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### Board Introduces Three Proposed Zoning Changes

#### Includes New Proposal On Gas Co. Property

Three separate Declarations of Intention to amend the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance were approved at the regular meeting of the Board Tuesday evening at the Farmington Town Hall.

The formal Declarations were requested at the last regular meeting of the Board to draft the legal papers for submission at the Tuesday session. Detailed discussion on the three proposals was completed at the regular meeting two weeks ago.

The first proposal concerns the rezoning of property adjacent to the Colwell Building Company installation just east of the intersection of Fourteen Mile Road and Northwestern Highway. The proposal involves the rezoning of five parcels of property, three on Fourteen Mile Road and two on Northwestern. The Fourteen Mile Road property would be rezoned from industrial to residential and industrial and the Northwestern property from commercial to industrial.

At the previous meeting for the rezoning of six parcels was rejected on the recommendation of the Township Zoning Board and the County Zoning Commission. The proposal eliminates the large parcel to the extreme east, which will remain as a buffer zone. Provisions have also been added regarding the ordering of the gas.

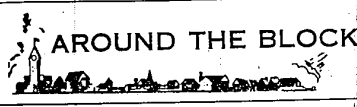
#### NEW PHONE BOOKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED NOVEMBER 26

New Farmington phone directories will be delivered on Friday, November 26, officials of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced this week.

Robert Maurer, manager of the Farmington area, stated that 258 more directories were printed this year than the 214 printed in 1953. Maurer stated that the tremendous growth of the Farmington community is reflected in the increased size of the new directories.

Again this year, a page is reserved in the front of each directory for the inserting of fire alarm numbers. Maurer suggested that telephone users fill the proper phone numbers in as quickly as possible in order to save precious minutes in case of emergency.

The new Farmington directory includes listings for Livonia, Mayfair, Northville, Southfield and Westland, in addition to the Farmington numbers.



ANOTHER DAY . . . of Thanksgiving is almost here. A day when we set aside the minor trials and distractions of everyday life to give thanks for the minor tribals and distractions of everyday life which we all enjoy. A day when we gather together with our families in fest and loving friendship. A day when we bow our heads in prayer for the good fortune that has been bestowed upon us. We have many things to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day, 1954. Peace and unparalleled freedom is ours to enjoy. We live in a land where abundance and opportunity still exist and where the individual has retained his identity and his dignity. Let us join together this Thanksgiving Day at church and at home in prayer for the good fortune that has been bestowed upon us. It is important that we know what is happening and why, so that we, as individuals and a community can meet the challenge before us.

THE STATISTICS . . . in this week's issue regarding population increases published in the city and township as well as the number of new building permits which have been issued in recent months, may seem a little dry in spots but they are particularly significant. The figures compiled thus far indicate that the Farmington community is going to command ever greater attention in the months and years to come. This has been the prediction of planning experts for some time and it is beginning to show. The publishing of these reports has a definite purpose, even though they may seem a little dull and repetitious at times. It is important that we know what is happening and why, so that we, as individuals and a community can meet the challenge before us.

THEY'RE GETTING THINGS . . . cleared for action over at the City Hall this week preparatory to the launching of "Operation Taxes." Not only are the pencils being sharpened and the pens filled but "Jumping Jenny," the billing machine, is getting a tune-up in preparation for the occasion. According to her friends, "Jenny" is going to be a real money maker before in getting out the record tax statement. However, she's a mighty capable girl and we don't think there is a chance in a million that she will fall to do her duty. So, you might just as well face it. "You know what they say about taxes? Well, it's the truth!

THE BIG TREK . . . of deer hunters began to wind its way homeward last week and with quite a few proud trophies in evidence. We haven't seen a single deer yet on the hunt but we have succeeded to a number of travelers who have come back empty handed for the first time in years. Oh, well, there is always another season and, besides, those that got away will be just a little bigger next year.

# The Farmington Enterprise

## LEADERSHIP--OUR PURPOSE SERVICE--OUR GOAL

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## MAYOR LOOMIS SUBMITS RESIGNATION TO COUNCIL

### A Parting Word - 'Til We Meet Again!



A sight of beauty is old "Tom Turkey" in his coat of brilliantly colored feathers. Thanksgiving has come, however, and the use must be made along with all the trimmings of stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and many other tasty foods.

## Post Office Announces Three-Point Program To Speed Holiday Mail

#### Postmaster Urges Residents To Begin Making Preparations For Annual Christmas Mailings

Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley announced this week that a three-point program is now being initiated to insure delivery of all Christmas cards and gift packages by December 15.

"I believe," Trombley explained, "that it is not enough to just slap up a lot of posters around the community saying, 'Shop Early, Mail Early.' That is the main idea, of course, but I would like to be more specific."

The Postmaster first urged business concerns to mail their regular correspondence before 4:00 p.m. throughout the Christmas season. They can help even more, he added, by withholding all parcels of the critical period, December 15 to 25. "This will leave elbow room at the Post Office for the processing of the tremendous volume of holiday mail we are expecting. I'm quite sure that the 1954 Christmas volume will exceed the all-time record set last year."

## TOWNSHIP CITIZENS WATER COMMITTEE TO MEET FRIDAY

A meeting of the special Township Citizens' Water Committee will be held Tuesday, November 30, at 8 p.m. at the Farmington High School gymnasium. A progress report will be given by the committee at this time.

## Report 29.5% Boost Farmington Experiences Record Population Increase

During the past four years the combined population of Farmington City and Township has increased an estimated 29.5% according to the latest statistical report issued by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission. The survey shows that the population of the city has grown from 2,325 in April of 1950 to 3,000 in July of 1954 for an increase of 29.5 persons. In the township, the population has grown from 11,224 in April of 1950 to 14,600 in July of 1954 for an increase of 3,376 persons. This represents an increase of 29.5% in the city and 30.1% in the township. The combined population growth in the Farmington area for the past four years is estimated to be 29.5%.

## Injunction Delays Moving Of Houses Into Township

#### Plan Public Meeting Friday At Town Hall

A temporary injunction has been issued by Oakland County Circuit Court restraining William A. Saffady, Detroit, from moving any buildings onto a parcel of land located west of Schroeder Road and north of Twelve Mile Road. The injunction was issued pending a hearing on a petition of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schroeder to rescind the land contract and cancel the deed to the land they sold to Saffady. According to property owners living in the area, Saffady proposed to move 35 duplex buildings onto the property which are presently located in the vicinity of Eight Mile and Wyoming Roads. The residents added that they were erected during the war as an emergency housing project and have now been condemned for further use in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder stated that the ten acres of land were sold with the understanding that houses to be erected on the property be of the same character, quality and not detrimental to the neighborhood. As a result of the proposed plans an organization of the residents of the township is in an attempt to halt the development. At the present time this section is not included in the Township Zoning Ordinance.

## Plans Completed For Sewage Authority Meeting

#### State Invites Officials To Farmington Meeting

Final plans are now being completed for a meeting of city and township officials from southwest Michigan to discuss the possibility of establishing a sewage disposal and water authority. The meeting is expected to be held in Farmington under the sponsorship of the Michigan Department of Health and the State Water Resources Commission. It is planned to invite officials from all of the areas adjacent to Farmington to participate in the informal meeting. According to Donald M. Pierce, Division of Engineering, Michigan Department of Health, the meeting will probably include Farmington City and Township, the northern section of the township and the city of Livonia.

## WORK STEPPED UP ON NINE MILE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Work is progressing rapidly on the construction of a new bridge over the Rouge River on Nine Mile Road just south of Grand River. The old bridge, which was completed several weeks ago, is being removed and a new tubular type of bridge is being constructed. The work is being done by the Oakland County Road Commission.

The section of Nine Mile Road from Grand River south beyond the bridge has been closed to traffic since the structure was condemned on Monday. Property owners of the City of Farmington will receive their annual winter statements next week. Kathryn Cotter, treasurer, announced on Monday.

## WINTER TAX BILLS TO BE MAILED NEXT WEEK BY CITY

Property owners of the City of Farmington will receive their annual winter statements next week. Kathryn Cotter, treasurer, announced on Monday. According to Mrs. Cotter, the total tax statement is the largest in the history of the city. This year the total tax statement is \$1,155,577.26, an increase of \$115,577.26 over the total of \$1,040,000.00 for the same period last year. The City of Farmington issued 127 permits for new home construction during the period as compared to 53 for the first nine months of 1953. Oak Park continued to be the county's most active in 1954, issuing a total of 1,499 permits for new homes.

Completion of the new homes now under construction in the city and township is expected to increase the percentage of population growth far above the figures listed in the 1950 to 1954 report. It is estimated that new home construction in the Farmington area will continue to rise at an ever-increasing rate during the next few years. This is particularly true in the township, where there is still considerable property to be developed.

## Delay Formal Action On Letter Filed At Regular Meeting Monday

In a letter read before the City Council Monday evening, Mayor Kenneth B. Loomis formally submitted his resignation both as Mayor and as a member of the City Council. The Council, after a brief discussion, decided to delay action on the resignation until a future meeting. Trace Conroy, Mayor Pro-tem, who chaired the Monday meeting in the absence of Mayor Loomis, suggested that Loomis be contacted before any formal action is taken. The brief letter, dated November 22, gave no explanation for the resignation. It simply stated that he is submitting his resignation as both Mayor and as a member of the City Council to take effect December 1, 1954. The letter was read at the City Clerk Monday noon.

## Work Resumed On Farmington Grade Schools

#### Construction Continued Under New Contract

Construction work was resumed this week on three new elementary buildings in the Farmington Township School District. O. E. Duncel, superintendent, announced Monday. The work was resumed following the issuance of a new contract to Wallace Construction Company of Farmington at a special meeting of the Board last Tuesday evening. The original contract had been issued to Wallace and work had been started. However, construction was delayed following the construction of a new building by Oakland County Circuit Court and the re-advertising of new bids by the Board of Education.

THE PRINCIPAL construction at the present time is being concentrated on the new building being erected near the corner of Shawansee and Truck Road. Officials stated that the footings and walls are nearly completed and the brick work is expected to be started in a few days. Plans call for the construction of a 15-room elementary school on the Shawansee - Truck Road site.

Work has already been started on the new school being erected on Gill Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads. Footings are being poured in preparation for the erection of walls. A 12-room school building is being completed on this site. Grading has been completed preparatory to the start of construction on a new 14-room building near the intersection of Middlefield and Fourteen Mile Roads. All three elementary buildings are expected to be completed and ready for use by September of 1955, Duncel stated.

## Bank Directors Approve Dividend

At its November meeting, the Board of Directors of the Farmington State Bank set January 15, 1955, as the date of the annual regular meeting of stockholders, at which time action will be taken on a 100% dividend. The directors also approved the lease and sale of an additional 10,000 shares of new common stock with a par value of \$10.00 each. The value of which the new common stock will be subscribed under their preemptive rights. (Continued on Page 6A)

## Residents Protest Cast-Off Houses



The duplex dwelling shown above is one of a number of similar structures erected during the war and abandoned for emergency housing. They have now been condemned for further use. These are the units which William A. Saffady of Detroit is attempting to move onto the plot of "unclassified" land which he purchased from the city and Schroeder. His intentions are to move 38 of these duplex units into the township to be rented.

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