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## Deadline On Vote Registration Set For Monday Night

City Township Offices To Stay Open Until 8 p.m.

Eligible electors of the city and township are being reminded that the final date of vote registration for the Biennial Spring Election has been set for next Monday, March 7.

All electors of the city and township who are not already registered must enter their names in registration books prior to 8:00 p.m. on March 7 in the City and Township Offices, 1510 S. Spring Election. Township residents may register Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Township Office in the Town Hall. City residents may register during the same hours at the Municipal Building.

On the final date of registration, Monday, March 7, both the township and city offices will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the books and accepting new registrations.

IN ADDITION to the selection of various state officials, voters will elect city and township officers. There is no expectation of any contest in the township election, since only Republican candidates were nominated in the Primary held last week. No Democratic candidates were nominated in the City Election, three candidates are to be elected to the City Council on a non-partisan ballot. The deadline for nominations is 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 10.

City officials reported this week that a number of petition forms have been secured, which would indicate that a contest will be assured in the Council race. According to the City Charter, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected for terms of four years each, while the one receiving the third highest number of votes will be elected for a term of two years.



**THE BIG LINE-UP** - A familiar scene at Farmington Branch of the Secretary of State's office last week end as auto owners made a last minute rush for 1955 plates. Kenneth Loons, Branch Manager, stated that during the week prior to the deadline, the office handled approximately 150 more customers per day than last year. On Saturday, the peak day of the rush, 1,258 plates were sold. Throughout the week end, long lines formed at the Branch Office, located at 2328 1/2 Farmington Road, as motorists hurried to beat the February 28 deadline.

## Group Discusses Plans To Step Up Farmington Civil Defense Program

**Committee To File Plan With City And Township Along With A Request For Additional Status**

Another effort will be made to activate the Farmington City and Township Civil Defense Organization, it was announced during a special committee meeting held Monday evening in the Municipal Court Room.

It was suggested that an attempt be made to set up a central control organization, including active department heads, and draft a plan for future action. The committee also suggested that each department establish an administrative organization on the top level to be coordinated into the overall program. It was indicated that the program will be started through the development of a local civil defense organization. After this has been accomplished, an educational program will be started with the objective of securing and training volunteer personnel.

**THE PRESENT** City Defense Director, Charles Layton, announced during the meeting that he intended to submit his resignation as Director. Layton stated that lack of enthusiasm for the program as well as increased work in connection with his position with the Detroit Edison Company prompted the action. Tracy Conroy, Acting Mayor, suggested that Layton submit along with his resignation to the City Council and Township Board, a recommendation for a new director. It was also suggested that the city and township provide sufficient funds for the operation of a civil defense office at least on a part-time basis as well as some compensation for the new director.

Conroy stated that such a request should be accompanied by an outline of the basic organization, plan of procedure, as well as present and future needs. He added that it might be helpful to review what is being done in other communities also.

## Woodbine Elects Water Commission

Louis Sauerbey was elected chairman of the new five member Woodbine Subdivision Water Commission at the annual election held last Friday at the Middlebelt School.

Sauerbey received the highest number of votes cast for any candidate, but he automatically becomes chairman of the Commission. A total of 44 votes were cast for the chairman. Other Commissioners elected were: Harold Miller, 41 votes; James Birnie, 40 votes; James Ellis, 28 votes; and Lawrence Avery, 23 votes. Miller, who received the second highest number of votes, becomes vice-chairman.

A total of 51 votes were cast in the election out of approximately 160 registered voters. The election included only qualified electors of the Woodbine Water District. The new Commission will have the responsibility of administering the affairs of the water district which includes service throughout the Woodbine Subdivision.

## Attorney Receives Contempt Fine

Frederick Bartholomew, Detroit attorney, was held in contempt by Justice Allen C. Ingle following his defiance of a court order issued last Friday during the jury trial of Walter R. Johnson, 26541 Iroquois, Detroit, charged with speeding violation.

Bartholomew, defense attorney for Johnson, engaged in a heated argument with Assistant Prosecutor Donald Brown during the trial. Justice Ingle attempted to remove the attorney until the jury could be removed from the court room, but to no avail. Justice Ingle then held Bartholomew in contempt and fined him \$25.00. When he refused to be silent, Ingle then found him in contempt a second time and ordered him committed to the Oakland County Jail for five days.

After the controversy, Ingle told Bartholomew that his actions could only harm the cause of his client and threatened the jail.

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## CITY PLANNERS TO OPEN STUDY OF BUILDING CODE

The Farmington City Planning Commission is expected to begin discussions on the proposed drafting of a revised Building Code at its next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, in the Municipal Building.

The Commission will use the Abridged Edition of the Building Officials Code of America as a basis for discussion. The meeting is open to the public and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Plan Farmington Interceptor Committee Waits Results Of Sewer District Survey

Work is now under way on the preparation of an engineer's survey of present facilities and anticipated needs in connection with the proposed establishment of a sewerage district in the south central section of Oakland County.

The survey work is being done by Fate and Hirt, Detroit engineers, and will consist of an inventory of existing facilities as well as plans and specifications for future development of the proposed system. The special sewage committee is waiting the results of the engineer's survey before taking any further action. The committee consists of representatives from the City of Farmington, the Townships of Farmington, Southfield, West Bloomfield, and Waterford, as well as the Oakland County Drain Commissioner and the Oakland County Health Department.

The committee has held a series of meetings in Farmington for the

## Organize New Baseball Set-Up

A new organization was established this week, bringing all of the existing Farmington baseball leagues under one central administration committee, John Clappison, newly elected commissioner, announced Tuesday.

The organization, to be known as Farmington Baseball Boys, will include the Little League, Babe Ruth League, and Junior League, as divisions of the central organization. The committee will sponsor all baseball activities for boys between the ages of 8 and 15 years.

Each division will handle its own individual management, but the control and supervision of the central committee. All activities under the various divisions will be subject to the approval of the administrative organization.

In addition to the election of Clappison, A. Farley Thomson was named vice-president and head of the Babe Ruth Division; Wilbert Parsons was elected president and head of the Little League Division.

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## City To Introduce New Traffic Code Amendments

**Propose No Parking Zones On Grand River**

Several new amendments to the City Traffic Ordinance, including a number of proposed "no parking" zones on Grand River, will be presented to the Council for action at the next regular meeting Monday evening.

The proposed amendments are now being drafted by Paul Pare, City Attorney, from recommendations prepared by City Engineer James Tennant and Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt. It is expected that the amendments will be introduced by the Council Monday evening with final action scheduled for the March 21 meeting.

**THE PRINCIPAL** amendments will involve the proposed establishment of "no parking" zones on Grand River near the intersection of residential streets, as well as along the north side of Grand River from Powers Road east to Violet. It is expected that parking will be prohibited on the south side of Grand River for a distance of 75 feet west and between 20 and 30 feet east of each residential street. The "no parking" zones on Grand River from Powers Road east to Violet. It is expected that parking will be prohibited on the south side of Grand River for a distance of 75 feet west and between 20 and 30 feet east of each residential street. The "no parking" zones on Grand River from Powers Road east to Violet. It is expected that parking will be prohibited on the south side of Grand River for a distance of 75 feet west and between 20 and 30 feet east of each residential street.

Another amendment is expected to be presented which would prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Grand River from Powers Road east to Violet. It has also been recommended that a "no parking" zone be set up on 50 feet west of each intersection.

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## Boards Of Review To Meet Tuesday

The first sessions of the Annual City and Township Board of Review meetings will be held next Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building and the Town Hall.

Both the City and Township Boards will meet on Tuesday, March 8, on the 14th and 15th, at their respective meeting places.

Officials stated that the purpose of the meetings is to review the assessment rolls of the city and township for the year 1955 and upon request to consider any changes under a central administration committee.

## Cagers To Start Tournament Play

The Farmington Falcons and the Clarenceville Trojans basketball teams will swing into action tonight, March 3, in the opening round of the District 17 State High School Basketball tournament in Livonia.

In the opening contest the Farmington cagers will be matched against the Redford Union team. They will go into the contest as decided underdogs. Redford Union, during the past season, has chalked up victories against the Trojans, too, in the Inter-Lakes Conference, and Bentley, tops in their own league. Game time is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Following the Farmington-Redford Union game, the Clarenceville Trojans will be paired against Bentley in the second playoff game of the tournament. The Trojans will be playing their youthful club against the older and more experienced Bentley squad.

Winners of the two contests on March 3 will meet in the District Finals at Bentley. The winner of this game will go on to represent District 17 in the Class B Regional Play-Offs at a location which has not yet been announced.

## JAYCEES TO HOLD SPECIAL MINTREL SHOW TICKET SALE

Friday and Saturday, members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be selling tickets throughout the business district promoting the sale of tickets for their annual Mintrel Show, to be held Saturday, March 12, at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

Kenneth Switzer, publicity chairman for the show, stated that permission has been secured to use a course in the business district in an effort to bolster the sale of tickets. In the meantime, regular rehearsals are being held under the guidance of the show committee.

Proceeds from the show will be used by the Jaycees for community activities.

## Township Awards Contract For Installation Of Four New Offices In Town Hall

**Add New Adult Education Class At Farmington**

**Flower Arranging Added To Program**

A new class in Flower Arranging will be added to the Farmington School District Adult Education Program beginning Monday, March 14, James Read, Assistant Superintendent, announced this week.

The class will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Homemaking room of the new high school building with Mrs. Guy Durgan as instructor. This is the first time that a Flower Arranging class has been offered in the Adult Program. Read stated.

Anyone interested in the course is requested to call Farmington 190 for registration or information.

**ANOTHER GROUP** of classes will open new sessions during the week of March 7. Classes in shop instruction will begin Tuesday evening, March 8, in the new high school building. Knitting, art and upholstery classes are scheduled to open new sessions on Wednesday evening, March 9. The new class is under the supervision of Mrs. Tewksbury. All evening sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the new high school building.

Persons who have attended one or more sessions of the class may continue, however. A new series of evening classes will be provided next fall, Read stated.

## Pre-Fabricated Units To Be Erected Within Few Weeks In Main Hall

A contract for the erection of four offices, to be located in the main portion of the Town Hall, has been awarded to the O. C. White Company, Detroit, it was announced during a special meeting of the Township Board held Tuesday evening.

The contract calls for the installation of four pre-fabricated offices along the south side of the main hall. Three of the offices will be 10 feet by 10 feet while the fourth office will be 19 feet by 11 feet. The office space will extend the full length of the hall. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that sufficient room will be left on the north side of the building to seat approximately 130 people for public meetings.

Total cost of the four offices will be approximately \$1,483 and an estimated three to five weeks will be required for manufacture and installation. At the last meeting of the Board, Blanchard was authorized to proceed with the securing of a contract for the work. It was stipulated in the authorization that the offices be installed on a temporary basis until new facilities are provided.

**THE OFFICES** will be used to house the police department; proposed building inspector and several township officers. Each office will have combination glass and wood partitions and will be sufficiently large to contain a desk, three or four files, a wastebasket and two chairs. The new offices will be used in addition to the present township facilities located in the Town Hall.

A resolution was approved by the Board certifying the returns of the Biennial Township Primary. Election held on February 21. Edward Shafter stated at the meeting that he was still considering a possible recount of the vote for Township Trustee. Shafter was defeated for re-nomination by a total of three votes. A. E. Leonard.

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## Board Waits OK On Plans For New School Addition

**Seek Federal Approval Of Edgewood Plans**

Approval of proposed plans for an addition to the Edgewood Elementary School is expected to be received by the Clarenceville School District within the next 10 days, Louis Schmidt, superintendent, reported Monday following contact with the Federal Office of Housing and Home Finance.

The plans must be approved by the Federal agency before construction bids can be secured, Schmidt stated. The proposed four classroom addition is to be constructed with Federal funds. Plans for the building have already been approved by the Clarenceville Board, the Oakland County Superintendent of Public and the State Department of Education.

**THE BOARD** is expected to take action as soon as approval is received, establishing a deadline for the receipt of construction bids. School officials have indicated that they hope to have the addition completed in time for the opening of classes in September.

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## Consumers Power Strike Called Off

Members of the Utility Workers of America (UAW) picketed the Farmington office of the Consumers Power Company Tuesday in connection with the state-wide strike for higher wages and other contract demands.

The strike was called off Tuesday night pending arbitration by a three-man fact-finding board appointed by Governor Williams. The Farmington office continued to remain open throughout Monday with supervisory employees on duty.

Company officials stated that the one-day strike affected 3,250,000 electric and gas consumers in 64 Michigan counties. The Consumers Power Company services only gas customers in Oakland County.

The union is demanding a 15¢ per hour wage increase in addition to other contract changes. Consumers officials stated that the demand would add \$6,000,000 annually. Negotiations between the union and the company were continued on Saturday night when they were broken off.

## ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUPER MARKET

Work is expected to begin this Friday on the construction of a new Lucky Foods super market on the South Farmington Road near the intersection of State Street, city officials announced this week.

Plans for the new building have been submitted to the City Building Inspector for approval. The store will be located near the southwest corner of Farmington Road and State Street with the balance of the property south to the Post Office reserved for off-street parking. According to officials, the building will be approximately 100 feet by 150 feet in size and will contain about 15,000 square feet of floor space. The parking area will include approximately 48,000 square feet. Some construction has been erected on the present public parking lot, that portion not involved in the construction will continue to be available for the time being.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION BOOSTS CITY ASSESSMENT TOTAL

Total assessment of real property in the City of Farmington has been tentatively set at \$4,383,410, James Tennant City Manager and Assessor, announced Monday.

The new figure is subject to possible minor change by action of the Board of Review, which begins its work next Monday. Tennant stated that the total represents an increase of \$230,000 over the complete real and personal property assessment to 1954. He stated that the two contests on March 3 will meet in the District Finals at Bentley. The winner of this game will go on to represent District 17 in the Class B Regional Play-Offs at a location which has not yet been announced.

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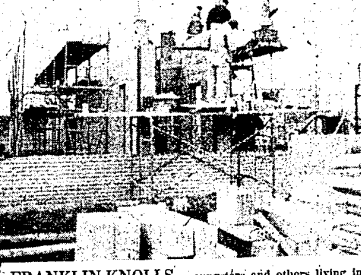
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## AROUND THE BLOCK

**KEEP TO THE HIGH GROUND** . . . is mighty good advice these days. If you can do it. The unusually warm weather plus an abundance of moisture has turned most of the low spots into small lakes or mud holes. Several of the worst spots in the township have become impassable because of the "travel at your own risk" stage. Similar conditions exist in a few places in the city. Postal officials stated Tuesday that carriers were able to make practically all of their deliveries, but that it was pretty rough in spots. We have a feeling shivers of some of the newly improved roads. They brought in food, but heavy spring will be rather short lived, and that the weather-man will freeze the situation in quick order.

**ON MONDAY** . . . Director of Civilian Defense for Farmington Charles Layton, announced that he intended to resign from the position. We want to commend Layton for his efforts in behalf of the civilian defense program. It has been a thankless and discouraging task, involving great deal of time at meetings and in visitations to other communities. This work has been strictly on a volunteer basis. A new program is now being drafted in an effort to secure more adequate backing for the organization. Civil defense is a necessity in these times of enemy attack of the community as well as in case of natural disaster. It is essential that it become a regular part of the governmental organization backed by the support and cooperation of all of the people.

**A REAL LESSON** . . . in community spirit and good neighborliness has been presented to all of us by the residents of Franklin Knolls. Immediately following the tragic slaying of Kathy McLaughlin, friends and neighbors of the John McLaughlin family brought in a type of memorial, helped around the house and extended their condolences to the grieving family. It has been a heartwarming display of real friendship and understanding. We can all be proud to have this kind of neighbors among us.



**FRANKLIN KNOLLS** youngsters and others living in the extreme northwest portion of the Farmington Township School District will be going to a new school next year. The new elementary school, shown above, is now under construction. The school is being built in West Bloomfield and not Farmington Township. It should be pointed out that school districts do not follow township boundaries. Though the school is being constructed outside of the township, it is still in the Farmington Township School District.