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## Farmington Board Approves Record School Budget

Estimated Total Over \$978,900 For 1954-55

The 1954-55 proposed school budget for Farmington Township School District, as prepared by Superintendent O. E. Dunckel, was approved by only one additional change by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting at the high school building, April 12. The change was made to allow for an estimated need of four more elementary teachers than was originally planned. Superintendent Dunckel made the request for the additional teachers.

A balanced budget of \$978,912 as proposed shows an increase of \$195,419 over last year's estimated figure of \$783,493. LARGEST expenditure on the new budget is an estimated \$221,231 for instructional purposes. This is an increase of \$144,785 over an estimated figure of \$76,446 for this purpose on the 1953-54 budget. Increases in other expenditures including administration, plant operation, school maintenance, fixed charges, and auxiliary activities were also made. A sharp decrease was made, however, in the amount of \$105,136 to a figure of \$40,500 in the new budget. This was made possible due to a decrease in the amount of \$53,000 expended for furniture and equipment during 1953-54.

The largest source of revenue will come from the State School Aid; an estimated \$352,146. Sales tax returns will provide another estimated \$198,000. Authorization was given Superintendent O. E. Dunckel by the Board to proceed with the appointment of the necessary personnel (Continued on Page 8A)

## REGISTRATION FOR MOBILE BLOOD BANK REACHES 48

Advance registrations for the April 26 visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank took a sizeable jump during the second week of the drive.

Mrs. Florence Yuill, registration chairman, stated that registrations taken at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. The booth in the bank is open two days from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Registrations are also being taken at the Farmington Recreation bowling alley Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 p. m. and at the general registration table at the high school on Saturday, from 7 to 9 p. m. Persons may also register at the Farmington-Enterprise office weekdays from 8 a. m. to 12 noon, and at the blood bank at the Farmington-Town Hall on April 26 from 1:45 to 7:45 p. m.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

IT'S HERE AGAIN - the latest edition of the 1954 Michigan State Highway Department road map, and there's a copy for you if you act quickly. These handy accessories to your travel kit really go like hotcakes, so don't delay. Write right down to The Enterprise office and we'll mail the latest information to you for free. The new map has the latest information on routes, park areas, recreation facilities, distances between locations and just about everything else you can think of. Once again, we don't want to disappoint you, so get your map today.

AN UNSIGNED inquiry has come our way in the form of a post card asking just the location of the proposed city sewage disposal plant has not been mentioned in the various stories appearing in this paper. Although no formal action has been taken on the location by the City Council, the site of the dump on Nine Mile Road, east of Brookdale, has been discussed. This location was mentioned in earlier stories about the proposed plant and has been referred to at various public meetings of the City Council and the Planning Commission. Since this property is owned by the city and is geographically suited for such a plant, it is expected that the Council will select this site.

WE CAN'T LET the week go by without a kind word for the weatherman. He has really been on the ball the last few days. After being a pretty mixed up guy for most of the spring, he has finally come up with something worth talking about. The weather has been just what we needed around the block, most people are talking about it, too. The line of chatter has suddenly shifted from the big snow to the big fishing trip coming up or the annual outing which is just around the corner. So hats off to the weatherman this week... and please don't let us down come publication time.

MAKE IT A POINT to go to church this Easter week-end and take the whole family with you. All of the Farmington area churches are planning outstanding programs to mark this season of renewed hope and faith. You are an important part of that program. Join your friends and neighbors in worship, enjoy the beautiful music and find new assurance in the inspirational story of the Resurrection. Attend the church of your choice this week-end, you'll be more than welcome.

## Home Building Continues To Rise

New building in both the city and township reached new record heights during the first quarter of 1954, officials announced this week.

The largest increase was in the township, where a high level of construction continued throughout the winter months. The fact that there is still considerable open land in the township accounts for the larger number of permits issued in the area as compared to the city.

March was the heaviest month in the township with 31 permits issued with an estimated cost of \$403,250. There were also 12 permits built during March at an estimated total of \$65,500. January was close behind the March total with 27 permits issued at an estimated cost of \$316,700. Non-residential construction during January totaled 6 permits at an estimated cost of \$29,750. In February, 17 permits for new home construction were issued at a total cost of \$453,900.

Last year a total of 8 permits were issued during January, 17 during February and 24 during March. Township officials estimate that the issuance of permits will increase considerably during the spring and summer months. A total of 15 permits have been issued for the city during the first quarter, representing an estimated cost of \$149,000. The heaviest month was February when 9 permits were issued for new home construction.

## U.F. To Nominate Board Candidates

The Administrative Board of the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest has formally approved the proposed constitution and by-laws for the organization and set Friday, May 7, as the date for an open meeting to ratify the proposal.

Action approving the proposal was taken at a meeting of the Board held last Thursday evening at the Municipal Building. Several changes were made in the proposal which was submitted by a special consultation committee. Each section of the proposal was read and discussed by the Board prior to the formal action. A meeting of the Board will be held on April 29 at the Municipal Building to select a slate of nominees for the new Board of Directors. This slate will be presented at the open meeting on May 7. It was emphasized that nominees can also be made from the floor at the May meeting. Fern Willard, chairman of the United Fund and Community Chest Board, will be very glad to register at the close of the meeting. Willard stated that he would continue as chairman of the Council of United Fund organizations in the Farmington area until the new organization is established under the proposed constitution and by-laws.

# PLAN OPEN MEETING ON TOWNSHIP OFFICE PROPOSAL

## Governor Greets Amvet National Commander At Novi Street Proposal To Be Submitted To City Council



Governor E. Moore, William Verbeke, Henry M. Moore, National Commander of Amvet, Michigan National Commander of Amvet, and Michigan State Commander of Amvet, are seen at the opening of a two-day state-wide rally held at the Novi Perry-Kramer Post Home at Ten Mile Road at Woodstock. Amvet posts at Region Six, including Novi, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Berkley, Ingham, L'Annis, Oak Park, Lake Orion and Royal Harbor, were hosts for the rally. Highlight of the program was a dinner and dance held Saturday evening at the post home. Standing left to right are: Charles Frickley, Regional Department Commander; Lew Barrows, Region Six Commander; Malady; Governor William E. Moore; and Alvin Kelley, National Program Director.

## Farmington Area Churches To Join Board Approves \$467,500 Budget At Clarenceville

Special Easter Sunday Services Planned By Churches Throughout Community

Farmington stores and business places will be closed Friday, April 16, from 12 noon until 2:00 p. m. in observance of Good Friday with services to be conducted in the various churches and places of worship in the area. Special services will also be held in Farmington churches on Easter Sunday, April 18. A United Good Friday program will be held by four Protestant churches at the First Methodist Church, Grand River and Warner, at 1:00 in the afternoon. Participating churches will be the First Methodist Church, First Universalist Church, and First Presbyterian Church. Ministers from all four churches will take part in the services. Special services will be held at the Methodist Church which include a 9:00 a. m. Sunrise Service sponsored by the M. P. Y., followed by a breakfast at 9:15 and 11:15 a. m. First Universalist Church will have a service at the regular hour, 11:15 a. m., with a special Easter service by Reverend Russ Lincoln, 3:30 for Dreamers.

## Council Discusses Zoning Question

The City Council, at a special meeting held last week, authorized the building inspector to issue a building permit for the construction of a building to house an ornamental iron works on the east side of Orchard Lake Road between Astor and Shawasssee. Examination of the Zoning Ordinance shows that while this project is not strictly permitted under the terms of the ordinance, neither is it prohibited. The action of the Council provides that a certificate of occupancy will not be issued until certain conditions have been met. These conditions provide that the total rated horse power shall not exceed ten horse power and that the necessary equipment be installed. (Continued on Page 8A)

## CITY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED SATURDAY MORNING

City offices will be closed Saturday morning, April 17, for the Easter week-end. Officials announced Monday. All offices will be closed with the exception of the Police Department, which will be on a special schedule. The public works department will also maintain a stand-by crew for emergencies.

## Opens April 21 Complete Plans For Chest X-Ray Visit

Flu-like tuberculosis in its early stages when it is easiest to cure and has not yet spread to others will be the aim of Chest X-Ray Service and the reason for periodic visits to local communities by mobile chest x-ray units. The mobile unit will be in Farmington from April 21 through April 28, including Saturday and Sunday, and in Clarenceville 27 and 28 for this purpose. If all but cases were discovered in the early stages, victims would be restored to health quickly and incidents of the disease greatly reduced. The T. B. germ is sneaky, however, and has no symptoms. That is the reason why it is important to have chest x-rays. Causes more deaths than any other disease, from ages 19 through 45, tuberculosis is contagious. One in the family with the disease can infect the entire household, as well as others he may come in contact with. Getting a chest x-ray is a simple task at no cost to the individual. It takes only a few minutes involving no unnecessary discomfort of any kind. Over 100 x-rays an hour can be taken by the mobile unit. The mobile chest x-ray unit will be located at the Town Hall, Grand River and Farmington Road, for Farmington residents, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22, hours from 12 noon to 8:00 p. m. on Friday, April 23, from 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m., and on Monday, April 26, from 12 noon to 8:00 p. m. On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 and 28, the unit will be in Clarenceville area, at Fire Hall No. 3 on Wheeler Street, near Grand River and Middlebelt.

## Citizens Urge Open Discussion On New Office Building Question

The Farmington Township Board indicated at its regular meeting Tuesday evening that a public hearing would be held regarding proposed plans for the construction of township offices and remodeling of the Town Hall.

Although no formal action was taken, the members of the Board stated that they felt the public hearing was essential. Several of the members urged that the plans be given early consideration and that the date of a hearing be set as soon as possible. The discussion on the township office question followed a number of citizens at the meeting. George Reed, stated that he did not feel the proposed building, adjacent to the Town Hall was adequate, and objected to putting any additional money in the present Town Hall. He stated that many residents had expressed the opinion that such a building should be erected in the township. Mrs. Leonard also stated that a public hearing be held on the question.

## Polio Vaccine Program To Open In Area May 5

Schools To Cooperate With Health Officials

Plans are being completed this week for the polio vaccine program which will begin in the Farmington area during the week of May 5. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts are cooperating in the program through the use of school facilities. O. S. Dunckel, superintendent of the Farmington Schools, stated Monday that information regarding the program has been prepared for distribution to parents. Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarenceville Schools, announced that information will be distributed to parents in a letter mailed Tuesday, April 15, at 1:30 p. m. at the high school. THE VACCINE is to be given to children in the first, second, and third grades on a strictly voluntary basis with parental consent. The children will receive a total of three shots. The first and second shots will be given in May, with the third June 8. To determine the effectiveness of the vaccine, half of the children will receive the serum and the other half will receive a plain, inactive fluid. Voluntary nurses from the Farmington area as well as assistants from various organizations will assist in the program. The Farmington School Board has agreed to cooperate in the program subject to the recommendations of the State and Oakland County Health Departments. The board has taken similar action, Dunckel stated that the State and County Health Departments are actively assisting in the program.

## Baseball Rally Attracts Crowd

Approximately 500 Farmington area boys and their parents packed the Farmington High School gymnasium last Thursday evening for the first 1954 meeting of the combined Farmington Little League and Babe Ruth League. Three community organizations presented contributions to Leanne Clappison, president of the League, stated that total figures will be announced later. Following the presentations, motion pictures on the fundamentals of League baseball were shown along with color films on the highlights of last year's season. Spring practice sessions for boys under 12 years of age will begin on Monday, April 19, at 6:00 p. m. at the Little League field. Sessions will be held four nights per week until the opening of the season. The practice sessions for hold-overs from last year's teams will be announced. Leanne Clappison is in charge of the practice schedule. Additional personnel is still needed to assist during the practice sessions. Men interested in volunteering their services are requested to call Goss at Farmington 2543-R.

## SCHOOL REQUESTS BUILDING PERMIT FEE REFUND

The Clarenceville School Board has taken action to file letters with the Livonia City Council and the purchase building permit for the Clarenceville High School addition and the new Detroit Elementary School. Prior to the construction of the two units, the Board paid \$200 for building permit under contract. The Board has contacted city officials on several occasions in an attempt to secure a refund. The Board has argued that since the buildings are for public use and are paid for by the taxpayers, no building fee charges should be levied.

## FARMINGTON H. S. ACCREDITED FOR 27th SUCCESSIVE YEAR

Farmington High School has again received accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. G. V. Harrison, high school principal, announced this week that the action was taken at the annual business meeting of the Association held in Chicago March 22 to March 26. Farmington High School has been continuously accredited since 1927. In order to be accredited, a school must voluntarily meet the criteria of membership in the organization. The action and whose application for membership has been officially approved. SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND STATE DEFENSE MEETING Officials of the Farmington Township School District have been invited by the State Director of Civil Defense to attend a special conference in Lansing on Thursday, April 15, to discuss the defense program. The state has requested the cooperation and participation of schools from the critical and secondary target areas of Michigan to consider a plan of civil defense measures during the week of May 17. Purpose of the meeting is to plan the initial program.

## Checks For Baseball Come Flying



Gene Hynes, second from the left, treasurer of the combined Farmington Little League and Babe Ruth League, has a busy moment gathering in contribution checks from civic organizations at the League at the Farmington High School gymnasium. Left to right are: Mrs. Charles E. Dirschele, president of the Town Club; Hynes; Phil Thomas, president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce; and Robert Lindberg, representing the Farmington Exchange Club.

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