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Light Vote Expected In Annual School District Elections Monday

Polls In Farmington And Clarenceville Districts To Remain Open June 13 From 7 a.m. To 8 p.m.

A comparatively small turn-out of voters is expected for the Annual Farmington and Clarenceville School District Elections to be held next Monday, June 13.

Farmington School District electors will vote at the Farmington Junior High School gymnasium on Thomas Street while Clarenceville voters will cast their ballots at the high school on Middlebelt just south of Eight Mile Road in Livonia. The polls in both districts will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

No contest is expected in the Farmington District for the two vacancies on the Board of Education since both Mrs. Elizabeth Dowling and Douglas Hammett are supposed for re-election. The candidates will be elected for terms of three years each.

IN ADDITION to the election of Board members, Farmington voters will be asked to decide on whether or not to authorize the District to levy a 2 1/2 mill issue upon the assessment for the proposed new school building.

The election in the School District is authorized for a period of one year, to create a sinking fund for the purpose of securing sites for new school buildings. School officials estimate that the 2 1/2 mill levy would, during 1955, create a fund of approximately \$100,000. It is anticipated that this sum will be required to meet the growing needs of the District in the immediate future.

Clarenceville voters will elect one member to the Board of Education for a term of three years. Fred B. Bly, seeking re-election, will be opposed by Edwin L. Johnson. There will be no special propositions on the Clarenceville ballot.

The Annual Meeting of the Farmington School District will be held at 5:30 p.m. immediately following the closing of the school year in the Junior High school gymnasium building. The Clarenceville School District Annual Meeting will also be held on Wednesday, June 13, at the Clarenceville school building. All qualified electors of the school districts are eligible to participate in the respective meetings.

Farmington Night Set For June 15 At Melody Circus

Report Heavy Demand For Theatre Tickets

Ticket sales for the "Farmington Night" program at Melody Circus, Thru, Wednesday, June 15, are going "exceedingly well," James Read, president of the Farmington Exchange Club, reported this week.

The program is being sponsored by the Exchange Club in cooperation with the Farmington Baseball for Boys organization and other civic groups. Proceeds from the ticket sale will be used for youth recreation and education activities. Read stated that tickets are available at the following business places in Farmington, Grace Insurance Agency, Earl V. Detroit Edison, Planton's Barber Shop or the City Hall, or from any member of the Exchange Club.

TICKETS may also be secured from any official of the Farmington Baseball for Boys Organization. In addition to these sources, members of the Exchange Club will sell tickets Friday and Saturday from a special circus wagon located in the center of the business district. Read emphasized that tickets should be purchased (Continued on Page 8A)

Set To Open Bids On School Project

Scaled bids for the construction of a new classroom addition to the Botsford Elementary School will be opened by the Clarenceville Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

The bidding for receipt of bids has been set for 8:00 p.m., the opening hour of the regular meeting. Representatives of Eberle Smith Associates, 1200 East 14th Street, are expected to assist in the tabulation of the bids.

The Botsford School project includes the construction of a seven classroom addition, a new rest room and kitchen. Bid specifications have been set up for three classifications of work, general, mechanical and electrical.

RESIDENTS URGED TO FOLLOW RUBBISH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

City officials reported Tuesday that some difficulty is being encountered in regard to the collection of rubbish and garbage, particularly in the section north of Grand River.

Residents in this section are requested to put out their waste material early to insure prompt collection. Rubbish and garbage pick-ups north of Grand River, agreed to contact the consultants in an effort to have them present at a meeting. The action was prompted by a letter received from the financial consultants stating that they could not accept the offer of \$2,500 made by the Township. The original proposal from the consultants stipulated that the sum of \$2,500 be advanced for the survey with the provision that the loan issue is sold that they (Continued on Page 8A)

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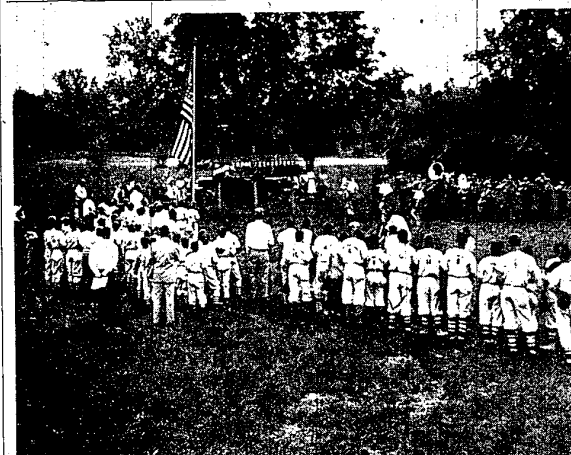
THE FIRST BIG -- A 1 1/2 mile traffic jam of the season hit the Farmington area last Sunday as the city dwellers made tracks for the country in an effort to escape the heat. At one time Sunday afternoon cars were lined up bumper to bumper from the main intersection in the city east almost to the Grand River. The great trek started early in the morning and did not let up until late in the afternoon. Actually, the heavy traffic season has been somewhat delayed this year due to the weather. The normally large flow during the Memorial Day week did not quite come up to expectations because of the cloudy skies and rather chilly winds. But the situation sure caught up with itself in a hurry last Sunday and chances are it will continue now until the snow begins to fly.

PAINT-UP -- and fix-up time at the Farmington Town Hall these days with a whole new color scheme to go along with the newly installed offices. In addition to the paint, new fluorescent light fixtures are being installed in the new offices. The new office furniture and equipment will be delivered shortly for the four recently-completed offices on the first floor. There is no question but what the painting and decoration will be noticed by more people than ever before. It will, that is, if the attendance at the Township Board meetings continues at the rate it has in the past few months. The fresh paint and new lights should brighten up the surroundings and add a great deal to the attractiveness and efficiency of the hall.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS -- in the Farmington area played a prominent part in the National Gift Day program on Saturday and they didn't even touch a club in the process. The six women volunteers kept records in connection with the tournaments at Bob-O-Link and Glen Oaks Country Clubs and were king pin at Bob-O-Link were Alberta Tennant, Fern Parrow, and Francis Gilroy. Those participating at Glen Oaks included Wilma Songer, Neola Martin and Lucille Hargrave. According to reports, the women did an outstanding job, not only in behalf of the tournament but the Red Cross as well.

NEXT TUESDAY -- should be a mighty colorful day for the Farmington community. At least, we hope that the way it works out... because next Tuesday is Flag Day. So don't forget to fly the colors on June 14. There is nothing more impressive in our book than a street lined with American flags, especially on the day set aside to contribute to Old Glory!

COUNCIL APPROVES TWO NEW COMMERCIAL ZONES



BASEBALL In Farmington got off to an impressive start last Saturday afternoon with a special flag raising ceremony at the Little League diamond in the City Park. Players of the four League teams, along with managers, coaches and officials, stood at attention while members of the Grace-Walker Post, American Legion, raise the flag to the playing of the National Anthem. Following the opening ceremony, the players, managers, sponsors and League officials were introduced to the audience by the Little League officials. The Little League season officially got under way as a few minutes later when Mayor Robert Lundberg tossed the first ball to City Manager James Tennant.

Discussion Of Proposed Township Water System Planned For Tuesday

Engineering and financial consultants have agreed to attend the next regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board, Tuesday, June 14, to discuss the proposed development of a water system in the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

All residents in the affected areas are being urged by the Citizens' Water Committee to attend the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Representatives of H. V. Sattley and Company and McInnis-Moore and Company, financial consultants, will be present to answer questions regarding the proposed system. Committee officials reported Tuesday.

The consultants have been requested to attend the meeting in order to clarify the procedures to be followed in connection with the development of the proposed water system. The Township Board, at a special meeting last Wednesday, agreed to contact the consultants in an effort to have them present at a meeting. The action was prompted by a letter received from the financial consultants stating that they could not accept the offer of \$2,500 made by the Township. The original proposal from the consultants stipulated that the sum of \$2,500 be advanced for the survey with the provision that the loan issue is sold that they (Continued on Page 8A)

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TOWNSHIP BUILDING INSPECTOR LISTS OFFICE HOURS

Albert Gain, recently appointed building inspector for Farmington Township, has now taken over his duties and has established regular office hours at the Town Hall.

Gain stated that he will be at the Township office every Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The building inspector will be available to answer questions and furnish information during these hours. The balance of the time will be devoted to inspections of new buildings in the Township.

Applications for building permits, as well as heating and plumbing permits can be secured at the office of the Building Inspector, in force as for some time.

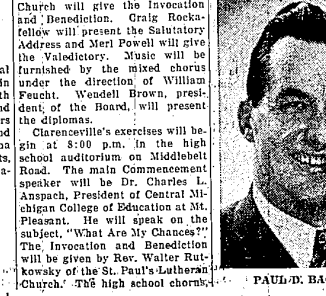
Seniors To Receive Diplomas Commencement Exercises Scheduled For June 16

Seniors of the Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools will receive their graduation diplomas at Annual Commencement Exercises to be held Thursday evening, June 16.

The Farmington Commencement will be held in the high school auditorium on Middlebelt Street beginning at 8:00 p.m. Paul D. Bagwell, Head of the Department of Communicative Skills, Michigan State College, will be the principal speaker. Bagwell, former president of the Michigan and United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, will speak on "The Changing Face of the Nation." Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Evangelical Church will give the Invocation and Benediction. Craig Rocka-fellow will present the Salutatory Address and Merl Powell will give the Valedictory. Music will be furnished by the mixed chorus under the direction of William Fauch, Wendell Brown, president of the Board, will present the diplomas.

Clarenceville's exercises will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium on Middlebelt Road. The main Commencement speaker will be Dr. Charles L. Anspach, President of Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant. He will speak on the subject, "What Are My Chances?" The Invocation and Benediction will be given by Rev. Walter Rutkowski of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The high school chorus will present the Prayer. Music will be provided by the Girls' Glee Club under the direction of William Feucht.

Rev. Stanley Forkner, formerly of Hope Chapel and now director, Evangelical United Brethren Church will be the main speaker at the Clarenceville Commencement. He will speak on the subject, "Facing Life." Mrs. Donna Bernis, director of the Hope Chapel Church, and Miss Joan Barnhill, Clarenceville Public Schools.



Initiate Action To Cancel H.S. Addition Contract

Board Charges Default By Detroit Contractor

The Secretary of the Farmington School Board has been authorized and directed to notify the Ellis Construction Company, Detroit, to make good on its deficiency in regard to the construction of the high school gymnasium auditorium addition or face the prospect of having its contract cancelled.

The authorization was made in the form of a resolution unanimously approved by the Board at a special meeting Friday evening. The Ellis Construction Company, according to the resolution, must within three days following receipt of the written notice, make good its deficiency and promptly proceed with the construction or the matter will be turned over to the bonding company. The resolution provides that the Standard Accident Insurance Company, Detroit, which is the bonding company, also be notified of the Board's action.

Officials stated that if the deficiency is not taken care of, the District "shall and will" hold the contractor and its surety liable in damages for breach of contract and will under the provisions of the bond require completion of the project. The bond will cover all damages, expenses and increased costs to the District by reason of default by the contractor.

THE ACTION was taken by the Board in view of the filing of a bankruptcy petition in Federal Court by the Ellis Construction Company. Several weeks ago a receiver was appointed by the Court in connection with the Ellis Company and the school board receivership was ordered abandoned. In addition, the Board points out that the contractor has so delayed the performance of his contract as to constitute a default.

The written notices to the contractor and the bonding company were mailed on Monday.

Delay Action On Three Additional Amendments To Zoning Ordinance

The establishment of two new commercial sites was approved by the City Council Monday evening, which action was tabled on three other proposed amendments to the zoning Ordinance.

Unanimous approval was given to the rezoning from residential to commercial of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Slocum Drive in the Warner Farms Subdivision. The approval was given following receipt of a letter from the Farmington Development Company outlining the restricted uses of the proposed professional building planned for the site. Approval was also given to the rezoning of a parcel of land located 130 feet north of Slocum Drive and immediately west of Mayfield from residential to commercial. This area is in rear of the commercial property facing on the south side of Grand River. The developer has agreed to place a greenbelt between the residential property facing onto Slocum and the commercial area to the north.

Prior to the approval, a letter was read from property owners in the Warner Farms Subdivision requesting that plans be submitted for development of the property before any action was taken. The Council stated the repeated hearings have been held and the proposed amendment and that the matter had been thoroughly discussed.

Action on the proposed rezoning of the former Our Lady of Sorrows School property, Grand River at Mooney, from residential to commercial, was delayed pending receipt of assurances that the rezoning would not result in an ingress or egress would be made through Lakeway to the west. The proposed amendments to rezone the property south of the Cut-Off, both east and west of Farmington Road, to industrial was tabled until the State Highway Department acquires right-of-way for the improvement of the Cut-Off.

A GROUP of property owners on the north side of Silwaswasse between Powers and Prospect appeared before the Council regarding the grading in the south portion of the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision. Clifford Debraux, spokesman for the group, stated that it is the opinion of the property owners that more fill is being made than was stipulated in the agreement between the developer and the city. Several of the Council members (Continued on Page 8A)

Township Zoning Hearing Planned For June 29

Four Proposed Changes To Be Discussed

A public hearing has been set for Wednesday evening, June 29, at the Town Hall, for the purpose of discussing four proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, announced Tuesday.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., is open to all residents of the Township. The hearing is being called to give all citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the four proposals. Kelly emphasized that the comments made at the hearing have a definite bearing on the recommendations submitted by the Zoning Board.

THE FIRST proposal concerns the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Twelve Mile Road. The proposed area to be rezoned is approximately 800 feet by 800 feet and would contain a shopping center as well as a possible site for Town- (Continued on Page 8A)

Board Orders Halt To Soil Removal

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting last Wednesday, approved a motion to cancel the permit of Henry and Lillian Duchille, Detroit, for the removal of top soil in the vicinity of Farmington Road and Fourteen Mile Road.

The action was taken by the Board upon the recommendation of A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. Leonard stated that the permit holders admitted, during a conference held prior to the Board meeting, that other than top soil was being removed and sold from the property. The permit issued by the zoning inspector called for the removal of top soil only. Leonard thus recommended that immediate action be taken to cancel the permit and to halt the operation.

Leonard stated that he would draft the necessary papers this week so that they could be served on the permit holders. The attorney added that according to law, the Duchilles may request a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals within ten days following receipt of the cancellation. The permit holders may continue operations until the matter has been settled.

Dies Of Injuries In Auto Accident

Wilfred Guy of 14829 Merriman Court, Livonia, died last week at Redford Receiving Hospital of severe head injuries received in an auto accident Memorial Day in the intersection of U. S. 16 and the U.S. 16 Cut-Off. Hearing east, Guy lost control of his car while turning onto the Cut-Off. The vehicle rolled over several times, through a ditch and crashed into a tree. Guy was traveling alone at the time of the crash.

Two were slightly injured in a crash shortly before midnight Monday evening on River Street, near Well Street. Dolores A. Bedont of 19459 Seminole, Detroit, suffered cuts about the mouth and Calvin Hopkins, also of Detroit, received facial cuts. Both were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment and released.

The car in which they were traveling collided with the rear of a semi-truck. The truck had stopped on the highway. The truck driver stated he had stopped to make a check of his vehicle and was leaving his passengers in another vehicle indicated that something was wrong.

CITY STREETS GET NEW APPLICATION OF DUST LAYER

Another application of calcium chloride is being applied this week to all gravel roads in the city as part of a continuing dust control program, James Tennant, City Manager, reported Monday.

Grading and leveling work was started Monday by the Public Works Department in preparation of the dust-laying application. It is expected that the work will be completed by Thursday. The treatment will be applied to all gravel roads showing any evidence of dust, Tennant added.

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ACTION has been initiated by the Township Board to halt further removal of soil from this property, located just west of Farmington Road and south of Fourteen Mile Road. At a special meeting last Wednesday, the Board approved a motion to cancel the permit issued to Henry and Lillian Duchille, Detroit, for the removal of top soil. The action was taken upon the recommendation of A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. Property owners in the vicinity of the operation were urged to take action to the removal of the soil and urged the Board to take action cancelling the permit.