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## Police Take Steps To Meet Expected Record Traffic

### Schedule Extra Duty Over Holiday Week End

City and township police are making special plans this week in preparation for an anticipated record flow of traffic through the Farmington area during the long July 4th weekend.

Police Chief DeVriendt stated that three city policemen will be on duty during the daylight hours throughout the holiday and both police will be on duty at night. In addition, all city policemen will be available on call in case of emergency. Normally there are two regular policemen on duty. Plans of being called to manually operate the signal light at Farmington Road and Grand River when the situation requires it. This is a no-overlooked detail and this procedure has been followed to facilitate the movement of traffic on Grand River.

Both township police officers are expected to be on patrol duty during the week end. They will concentrate primarily on the heavily travelled mile roads as well as Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads.

A CONFERENCE between James Tennant, City Manager; DeVriendt and officials of the State Highway Department is expected to be held this week to discuss the possible erection of a traffic light at the intersection of Grand River and Orchard Lake Roads. Tennant and DeVriendt have been authorized by the Council to proceed with efforts to secure the light.

City officials contend that the erection of a signal light at the intersection will create a break in the traffic on Grand River, enabling a safer flow of cross traffic, particularly at Orchard Lake Road and Power Road.

## Residents Jam City Hall For Zoning Discussion



A group of city property owners gathered around the counter in the lobby of the Municipal Building to discuss various phases of the proposed zoning ordinance with officials of the City Planning Commission during a public discussion held last Saturday. The camera recorded only a portion of the large crowd that jammed the lobby throughout most of the morning. Pictured at the extreme right, behind the counter, is V. O. Bates, member of the Commission, and directly behind him is Louis Nolan, chairman of the Commission.

## Citizens Give Opinions On Proposed Revision Of City Zoning Ordinance

### Voice Objections And Offer Suggestions To Planning Commission During Public Discussion

A large number of city property owners jammed the Municipal Building last Saturday morning to protest several requested changes in the proposed revised zoning ordinance.

The protests were registered with the City Planning Commission during an announcement by the number who will die or be seriously injured in the week end rush. Police officers are braving themselves for the expected jam as the long Fourth of July holiday draws near. It is not a pleasant subject to think or write about, but a word or two may not be amiss over the holiday, please take plenty of time, don't cut in and out, observe the rules of the highway, and be considerate of the other fellow. We don't have so many readers that we want to lose any... and that means you, too!

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## Officers Relected To Farmington School Board

### Equal Pay For Board Members Agreed Upon

At the annual organizational meeting of the Farmington Township School Board held Tuesday evening at the Farmington High School, the same School Board officials were elected to serve for another year.

Wendell Brown was again named as president of the Board. This will make the fourth consecutive year that he has served in this capacity. Samuel Turner was re-elected as secretary of the Board and Howard Tupper was re-elected as treasurer.

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## Tuesday Set As Registration Deadline For August 3 General Primary Election

### Extend Mail Curb Deliveries In Township Area

Farmington Township and City residents are being reminded this week that they have until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, to register for the General Primary Election.

According to both Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, and Harry Moore, City Clerk, only a few registrations have been taken to date. The number is expected to increase some as the deadline draws near. However, a light registration is being provided by the schools. Only persons whose names do not appear on the books need to register.

Eligible voters in the township may register at the Township Hall on Thursday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. City residents may register at the Municipal Building on Thursday and Friday during the same hours. On Tuesday, July 6, the final day, persons may register at the respective offices from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Only electors whose names appear on the books will be qualified to vote in the primary election.

ON AUGUST 3, the voters of the city and township will go to the polls to nominate candidates of the various political parties for national, state and county offices. In addition to the General Primary Election, a special vote will be held on whether or not the County Board of Supervisors shall proceed with the construction of a new County Building in Pontiac. The special vote will actually include two proposals... one covers the authorization for the issuing of bonds to pay for the cost of erecting the building and the other is concerned with the increasing of the tax limitation in the county by one-half of one mill for the year 1955-56 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds.

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## Set Registration Dates For Special Clarenceville Vote

### Election On Building Plan Set For July 19

Friday, June 8, has been set as the final day of registration for the special Clarenceville School District election to be held July 19, school officials announced this week.

Residents of the District may register at the city or township office in the area in which they reside. The Clarenceville District covers the Townships of Farmington and Reform as well as the City of Livonia. Registrations will be taken at any of these offices during regular week-day hours and on the final day, July 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Only persons who are not registered in the District need to sign the books.

THE SPECIAL election is being called by the Board of Education to determine whether or not the District is to proceed with a proposed \$350,000 school building program. The millage necessary for the program, according to the school attorneys, would be six mills spread over a period of 20 years. It is expected, however, that the bonds would be paid off in 16 years or less. The amount of the bond issue was determined at the District meeting on Tuesday.

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## Youths Picked Up In Stolen Cars

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Three youths were picked up by Farmington Township Police early Sunday morning on charges of stealing four automobiles in Farmington, Northville and Lansing.

Two of the youths, 15 and 17 years old, were from Detroit. The 17-year-old was not involved with the others, was an escapee from the Boys' Vocational School in Lansing. Township police picked up the youths at 11:00 a.m. after receiving a report of a car speeding in the vicinity of Colfax and Flanders Streets. The boys are charged with taking the car which they were driving as well as a second auto stolen from the parking lot next to the Farmington Post Office owned by Thomas McCleughan.

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## Large Drains Draw Large Attendance

### A Total of 500 Children Were Registered For Farmington's Summer Recreation Program

A total of 500 children were registered for Farmington's summer recreation program director, Leo Lorange, it is expected that over 500 will also be enrolled at Clarenceville.

Of the three playgrounds set up by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, the Farmington city playground had the highest registration with 250. The William Grace playground registered 150 and the Solih playground 100. In the first day of registering at Clarenceville's four playgrounds, 210 had signed up with several more expected by the end of the week. On Monday, the first day of registration, 34 signed up at Boisfort School, 87 at the high school, 27 at Washington School and 27 at Edgewood School.

A change will be made in the Farmington pick-up schedule as originally set up, director Lorange stated Tuesday. The Boisfort, Orchard Lake Road and the Fourteen Mile - Orchard Lake Road stops will be discontinued. Added will be the pick-up point at Park Hill - Orchard Lake Road and at the Northwest Traylor Park at Pershing and Orchard Lake.

Farmington youngsters will go on their first field trip this Friday, July 2, when they will travel to Greenfield Village.

## NEXT MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY

In order that the Enterprise staff may enjoy a week end, we would appreciate receiving your news and display advertising copy prior to Saturday noon if possible.

Final Deadlines  
 News and Display Advertising  
 Tuesday Noon  
 Classified Advertising  
 Wednesday, 10 a.m.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION

## AROUND THE BLOCK

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## Board Upholds Zoning Decision

A step order halting construction on a new home started at the corner of Alta Loma and Liberty Street, was upheld by the Board of Appeals at a special session held Tuesday afternoon.

The order was placed on the home, which is being built by J. L. Boren, 25408 Alta Loma, by James Tennant, City Manager and Building Inspector. The alleged violation concerns an insufficient setback from the Liberty Street front yard as prescribed in the zoning ordinance. Following the sign order, Boren requested that the matter be referred to the Board of Appeals.

A meeting of the Board was held Tuesday afternoon at 7:30 p.m. Prior to this time the Board has been meeting twice a month due to the school building program. The Board will meet again on July 6.

## COMMUNITY BAND HOLDS REHEARSALS AT CLARENCEVILLE

Rehearsals for the Summer Community Band will be held every Monday and Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School gymnasium. It was disclosed last week. Both adults and school students highly interested in the band are invited to attend rehearsals.

At the first rehearsal, a series of outdoor concerts will be given on the tennis courts at Clarenceville this summer, with the first concert scheduled for Thursday, July 8.

The band is sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department. Letterhead instructions are available for use from the Clarenceville school.

## Six Elected To Office

Six of the ten young men from the Farmington - Clarenceville area attending the 17th annual Wolverine Boys' State at Michigan State College from June 17 through June 24 were elected to offices. Three of the six were elected to two positions.

Elected as both city and county clerks were Gerald Rice and Bruce Shogart, while Roger Clarke, the third area youth to hold two offices, was named as a county supervisor and county representative.

Others elected to office were Jay Mason, city councilman; Patrick Loomis, county supervisor; and Waig Rockafellow, city councilman.

## Bailey Elected Board President At Clarenceville

### New Officers Named At Thursday Meeting

Fred Bailey was elected president of the Clarenceville School Board for the year 1954-55 at the annual reorganization meeting held last Thursday evening at the high school.

James Nicholas was re-elected secretary of the Board and Robert Rickett was named treasurer. Bailey, who has been a member of the Board for the past two years, replaces Rickett as president. The reorganization meeting is held each year prior to the beginning of the school year.

Three bids were received by the Board on the renovation work for the Central School and power house. The bids were accepted by the Board and placed on file for further study and consideration. The next inspection of school buildings by the Board is to be held July 6 starting at the Edgewood School. All the buildings in the District are being visited by the Board members to determine the extent of summer repair and maintenance work necessary.

THE BOARD regular meeting to conduct an annual meeting a month, to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Prior to this time the Board has been meeting twice a month due to the school building program. The Board will meet again on July 6.

## Elect Grace Head Of Exchange Club

Gerald Grace was elected president of the Farmington Exchange Club at a meeting of officers held last Wednesday at the Universalist Church.

Other newly-elected officers include: James Tackett, and president; Jim Burns, second vice-president; Claude Goodes, secretary; and Emory Hutton, treasurer. New members of the Board of Control are: Bert Herzog, Fred Menke, Jr., and Lee Stevens, retiring president.

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## SUMMER BAND TO BEGIN JULY 6 AT FARMINGTON

Annual summer band classes in Farmington will begin Tuesday, July 6. It was disclosed by band instructor Lloyd Smith this week.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Farmington band house. Instructions will also be given at the Middlebelt School on Tuesday and Wednesday. Classes at the band house will run at 1:00 p.m.

The program will begin for six weeks concluding on Friday, August 13. The annual band and recreation day boat trip to Bob-Lob will be on Friday, August 6.

A general schedule for band classes at the band house will run as follows: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., beginners; 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., drummers; 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., clarinet; 11:00 a.m. to noon, advanced students.

## CITY, TOWNSHIP OFFICES TO CLOSE SATURDAY, MONDAY

Farmington Township and City offices will be closed all day Saturday and Monday, July 3 and 5, for the long Independence Day holiday. Officials announced this week.

The Farmington State Bank, the library and the Post Office, as well as the majority of stores and business places in the Farmington area, will be closed on Monday, July 5. Since July 4th falls on Sunday, Monday will be observed as Independence Day throughout the county.

## Farmington Area Well Represented At Boys' State

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## RECORD \$70,239 CITY TAX BILLING MAILED THIS WEEK

Annual summer tax statements, amounting to a total of \$70,239.34 will be mailed to city property owners this week. Kathryn Connor, City Treasurer, announced on Monday.

The record total tax is based on an assessed valuation of \$4,131,720. This billing covers only city taxes and is payable without penalty on or before August 31, 1954. The city tax rate has been set by the Council at 17 mills, the same as last year. Increased building in the city is mainly responsible for the record total.

Mrs. Cotter also announced that the final quarter water statements will be mailed to users this week. During the quarter ending June 30, a total of 20,736,000 gallons of water was used from the city water system, representing a total billing of \$5,955.25.

## Killed In Auto Accident Monday

Mrs. Susan McCleughan of 30785 Grand River, a secretary in the Paul Park law office in Farmington, was killed Monday night when her auto hit a tree and overturned on Hagerway Road south of Maple.

Suffering a skull fracture, Mrs. McCleughan died on arrival at Pontiac General Hospital.

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Leonard Nelson, Mrs. McCleughan apparently had control of the auto before it struck the tree and rolled over.

A widow, Mrs. McCleughan moved here with her two children, James, 15, and Shelleigh, 8, about two months ago from Huntington, West Virginia. She is the daughter of Mrs. William Sutton of 22510 Power Road.

## It's Summer Recreation Time Again

Monday was a busy day at the various school playgrounds as the Farmington and Clarenceville summer recreation programs officially got under way. The Bond School in the Farmington District was no exception to the rule. Edwina Smith, secretary and supervisor of the playground, is shown taking up group registration cards. Pictured left to right are: Ken Kreider, Michael Cole, Miss Smith, Douglas DeGroot, Patty Morrow and John DeGroot. Record first day registrations were reported by officials of both the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Commissions.



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