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## Recommend Ban On Moving Houses Into Township

**Zoning Board Approves Proposal With Changes**

The proposed zoning amendment to ban the moving of structures into Farmington Township has been recommended for adoption with certain revisions by the Township Zoning Board. Action on the proposal was taken following a public hearing on the amendment held Thursday evening at the Town Hall. The board recommended that the amendment be eliminated from the zoning ordinance, which would allow for the moving of structures inside the boundaries of the township. It was also recommended that the words referring to the structures being "set up to be lived in as residences," also be eliminated from the amendment. The zoning board also recommended, however, that no new structures be erected in whole or in sections shall hereafter be moved into this township. This amendment applies to the automobile trailer houses which are located in established trailer parks and camps established prior to this order of zoning. It is intended for the zoning ordinance.

Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that the proposed amendment, with revisions, was recommended by the Zoning Board to the Township Zoning Board for recommendation. Following county action, the proposal will be returned to the Township Board for final consideration. Township officials are not expected to object to the recommended revisions.

Approximately 15 persons attended the public hearing on the zoning amendment.

## Continue Survey For Traffic Light

Work is continuing on a traffic count and road survey on Grand River in the vicinity of Orchard Lake Road and Nine Mile Road in connection with the possible erection of a traffic light. State Highway Department officials announced Tuesday.

A count was taken at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Grand River several weeks ago. Officials added that another survey is being made at the intersection of Nine Mile and Grand River. In the meantime, police records are being checked to determine the accident rate in the general area.

The Highway Department officials stated that there was a very good possibility that a signal light would be installed at either Orchard Lake Road or Nine Mile Road. The exact location will be determined in the near future. The traffic count and accident reports.

The city had originally requested that a signal light be erected at the Grand River-Orchard Lake area because of increased congestion and a growing accident rate.

## Adding Fuel To Polio Campaign



Shown above on Sunday "Filling 'Em Up" for the March of Dimes is Art Nichols, proprietor of Nichols Simulacrum Service Station at Middlebelt and Ten Mile Roads. All net proceeds collected at the station for the day were turned over by Nichols as his contribution to the fight against polio. Although proceeds were far under what Nichols had anticipated, he has reassured that the \$75 he contributed will be most helpful and greatly appreciated.

## City-Township Plan Discussion On Use Of Hall

**City To Offer Township Sale Of Interest**

A joint meeting of the Township Board and the City Council will be held this week and to discuss the possible sale of the city's interest in the Town Hall property to the township.

James Tennant, City Manager, and the various members of the Council are now being contacted in an effort to set up the meeting. A request for the joint meeting was filed by the Township Board on Tuesday. Following a reading of the request to the Township Board last Tuesday, Ernest Blum, township manager, was directed to contact Tennant to arrange the meeting.

THIS CITY has indicated that it would be willing to sell its interest in the Town Hall property in order to allow for the expansion of township facilities in the building. The Board is now in the process of studying the possibility of securing a site in the township for the future construction of a new office building. The township has also suggested the possibility of the city being interested in purchasing the township's interest.

Under the existing Court Order covering the use of the building, the city holds 15% of the joint 80% city-township ownership. The Masonic Lodge holds the remaining 20% interest in the building.

## Farmington - Clarenceville Mothers Net \$3,700 From March Thursday

**March Of Dimes Officials Confident That This Year's Total Will Exceed Collections Last Year**

A total of approximately \$3,700 was collected in the Farmington and Clarenceville areas last Thursday evening during the annual Mothers' March, local-March of Dimes officials disclosed Tuesday.

Money from collectors located in business places throughout the area now being collected and additional funds still coming in should boost the figure considerably, it was emphasized. Officials expressed confidence that final totals will exceed last year's total of \$3,878 collected in the Farmington - Clarenceville area.

Mothers in the City and Township of Farmington collected approximately \$2,600 during the porchlight parade Thursday evening. This is well over last year's total collection of \$1,795. Clarenceville mothers collected approximately \$1,100 in the canvass of their area, slightly under last year's Mothers' March total of \$1,276.

DESPITE the fact that final figures are not yet available, the Township Board is now being contacted in an effort to set up the joint meeting. A request for the joint meeting was filed by the Township Board on Tuesday. Following a reading of the request to the Township Board last Tuesday, Ernest Blum, township manager, was directed to contact Tennant to arrange the meeting.

## ENTERPRISE WINS PRESS AWARD

The Farmington Enterprise has been awarded first place in the Michigan Press Association General Excellence Contest for circulation in 1954.

The award was presented at the 87th Annual Convention of the Michigan Press Association, held last week end at the Keweenaw Hotel, Michigan State College.

Other winners in the 2,000 to 4,000 circulation class are: The Romeo Observer-Press, second; and the Belleville Enterprise-Roman, third. The Farmington Enterprise was runner-up in 1953 and 1954.

Winners in each of the five circulation groups were selected by prominent weekly publishers in states outside Michigan.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

### OLD MAN WINTER

has sure made himself felt around here the last few days. He has clamped an icy grip on everything and seems to be determined to hold someone, like what may. His chilling blasts are being met with the skating rink on Shilwassee, his actions are bringing applause, especially from the younger set. While just the opposite reaction is being heard from some property owners who have been experiencing frozen water lines. One of the most graphic examples of Old Man Winter was a combination of cold weather and traffic vibration caused a break in a water main, covering the street with ice. Incidentally, there wasn't any applause from the city's Public Works Department.

### TWO NEW FEATURES

appear in this week's issue of The Enterprise designed for your information and reading pleasure. On Page 2A is the first of a series of biographical sketches of the various contributors of a series of biographical sketches of township officials in the February 21 Primary Election. Because of the large number of candidates running, this series will appear in the next three consecutive issues. Material will be published on those candidates who have returned the questionnaire to the township office. The second feature involves the transformation of the previous "Farm Page" into a "Home and Garden Page." This new feature appears on Page 2B of this week's issue. We hope that you will enjoy these new additions and, more important, we hope that you will give us your comments and suggestions.

### A YOUNG MAN

stepped into the office the other day with a request that we publish something favorable regarding teen-age drivers. He emphasized that something favorable regarding teen-age drivers has received a lot of adverse publicity which is reflected on the whole group. We would like to state, as we have stated before, that there are many careful and responsible teen-age drivers. This responsibility is growing in many communities through popular driver training courses and Teen Driver Licenses. But unfortunately in too many cases, a minority can make it rough on the majority. It is important that the comparatively few young drivers and show-offs be understood that they are not only hurting themselves but everyone else in their own age group. Teenagers, to prove their responsibility and to build a safe driving record, they are not only succeeding, but they are getting along with it, the favorable publicity which they rightfully deserve.

## Plan Preliminary Engineering Survey For Proposed Sewer Interceptor

### Nine Persons Hurt In Auto Accidents

Nine persons were injured in two separate auto accidents in the Farmington area during the past week end, according to City and State Police.

The most serious accident occurred Saturday evening at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile Road. Seven persons were injured in the two-car accident. According to city police, the accident occurred when a car driven by Karl Hendrickson of 26718 Ontario, Farmington, and one driven by Douglas Joslin, 1525 Lakewood Road, Bloomfield, collided at the intersection. Police stated that Joslin, traveling west on Ten Mile Road, apparently failed to stop at the intersection and collided with the Hendrickson car, moving south on Orchard Lake Road.

Carl Chapman, 29420 Greening, Farmington, a passenger in the Hendrickson car, suffered a knee injury. Douglas Joslin received head injuries and his wife, Dorothy (Continued on Page 6A)

### Council To Hear Off Street Parking Proposal Monday

Progress reports on sewer treatment, water and sewer service expansion, and off-street parking will be presented to the City Council at its next regular meeting Monday evening.

The reports will be submitted by James Tennant, City Manager, at the request of the Council. Tennant stated that the report on sewer treatment will concern the progress being made by the special sewer committee, composed of representatives from Farmington and Township as well as other municipalities. The water service expansion covers the new wells south of the Cut-Off as well as the proposed connecting main.

Tennant stated that two consulting firms will submit proposals at the Council meeting regarding the development of off-street parking facilities north of Thomas Street between Farmington Road and Warner Street. The actual proposed parking area will cover approximately five lots of land on Oakland and running through to Thomas Street.

TWO RESOLUTIONS will also be submitted to the Council for initial action at the Monday meeting. The first resolution will authorize the city to borrow \$21,000 for new water wells, a new control system and some mechanical pumps. The borrowed funds would be paid from future bond proceeds. The second resolution will be in the form of an agreement regarding the construction, if necessary, of a closed drain.

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### Local Units Requested To Advance Funds For Cost Of Initial Study

Authorization to proceed with the preliminary engineering survey for the proposed Southwest Oakland County Sewage District was granted by the Sewage Committee at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Farmington Municipal Building.

A sample resolution was presented to the Committee by Claude Stevens, Bond Attorney, setting up the procedures for the acceptance of appropriated funds from the various Township Boards to meet the costs of the preliminary survey. Supervisors of the four townships involved agreed to present the resolution to their respective Boards as soon as possible. It was agreed that each of the townships should be requested to advance \$1,000 for the engineering work. The advanced sum would be applied to the total engineering cost of the plans now developed.

Ralph Main, County Drain Commissioner, was appointed Treasurer of the Committee and was authorized to handle the township participations. The four townships are: Farmington, Waterford, Southfield, and Bloomfield. The City of Farmington, which is also represented on the Committee, is assuming the responsibility for the survey of the proposed main from Orchard Lake Road to Seven Mile Road, where it will hook into the Detroit sewer.

### P.T.A. Speaker



DR. FRANK D. SLUTZ

A well known author and advisor on educational courses and guidance, Dr. Frank D. Slutz of Dayton, Ohio, will be the guest speaker at the joint Farmington P. T. A. Founders Day Dinner, to be held Monday evening at the high school gymnasium.

According to "Who's Who in America," Dr. Slutz has held many positions of importance in the field of education. He has served as principal of Franklin School, Alliance School, and Canon City High School, Canon City, Colorado; as well as superintendent of schools in Pueblo and educational advisor of Chicago Teachers College. At present he is president of North Woods Camp, member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, trustee of Dayton Public Library; and a member of the American Educational Fellowship. He is being made available for the Founders Day Dinner through the courtesy of the General Motors Corporation.

Dr. Slutz's work in the educational field has been widely recognized. (Continued on Page 6A)

### City In Top Ten On New Building

The City of Farmington has been listed as one of the top ten units of government in Oakland County as far as the issuance of residential building permits are concerned for the year 1954, according to a report released this week by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

Oak Park was the leading community in the county with a total of 1,764 building permits issued during the 12-month period. The City of Farmington was tenth on the list with 437 residential permits issued during 1954. The report shows that 86.7% of the permits issued during last year were in the three southeastern townships of the county. It also shows a decided movement toward the south central portion of the county with the appearance of the City of Farmington, as well as Bloomfield and West Bloomfield Township in the top ten.

Building permits for new home construction in Farmington Township during 1954 total 389, according to the Planning Commission report.

### New Auto License Office To Open

Plans have been completed for the transfer of the Farmington branch of the Secretary of State's Office to the Kean Loomis Insurance Agency, effective this Friday, February 4.

Loomis made the announcement in a letter of receipt of a telegram from the Secretary of State's office in Lansing. The branch office at the present time is located in the Curt Drive and parking area. Effective Friday, all applications for auto licenses will be made at the Loomis Agency, 22284 Farmington Road.

It was stated that extensive alterations have been made to the office in preparation for the transfer. Besides the changes in the interior of the drive and parking area has been added along the south side and rear of the property. This will provide for easier movement of traffic into the property and onto Farmington Road.

### DOG VACCINATION CLINIC SET FOR FEBRUARY 13

A special township dog vaccination clinic will be held Sunday afternoon, February 13, at the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, Clayton Gores, Township.

The clinic will be in operation from 1:00 p.m. and will be under the supervision of a team of veterinarians from Oakland County. Gores stated that provisions are being made for the selling of township dog licenses during the clinic. The law requires that all dogs in the township must be vaccinated against rabies in addition to being licensed.

### BREAK IN WATER MAIN SLOWS TRAFFIC IN CITY

Traffic on Grand River in the vicinity of Powers Road was slowed through Sunday night and early Monday morning as a result of ice caused by a break in a water main.

Flares were set up around the danger area, late Sunday evening and the Department of Public Works continued to work on the break through Wednesday. Officials stated that the break was in an old four-inch main that runs down the center of Grand River between Powers and Brookside.

### Award Bond Sale For U.S. 16 Project

Bonds amounting to \$5,000,000 have been sold by the State for the purpose of financing the widening and relocation of U. S. 16 from Farmington to Brighton, officials reported last week.

The issue covers the State and Oakland County portion of the \$13,000,000 highway project. The balance of the funds will be provided by the Federal Government. Sale of the \$5,000,000 bond issue was approved by both the State Administrative Board and the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

State Highway Department officials reported that the initial ground-work on the widening and relocation is expected to begin this summer. The first construction will consist of drainage structures for the new four-lane divided highway. The complete 23-mile section from the east side of Farmington to U. S. 25 east of Brighton is expected to take several years to construct.

### Township Gets Set For Primary Vote

Plans are now being made to set up the mechanics for the Biennial Farmington Township Primary Election, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

Filing of the over 250 new registrations into the respective precinct records is now being completed, McCracken added. In the meantime, preparations are being made for the printing of the names of the various candidates for insertion in the voting machines. McCracken stated that notices on the date and hours of election, as well as the location of the four voting precincts, are now being prepared for posting and legal advertising in accordance with election laws.

Officials indicated that there is a growing interest in the Township Primary, which is set for Monday, February 21. There are contests on the Republican ticket for all but one of the major offices.

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### TOWNSHIP SEEKS TO FILL BUILDING INSPECTOR POST

Applications are now being taken by the Township Clerk for the post office of Building Inspector in Farmington Township.

All applications must be filed in writing with the clerk no later than 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 12. The duties of the new office will include inspection of all construction in the township other than electrical as provided in the newly adopted Building Code.

### Makes Hit With Youngsters

In Farmington for the past month, observing and working with elementary children of the Farmington Township Schools, has been German exchange teacher Miss Ingrid Bellardi, Miss Ingrid Bellardi of Hamburg, West Germany.

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### GROUP TO DISCUSS LIGHTED FIELD AT CLARENCEVILLE

Representatives of various groups and organizations in the Clarenceville area will meet next Monday evening, February 7, to continue their discussion of a proposed lighted field at the Clarenceville High School.

The first meeting of representatives was held on January 10 under the sponsorship of the Clarenceville Optimist Club. A history of the plans and activities regarding the proposal were presented, followed by a discussion of various phases of the program. The main interest centered around the methods of raising funds for the lighted field.

Most of the representatives expressed a desire to discuss the matter with their Board of Directors. It was decided during the course of the discussion that a second meeting should be held after the representatives had presented the proposal to their organizations.

The February 7 meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Clarenceville High School.

### Bad Weather Halts Construction

Bad weather last week halted construction on all three new elementary schools for the Farmington School District. A report from Wallace Construction Company, school building contractor, disclosed Wednesday that it was doubtful whether crews would have been able to work anyway due to a lack of steel.

Steel is now available again, however, a company spokesman stated, and work will be resumed. The picture above shows work completed thus far on the new school at Shilwassee and Brookside Roads.



Joining in song with a group of third grade youngsters in a social science class at the Middlebelt School is German exchange teacher Miss Ingrid Bellardi, center. Learning the songs, customs, and culture of the German people through Miss Bellardi's teaching and observing in San Antonio, Texas. Following a Christmas vacation in the city of her choice, San Francisco, she came to Michigan and was ultimately assigned here.

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