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## Registration Of High School Students Now Under Way At Farmington

**Enrollment Of Kindergarten And New Grade School Children To Be Held This Thursday**

Enrollment of junior and senior high school students, now under way in the Farmington District, will continue through Friday, September 2. School officials reported this week.

Registrations are being taken every week day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. All students from the 7th through the 12th grades. Students entering the 7th and 8th grades should register at the junior high school building on Thomas Street, while those in the 9th to 12th grades should enroll at the new high school building on Shiawassee.

Officials emphasized that the registration covers all students in the junior and senior high, whether they are former pupils or are new in the District. All students are urgently requested to enroll prior to the opening of school.

REGISTRATION of kindergarten and new first grade school children is being conducted Thursday afternoon and evening, August 25, at the various grade schools throughout the District. The registration hours have been set for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Parents are requested to bring their children's birth certificates with them when they register.

The annual pre-school Get-Together for kindergarten youngsters will be held during the week of August 29. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, stated that parents of registered kindergarten children are being advised by letter as to the details of the program.

## Three Injured In Crashes On Middlebelt Road

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## Book Store Opens At Clarenceville

The Clarenceville junior-senior high school book store will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week for the convening of students. Max Miller, high school principal, announced Tuesday.

Miller stated that the store, located in the high school building on Middlebelt Road, will be open during 30, 31 and September 1 during the day from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. On Wednesday evening the store will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. All junior and senior high school students are requested to secure their books during this period.

Any high school students who do not live in the District and have not registered as yet are requested to do so as soon as possible. Registrations are now being taken at the office of the principal in the high school building.

## TAX DEADLINE IN CITY SET FOR WEDNESDAY

With only five days remaining until the deadline, approximately 68% of the total city tax statement has been collected to date, Kathryn C. Kelly, City Treasurer, announced this week.

Total tax collections are listed at \$60,642.56 out of a complete billing of \$91,429.88. This sum statement includes city taxes on the new high school building. Wednesday, August 31, has been set as the deadline for the payment of taxes without penalty. Starting September 1, a penalty of 2% will be added to all unpaid statements.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

**THE OLD EXPRESSION . . .** about its being hot enough to fry an egg on the paving, was more than just an expression during the week end. . . it was a fact. Before we are challenged on this statement, we want to explain that we didn't really try it, but it has been done in 100 degree temperature and that is just what was recorded Sunday afternoon. In fact, we are pretty well convinced that the temperature went over the 100 mark here in Farmington. However, like everything else, the weather does change and sometimes for the good. We hope it stays for a while, even though we do have to fry our eggs on the stove. . . it's a lot more comfortable that way.

**A LARGE GROUP . . .** of Farmington citizens were treated to a preview Saturday evening of the opening of the new \$1,300,000 Michigan Bell Telephone Greenleaf Exchange. The highlight of the program was the placing of the first direct dial long distance call by City Manager James Tennant. It marked a milestone in the history of Farmington and one that will be remembered for a long time. All of the visitors to the new Bell Telephone building on Grand Avenue were impressed with the mass of modern equipment which has gone into the making of this new dial on phone exchanges. It is hard to realize, as you step the new dial on your telephone, all the detailed steps that are taking place to get your call through or how they ever figured it out in the first place. But we're mighty glad they did!

**WE WOULD LIKE . . .** to call your attention to the picture feature appearing on Page 6A of this week's issue. It includes both exterior and interior views of the three new Farmington elementary schools as well as the high school gymnasium-auditorium addition. We are indebted to Lou Geisinger, Farmington commercial photographer, for the excellent pictures. We hope that you will enjoy this feature. It represents the highlights of one of the largest building programs in the history of the growing Farmington School District. These new buildings are yours. They have been built with your money and you can be proud of them.

# TOWNSHIP TO EQUIP FIRE TRUCKS WITH RADIO UNITS



THE FIRST CALL over the new \$1,300,000 Greenleaf dial telephone system was placed by Farmington City Manager James Tennant, when he dialed direct to McKeesport, Pa., during inaugural ceremonies held Saturday evening at Botsford Inn. The ceremonies were attended by a large group of Farmington civic and business leaders as well as officials of the Bell Telephone Company. Tennant's call is shown dialing the direct long distance number while Michigan Bell Telephone Manager Robert Maurer, standing, looks on.

## Act To Hasten Construction Of School Sidewalks

Walks Authorized At Shiawassee, Ten Mile

Steps were taken by the Farmington Township School Board at a regular meeting Monday evening to hasten construction of sidewalks at the new elementary school site at Shiawassee and Tuck Road and at the Ten Mile Elementary School.

Authorization was given by the Board to O. E. Dunclek, school superintendent, to work out all details for having work started on walks at the two sites at the earliest possible date. It was stipulated that four-foot walks be constructed.

According to a report made to the Board, the City of Farmington is proceeding with plans for constructing a sidewalk on the south side of Shiawassee between Orchard Lake Road and Hawthorne Street. School officials have been informed by S. Mathers, Incorporated, local trucking firm located at the southeast corner of Shiawassee and Hawthorne, that they will construct sidewalks in front of their establishment, fronting on Shiawassee. Necessary action, however, has yet to be taken by the Farmington Township Board for construction of a walk on property fronting on Shiawassee between the Mather property and the western boundary of the school property.

Concern was expressed by members of the Board over the fact that nothing has yet been done regarding the cleaning up of quantities of debris and rubbish spread along the northern property line at the high school site backing up.

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## Legion To Install Officers Thursday

Newly elected officers of the Groves - Walker Post, American Legion, and Auxiliary will be installed at a joint ceremony to be held Thursday evening, August 25, at the Legion Memorial Home.

The installation of the new Post officers will be conducted by a special team from the Oakland County 40 and 8. The new Auxiliary officers will be installed by a team composed of past presidents of the Groves - Walker Post Auxiliary.

New Legion officers to be installed include: Frank Barber, commander; William LeBlanc, senior vice-commander; Cleo Violet, junior vice-commander; Gerald Yeager, historian; George George, sergeant-at-arms; and Charles Willard, chaplain.

Newly elected officers of the Auxiliary are: Mary Ann Prior, president; Marie Barber, first vice-president; Francis Forbes, second vice-president; Mary Markel, secretary; Ethel Pettibone, treasurer; Florence DeVriendt, chaplain; Mary Youdes, sergeant-at-arms; and Isabelle Goodrich, sergeant-at-arms.

The annual installation is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. and is open to all residents of the Farmington community.

## Release H. S. Schedule

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## State Authorizes Sale Of City Water Bond Issue

**Council To Receive Bond Bids September 12**

Approval of the City's request for permission to sell bonds for the expansion of water facilities was granted by the Municipal Finance Commission at its regular meeting in Lansing on Tuesday.

City officials were advised of the approval Tuesday afternoon. The action by the Commission clears the way for the sale of bonds to finance the water expansion program. Action on the sale of \$33,000 in sewer bonds has been delayed until next Tuesday's meeting of the Committee, James Tennant, City Manager, stated that advertisement forms for the sale of the bond issue are ready for release to legal publications.

CITY Manager has requested that a special meeting of the Council be held on Monday, September 12, for the purpose of receiving and opening bids on the sale of the \$33,000 sewer bonds. Money from the sale of the bonds will be used to finance the installation of pumping facilities at the City's two new wells, in addition to the construction of a pump house at the well site and the installation of water mains connecting the new wells with the existing system. Funds from the bond issue will also be used to construct various sections of sewer in the City, either as new installations or replacement of existing mains.

Officials stated that the water expansion project will be the first phase of the program. Work has already begun on the pouring of foundations for the pump installations and pump house. The majority of the materials for the new water mains were delivered in the past few weeks and Tennant stated that the balance of the fixtures should be here by Thursday. Weather permitting, work is expected to begin this week and on the installation of the new mains. Work on the pump installations will be conducted simultaneously with the rest of the project.

## Board Approves Purchase Of Three 2-Way Radios For Fire Equipment

The Township Board, Tuesday evening, approved the purchase of three two-way radio units to be installed on fire trucks at the three regular stations in the Township.

The purchase of the units is subject to the condition that the City will service calls through the present joint police radio-transmitter. At the present time, both City and Township police calls are being handled over the two-way radio network. The new units for the fire trucks would be serviced through the same transmitter.

Roy Bell, chief of the Northeast Township Fire Department, presented the radio proposal to the Board. He stated that the units would cost \$496.06 each, installed. The radios would provide communications between the central transmitter at the City police station and the individual fire trucks or between the various radio-equipped fire and police units. Bell stated that there is a strong possibility that half of the cost of the radio units can be recovered through the State Civil Defense organization.

A MOTION was made and approved by the Board to request the County Road Commission to conduct an investigation into the possibility of installing regulation traffic lights at this intersection of Ten Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road. The motion was introduced by Mrs. Elin Avery and was unanimously approved. Mrs. Avery urged that the matter be presented to the County immediately in view of the high accident rate at both intersections.

The Board also approved a motion authorizing the hiring of Russ Conway as temporary police officer to fill in during vacation periods and nights when one of the two officers is off duty. The action followed a request from Irv. (Continued on Page 6A)

## Board Approves Bids For Botsford School Addition

**Authorize The Letting Of Building Contracts**

Low bids on the construction of the proposed Botsford Elementary School addition were accepted and approved by the Clarenceville Board last Thursday evening preparatory to the awarding of contracts.

Prior to the acceptance of the low bidders, the Board resolved to include the alternates, covering the installation of metal lockers in the classrooms and the moving of an existing kitchen equipment. According to the plans and specifications, the addition will include five classrooms as well as a kindergarten room and multi-purpose room.

THE LOW bidder on the general contract is the Westside Construction Company with a proposal of \$124,850. The Evans Heating Company is low bidder on the mechanical work with a proposal of \$12,000.

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## Farmington Sets Book Store Hours

Students of the Farmington Township School District are reminded that the book store in the basement of the junior high school is open to the public and will be open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the opening of school.

Students, both elementary and high school, are requested to secure their books prior to the opening of classes. In addition to the regular week-day hours, the store will be open Friday evenings, August 26 and September 9, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, August 27 and September 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The regular hours have been set up to accommodate those students who are working or for other reasons can not secure their books during the regular book store hours.

## MOTORCYCLE EVENT TO AID ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECTS

Plans have been completed for a special Motorcycle Field Day to be held September 25 at the Lionia Race Track with the net proceeds going to the Clarenceville High School and Bentley High School lighted athletic field projects.

Tickets are expected to be available within a few days and may be purchased in the Clarenceville area from various clubs and at the high school office. Funds from the field day will be distributed between the Clarenceville High School and Bentley High School to help pay for their lighted athletic fields.

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## Township Seeks Well Site Options

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Tuesday that continuing efforts are being made to contact property owners in order to secure land options for the drilling of test water wells in the Township.

Blanchard added that option forms have been secured from the Township Attorney for three possible sites for water wells. A contract has been made with one of the three property owners and preliminary negotiations are now under way. The Supervisor stated that he has been unable to contact the other two property owners as yet.

The options must be secured from the various property owners before contracts can be let for the drilling of the test wells. The three proposed sites were selected from five locations suggested by geologists and engineers.

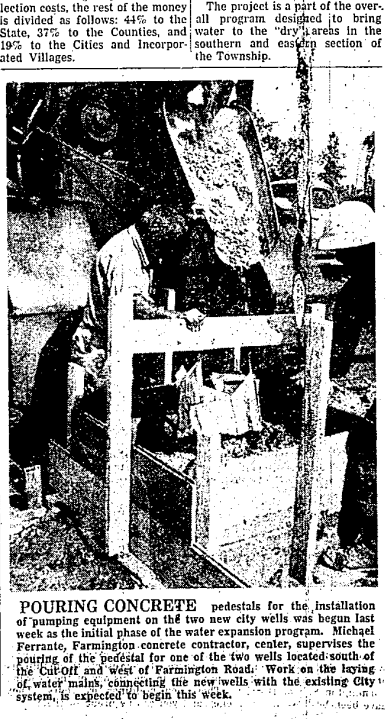
The project is a part of the overall program designed to bring water to the "dry" areas in the southern and eastern section of the Township.

## City To Receive Highway Funds

The City of Farmington will receive a total of \$3,117.17 as its portion of the Second Quarter net receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. It was announced this week by the State Highway Department.

According to the formula for distribution of funds, Oakland County will receive \$634,026.55. Net receipts of the Fund for the Second Quarter amount to \$31,444,247.28. This represents an increase of \$2,723,620 over the Second Quarter of last year.

Under the 1951 Act, all of the State Gasoline and Weight taxes, the Diesel Fuel Tax and a small amount of miscellaneous fees are deposited in the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. After deductions for non-highway uses and other purposes, the rest of the money is divided as follows: 44% to the State, 37% to the Counties, and 19% to the Cities and Incorporated Villages.



**POURING CONCRETE** pedestals for the installation of pumping equipment on the new city wells was begun last week as the initial phase of the water expansion program. Michael Ferrante, Farmington concrete contractor, supervises the pouring of the pedestal for one of the two wells located south of the Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road. Work on the laying of water mains connecting the wells with the existing City system, is expected to begin this week.