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## TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVES LOT SIZE INCREASES

### Six Injured In Multi-Car Weekend Crashes

Six persons were injured over the weekend in four separate auto accidents in Farmington Township. A four car pile up around 6 p.m. Saturday on U.S. 16 east of Ten Mile Road, the Grand River Drive, resulted in injuries about both legs to Harry Wingerter, Jr. of 32850 Ten Mile Road, a passenger in one of the four vehicles involved. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment. Margaret E. Schreiber of 34923 Oakland was stopped at the Grand River waiting to make a left hand turn into the theatre. Vehicles operated by Maynard E. Whitehead of 32000 Grand River, Stella Wingerter of 32850 Ten Mile Road were stopped behind her. A fourth car driven by Joe Suterreze of Detroit failed to stop in time and struck the rear of the car of the Wingerter auto driving it forward and causing the other two cars to collide.

Another accident Saturday on U.S. 16 just east of Haggerty Road resulted in injuries to two others. Having been pushing a car operated by Reg Hill, Jr. of Farmington, Fred D. Lemoore of Detroit was on the right front of Hill's car when pulling back in after passing. The Lemoore auto was forced into the opposite lane of traffic and directly into the path of an oncoming car operated by James Nicholas of Garden City.

Nine suffered leg and shoulder injuries and William Habicht, a passenger, back injuries. Both were taken to the Garden City Hospital for treatment. Early Saturday morning, shortly before 1 a.m., Arden R. Strother and Norma H. Rechter, both of Detroit, suffered minor injuries in a head on collision on U.S. 16 just east of the road to avoid hitting an unidentified vehicle stopped diagonally across 12 Mile Road just east of the road. One of the cars suffered a cut on his forehead and Miss Rechter bruises about an arm. Neither required hospital treatment.

Sunday afternoon around 3:50 p.m. a three car rear-end collision on Northwestern Highway at Middlebelt resulted in minor injuries to nine year old Arlene Joffe, of Farmington, who sustained a broken tooth and cuts about the mouth at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

The crash occurred when a car operated by Edward Wisniewski of Detroit smashed into the rear of Mrs. John Joffe's auto stopped at the red light on Northwestern behind Albert Ketyevan of Detroit.

### INITIAL APPRAISAL SURVEY IN CITY NEARLY COMPLETE

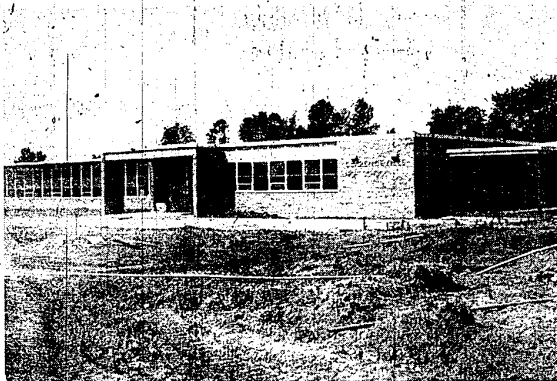
Officials reported this week that work is nearly complete on the initial appraisal survey being conducted in connection with the re-appraisal of property throughout the City. Field men from the firm of Blyskal and Garian, Appraisers, Detroit, are now in the final stages of the initial survey of the City of this week. According to officials, the cooperation of property owners has been excellent. In only two or three instances were field men refused information by property owners. These persons will be re-contacted in an effort to obtain the necessary information for obtaining information regarding the property.

Work is expected to begin next week on call-backs where property owners are not present during the initial visit. As soon as the survey work has been completed, the field information will be transferred to individual property cards for permanent records.

### Cite 7 Year Growth

## Report 91% Increase in Township Dwelling Units

A total of 2,579 occupied dwelling units were added in Farmington Township during the period from April 1, 1950 to July 1, 1957 for an increase of 91.4%, according to the latest report issued by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission. The City of Farmington added 825 occupied dwelling units for a period increase of 122.2%. On the basis of the survey, Farmington Township placed sixth in Oakland County behind Oak Park, Bloomfield Township, Clawson, Southfield Township and Madison Heights, in that order. According to the Planning Commission report, Farmington Township had a total of 2,821 occupied dwellings on April 1, 1950 and 5,400 on July 1, 1957 for an increase of 87.9%. Farmington City had 679 occupied dwellings on April 1, 1950 and 1,500 on July 1, 1957, for an



FINISHING TOUCHES are now being added to the new CLARENCEVILLE high school building in preparation for the opening classes on September 5. Officials stated that work has already been started on the moving of furniture and equipment into the new building, although some interior finishing is still being completed. The new school unit, containing classrooms as well as a library, cafeteria, health

room and offices, will be used initially for junior high school classes. As more classrooms are added, the junior high students will be moved back to the present high school, leaving the new unit for senior high classes. The new classrooms will help materially in reducing overcrowded conditions in the present high school building, officials stated.

## Junior, Senior High Registration To Open Aug. 21

Final registration for Junior and Senior high school students will be held Wednesday, August 21, and continue through Friday, August 23, school officials disclosed this week.

Head offices will be open for registrations from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Senior high school students, grades 10, 11 and 12, will be registered at the Senior high school at 32000 Shiawassee and Junior

### Next Week List Bus Routes

Beginning with next week's issue, The Farmington Enterprise will publish detailed schedules of bus routes for the Farmington and Clarenceville Public School Districts. Final organization of the schedules is now being completed by school officials and will be ready for publication starting with next week's issue. The schedules will include routes, a portion of the schedule will appear in the August 22 issue with the balance appearing in the August 29 issue.

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

High students, grades 7, 8 and 9, at the Junior high at 32000 Thomas Street. Both students who attend the Junior high school last year and new students in Farmington must register, it was pointed out.

September 3 and 4, teachers' meetings will be held in Farmington. Regular classes will begin for students on Thursday, September 5.

The book store is now open. Regular store hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (See REGISTRATION, Pg. 8A)

## Land Developers Agree To Advance Funds For Farmington Sewer Plans

Verbal assurance has been received from land developers that they will advance \$12,000 to the new County department of public works for the immediate preparation of construction plans for the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor.

The assurance was given at a special meeting of developers held Tuesday afternoon at the Township Hall, Max Sheldon, coordinator for the project, stated that developers of approximately 2,100 acres in the proposed sewer district were present at the meeting while owners of an additional 1,500 acres had agreed to go along with the majority decision of the group.

Sheldon requested that funds be advanced for a \$400 per acre advanced fee—the detailed engineering work. All of the developers present at the meeting verbally agreed to the proposed advance.

It is estimated that the advanced funds will amount to approximately \$12,000. Representatives of the Franklin Knolls Civic Association have agreed to ask their respective owners for a \$1,000 advance.

This would provide the \$15,000 which the department of public works has declared as necessary for the immediate development of construction plans. These funds from the townships, the civic association and the developers will be added to the \$20,000 which was advanced by the Board of Supervisors in order to get the project started. (See SEWER PLANS, Pg. 8A)

### ERECT NEW SIGNAL LIGHTS AT CITY'S MAIN INTERSECTION

Two new traffic lights were installed at the intersection of Farmington Road and Grand River Drive at the intersection of the road from the Oakland County Road Commission.

In addition to the traffic signals, an overhead "no left turn" sign has been installed at the intersection. The sign warns motorists on both Farmington Road and Grand River that left turns are prohibited at the corner.

The fifth resolution stipulates that no Township officer shall hire or discharge the services of any Township employee except upon majority vote of the members of the Township Board, also that each Township Board sit and act as a committee of the whole to consider and act upon any and all problems pertaining to Township employee-employer relationships.

Brown stated that he understood that certain employees have been shifted from one department to another and called the Clerk's Office. (See BOARD DEBATES, Pg. 8A)

### ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL OPENING

Clarenceville school officials reported this week that all students, except kindergarten children not previously registered, will report to school on Thursday, September 5. Students will be enrolled during the morning of September 5 and will be dismissed before noon. Regular classes will begin on Friday, September 6 with students attending school all day.

New kindergarten youngsters who were not enrolled during the pre-school registration held last May, should be registered prior to or on Thursday, September 5. For additional information on kindergarten registration, parents are asked to call the Board of Education office, GR. 4-0274.

## Adopt Amendment To Zoning Law Despite Objections From Developers

Despite objections from land developers, the Township Board Tuesday evening by a vote of 6 to 1 approved the recommendations of the Planning Board and Zoning Board to increase lot sizes in both Residential Three and Residential Four Zones.

Under the new amendment, lot sizes in Residential Three zones will be increased from 9,000 square feet to 12,500 square feet and in Residential Four Zones from 15,000 to 20,000 square feet. During the debate on the amendments, Charles Brown of the Thompson-Crowney Company stated that he objected to the proposal on the grounds that it would increase lot costs, would have an adverse effect on the proposed sewer interceptor by reducing the number of potential customers and would place the entire zoning ordinance in jeopardy from a legal standpoint.

## Adopt New Class Session Schedule At Clarenceville

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved a newly revised classroom session schedule to become effective with the opening of the school year this September.

Under the new schedule, elementary school children will be dismissed at their respective schools earlier than last year. School officials stated that the change is necessary because of complications in bus transportation scheduling. It was emphasized that the actual classroom time, however, will remain the same as last year because of shortened lunch periods.

Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, stated that less time from noon recess and more supervision is being provided in an effort to reduce playground problems and accidents at the various elementary schools. The newly revised classroom session schedule is as follows: Senior high school, arrive at 8:10 a.m. and recess at 3:00 p.m.; Junior high school, arrive at 8:55 a.m. and recess at 3:25 p.m.; Elementary schools, arrive at 8:40 a.m. and recess at 2:30 p.m.

The morning kindergarten sessions will begin at 8:40 a.m. and recess at 11:10 a.m. while the afternoon kindergarten sessions will start at 12 noon and recess at 2:30 p.m. Elementary children who go home for lunch will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and are to return at 12:15 p.m.

The Board accepted the offer of Earl Vierl to furnish the District with a new Oldsmobile 88 sedan for use in the new high school classes during the school year 1957-58. They also accepted the bid of Gulf Oil Company to supply gasoline to the District during the current school year.

### Board Debates Employee Policy

A heated debate developed at the Township Board meeting Tuesday evening, following the presentation of six resolutions relative to the administration of personnel in the Township Office.

The resolutions were presented by Wendell Brown with the request that they be approved at the meeting. Supervisor Frank Stephenson objected to the proposals and stated that it was unfair to submit them to the Board without any prior notice or opportunity for action. He added that before any action is taken he would like to have a definition of the duties and responsibilities of Township Supervisor.

The resolutions, as submitted, provide that the positions and working status of each Township employee be restored to what it was on April 10 also that from this date appointments of persons to serve on various boards and committees under the control of the Township Board shall not be made without the majority vote of the Township Board, also that each elected officer of the Township shall be solely responsible for the operation of the Township office and that each Township officer shall hire or discharge the services of any Township employee except upon majority vote of the members of the Township Board, also that each Township Board sit and act as a committee of the whole to consider and act upon any and all problems pertaining to Township employee-employer relationships.

### CITY INTERCEPTOR SEWER NOW IN OPERATION

Farmington City's new sewer interceptor system was placed in full operation Tuesday.

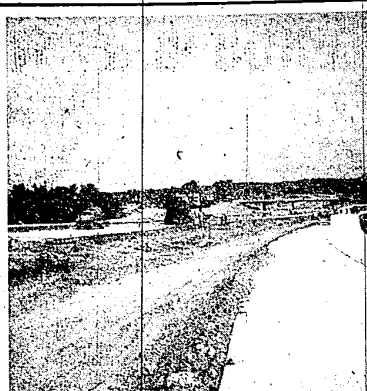
Final adjustments on the grit removal unit and the electrical controls were made Tuesday, according to Earl Scherffius, City Manager. The project has received a series of set-backs in recent weeks which have delayed the opening of the system. Two weeks ago vandals broke into the storm water unit plant causing considerable damage to the interior of the building. Last week, during a final check of the storm water unit, it was found that the final removal unit was not functioning properly and factory experts had to be called in to adjust the unit.

Scherffius stated that the temporary blocks in the central main were removed Wednesday, officially opening the new system. The City Manager added that negotiations with the State which has been forwarded to the State with the call for final inspection of the facilities.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK is now being completed on the major interchange at the intersection of Grand River and the new U.S. 16 Expressway just east of Ten Mile Road. The concrete strip (left background) will permit access of west-bound Grand River traffic onto the Expressway thus bypassing the City of Farmington. Work is also being completed on the interchange at the east end of the bypass near Middlebelt Road. It is anticipated that this expressway will be opened to all west-bound traffic prior to the Labor Day week-end.

## Report Jr. High Near Completion But Work On Grade School Lagging

The classroom portion of the new O. E. Dunckel Junior High School should be ready for occupancy by September 9, although little hope is seen for having the new William Grace elementary school ready before October 15, construction progress reports made at the School Board meeting Monday night indicated.

Although no report was made on progress on the new Kendallwood elementary school, indications are that work is progressing satisfactorily. Since construction was not started on this building until work was well underway on the other two, however, it is not likely to be ready for occupancy for some time yet.

### C. of C. Organizes Initial Committees

The Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held last Wednesday evening, authorized the establishment of a series of working committees designed to spearhead the growth and development of the new organization.

The active membership, which includes business and professional businessmen and women, approved the formation of committees on membership, legislation, industrial development, health and education, planning and zoning, civic affairs and sales and promotion. Officials stated that all of the committees are still open for membership.

Other members presently on the committee include: Carl Nelson, Harley Walters and Robert Smith. Officers and members of the membership committee were appointed by Vance Kefgen, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce in the absence of Albert Gain, organization president.

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### AROUND THE BLOCK

ACCORDING TO REPORTS... weekend traffic along US 16 between Farmington and Kensington has slackened off a bit. Apparently the word has gotten through that Grand River is a mighty congested spot these days. However, in spite of the reported decline in the traffic flow, there is still a lot of four wheelers rolling through Farmington every week-end. The use of traffic cones during the morning and two east-bound permit west-bound lanes in the evening has helped a great deal to reduce congestion through the city. The addition of a fourth lane west of 10 Mile Road has also been an aid in keeping traffic moving. While we are in a position to argue with the experts, it is very possible that these bumper-to-bumper parades which was prevalent earlier in the summer.

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