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Township Begins Study Of Possible Building Code

Plans are now being completed on the organization of a business men's association in the Farmington community. It was announced following a meeting Tuesday evening at the Municipal Building. A number of previous meetings have been held to draft plans for the organization. At a meeting last Wednesday, the businessmen elected the following permanent officers: Phil Thomas, president; Walter Erickson, secretary; and Gerald Grace, treasurer.

Thomas stated that a planning committee is now being set up to study policy procedures and to submit recommendations to the general membership. Al Richardson has been named chairman of the permanent committee. Other committees are expected to be set up as the organization develops.

Meetings have been tentatively set for Tuesday evenings. Thomas stated that the group will probably meet weekly for the time being, at least. The American Legion has offered the group the use of the Memorial Home as a meeting place.

Clarville Seniors To Hear Bagwell

Paul D. Bagwell, Head of the Department of Communication Skills, Michigan State College, will be the principal speaker at the 1954 Commencement Exercises of the Clarville High School, to be held Thursday afternoon at the City Park gymnasium.

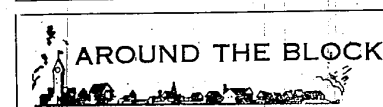
Bagwell is a past president of the Michigan and United States State Bar, past president of the White Nationalist, President, he traveled in all 48 states; the U. S. Possessions of Alaska and Hawaii, and 32 foreign countries.

Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries. He was also the recipient of the 1953 Freedom For-

Trombley Plans To Attend State Postal Meeting

Postmaster Henry Trombley will represent Farmington at the State Postmaster's Convention to be held June 12, 14, and 15 at Mackinac Island.

Recent changes in Post Office organization as well as methods of improving handling of mail will be discussed by the postmasters in a series of conferences to be held during the annual meeting. Mrs. Trombley will accompany her husband to the convention.



PAUL D. BAGWELL

AROUND THE BLOCK

THIS WEEK we're introducing The Farmington Enterprise to a lot of new friends. We sincerely hope that they will become permanent friends. The introduction is in the form of "sample copies" to all non-subscribers to the Farmington Enterprise. This is basically a circulation promotion, but it is also intended as a means of assisting the many Farmington community organizations, as well as the schools and local units of government, through a wider distribution of public information. It is our intention to continue this sampling by routes in the other sections of the city and township in the hope of introducing The Enterprise to more new friends.

AS YOU SEE... at the top of this page, next Monday is election day in the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts. Thus, you have an obligation as a citizen to take a few minutes off to vote. That's all it takes, just a few minutes. In fact, if you didn't do anything else next Monday but vote, your duty would be well spent. The election of school board members, and the question of whether we will have special education facilities for our handicapped children are important to you as parents, as taxpayers and as citizens. Only you can decide the questions and the issues. Remember, don't wait for George to do it... he's probably waiting for you!

THE OPENING of the baseball season in Farmington will be completed this Saturday afternoon with the official start of the Babe Ruth League. Last Saturday the Little League got off to a fast start with an enthusiastic crowd at the diamond in the City Park. An equally enthusiastic audience is expected to witness the Babe Ruth League opener at the high school athletic field on Saturday afternoon. Johnny Loomis' opening pitch, last week, will hurl the first ball Saturday at 1:30 p.m. An exciting double header will follow with all town teams in action. So if you're looking for fun and plenty of thrilling action, make it a date at the high school athletic field this Saturday.

THE CONTRAST between the traffic slaughter over Memorial Day and the comparative quiet of last week and is worth thinking about. Maybe the reduction in the amount of traffic on our streets and highways made the difference. Or maybe the shocking headlines of the week before brought more of us face to face with reality. The big question is, "How long will the shock last?" Let's hope it lasts for a long time.

VOTERS TO BALLOT MONDAY SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Colorful Ceremonies Open Little League Season



The Stars and Stripes are raised over the Farmington Little League baseball diamond signifying the official opening of the 1954 season. The flag raising ceremony took place last Saturday afternoon at the City Park prior to the start of the opening double header. Members of the Farmington High School Band, city officials, and Little League players and managers participated in the impressive ceremony. The flag raising was conducted by members of the Groves, Wadley Post, American Legion. A colorful parade preceded the activities at the Little League diamond.

Residential Building Continues At An Increasing Rate In Township

168 Building Permits Issued In First Five Months This Year; 58 More Than Last Year.

The rapid residential building in Farmington Township is continuing at an accelerated rate as indicated by the increasing number of building permits being issued by the Township Office. During the first five months of this year, from January through May 31, a total of 168 permits were issued for single family homes, township records reveal.

This residential building is an increase as shown by the fact that there were only 115 building permits issued for this five month period in 1953; 58 less than for the same period of this year. Total estimated valuation of stock unit housing building during the first five months of 1954 was \$1,428,490, as compared with a much larger figure for the same period of last year of \$2,578,700.

FRANKLIN KNOWLES Subdivision, fronting on Northwestern Highway just north of Middlebelt Road, is one of the biggest recent concentrated residential buildings. According to developer's reports, approximately 90 families have already moved in to the 152 three and four bedroom ranch style homes now under construction here. All are directed by architect August of this year. Plans call for the building of 179 more homes in the subdivision which should be ready for occupancy by late 1954.

Plan To Discuss Use Of Town Hall

Several proposals on the future use and disposition of the Town Hall and property are expected to be added to the agenda of the Joint City-Township meeting to be held next Tuesday evening in the Municipal Court Room.

The initial portion of the meeting, which is set to begin at 7:00 p.m., is expected to be devoted to a discussion of possible expansion of library facilities. Members of the Township Board, City Council, Library Board and Friends of the Library will explore various possibilities in regard to improving the present library. The problem has been discussed previously.

Close Race Farmington Names Leading Seniors



Joan Rozenboom and Wayne Blakley are the leading seniors in Farmington. Both students followed a college preparatory course during their high school careers and plan on entering the University of Michigan this fall. Blakley is going to major in engineering and Joan plans to specialize in secondary education.

Since Blakley came to Farmington in his sophomore year, he has worked on school publications, the Falcon and Rollcall, of which he was literary editor, and worked on many class projects. Miss Rozenboom has been a member of the band for three years, was on the yearbook staff and was president of the Future Nurses' Club.

Slight Reduction Made In School, County Tax Rates

Preliminary Figures Set By County Board

A slight reduction has been made in the 1954 mill tax rate for school operation in the Farmington District, according to the preliminary report of the Oakland County Tax Allocation Board.

The initial figures set by the Board last week will not become final until after the annual appraisal hearing. However, it is expected that these figures will remain with possibly a few minor adjustments.

The new school tax rate has been tentatively set at 8.44 mills compared to 8.50 in 1953. This rate is exclusive of the 1951 and 1954 voted increases for school building construction. It is also separate from the voted millage for school operation in the Oakland County tax rate has been tentatively set at 5.14 mills as compared to 5.25 last year. The entire tax rate including both the county and school district is listed at 14.58 mills compared to 14.75 in 1953.

OFFICIALS STATED that the difference between the 14.58 rate and the 15 mills allocated is due to the fact that a portion of the Farmington School District lies in two other townships, and at least one is levying a local tax. This portion is thus deducted from the 15 mill total.

The reduction in the preliminary tax rate will mean that the amount paid by township property owners. This is due to the slight increase in the equalized valuation of Farmington Township over the last year. However, there will be some reduction due to the fact that the voted increase for school operation will be less than last year.

Board Approves Section 36 Water Use Restrictions

Regulations Become Effective June 10

Effective Thursday, June 10, restrictions on the use of water in Section 36, Farmington Township, will go into effect, according to action taken by the Township Board Tuesday evening.

The action is similar to that taken in that section last year. The restrictions were requested by Matthew Carey, receiver for the water system, in accordance with a communication from the Detroit Water Supply System. Carey stated that other municipalities in the Metropolitan area who buy water from Detroit are cooperating in the restriction program.

ACCORDING to the rules established by the Board, the restrictions cover watering of lawns, gardens, shrubs and trees as well as some limits on mechanical refrigeration systems. Properties bearing odd house numbers may use water for outside purposes only on the odd calendar days, while properties with even house numbers may use water for prohibited purposes on the even calendar days. However, there shall be no restrictions on the use of water on Sunday.

Mechanical refrigeration systems used for cooling purposes for human comfort, and using city water, not re-circulated, shall be limited to an average space temperature of not less than 75 degrees Fahrenheit when the outside temperature is 90 degrees F. or above. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to hospitals or similar institutions, nor shall it apply on Sundays.

The restrictions shall be effective from June 10 to September 15, inclusive.

Babe Ruth League To Open Saturday

Farmington's Babe Ruth League will officially open its 1954 season at 1:30 p.m. officially opening the new season. Phil Thomas, president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will preside at the first game, but at the opening ceremony, the players of the four Babe Ruth League teams, along with their managers, will be introduced to the crowd.

Immediately following the opening activities, a double header will be played with all of the teams in action. The first game will feature the Farmington Enterprise Giants. In the nighttime, the Re-Nu Tool Red Sox will meet the Arrowworth Tool Indians.

The opening will mark the start of the second season for the Babe Ruth League, which was called the Little Bigger League last year. The Farmington Little League officially opened its season last Saturday.

Flower Show Set For Saturday

Plans have been completed for the Farmington Garden Club flower show, "Flowerama", to be held Saturday, June 12, at the new Farmington High School. The show will open at 2:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m.

The show is being presented as a dramatic production with Mrs. Ann Schaidenbach as production manager. Act I will feature floral arrangements, and Act III will be devoted to Junior Gardeners' exhibits.

Residents are invited to enter exhibits in the various horticultural and flower arrangement classes. Exhibits will be judged by the Standard System with point scoring and scales from the national handbook. All specimens will be judged on Saturday.

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Special Education Issue Expected To Increase Turn Out At Polls

Officials are predicting a heavier-than-average vote in the Annual School Elections of the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts, to be held this Monday, June 14.

The anticipated increase in balloting is based largely on the Special Education proposition which will be voted upon in both Districts. The proposition has to do with the providing of educational facilities throughout Oakland County for handicapped children. In addition to the special proposition, Farmington will elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of three years and Clarenceville will elect two Board members for terms of three years each.

Lewis To Address Graduating Class



JAMES A. LEWIS

The main speaker at the Farmington High School Commencement Exercises to be held next Thursday evening, June 17, will be James A. Lewis, Director of the University of Michigan Bureau of Special Services, officials announced this week.

Mr. Lewis will speak on the subject, "The People". He is a former lecturer in the U. of M. School of Education and has had considerable experience in teaching. He has been an instructor at Purdue University, Western Michigan University, and Michigan State University.

Man Hurt Monday In Freak Accident

A Detroit man was seriously injured early Monday morning at the Grand River - Eight Mile intersection when he accidentally fell from his moving auto, the Redford State Police Post disclosed Tuesday.

Traveling west on Eight Mile at 2:50 a.m. Monday, John Bryant of Detroit, failed to make the curve just after crossing Grand River and ran off the road onto the shoulder. Hitting a double bump, the car was jarred open and Bryant fell out while trying to close the door.

Bryant was taken to the Redford Receiving Hospital with a fractured skull and severe lacerations.

Clarence A. Reibling, a passenger in the car, managed to bring the vehicle to a halt a short distance from the mishap.

V. F. W. Auxiliary Presents Flags



Presentation of flags for the Air Station at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads and for St. Paul's Lutheran School. Eight Mile and Middlebelt were made recently by Americanism Chairman Mae Jarrett of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Farmington Post 4033 (extreme right in photo). Receiving the flag for the spatter station is Mrs. Vera Willard, 30701 Glenmore, with Douglas-Wolfe the recipient of the flag for the school.