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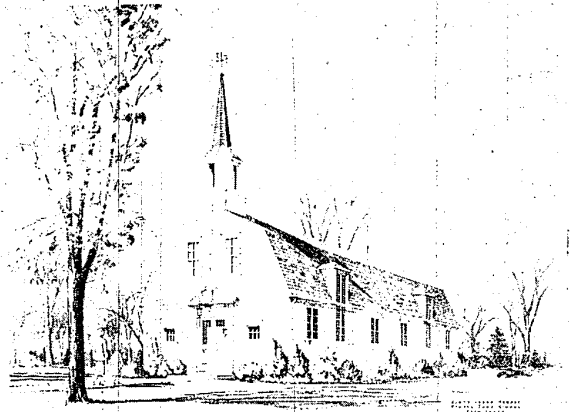
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Making Up Time On New School Construction

Should Be Back On Schedule Shortly

Construction work on the three new elementary school buildings in the Farmington Township is progressing nicely, according to a report made to the School Board at their regular meeting Monday evening by a representative from the school architect's office.

Considerable fear had resulted early in the spring when construction fell far behind schedule. It was questioned whether or not the time could be made up to assure occupancy of all new buildings by the beginning of school this September. As is indicated by the architect's report, however, the last time is being made up rapidly and all construction should be on schedule in the near future.



FINAL DRAWINGS are now being completed for the construction of a new Farmington Presbyterian Church which will be located at the recently purchased Charles Brown property, Farmington and Eleven Mile Roads. A utility building on the property will be re-

located into this modern chapel with a seating capacity for 200 persons. Other buildings on the site will be used by the Presbyterian Church for education and fellowship activities. Work on the chapel is expected to begin in the immediate future.

Presbyterians Announce Purchase Of New Church Site In Township

Plan To Establish Modern Church Building On Property At Farmington And 11 Mile Roads

Officials of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington announced this week the purchase of the Charles F. Brown property located at the northwest corner of Farmington and Eleven Mile Roads. The property includes buildings which will be used in providing a complete church program. The architectural firm of Herman and Simons has been engaged to provide assistance in remodeling the utility building into a beautiful chapel. William Parsons is serving as chairman of the Building Committee. Working drawings are expected to be completed this week.

With construction of the new chapel anticipated at an early date, when remodeling, the chapel will seat 200 persons for worship services.

The house located on the property will serve the educational and fellowship needs of the church. The pastor's study will be located at this corner location.

RELEASE of the announcement regarding purchase of the new property comes on the eve of the first anniversary of the Farmington Presbyterian Church. The church was organized with 141 charter members at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America in Detroit, Michigan. Services were held six months earlier. Church school and worship services are currently being held in the Farmington High School on Shawnessy Street. The Reverend Richard Geiger has been pastor of the church since its beginning. A session composed of nine elders and an executive board of nine directors set up and administer the church.

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Cassell Re-elected F.A.R.C. President

Robert Cassell was re-elected president of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission for the year 1955-56 at the Annual Election of officers held last Wednesday.

M. H. Sitts was elected vice-president of the Commission and Mr. Craig Porter was elected secretary. Byron Oliver was re-elected chairman of the group. Newly elected members of the Board of Directors are Donald Hossler and Mrs. Dan Gay. Samuel Kozmowski is the third member of the Board.

Following the election, the officers and directors of the Recreation Commission re-organized the committee for the coming year. A second meeting of the Commission will be held in two weeks to discuss plans for the summer program.

AROUND THE BLOCK

PAINT-UP TIME . . . and that means Spring . . . no matter what the weather has to say. Not all of the paint, however, is confined to houses and picket fences. Some of it has flowed over onto our streets and highways. Work was started bright and early Monday morning on Grand River as painters added those well-known, but often ignored white and yellow lines on the pavement.

The paint is a sure sign of Spring, but it is also a grim reminder of the fact that the summer traffic which is about to descend upon the scene. The freshly painted lines are much more than an attempt to add color to the landscape. They have a definite purpose . . . a purpose which we hope will pay real dividends in the months ahead.

SOMETHING NEW . . . will be attempted this Saturday, new, that is, as far as Farmington is concerned. It's the Ten-Mile Road-Over and It's sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. The program will actually begin on Thursday with a written examination on traffic safety, and will close Saturday with a test of driving skill. Similar programs have been conducted in other communities throughout the state with a great deal of success. We think there are a few reasons why it should be equally enthusiastic in Farmington. As an added incentive, prizes will be awarded to the local winners and the leading contestants will be given an opportunity to participate in the State Road-Over Contest. Let's get busy, and "go green" and make it an annual event!

THE EFFICIENCIES . . . of the so-called "tree throw" shopper was graphically displayed in reverse last week as most Farmington merchants found five or six copies of one of the publications tossed in front of their door. There is no doubt that it is a good thing that it was deposited in a heap against a neighbor's building or along the curb. We don't doubt a bit the claimed circulation printed on many of these publications, but there are marked differences in the meaning of the word "circulation." As an added incentive, prizes will be awarded to the local winners and the leading contestants will be given an opportunity to participate in the State Road-Over Contest. Let's get busy, and "go green" and make it an annual event!

Mayor's Exchange Farmington Plans Special Program For Union City Officials Monday

J. Darwin Swain, Village President of Union City, and Robert Lindbert, Mayor of Farmington, will exchange positions next Monday as part of the Annual Michigan "Wests" observance, May 15 through May 21.

Swain will be accompanied to Farmington by Walter Spencer, electric light and water superintendent for Union City. Mrs. Lindbert will participate in the activities at Union City along with her husband. The Exchange of Mayors program, initiated last year, is one of the highlights of the Michigan West ceremony.

Swain, 36 year old president of Union City, has lived in the Village for 30 years. He was elected to his present position in March of this year. Swain is employed in the Operational Management Office of the Clark Equipment Company in Battle Creek, where he has been employed since 1935, except for a period of nine years when he operated barber shops in Union City, Athens and Columbus, Ohio. He is an avid sportsman, excelling in fishing, motor boating, and hunting. Swain is a member of the Masonic Order and Order of the Eastern Star at Union City and the Foreman's Club in Battle Creek. He has been a property owner in the Village since his marriage in 1939. The Swains have one daughter.

Activities in Farmington will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the arrival of the officials from Union City. A general exploratory tour of the city facilities will be conducted up to 11:00 when a visitation to the various industrial plants in the city will be held. A special luncheon will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Huck's Redford Inn. Invitations have been mailed to officials of the various civic and service clubs as well as the school.

From 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. the officials will be taken on a tour of the new subdivisions and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. an open house will be conducted at the Municipal Building. All citizens of the community are invited to participate. The visiting officials will also be invited to attend the regular Council meeting Monday evening if they are able to stay.

Township Property Owners Protest Removal Of Soil In Residential Area

A near capacity audience packed the Township Board meeting in the Town Hall Tuesday evening to protest the operation of a "sand pit" in a residential zone just west of Farmington Road and south of Fourteen Mile Road.

Thomas Tardy, zoning inspector, stated that a permit to remove the soil was issued in compliance with the zoning ordinance. He stated that the action was taken following receipt of a legal opinion from the Township Attorney, A. G. Leonard. Tardy emphasized that a permit was issued in accordance with the provisions of the zoning ordinance and that the necessary bond of \$16,000 has been posted.

In answer to a question from the property owners as to what action could be taken to halt the operation, Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, advised that they secure a court injunction. The residents protested that this was a Township matter and that the Board should initiate the action. "They pointed out that if this is permissible, a change should be made in the ordinance to prevent future occurrences in other sections."

THE BOARD did agree to contact their attorney regarding the definitions of top soil and commercial enterprises as they apply in the ordinance for residential areas. Blanchard stated that when the opinion would be available, but that effort would be made to secure it as quickly as possible.

City Council To Take Final Action On 1955-56 Budget Monday Night

Revised Budget Balanced At \$266,737 Based On Continuation Of Present 17 Mill Tax Rate

Final action will be taken by the City Council Monday evening on the proposed budget as well as the annual tax rate for the fiscal year 1955-56.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated this week that the revised city budget for the coming year has been balanced at \$266,737, which is about \$2,000 less than the tentative proposal originally submitted. The final budget figure includes the various reductions in expenditures proposed by the Council at the public hearing as well as the proposed increases in water and sewer service charges.

School Construction On Edgewood School Addition

Work is now under way for the construction of a new four classroom addition to the Edgewood Elementary School on St. Francis Street. Clarenceville school officials announced this week.

Excavation for the addition was begun last week with foundations being started on Monday. The addition will include four classrooms plus an office and storage room. Also included in the project are some minor alterations to the present building. School officials stated that the addition is expected to be ready for the opening of classes in September. Walter Adick, Area Architect, is in charge of the project. Construction work is being handled by E. H. Willman Construction Company. The total cost of the project has been set at \$93,050.

Plan Improvement Of Farmington Rd. At Joint Meeting

Four steps have been outlined for the improvement of Farmington Road between Ten and Twelve Mile Roads as the result of a joint meeting of property owners, Township officials and the County Road Commission held Monday morning in Pontiac.

It was agreed that some attention would be given this summer to improving the drainage, base structure and grading of the road under the County's general maintenance program. Four or five applications of calcium chloride will be applied this summer, as conditions require, in order to reduce the dust. Black-topping or paving of Farmington Road will be put on the agenda for consideration in 1956 and if it is not accomplished then it will be considered again in 1957. A true traffic count will also be conducted on this section of road.

Board Plans Discussion Of New Botsford Rooms

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Set Pre-School Enrollment Dates

Registration of boys and girls eligible to enter kindergarten in the Farmington School District next fall, will be conducted on May 17, 18 and 19. Miss Minnie Ziekle, elementary coordinator, announced this week.

Saturday Deadline On Board Petitions

Nominating petitions for election to the Farmington and Clarenceville School Boards must be filed with the respective Board secretaries not later than 4:00 p.m. this Saturday, May 14.

WORK TO BEGIN MONDAY ON NEW SUPER MARKET

A building permit application for the construction of a new Lucky super market at the corner of Farmington Road and State Street has been filed with the City Building Inspector, officials reported Monday.

Construction of the new building is expected to begin early next week. Officials stated that the super market will front on Farmington Road and will be 150 feet wide by 100 feet deep.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BEGIN ANNUAL CENSUS

The annual school census of the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts will begin this week and will continue through the balance of the month of May.

Four census takers will be operating in the Farmington District while five will be covering the Clarenceville District. Officials emphasized that cooperation is of the utmost importance in securing accurate figures. All persons from birth to 19 years inclusive are covered by the census.

WILLIAM CONROY ELECTED HEAD OF JAYCEES

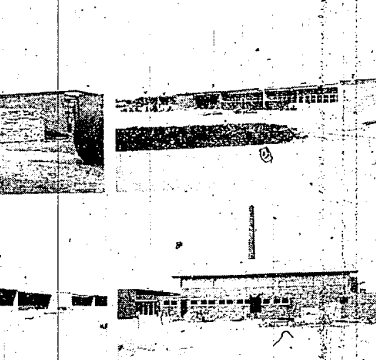
William Conroy was elected president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for the year 1955-56 at the annual election of officers held Monday evening.

Other newly elected officers are: Charles Bridges, first vice-president; Robert Brown, secretary; and George Isley, treasurer. James Davis was named to the Board of Directors, along with Robert Clarke, this year's president. The new officers will take over July 1.

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NEW SCHOOL construction activity in the Farmington Township District is moving ahead rapidly with all buildings scheduled for occupancy by the beginning of the fall school term this September. The three new elementary schools being built will make available 32 additional elementary classrooms and the addition at the high school will provide an up-



to-date gymnasium and auditorium combination. Shown above, upper left, is the 14-room Tuck Road Elementary School and, upper right, the 16-room Fourteen Mile Elementary School. At the lower left is the 12-room Ten Mile Road School. The gymnasium, auditorium addition at the high school is shown at the lower right.