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## SEEK ROAD EASEMENT ACROSS SCHOOL PROPERTY

### Board Accepts Bid For Purchase Of School Notes

A contract for the purchase of \$70,000 in tax anticipation notes of the Clarenceville School District was awarded to the National Bank of Detroit by action of the Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

The National Bank of Detroit proposal was the most favorable of four bids received by the District. According to officials the contract provides for 2 per cent interest with a premium of \$200. The loan will be used by the District to meet current operating expenses for the balance of this year. The notes are to be dated June 1, 1957 and will mature March 1, 1958. Officials stated that the notes will be repaid from 1957 tax collections.

In accordance with the recent approval by the voters of a four mill tax increase for operation purposes, the Board adopted a new salary schedule. Under the new schedule, teachers with bachelors degrees will receive a minimum salary of \$4,200 and a maximum salary of \$5,850 while teachers with masters degrees will receive a minimum salary of \$4,400 and a maximum salary of \$6,150. This represents an increase of \$100 in the starting base pay and \$300 and \$400 in the maximum salary bracket.

**THE BOARD** also approved a \$165.00 increase per year in all steps of the salary schedule of clerical personnel. Bus drivers were granted a 5 cent per hour increase in all brackets while full time women custodians were increased to a regular salary of \$1.20 per hour and a maximum salary of \$1.65 per hour. All of the salary increases under the newly amended schedule will become effective on July 1, 1957.

Action was taken by the Board setting June 6 as the date of the next regular meeting rather than June 13. The action was taken to avoid any confusion which might occur as a result of the regular June 10 school election.

### WORK STARTED ON FLORAL PARK PAVING PROJECTS

Earl Scherffus, City Manager, reported this week that work is now underway on the laying of sewer lines in the Floral Park Section preparatory to the paving of Floral Street as well as portions of Lilac and Hawthorne Streets.

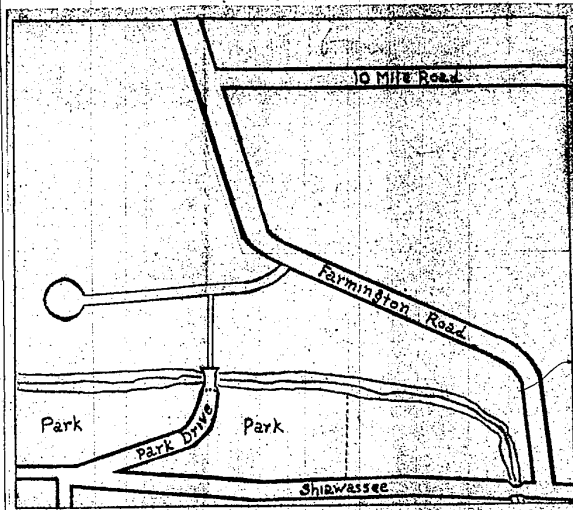
### Three Tie For Valedictorian

### Clarenceville High School Names Four Leading Honor Graduates



KAREN LEE BROWN

For the first time in the history of the Clarenceville High School, three seniors have been selected as valedictorians by their graduating class because of the closeness of the scholastic records. As Max Miller, high school principal, stated that only a fraction of the percentage point separated the three top seniors. He added that it would be extremely difficult to make a distinction between the three and they have almost perfect academic achievement records. The valedictorian award has been awarded to Karen Lee Brown, Marie Wyss and Violet Paatalo. Salutatorian of the 1957 Clarenceville graduating class is Donald Melton, who also completed an extremely high scholastic record.



**THE CITY COUNCIL**, last week, tentatively approved the relocation of Farmington Road, between Shiuwassee and Ten Mile, in an effort to eliminate the present hazardous conditions on McGee Hill. According to the tentative plan, the present Farmington Road from Shiuwassee north to the river would be abandoned except as a park drive. The new road would intersect Shiuwassee east of the river near the school athletic field and extend north and west to a connection with the present Farmington Road south of Ten Mile. Developers of the proposed Twin Valley Subdivision, to be located on both the east and west sides of Farmington Road, have agreed to construct the new road as part of the subdivision development.

Effective this Saturday, June 1, limited restrictions on the use of outside water will be imposed on all city customers, according to a proclamation issued this week by Mayor Robert Lindbert.

### Final School Vote Registration Date Set For Friday

Eligible electors of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts have until this Friday, May 31, to register for the annual June 10 school elections, officials emphasized this week.

Residents of the Farmington School District may register on Friday, the final day, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Electors of the Township should register at the Town Hall while residents of the City should register at the Municipal Building.

### SIX SUBDIVISIONS RATIFY LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

A total of six subdivision organizations have verbally ratified the recently approved constitution of the League of Subdivision Associations, officials announced this week.

Application forms as well as the list of official delegates are expected to be received within the next few days. A total of nine subdivisions must ratify the constitution before formal organization of the League can be started. It is hoped that the initial organization meeting of the League can be held during the latter part of June.

### Limited Restrictions On Water Use To Take Effect June 1 In City

Under the restriction program, persons living in even numbered houses will be allowed to use outside water on even numbered days and odd numbered houses on odd numbered days. Officials stated that there are no restrictions far as hours are concerned however persons are requested to conserve water as much as possible. The controls are directed primarily at lawn sprinkling, car washing and similar outside uses of water.

Officials emphasized that the restrictions are being imposed as a precautionary measure to eliminate any sudden drop in pressure due to excessive demand. Lindbert emphasized that the difficulty is not water supply but distribution of the supply. Because of the limited size of numerous mains in the city, it is impossible to maintain adequate pressure during peak use periods.

### Boys Involved In Theft Ring

Police and school officials disclosed this week that at least five boys, all students at Farmington high school, have been implicated in a series of thefts covering an extended period of time.

It was pointed out that the investigation is continuing and school officials stated that the thefts included merchandise and equipment taken from private as well as school property. It was stated that the names of the boys who are the candidates are: Herman A. Dobson, Norman E. Kreider, Harry O. Lang, Jr., Zar A. Reader and Donald A. Wells. Incoming candidates include: Alger M. Clark, President; Arthur J. Busch, Clerk; M. W. Davenport, Treasurer and Robert J. Swift, Assessor.

### Need Right-Of-Way For Proposed Relocation Of Farmington Road

The proposed relocation of North Farmington Road between Ten Mile and Shiuwassee Road now rests on a decision by the Farmington School Board either favoring or disapproving the granting of a road easement, through school property at the south end of the designated route.

City Manager Earl Scherffus appeared before the School Board meeting in regular session Monday night and outlined the proposed route of the road, indicating that portion of school property it would run through. He stated that a 66-foot wide easement approximately 250 foot long on school property would be needed to reach Shiuwassee Road. Following the proposed new route, Farmington Road would intersect with Shiuwassee at a point just east of the present bridge.

### Parade To Open Little League Season Saturday

The Farmington Little League baseball season will officially get underway this Saturday afternoon with a parade and opening day ceremony followed by a double header at the Farmington City Park.

Approximately 500 boys who will be active in Little League play this summer will participate in the parade which is scheduled to begin at 12:15 p.m. Hubert Barth, Commissioner of the Farmington Baseball Boys organization, was in charge of the parade. The group will be made up of members of the four major league teams, 12 farm teams and the newly organized "C" League for eight year olds. Also participating in the parade will be the American Legion Color Guard and the Farmington High School Band.

All boys taking part in the parade will gather at the Town Hall grounds at 11:30 a.m. The parade will get underway at 12:15 p.m. and will proceed down to Shiuwassee and thence on Shiuwassee to the City Park.

**IN OFFICIAL** ceremonies at the City Park, the Farmington Little League will get underway at 1:15 p.m. with the Tigers pitted against the Yankees. Immediately following this contest, the Cardinals will face the Yankees.

Managing the Tigers this year is Jack Tabb with Don MacDonald and Chuck Markham serving as coaches. The Yankees are led by George Becker, Paul Riggo, Tom Kauffman, Dave Ormsby, Junior Calahan, Dan McKeever, Craig Nease, Michael Lindberg and Mike Parker. Tim Marzoff, Tom Cullilo, Greg Sutherland, Ronald Poulos and Tim Spener.

The Board was informed that a detailed tornado policy and procedure program has been developed for all schools in the District in conjunction with local Civil Defense officials. Studies are now being conducted. No further action will be taken until the survey is completed, he indicated.

### Village Charter Vote Due Monday

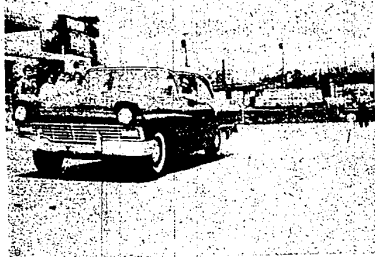
The qualified electors of Section 12, Farmington Township will go to the polls next Monday, June 3, to vote on a proposed charter which would incorporate the area as the Village of Woodcock Farms.

In addition to voting on the charter, the election will name eight officials who will serve as the administrative and legislative leaders of the Village. A total of nine candidates are seeking election to eight positions. The lone contest is in the race for Village Councilman with five candidates running for four offices.

The candidates are: Herman A. Dobson, Norman E. Kreider, Harry O. Lang, Jr., Zar A. Reader and Donald A. Wells. Incoming candidates include: Alger M. Clark, President; Arthur J. Busch, Clerk; M. W. Davenport, Treasurer and Robert J. Swift, Assessor.

The charter is approved by the voters, a certified copy of the vote must be filed with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk within 30 days after the date of election. The charter will become effective upon the date of filing and the newly elected officers will be installed.

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**STRAIGHT AND STEADY** is the object of this maneuver included in a series of driving tests given during the annual Farmington Teen-Age Road-E-O last Sunday at an exceptionally fine Food Fair going on at Farmington Road at State Street. Richard Rathke, one of 13 contestants in this year's Road-E-O, tries his skill at maneuvering the front and rear left wheels between the rubber balls without knocking them from their standard positions. The test is sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, and first place, Richard Rathke; second place, Kenneth Schamaneck; and third place, Steven Felt. The first place winner receives a \$25.00 savings bond, a plaque and an opportunity to participate in the State Teen-Age Road-E-O. The second and third place winners each receive plaques.

### Farmington And Clarenceville Plan Annual Memorial Day Observances

Veterans groups and civic organizations in Farmington and Clarenceville have completed final plans for their annual Memorial Day parades and services to be held Thursday morning in honor of the community's war dead.

The Farmington observance will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the annual parade from the Junior High School to Oakwood Cemetery. Following the parade, services will be held at the Junior High School and at the Oakwood Cemetery.

### Escapes Injury In Plane Accident

A Royal Oak man narrowly escaped death or serious injury Saturday evening when his single engine plane crashed near the intersection of Farmington Road and 12 Mile Road.

According to Irving Yakes, Town Supervisor of Farmington, the plane piloted by Robert McCibbin, 33 years old of 2720 Glenview, Royal Oak, was forced down when it ran into a power line. McCibbin told police that he was headed for Kristoff, Orchard Lake Road, 13 Mile Road, which was designated on his map as an emergency landing field. However, upon reaching the field he found that it had been closed to make way for additional homes.

With his gas supply exhausted, McCibbin picked out the open field south of 12 Mile and east of Farmington Road and set the light plane down.

The forced landing took place about 6:30 p.m. without injury to the pilot or damage to the plane. A wrecker was called and the plane was towed out onto the highway. Following refueling, police blocked-off the road and McCibbin was able to take off.

### AROUND THE BLOCK

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO this week we arrived in Farmington to take over the ownership and management of The Enterprise. Actually, it seems like only yesterday, in spite of the tremendous changes that have taken place in the community. During the past period, Farmington has nearly tripled its population and open fields and orchards have been transformed into attractive homesites and productive commercial centers. The Enterprise, too, has experienced a very satisfactory period of growth. Since 1941, Farmington's Home Community Newspaper has grown from a four-page, eight-page paper to a normal eight-column, 18-page paper. During this same period, the total paid circulation has increased better than five times. We recognize that these achievements could not have been realized without the support and cooperation of all of you. Thus, on this anniversary we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your help and loyalty; our continued efforts to make The Enterprise worthy of your pride.

THURSDAY, MAY 30 this week we ask as a day to honor those men and women who gave their lives on the battlefield in defense of freedom. Unfortunately, in recent years, Memorial Day has become well known for another reason—namely, a day set aside when men, women and children give their lives on the highway in the defense of carelessness. Unless things are radically different this year, the traffic toll will be sadly reminiscent of the wartime casualty lists. Fortunately, however, you can still do something about it. You can resolve right now to lead the Grim Reaper by pledging to follow the simple rules of care, courtesy and common sense. It's the surest way we know of to keep your name off the Memorial Day casualty list.

WE HAD THE PLEASURE of attending a special dinner last Thursday, given by John Anhut, owner of Bofors Inn, in honor of the four top graduating seniors of Clarenceville High School. In addition to an exceptionally fine dinner, the three girls and one boy received beautiful pen and pencil sets from their host. During the presentation, Mr. Anhut stated that too often academic achievement is overshadowed by accomplishments made on the athletic field. But for one evening, at least, the scales were balanced, thanks to Mr. Anhut's courtesy and thoughtfulness.