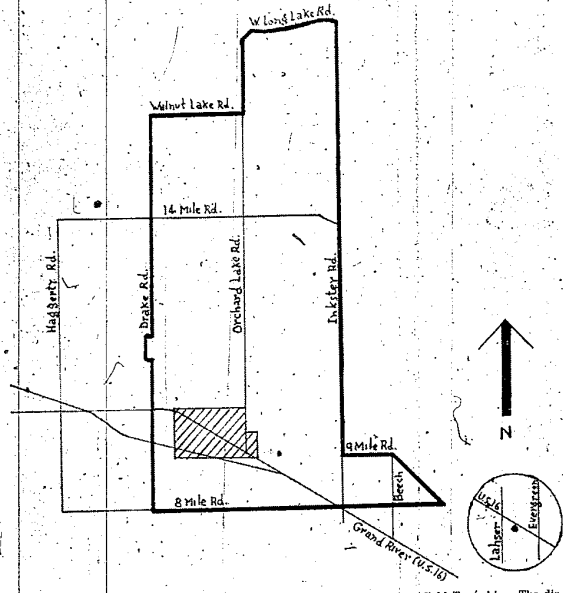




### Proposed Farmington Interceptor Sewage District



Rapid progress is being made toward the establishment of a sewage disposal district in the southwest section of Oakland County. The preliminary boundaries of the proposed district are designated on the map by the heavy line and include the City of Farmington, most of Farmington Township, as well as parts of Southfield and West Bloomfield Township. The district would be served through a trunk interceptor or running parallel to Grand River from Orchard Lake Road east to the vicinity of Six Mile Road, (inset) where it would connect with the City of Detroit Sewer System.

### Committee OK's Development Of Plan For Initial Sewer Link With Detroit

The Southwest Oakland County Sewage Committee Monday afternoon approved a proposal by James Tennant that the City of Farmington proceed at once with the necessary steps for the construction of a trunk sewer from Orchard Lake Road east to a point of interconnection with the City of Detroit system.

### SCHOOLS TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK FOR SEMESTER CHANGE

Schools of the Farmington and Clarenceville District will be closed various days next week for the annual change of semesters, officials announced Tuesday. The Farmington Junior and Senior High School will be closed the afternoons of Wednesday, January 26, and Thursday, January 27, and all day Friday, January 28. Elementary schools of the district will be closed all day Thursday and Friday, January 27 and 28. All schools in the Clarenceville District will be closed on Friday, January 28.

### AROUND THE BLOCK

**JUST IN CASE...** You aren't aware of the fact by now, next Monday, January 24, at 8:00 p.m. is the deadline on registration for the coming Farmington Township Primary Election. If you are already registered in the township you can skip down to the next item in the column. But if you aren't, we hope that you will follow along with us for a few more lines. This coming Primary Election, February 21, is mighty important. There is growing concern on the part of some township officials regarding the lack of sufficient commercial and light industrial areas. They contend that this type of development is necessary to stabilize the tax base in the township.

**OUR 'THINGS IN THE WIND'**... The rumor that another large land development is about to break in Farmington Township. This will be the fifth subdivision in the township to be either publicly announced or proposed in the past three months. It is estimated that the various developments will contain between 1,200 and 1,500 homes when finally completed. There is growing concern on the part of some township officials regarding the lack of sufficient commercial and light industrial areas. They contend that this type of development is necessary to stabilize the tax base in the township.

### Building Code Becomes Effective This Saturday

#### Establishes Minimum Building Requirements

Farmington's newly adopted Building Code will become effective on Saturday, January 22, according to the provisions of the ordinance. The Building Code was approved by the Township Board at a special meeting held on Friday, December 17. The complete text of the Code was published on December 23 in accordance with law. Officials stated that the Ordinance is to become effective 30 days following the date of publication provided no referendum petitions are filed. No such petitions have been submitted to the Township Clerk thus far, and there has been no indication that there will be any. The Ordinance establishes minimum requirements for construction of structures in the township and designed to protect the public health and safety of the residents. For buildings erected after the date of the Ordinance, the requirements of the 1950 Edition of the Abridged Building Code of the Building Officials Conference of America, incorporated, are to apply. The Ordinance covers minimum requirements on types of construction and materials as well as quality of workmanship. The Code includes provisions on heating appliances, light and ventilation, plumbing, water supply and sewage disposal.

Under the provisions of the Code, the Township Board is charged with the responsibility of appointing a building inspector to administer the ordinance. It also establishes a procedure for the application and issuance of building permits and subsequent inspections. Fees for building permits are based on a building of 100 square feet for all buildings including detached garage with a minimum fee of \$7.50. The fee for additions and alterations to existing structures has been set at \$5.00. The ordinance also provides that the Township Board appoint a Board of Appeals to hear and decide on any appeals or difficulties that appear or unnecessary hardship would result in carrying out the strict letter of the code.

### Zoning Hearing Set For Jan. 27

A proposed amendment to the Township Zoning ordinance banning the moving of mobile homes to the township will be reviewed by the Zoning Board at a public hearing set for Thursday evening, January 27, at the Town Hall.

The proposal was introduced by the Township Board on December 14 and was published in accordance with law. The amendment provides that mobile homes in whole buildings or structures in whole or in sections shall hereafter be moved within or into the township, and set up to be lived in by the occupants. It also provides that this amendment shall not apply to automobile trailer houses which are located in established trailer parks or camps in the township. Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that all residents of the township are invited to participate in the discussion. He added that the ordinance provides a considerable hearing on the recommendation rendered by the Zoning Board. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

### Scheduled To Begin This Fall Report Progress On New Special Education Program

What steps are being taken in the organization of an educational program for handicapped children in Oakland County as authorized by the State? The latest group includes 511 orthopedic youngsters. There are 286 hand and hearing, 192 partially sighted and 108 homebound youngsters. Superintendent O. E. Duncanson reported that preliminary figures show that there are 22 youngsters in the Farmington District who need special education services. He stated that a system of cross checks using Health Department files has been set up, which will assure the accuracy of the records. Duncanson pointed out that the Oakland County Board of Education has solicited the counsel of local school districts in the establishment of policies covering the admission of special education students in local districts. A comprehensive listing of suggested policies has been formulated by local school authorities and has been endorsed by the Oakland County Association of School Superintendents. It is proposed that special education facilities be provided in county to service handicapped children. O. E. Duncanson, superintendent of the Farmington Township School District, stated this week that it has not been determined as yet whether such facilities will be established in the Farmington District.

### City To Speed Up Planning Program For Additional Off-Street Parking

### Trailer Home Destroyed By Fire



A fire swept through the house-trailer home of Hilda Lary in Farmington Trailer Park on Middlebelt Road near Nine Mile last Friday afternoon, and all but destroyed the trailer and its contents. The Clarenceville fire truck was first called to the scene. Because of operating difficulties, it was necessary to summon the Farmington department. No one was in the trailer when the fire broke out. A family oil burner is believed to be the cause of the blaze. A new trailer, provided by the insurance company, and donations from other residents in the trailer park have provided temporary relief.

### Pledge Profits To Fight Polio

A few area business places have made offers which should provide a big help in putting Farmington over the top in the polio fund raising drive now in progress. March of Dimes officials disclosed this week. Offers made were in the form of a pledge to give a percentage of net proceeds from business for a day to March of Dimes funds. One of the most generous offers of this nature made to date has been made by Art Nichols, proprietor of Nichols Sineclair Service Station at the Middlebelt and Ten Mile Road intersection. He has pledged to give all of his net proceeds from business on Sunday, January 30, to the cause. As another fund raising project, Sharon Reubin of 3218 Oakland will be joining the city business district with her dog "Jinx" in the near future soliciting funds.

### Auto Accidents Held To Minimum

Incidents of auto accidents on Farmington area highways during the past week were at a minimum according to reports by city, township and state police officials. Only three or four traffic mishaps were recorded, resulting in only slight property damage and no personal injuries.

### Suggest Zoning Change In City

The City Planning Commission has recommended to the Council that the triangular section of land located on the corner of Orchard Lake and Ten Mile Road, the alley located on the south side of Orchard Lake Road and would split the property which is to house a new shopping center. The Council, at its regular meeting Monday, took initial legal steps toward the valuation of the alley. Work has been started by the Commission on the drafting of a revised building code for the city.

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### Manager To File Progress Report With Council On Proposed Project

The problem of securing additional off-street parking will receive increased attention by city officials, it was announced Monday evening during the regular meeting of the Council. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that he would proceed "with all haste possible" in the development of plans for off-street parking facilities. The discussion was initiated by Councilman Robert Lindhorst when he asked what was being done in regard to easing the problem. Tennant stated that he had prepared the ground work for a proposed parking area north of Thomas Street and slightly east of Farmington Road. He added that the ground work included appraisals on property as well as possible layout and financing. The City Manager stated that he had held up on the project because of the demands for sewage treatment and additional water supply. The Council suggested that the matter be given serious consideration and requested that Tennant submit brief progress reports on the development of plans. SEVERAL RESIDENTS of Shilohwasse Street appeared before the Council to inquire about the temporary drainage to be installed along the southeastern boundary of the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision. They also asked about the proposed area of the agreement being drafted by Paul Pate, City Attorney, between the Bel-Aire Hills subdivision and the Shilohwasse Street property owners in regard to drainage and elevation in the section. Dan Burnett stated that he felt the temporary drainage ditch could be put in now. City officials stated that there has not been sufficient frost in the ground to allow movement of the necessary equipment. The city did offer to contract with the developers in order to get the work done at the earliest possible date. Pate stated that he was working on the draft of the agreement and would submit it to the Council at a later date. (Continued on Page 6A)

### Water Survey To Be Discussed At Public Meeting

Discussion of the preliminary engineer's report on the proposed water supply for the southern and eastern section of Farmington Township will be conducted at a public meeting scheduled for Friday evening, January 21, at the Farmington High School gymnasium on Thomas Street. The meeting is being sponsored by the Farmington Township Water Development Association. The Citizens' Water Committee, headed by Dr. Joseph Gadwah, has been working closely with Pate and Hirm, engineers, as well as the Township Board in an effort to secure water for the dry areas in the southern and eastern sections of the township. A PRELIMINARY outline of the engineering survey, which was prepared by Pate and Hirm several months ago, will be presented at the public meeting for information and discussion. The report of the engineers is expected to be discussed at a joint meeting of the Township Board and the Water Committee within the next week. Plans will then be presented to all interested residents at another public meeting. (Continued on Page 6A)

### Final Registration Date On Primary Set For Monday

A total of 100 new registrations have been recorded to date for the Biennial Farmington Township Primary Election, Harry McCracken, Clerk, announced this week. This figure is far in excess of the anticipated total in view of the heavy registration prior to the General Election last fall. At the present time there are approximately 6,311 registered voters in the township. McCracken stated that this figure is expected to be increased considerably in the next few days. The Clerk added that he has received at least one request for a group registration. NEXT MONDAY, January 24, is the deadline for a deadline registration for the February 21 Primary Election. Qualified electors may register on the final day at the Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Persons may also register Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Township Office.

### CITY POLICEMEN COMPLETE F.B.I. TRAINING COURSE

Two members of the City Police Department, Al VanBell and Officer Jay Harrison, have completed a special training course for law enforcement officers sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both police officers completed the course with honors, ranking among the top five men from this township. The course consists of 90 hours of intensive training, followed by a series of comprehensive examinations. Phases of the course covered traffic control, investigations of felonies, first aid, court procedure, the handling of juvenile cases, apprehension and arrest, and legal jurisdiction of officers. Two additional officers of the Department, Ron Farrow and John Butters, are currently enrolled in the course. Plans are being set up so that all members of the department can take advantage of the F. B. I. sponsored courses being held in the area. Special letters of invitation, to be mailed to all officers, who assisted in the 1954 drive, urging them to attend and participate in the public meeting. All persons who contribute to the United Fund and Community Chest campaign are eligible to participate. Refresherments will be served following the business session.

### Finish Construction Of Bell Building

Exterior construction work has been completed on the new Michigan Bell Telephone Company building at the corner of Grand River and Powers Road. The new masonry brick building will house the latest dial equipment to service the growing Farmington area. Work has already begun on the installation of the equipment. It is expected that the new system will be ready for operation by September of this year.