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## Hearing On City Parking Proposal Set For Thursday

### Continue Retail Study Of Building Needs

A public hearing on the proposed off-street parking program for the City of Farmington will be held this Thursday afternoon at the Municipal Building as part of a special Council meeting. Officials announced this week that special notes regarding the hearing have been mailed to all property owners affected by the proposal. In addition, all residents of the City of Farmington are invited to attend the open meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The proposal covers both the parking area south of Grand River and the area north of Grand River between the theater and Warner Avenue.

THE COUNCIL will also consider the proposed budget for the year 1954-55 as well as the re-issuance of ordinances. James Tennant, City Manager, stated this week that the proposed budget would be the largest in the history of the city. Revenues from local and state sources are expected to increase due to growth of population and building. In turn, expenses are expected to increase to provide additional improvements and services. One of the largest items will be street improvement and maintenance. The Council, which last meeting authorized the City Manager to proceed with a street program not to exceed \$42,000 for the coming fiscal year. The codification of all city ordinances has been discussed briefly at the last several Council meetings. Paul Pare, City Attorney, will present at the Thursday meeting to cover the codification in detail with the Council.

## CLARKE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FARMINGTON P.T.A.

Ivan D. Clarke was elected president of the Farmington P. T. A. at the annual business meeting held last Tuesday evening at the high school gymnasium. The meeting was held at the meeting were: Vernon P. Fisher, father vice-president; Ray Glenn, high school teacher vice-president; Mrs. E. L. Rice, high school mother vice-president; Billie E. Henry, junior high school teacher, vice-president; Mrs. Dawson Hubert, junior high school mother, vice-president; Mrs. F. A. Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Byron, treasurer; and Mrs. William Mitchell, historian. A program of group singing and precision drill was presented by junior high school students. In addition, many displays of school projects were shown in the gymnasium.

## Little League Tag Days Open Friday

The second annual Farmington Little League and Babe Ruth League Tag Days will be held this Friday evening, Saturday, John Clappison, League president, announced Tuesday.

Mothers and their player sons will sell tags Friday evening and Saturday throughout the business section of the city. Clappison stated that the Tag Days are the only direct solicitation of funds from individual citizens. It is a joint effort by both the Little League and the Babe Ruth League. All money collected during the Tag Days remains in Farmington for the benefit of the two leagues. Last year, during the first annual Tag Days, a total of \$378.30 was collected. The money is used to secure needed supplies and equipment for the respective leagues.

The team sponsors purchase the uniforms and basic equipment for the units, however this does not cover expendable items. Additional funds are also secured from various business establishments in the community.

## RESIDENT FINED FOR VIOLATION OF ZONING CODE

The first court action involving a violation of the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance has resulted in a fine of \$25 against one township resident. Leo Jones, 2523 S. Parkhill Drive, was fined by the City Manager to proceed with a street program not to exceed \$42,000 for the coming fiscal year. The codification of all city ordinances has been discussed briefly at the last several Council meetings. Paul Pare, City Attorney, will present at the Thursday meeting to cover the codification in detail with the Council.

Township officials stated that Jones was notified by the township attorney that he was in violation of the Zoning Ordinance. This is the first case of an alleged township zoning violation to be taken into court since the ordinance was adopted in February of 1952.

## CLARENCEVILLE H. S. BAND TO PRESENT CONCERT APRIL 29

A hand concert will be presented by the Clarenceville High School band Thursday, April 29, at the high school gymnasium. Fifteen members will take part in the program with the featured attraction to be the formation of small ensembles from sections of the band. The program will include the following selections: "Amoribo Romano," "Janus," "Indian Trail," "Western-Idle," "Waggers For Woodwinds," "Ballet Episodes," "Serenade Fiddler," "Overture Frolco," "Jazz Flizato," "National Emblem," "In a Persian Market," "Bandage for Brasses," and "The March of the Trojans."

# BOARD GRANTS SPACE FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU

## X-Ray Unit Enjoys Busy Time In Farmington



Just about the busiest spot in Farmington during the past few days has been this Mobile X-Ray Unit, located on the second floor of the Town Hall. This scene was reported almost 1,800 times during the four days that the unit was set up in Farmington. On Tuesday and Wednesday the X-ray trailer was moved to the Clarenceville Fire Hall Building on Wheeler Street where another couple of hours were spent. The response was far the largest ever received by a Chest X-Ray Unit in the Farmington community. During the last visit only about 700 x-rays were taken.

## Polio Vaccine Test Program Opens This Week In Farmington Area

Our Lady of Sorrows and Clarenceville Schools Now Under Way, Farmington Begins May 5

First participants in the Polio Vaccine Test Program in the Farmington area were students of Our Lady of Sorrows School on Wednesday, April 29. For immediate school buildings and additions at the Clarenceville District.

The Farmington School Board met Monday night, April 26, in an informal session to discuss further details of the polio vaccine test program for three new proposed elementary school buildings and additions at the Clarenceville District.

Striving for the best possible type of construction, the suggestions and ideas of features which should be incorporated in the new buildings had been obtained previously from school administrators and teachers. The chief goal of Monday's meeting was to determine to what extent these features could be incorporated into the new buildings. (Continued on Page 5A)

## SPRING CLEAN-UP NOW UNDER WAY IN TOWNSHIP

The semi-annual Farmington Township clean-up is now under way. Clayton Goers, treasurer, announced this week. For purposes of the clean-up, the township has been divided into two sections, one east of Orchard Lake Road and the other west. Earl Marks is in charge of the clean-up in the western section and Roy Chapman has the responsibility for the eastern section.

## City Plans Welcome For Visiting Official Of Paw Paw On May 5

Plans are being made this week by city officials in preparation for the arrival of a distinguished guest on Wednesday, May 5. "Slim" Jones is making a tour of the state in the village of Paw Paw. The plans concern "Exchange of Mayors Day" which is a part of the "Michigan Week" celebration, May 2 to May 8. Next Wednesday, Mayor Kenn Loomis of Farmington and President John Jesse Stevens of Paw Paw will exchange jobs for a day. Both Jones and Stevens will accompany their husbands on the one-day visit.

In a letter to Mayor Loomis, James Robertson, Mayor of South St. Marie, chairman of the Mayors' Day Committee, states that the purpose of the exchange program is to get the towns and areas of Michigan better acquainted with each other. Over 400 mayors and village presidents will participate in the exchange program.

Selection of the various exchanges was made at a drawing held on April 27 at Michigan State College. No attempt was made to put off the drawing until the last minute. The mayor of Kalamazoo will exchange with the village president of Stockbridge and the mayor of Grand Rapids will exchange with the president of Chicago. Farmington and Paw Paw, however, are smaller in size.

## Two Persons Hurt In Auto Crashes During Week End

### One Injured At 10 Mile And Orchard Lake Road

Two persons were injured as the result of separate auto accidents in the Farmington area during the past week, city and state police reported Monday. One person was injured Friday afternoon in a two-car accident at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile Road, according to city police. Elizabeth Pearce, 174 Grey Street, Brandon, Ontario, a passenger in one of the vehicles, suffered cuts and bruises as a result of the accident. She was taken to Pontiac General Hospital for treatment.

According to police, the accident occurred when a car driven by Gloria Joyce Davill, 2345 Lochaven, Pontiac, and one driven by Oliver M. Gormley, 5226 Pennsylvania, Detroit, collided at the intersection. The latter car was reportedly traveling south on Orchard Lake Road and the Gormley car west on Ten Mile. The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. Friday.

A note was included in the judicial report suggesting that a safety survey be made at the intersection because of the accident. City police report that accidents have increased considerably at the corner in the past year. A fatality occurred at the intersection approximately a month ago.

A SINGLE car accident on Middlebelt Road just north of Grand River resulted in minor injuries to William W. Landacre, 25258 Rockwood, Farmington, last Wednesday evening. State Police report. Landacre was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital with injuries to the forehead. According to police, Landacre was traveling north on Middlebelt at the time of the accident. He told police that he was forced off the road by an oncoming car.

## Farmington Hires 5 New Teachers

Five new teachers have been hired to the Farmington School District teaching staff for next year, it was disclosed this week by Superintendent of Schools O. E. Dunske. The new hires are: Mrs. E. M. Dunske, Mrs. E. M. Dunske, Mrs. E. M. Dunske, Mrs. E. M. Dunske, Mrs. E. M. Dunske.

## Approve Transfer Of School Fund

The Municipal Finance Commission has approved a township School District for permission to transfer \$6,900.46 from the 1948 Debt Fund to the Building and Site Fund. Approval was announced in a letter received from the Commission last week. O. E. Dunske, superintendent, stated. The \$6,900.46 is also pending on an application to the Michigan State Tax Commission for permission to sell \$1,500,000 in bonds for the recently approved school building program. Dunske stated that it may be several weeks before all of the necessary information can be compiled. Approval must be received from the Municipal Finance Commission before the bond issue can be sold.

## SCHMIDT TO HEAD CLARENCEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

Officers for 1954-55 were elected at the Clarenceville Optimist Club Wednesday night, April 27, with Louis Schmidt chosen to direct the club as president. Other officers were: Fred Bailey and Vernon Hawley; recording secretary, Arthur Booth; financial secretary, John Hoffman; treasurer, Fred Bailey; and secretary, Fred Bailey. The amount of dues for the year is \$1.00. Newly elected officers will be installed in an official ceremony to be conducted in the near future.

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## Sheriff To Use Clarenceville Fire Hall Once A Week For Writing Licenses

The Farmington Township Board has offered the use of the Clarenceville Fire Hall to the Oakland County Sheriff's office for the purpose of writing drivers' licenses. The action was taken by the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. A letter from Clarenceville, Oakland County Sheriff, requesting the use of office space in the township, was read to the Board by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor. Blanchard stated that he and Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, discussed the matter with the Sheriff late last week.

In the letter, Hubbell stated that if space can be secured he is prepared to send an inspector to Farmington Township once a week on a regular schedule for the purpose of writing drivers' licenses for township residents. The specific day is to be announced as soon as notification has been received from the Township Board.

## Citizens To Meet With Clarenceville Board Thursday

### Discussion Of Proposed Budget Also On Agenda

Action was taken by the Clarenceville School Board last Thursday evening to hold a joint meeting with the Citizens' Group study committee on Thursday, April 29, for the purpose of discussing the future needs of the School District. The special meeting was requested by the Citizens' Group. The study committee is now in the process of gathering and compiling information on anticipated enrollment, population trends and finances of the School District. The information is designed to assist the Board in the development of a proposed school building program.

THURSDAY P.M. on the evening of the tennis courts at the Clarenceville High School were received by the Board at Thursday's meeting. After some discussion, a motion was made and approved, requesting all of the bids. Approval (Continued on Page 5A)

## Collect 107 Pints At Blood Bank

Farmington area residents contributed a total of 107 pints of blood during the Monday, April 26, visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank, officials announced Tuesday morning.

A total of 142 persons reported to the bank out of an advanced registration of 150. Doctors received 25 possible donors. A year ago a total of 117 pints were contributed while the October, 1953, bank secured 96 pints.

Red Cross officials stated that Monday's blood bank was "big" compared to the average. They complimented Farmington on the response and commended the group of volunteers who assisted during the operation of the bank. Officials added that practically all of the donors were on time for no bating up.

The blood bank facilities were set up at the Town Hall for the one-day visit. Two banks are conducted each year in the Farmington area. The amount of blood donated each period is applied to a local credit bank, which is available to all residents of the community free of charge. Persons needing blood are requested to call The Farmington Enterprise, Farmington 2000, giving the name of the patient, hospital, doctor, and amount of blood to be released.

## Scouts Aid Spring House Cleaning



Members of Boy Scout Troop 45 seem to have captured the spring clean-up spirit as they load bundles of scrap paper on a trailer located in the Town Hall Park. Not only are the boys helping Farmington households, a big boost in their annual spring cleaning, but they hope to pick up a little extra money for the troop in the process. This scene, "Shot" last Saturday, will be repeated in another few weeks, so hang onto those old newspapers and magazines. The Scouts of Troop 45 will be glad to help you get rid of them.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

LOVELY WEATHER... "Or maybe we should say, 'wasn't it?'" since we never know what the next day will bring. The unusually heavy rainfall was good for something besides flooded streets and basements, however, although it may not have seemed like it to some residents at the time. The amount of new small houses being built in the "yellow in the tulips, which is one accomplishment if not nothing else. But, we do think that again is enough, now that Mother Nature has things going her way again. A little dry spell would seem kinda nice for a change. Unfortunately, however, the weather has had more influence on the weatherman, so you had better keep your rubbers and umbrellas handy.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE TAGGED... In some highly important news this Friday evening of Saturday and we know you will respond as you always do. The important people are members of the Farmington Little League and Babe Ruth League, along with their mothers, and they will be out in three for their second annual tag days. The Little League and Babe Ruth League will help promote one of the most important movements to hit this community in many years. The Little League and Babe Ruth League have become a part of Farmington, not only for the boys but for the grown-ups, too. The program deserves your support and we know you're going to show it this Friday evening and Saturday.

A SLIGHT SLIP... doesn't always end up in a jolting fall. Last week, in a story regarding the filing of nomination petitions for candidacy to the Farmington and Clarenceville School Boards, we printed the wrong address for the residence of James Nicholas, secretary of the Clarenceville Board. It seems that there are two James Nicholases in the phone book and we got the wrong one. The slip, however, gives you an opportunity to remind you again that the deadline for the filing of petitions has been set for 4:00 p.m. on May 15. Petitions may be secured at the respective Board of Education offices. Oh, incidentally, the correct address of the James Nicholas residence is 1234 Broadway, Livonia. He also has nomination papers as does Samuel Turner, secretary of the Farmington Board, who lives at 21639 Albion.

THE INTEREST... displayed in both the Chest X-ray Program and the Mobile Blood Bank visit, held during the past week, is very gratifying. Any of these programs require a lot of time and effort on the part of local volunteer workers. But when they are successful, the results are two projects have been, the honest hard work are very much worth while.