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## PLAN CUT-OVER TO NEW DIAL PHONE SYSTEM SUNDAY

### Bell Telephone Completes Final Test On \$1,300,000 Greenleaf Exchange

Final tests are under way today in Farmington's new telephone building as the deadline approaches for the inauguration of dial service here at 2:01 a. m. Sunday, August 21.

The \$1,300,000 plant not only transforms the Farmington exchange from manual operation to dial, but also introduces direct distance dialing which will enable one and two party users to dial direct to about 85 other Michigan communities, including Detroit, and to some 14,000,000 telephones throughout the nation as well as some Canadian points.

R. D. Maurer, local manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, pointed out that the introduction of "Greenleaf," which puts Farmington on the metropolitan type numbering system, will enable many outside cities and Michigan points to dial Farmington numbers direct.

Effective with the changeover Sunday, the new Greenleaf numbers here will be within direct dialing reach of many nearby communities, Maurer said. All telephone users in Detroit, Birmingham, Centerline, Eastland, Roseville, Southfield, Royal Oak, and Trenton will be able to dial direct to telephones here.

### Township Obtains Option Forms For Well Sites

Officials To Negotiate With Property Owners

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Monday that the option forms have been drawn by the Township Attorney in preparation for the securing of possible sites for test water wells. The Supervisor added that the new area focus was secured from A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, on Monday and that negotiations for the property will begin at once. Blanchard reported that a search of the records is now being made to determine the owners of the property involved.

### Board Receives Bids For Botsford School Addition

Expect To Let Building Contracts On Thursday

Action on the awarding of contracts for the new addition to the Botsford Elementary School has been delayed until Thursday evening. It was announced following the regular meeting of the Clarenceville Board of Education last week.

The letting of contracts has been delayed to afford additional time for more detailed study of the proposals. A total of four bids were received on the general construction work and six bids each were received for mechanical and electrical work. Officials indicated that the contracts would be awarded at the special meeting Thursday evening. The project calls for the construction of a kindergarten room, five classrooms and a multi-purpose room with an alternate of one additional classroom.

### Start Organizing For UF Campaign

Omar Sanderson, chairman of the 1955 Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest campaign, reported this week that plans are now under way on the organization of committees for the coming drive.

The annual campaign is expected to begin early in October. Sanderson stated that the exact opening date of the drive will be announced as soon as plans have been worked out. The campaign will run for approximately a month.

### AS A SERVICE

To the readers and advertisers of The Farmington Enterprise, we have introduced new Greenleaf phone numbers in the display ads which are listed in the newly released Bell Telephone directory, along with the present Farmington numbers. This changeover will continue in use until Sunday morning, August 21, when the new Greenleaf dial phone system will be placed in operation.

This proposal is being classified display ads will carry the new Greenleaf numbers and the Farmington phone listings will be dropped from all ads. This service is being provided automatically and without charge by The Enterprise.

### Council Considers Direct Sewer Link With Detroit

#### Voice Concern Over Interceptor Progress

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, authorized the drafting and forwarding of a letter to the Detroit Common Council in regard to the possibility of their accepting sewage directly from the City of Farmington.

The action followed a detailed discussion of the sewage problem in the City. Several members of the Council expressed concern over the desirability of progress being made by the sewer committee in connection with the proposed Farmington Interceptor. Mayor Robert Lindbert stated that he felt the City should abandon the plan to tie in with the proposed interceptor authority because of the time element. The City is currently under court order to abate pollution of the Rouge River. The deadline for issuance of contracts to construct some type of sewage disposal system has been set for April 1, 1956.

James Tennant, City Manager, suggested that the Council wait as long as possible before abandoning the interceptor plan. The City Manager, who is also chairman of the sewer committee, pointed out that the interceptor will be considerably cheaper to construct and operate than other methods of disposal. He also expressed the opinion that construction of the interceptor can be started before the Court Order deadline next Spring. Several Council members also voiced concern over the continued pollution of the river. They indicated the same property owners. (Continued on Page 8A)

### Township Offered New Fire Hall Site

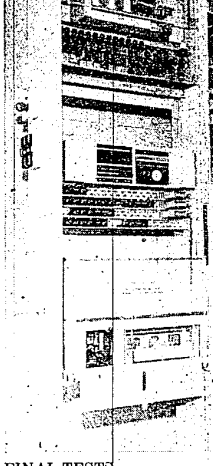
A site for a proposed new Township Fire Station, in the vicinity of Twelve Mile Road and Farmington Road, has been offered to the Board by Thompson-Brown, Inc.

The offer was made in regard to an inquiry from Township officials. Charles Brown, in presenting the proposal, stated that the site would be given to the Township without cost, subject to certain conditions. The conditions included the rezoning of the property where the fire station would be located, the selection of a site satisfactory to both parties and the construction of a building in keeping with the architectural design of other structures in the proposed Commercial Center.

### CITY RECEIVES NEW TRAFFIC PARKING SIGNS

The traffic signs recently purchased by the City arrived early this week, and are expected to be placed as soon as a survey of locations has been completed.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the signs involve traffic control and parking regulations. The bulk of the signs will be erected along Grand River and in the various new subdivisions.



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### Father and Son Killed In Accident On Nine Mile Road Sunday Evening

#### Automobile Smashes Into Side Of Boat Trailer Being Towed By Car Near Middlebelt Road

Theodore Evans, of Oak Park, and his nine year old son, Michael, were killed Sunday evening, and three other members of the Evans family were seriously injured when their car struck a boat trailer being towed by another car on Nine Mile Road near Middlebelt.

Evans was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident and his son was dead on arrival at St. Carmel Hospital. In critical condition in the hospital are Evelyn, wife, Eltona, 12, his daughter, Deborah, 4; and Mrs. Evans's mother, Mrs. Henrietta Toop of Holland, Michigan.

### Highway Dept. To Sell Buildings

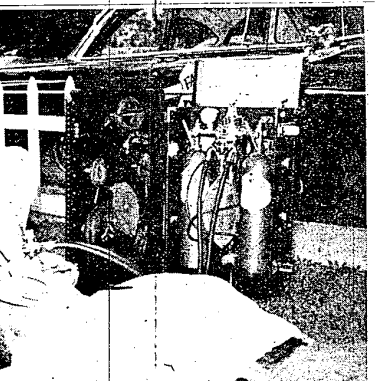
Sold bids for the sale of buildings in 14 separate parcels listed in the proposed Farmington Brighton Expressway will be received by the State Highway Department up to 11 a. m. on Friday, August 26.

A certified check or money order in the amount of 20% of the bid must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder must be prepared to pay the balance in full upon notification of acceptance of the bid. It will be the responsibility of the purchaser to see that occupied buildings are vacated in time to meet removal date. Buildings must be removed at the risk and expense of the successful bidder and in conformity with the ordinances and regulations of Novi and Farmington Townships.

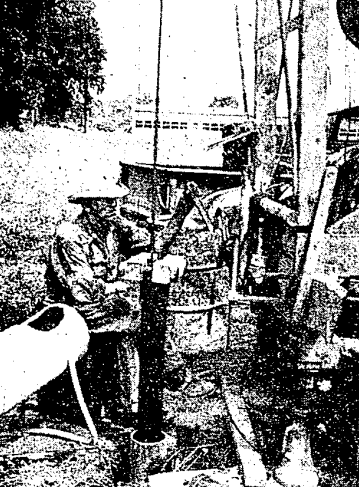
### Plan Start Of City Water Expansion

Construction work is expected to begin late this week on the installation of water mains connecting the new city wells with the existing system, James Tennant, City Manager, reported Monday.

Barrying the information and cut-ins, the new mains should be in use in approximately two weeks. The new schedule is about a week in advance of the original schedule. Work on the installation of pumping equipment at the new wells is expected to be carried on simultaneously with the laying of the new mains.



DEMONSTRATING the many uses of the new portable life saving blankets purchased recently for Farmington Township is Irving Yakes, Township Police Chief. Floyd Sallow, Superintendent of the City Public Works Department, is serving as the victim for the demonstration. The rescuer, with accessories, can be used to restore breathing to near-drowned victims, to persons overcome by smoke or gas, or those suffering a heart attack. One of the two units will be carried in the Township police car while the other has been assigned to the fire station at Bell's Garage on Northwestern Highway. All police and firemen in the Township have been instructed in the use of the units.



WELL DRILLING operations were resumed at a new location on the Gill Road School site last week as an all-out effort continues to find a sufficient amount of water to supply the needs at the new elementary school. Neil Cameron is shown above operating the drilling machinery at the new spot. Two other wells were dug at this spot in the past. One was a dry hole and the other was not capable of supplying the amount of water needed.

### Cavanaugh Urges Action On City Zoning Revision

#### Calls For Introduction Of The New Ordinance

The City Council was urged Monday evening to proceed at the earliest possible date with the introduction and subsequent adoption of the revised zoning ordinance.

Councilman James Cavanaugh stated that the Council should either adopt the revision or drop it entirely. He added that the proposal has been under study for two or three years by both the Planning Commission and the City Council. Cavanaugh pointed out that the zoning ordinance was drafted by Waring and Johnson, planning consultants, who have had considerable experience in this field. In addition, the revision was carefully studied by the Planning Commission prior to its recommendation to the Council that the proposal be adopted.

### School Continues Search For Water

Well drillers are continuing operations at the new Gill Road Elementary School in an effort to find an additional source of water. O. E. Danckel, superintendent of schools, announced Tuesday.

Danckel stated that as of Tuesday morning a shaft had been drilled down 125 feet without hitting water. He added that the drilling will continue until bed rock has been reached. This is the third well to be drilled on the property. According to tests, the first well will produce about seven gallons a minute. The first well was drilled on the southwest corner of the school property while the present drilling is being done on the northwest corner.

### AROUND THE BLOCK

SIGNS OF FALL ... on the scene in spite of the summer breezes being directed away through the courtesy of the weatherman. The initial notices regarding football activities are being released this week by both the Farmington and Clarenceville coaching staffs. Merchants up and down main street are beginning to make their annual supply of fall merchandise and preparations are well under way for the opening of another school year. It won't be very many more weeks now until the conversation turns to last summer's vacation and who is going to lead the gridiron parade. But, don't get too discouraged, there are still quite a few summer days left, in spite of the signs of fall.

### A REALISTIC VIEW ...

of what is expected to happen in the future as far as the growth and development of the city is concerned was displayed Monday afternoon when the Council declared its intent to proceed with the drilling of additional wells. It is the expressed opinion of the Council that a larger source of water will be needed by next summer to meet the demands of the growing population. We believe that this is wise planning and every effort should be made to facilitate the proposed project so that sufficient water will be available prior to the "dry" season next year. It is important that we are looking ahead, especially at the speed with which we are traveling.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ... we inquired editorially as to what had happened to the Farmington Civil Defense organization. We were pretty well convinced at the time that it was a "dead duck," but we hoped that maybe there still a faint breath left. Unfortunately, our hopes turned out to be only wild dreams of imagination. The attempt to revive the hapless duck fell like a clunker in the sand. We can't help but wonder, as we did several weeks ago, what might happen if that alert ever comes through minus the word "gratias."