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Two Injured In Accidents On Middlebelt

Two Cars Collide On Nine Mile Saturday

Two men were injured early Sunday in a freak, double auto accident on Middlebelt Road, north of Farmington.

Donald E. Griffin, 28, of 21265 Jacksonville, Farmington, suffered multiple head and body bruises when he lost control of his car after crossing Eight Mile while proceeding north on Middlebelt. The accident occurred at 5:08 a.m. The vehicle, after going out of control, struck a tree on the east side of the highway, rolled over several times, and then upright itself across the road. Griffin was thrown clear of the car on the east side of the highway.

LESS than five minutes later a car operated by Anthony M. Theisen of Midford, also proceeding north on Middlebelt, collided with the Griffin auto, still on the road. Theisen suffered lacerations about the head, left knee and elbow and was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

Both cars were on fire when police arrived at the scene.

Saturday, around 7:30 p.m., two persons were injured in a two-car head-on collision on Nine Mile between Springbrook and Tuck Roads.

The crash occurred when an auto driven by Robert L. Humphrey of Northville, traveling west on Nine Mile, reportedly crossed the center-line of the highway into the path of a car operated by Donald Ortner of Sandusky, Ohio, proceeding west on Nine Mile Road. Humphrey suffered injuries to the back and buttocks, and was taken to Atkinson Hospital in Northville for treatment. Ruth Jacob, a passenger in the Ortner auto, suffered shock. She was treated at the Memorial Clinic in Van Dyke.

Township Plans Special Conference To Discuss Proposed Water System

Direct Clerk To Arrange Meeting With Attorney And Engineer In Effort To Step Up Program

Arrangements are now being made for a joint conference between the Township Board and Judge Arthur E. Moore for the purpose of discussing future action in connection with the proposed water system for the southeast section of the Township.

A special meeting held last Tuesday afternoon, Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, was authorized by the Board to contact Judge Moore in an effort to arrange a date for the conference. Cairns stated early this week that he had been unable to complete the arrangements as yet, but that the conference would be held as soon as possible.

The decision to confer with Judge Moore followed a brief discussion of the problem. Several members of the Board asked what progress was being made in connection with the proposed financing of the system. It was pointed out by Judge Moore, attorney for the Water Committee, was working on this phase of the project.

The Board then suggested that the Clerk contact Judge Moore in an effort to arrange a conference in the immediate future so that members could be brought up-to-date on what progress was being made. THE CLERK was also advised to contact Pate and Hirm, engineers, in order that they might have a representative at the meeting. Several members of the Board voiced concern over the lack of information available on the progress of the project. Ward Eagle stated that a number of meetings have been held in recent months with various officials but that no concrete program has been formulated as yet.

Since the major problem has been of financing, officials hope that the coming conference with Judge Moore will provide concrete suggestions for a definite program of action.

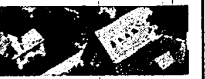
FARMINGTON LISTS SCHOOL BOOK STORE SCHEDULE

Farmington School officials reminded students this week that the book store, in the basement of the Junior High School building, is now open.

In addition to the regular schedule, the store will be in operation Fridays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The store is open for the benefit of the school. This schedule will be followed with the exception of the Labor Day week end. The Junior High School building is located on School Street in the city.

The schedules for both Farmington and Clarenceville will be broken down into elementary and high school routes. They and other information on bus numbers, drivers' names, time schedules and description of routes.

AROUND THE BLOCK



ONE ELECTION... is about to begin. While the actual voting is over and another is to begin, the preparation and the build-up require many months of promotion and hard work. An important phase of that build-up is encouraging citizens to register now, the registration books of the City and Township are open for next applications. If you want to cast your ballot in the coming General Election, you must be registered. So, if your name is not already on the list, you can get it there by visiting your City or Township office any weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Township office is located in the Town Hall while the City office is in the Municipal Building. Do it today!

CONGRATULATIONS... Gain's appointment as the new Township Supervisor. While his appointment may have come as a surprise to many citizens, Gain is well versed in the operation and function of the Township office. He has served for the past 14 months as head of the Township Building Department with offices in the Town Hall. During his tenure as chief building inspector he has ably handled the administration of a growing department. In this capacity he has also had an opportunity to visit every section of the Township and to talk with many citizens. Farmington Township, like every growing community, needs aggressive, constructive leadership with a sprinkling of vision and understanding. We extend our congratulations and pledge our cooperation to the new Supervisor in the continuing effort to make Farmington Township a better place in which to live.

SOMETHING NEW... has been added at the City Police Station which should be of vital importance to each and every one of us. It consists of a "safety map" which, in the event of an accident is being charted. This "safety map" will not only serve as a reminder to all citizens, who visit the Police Department, to drive more carefully, but it will act as a factual guide for future safety measures at high accident rate locations. The program should be undertaken in the City. We hope that this safety program should be undertaken in the City. We hope that this safety program should be undertaken in the City. We hope that this safety program should be undertaken in the City.

Board OK's Final Plans For New High School Unit

Clarenceville Files Drawings With State

Revised plans and specifications for the five units of the proposed new Clarenceville High School were approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held last Thursday evening.

The approval was granted subject to several minor changes and additions as listed on the plans submitted by Walter J. Ziekle, architect. Action was also taken by the Board approving the preliminary layout for the kitchen as prepared by Bud Brinkley. The complete plans and specifications of the proposed high school have been submitted to the State Department of Public Instruction for approval.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS indicated that some work may be received from the State prior to the special meeting next Monday evening. At that time sealed bids on the value of the \$750,000 bond issue will be opened and read by the Board. As soon as the bond issue has been sold and final approval has been received on the plans and specifications, action can be started on the securing of construction bids for the project.

Action was taken by the Board awarding a contract to Earl Vivier for the purchase of a 60-passenger school bus, GMC chassis with Wayne body, at a total bid price of \$3,885. A motion was also approved granting permission to United Dairies for the installation of one of their vending machines in the school building.

City To Discuss Debt Service Fee

A continuing discussion on the question of whether or not to reduce water users' charges to intercept debt service charges is expected to take place at the regular meeting of the City Council next Monday evening.

The question has been discussed at the last several meetings, but action has been delayed pending further study by the individual Council members. A number of outside water users have formally protested payment of the charge on the grounds that they would derive no direct benefit from the interceptor.

Paving Hearing Set For Monday

Final details have been completed for the scheduled public hearing before the City Council next Monday, August 20, on the proposed special assessment paving of Violet and a portion of Lilac Streets.

The hearing is being called to record any objections to the proposed special assessment district by affected property owners. The Council has accepted the special assessment rolls from the assessor and they are now available for public examination at the Municipal Building. The special hearing has been set for 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

If there are no major objections to the special assessment district, the Council is expected to approve the plan (Continued on Page 6A)

Board Reverses Previous Motion To Rescind Subdivision Procedures



THE FIRST ORDER of business for Farmington Township's new Supervisor, Albert Gain, was this acceptance of the Oath of office conducted Friday afternoon at the Town Hall. The new Supervisor was appointed at a special meeting of the Township Board held Thursday afternoon. He will fill out the remainder of the term left vacant by the resignation of Ward Eagle. For the past 14 months Gain has served as head of the Township Building Department.

Albert Gain Appointed Supervisor At Special Township Board Meeting Adopts Drainage, Sewer Ordinances

New Official Sworn In Friday To Fill Vacancy
Caused By Resignation Of Ward Eagle

Albert Gain, newly appointed Farmington Township Supervisor, was officially sworn in into office Friday afternoon during ceremonies at the Town Hall.

Gain, former head of the Township Building Department, was appointed Supervisor at a special meeting of the Township Board Thursday afternoon. He replaces Ward Eagle, whose resignation as Supervisor became effective on Friday. Gain was appointed to the post following the recording of five secret ballots by the Board. The first three ballots were cast for Gain, with one member not voting. On the fourth ballot the vote was tied at three each. Following considerable discussion, a fifth ballot was taken with Gain receiving four votes and Cairns two votes. It was then moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Gain as Supervisor. The motion carried, all yeas.

Start Registering H.S. Students Wed.

Final registration of Farmington junior and senior high school students will begin on Wednesday, August 22, and continue through August 31, officials announced this week.

Each student is required to go to either the junior high school or senior high school office to secure a copy of his complete class schedule. Both offices will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. to handle registrations.

A special freshmen orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5. All ninth graders will be picked up by bus and brought to the school for the orientation. Buses will begin picking up students about 12:20 p.m. The orientation will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Other features of the program will be a home room meeting, tour of the building, treat of milk and cookies served in the cafeteria, and the return home of buses which will leave the school (Continued on Page 6A)

CITY TO RECEIVE \$3,321 IN STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS

The City of Farmington will receive a total of \$3,321.41 as its share of the second quarter receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, announced this week.

The funds is now being distributed to Counties, Cities and Villages in accordance with Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951. According to Ziegler, the second quarter receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for 1956 are \$39,433 less than the same period in 1955. The Fund represents collections from all State Gasoline, Motor Fuel and Fuel taxes. The fund does not include any funds collected under the Public Acts of 1955 increasing the gas tax from 41 to 6 cents.

ANNOUNCE DELAY OF CITY SEWER PROJECTS

Construction work on a series of small sewer projects in the City, including a new storm drain along State Street, has been delayed for several weeks due to an accident involving the contractor, Earl Scherffius, City Manager, reported Monday.

The project is expected to get underway the first week in September.

Following a lengthy and at times rather heated debate, the Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, took action to set aside a previously approved resolution calling for the rescinding of the Township Subdivision Regulations and Procedures.

The resolution to rescind the Subdivision Procedures was adopted at a special meeting of the Township Board held last Tuesday afternoon. (See adjoining story for details of the special meeting.) Harvey Freeman, secretary of the Planning Board, asked Trustee Robert Harris if he would explain his reason for initiating the rescinding action. Harris stated that in his opinion some changes should be made in the Procedures to simplify them. He added that the proposal was submitted to the Board one evening and adopted the next, and that insufficient time was allowed for study.

Freeman stated that an entire evening was devoted to a discussion of the proposal at a joint session of the Township Board and Planning Board. He added that even if the Township Board feels that changes are needed in the Procedures, he should not be cause for rescinding the Procedures, leaving no regulations at all. Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated that since the Township Board had no opportunity to fully study the Procedures and requested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting. Freeman stated that the question was tabled and it was seconded by Harris and it was seconded by Harris. Mrs. Elise Avery, Trustee, suggested that the Board be asked to set aside and that the Procedures be reinstated pending a joint meeting with the Planning Board. Following considerable discussion, Freeman withdrew his motion with the permission of the second and Mrs. Avery presented her suggestion in the form of a motion which was unanimously approved.

PROPERTY OWNERS in Old Farm Colony asked the Board for an explanation as to why they turned down a plan which would have restricted future building in the Subdivision. The motion, if approved, would have given the Building Department the authority of building permits because of alleged improper sanitary facilities. Gain stated that he had conferred with A. B. Scherffius, City Engineer, (Continued on Page 6A)

Hearing To Air Zoning Proposals

Recommendations in two proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance are expected to be made Thursday evening by the Zoning Board following a public hearing in the Town Hall. The hearing, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., is being called in accordance with law to record any objections or comments to the proposed amendments. Edward Schmid, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that all affected property owners are invited to attend and to participate in the discussion.

The first proposal concerns an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow for the creation of public hospitals and homes for the aged in Residential Zones, subject to the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The second proposal involves the rezoning of two lots at the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Ten Mile Roads from Residential Four to Commercial.

Transfer Students To Other Schools

Kindergarten students previously scheduled to attend the William Grace elementary school this year will be shifted to the Noble elementary school on Middlebelt Road, Miss Minnie Ziekle, elementary coordinator, disclosed Tuesday.

Third graders formerly listed to attend the Noble School this year will be moved to classroom at the Middlebelt School. The two-room William Grace School will be closed and torn down to make way for the construction of a new 12-room elementary unit at the expanded site.

Kindergarten furniture and equipment valued at \$1,200 is now being moved into the Noble School, Miss Ziekle said. The school will handle approximately 40 youngsters in morning sessions and an equal number in afternoon classes.

Letters will be mailed in the near future to inform parents of the change in schools which their youngsters will attend. The letters will also specify whether the child has been enrolled in morning or afternoon class sessions, Miss Ziekle disclosed.

Transfer Students To Other Schools

The motion was made by Robert Harris and seconded by Thomas (Continued on Page 6A)



NEW CLASSROOMS at the Botwin Elementary School in the Clarenceville District are now being furnished in preparation for the opening of school next month. The new addition to the building will provide five classrooms as well as a kitchen and multi-purpose room. Classrooms are now engaged in the task of moving furniture and equipment into the new rooms which are located in a wing at the southwest corner of the building. The additional facilities are being provided to meet the increased enrollment at the school.

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