmington scored two runs in the first inning. Markham and Fawcett singled to set up the scoring. Markham, who was on second, came all the way home on an error for the first Falcon run with Fawcett moving to third. Fawcett then scored on a fielder's choice.

## SEWAGE QUESTION CALLS OFFICIALS TO STATE HEARING

Officials of the city will appear before the State Stream Control Commission on Thursday to show cause why a court order should be issued requiring the construction of a sewage disposal plant.

City Manager James Tennant, City Attorney Paul Pare, and L. N. Hayden, City Engineer, are expected to attend the hearing which will be held in Lansing. The city has been ordered to have representatives at the April 23 hearing to explain the reasons for the filing plans and specifications for the proposed plant. The deadline for the plans was set by the state for March 1.

Tennant stated that because of work schedules at least one company has been delayed in the filing of plans with the city. The deadline for completion of the plant has been set for July, 1954. The city, however, plans to have the unit completed prior to that time.

## Legion "On Stage America" Show To Be Held Monday And Tuesday

### Proceeds For Building Fund, Band Uniforms

Final rehearsals are being held this week for the home talent musical show, "On Stage America," to be held Monday and Tuesday, April 27 and 28, at the Farmington High School gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion.

Proceeds from the show will be used for the Legion Memorial Home Building Fund and to benefit the high school band uniform fund. The amateur contest being held in conjunction with the show is drawing outstanding talent from the community and competition is expected to be keen for the valuable prizes to be awarded.

Tickets for the show are available from all members of the Legion Post, members of the cast, and from the Phil Thomas Jewelry Store. Curtain time for the two performances will be 7:35 p.m.

THE TINY TOT contest, being conducted by the Groves-Walker Post to help publicize the "On Stage America" show, is creating quite a sensation among the "carriage trade." Youngsters from one day old to seven years are entered as candidates for king and queen, prince and princess, and duke and duchess of popularity. The committee headed by Mrs. Frank Barber of the Legion Auxiliary stated this week that voting is running heavy for all contestants. The contest is still open to any child in the community up to and including six years.

## To Study Budget At Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council will be held next Monday evening for the principal purpose of considering the proposed 1953-54 budget.

Because of the large amount of business transacted at the regular meeting last Monday, consideration of the budget was delayed until 1953-54 budget. In addition to the consideration of the budget, the agenda will include discussions and possible action on a proposed hearing ordinance and personnel manual.

James Tennant stated last week that this year's budget will be the largest in the history of the city. This is due both to the increase in revenue and expanded services. The Council is expected to tentatively approve the budget at the special meeting. A public hearing must then be held to afford citizens an opportunity to review and ask questions about the proposed budget. The Council will then approve the final budget following the hearing.

The proposed hearing ordinance is designed to protect the home owners of the city by requiring supervision and inspection of all new heating installations. The personnel manual is a proposed general policy covering all city employees regarding salary schedules, vacations, tenure and seniority. (Continued on Page Ten)

## FARMINGTON HIGH GETS CONTINUATION OF ACCREDITATIONS

Continuous accreditation of the Farmington High School by both the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the University of Michigan was announced this week by G. V. Harrison, high school principal.

Farmington High School has been accredited continuously by the University of Michigan since 1920 and by the North Central Association since 1927. The accreditation from the University is for a three-year period, while the one from the North Central Association is for one year.

Following their survey of the School District, Professor John Field and Professor Lester Anderson, University of Michigan, commended the District for the great improvement in the secondary program as well as the new high school building. They pointed out that this is an indication of the fine community spirit that exists in Farmington. They emphasized, however, the tremendous challenge that is before the city.

Scout Commissioner Louis Gilson and Eagle Scout Gerald Brumm check the fit of the windows in the newly-constructed Scout cabin on the Moss Farm property. Work on the building was accomplished by the Scouts and their leaders with material donated by the Smith-Zupper Lumber Company. Several details on the interior are yet to be completed. The building will serve for storage of equipment and general use of the Scouts when they camp out at the site. (Continued on Page Ten)

## OBSERVER CORPS SCHEDULES SPECIAL MEETING MAY 7

A special meeting of the Farmington Observer Corps will be held Thursday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall. Thomas Tardy, director of the Corps, announced this week.

Mr. Jarrand, Director of Civil Defense for Oakland County, will be the speaker of the evening. He will discuss the general civil defense program now in operation in the county. Jarrand will also show a sound picture on civil defense.

All members of the Farmington Ground Observer Corps are urged to attend the meeting. The program is also open to all persons in the community interested in civil defense and the air spotter corps.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

THE WEATHER REPORT ... for the coming week. Who knows? It takes a lot of courage to make any predictions these days. Several weeks ago we were sure that spring was here and that the winter was over. But now we are told that there is also a tiny bit of winter. As we write this column the sun is out again and spring seems to be on the way back. However, this is not a prediction! It is only a statement of fact at the moment. We do believe that spring will finally arrive on the scene, but we are not saying when it is going to happen, and from all we can gather no one else is willing to say it either.

NO MATTER ... there will be big doings at the Farmington High School gym next Monday and Tuesday when the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, will sponsor "On Stage America," a home talent show with plenty of laughs and downright good entertainment. But that isn't all. There is also a tiny bit of show and an amateur talent contest. So you see there is plenty of activity for everyone. Get your tickets now from any member of the Legion Post, the cast, or at Phil Thomas Jewelry Store. You will not only have a lot of fun, but you will be helping to the Legion Memorial Home Building Fund. We'll see you there!

SOME VERY INTERESTING ... facts were brought out at the City Council meeting Monday night which every Farmington City resident should be aware of. First, it was disclosed that the water department is now operating on a net profit of \$10,000, with about \$5,000 accrued in the past year. Second, it was announced that practically all of the current water accounts are paid up. Third, that about \$100,000 has been saved in the result of extensive work and research by the City Manager, approximately \$50,000 will be saved on the construction of the proposed sewage disposal plant, as well as \$50,000 in interest over the life of the bond issue. There are real savings to the taxpayers ... which is mighty good news these days — or any days.

WE STILL HAVE ... a small handful of Official 4933 State Highway Department Maps on hand, so if you have yours you had better stop by today. Remember, we sold a small handful, and we aren't kidding, so don't delay very long. The new maps give you all the latest information on highways and byways in Michigan as well as state parks, recreation areas, airports and the like. As a special feature, the oldest known map in Michigan is reproduced on the reverse side of the 1953 map and you will find it mighty interesting. And the best is left for the last ... you get all this for free. Just stop in the office and ask, that's all there is to it. But once again we want to warn you to act early because there are only a few left.

HARDY SOULS ... are the gold fish in the pool at the Farmington Dairy. They came out of their ice pack several weeks ago happy that spring had finally arrived and to resume their normal activities. But like most of us, they must have been rather confused and discouraged when winter came roaring back to put the cramp on things again. According to Joe Himmelsbach, owner of the dairy, the fish are left in the outdoor pool during the winter with no ice effects. They were formerly removed when cold weather set in and placed inside, but the confinement was apparently too much.

## Five Model Homes To Open April 25

Five new model homes in the Warner Farm development will be opened on Saturday, April 25, Harry E. Wolte announced this week.

These model homes are two-, three- and five-bedroom ranch homes. One of the models is completely furnished by the Furniture Company. Imaginative combinations of several different furniture period styles will be exhibited. The master bedroom is furnished in Provincial, the dining area is modern, and the living room is Eighteenth Century. The furniture in the large basement recreation room is of tropical design and rattan construction. The new drapery and cornice designs for the exhibition home are being supplied by Mrs. Dorothy Mae of the Ray-Mac Studio.

The five model homes opening on Saturday establish the character in basic size and style of the home for the development. A total of 150 homes is planned for the Warner Farm development. According to Ed Mettatal, construction superintendent, this is the largest project of its kind to be developed in the Northwest area.

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