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GOVERNOR ROMNEY visited Farmington last Saturday and was greeted enthusiastically by crowds at the Downtown Farmington Center and the Kendallwood Center shopping areas. The Governor is pictured above with local Farmington Township officials (L to R) Trustee Byron Walter and Clerk Floyd A. Cairns, Richard Kuhn, candidate for U.S. Congress, and David Calhoun (extreme right), Clerk and Register of Deeds for Oakland County.



GUERNATORIAL CANDIDATE Neil Stachler, Congressman at large for Michigan, addressed members of the Farmington Kiwanis and Optimists Clubs Tuesday night at Botsford Inn. Pictured above are (L to R) Optimist Club President Bob Greene, Congressman Stachler, Farmington attorney James P. Lawson, a candidate for Farmington Township Justice of the Peace, and Kiwanis Club President Fred Muller.

Investors Look At Farmington On County Tour

Delos Hamlin of Farmington, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, was one of three area government leaders who conducted representatives of the nation's largest financial institutions on an 80-mile tour of Oakland County which included a swing through Farmington last week.

THE PURPOSE OF the visit was to provide the men of finance who annually invest hundreds of millions in municipal bonds with an on-the-spot survey of the growth, assets and potentialities of communities in Oakland County which regularly offer development bonds for purchase.

Hamlin reported that the group of investors appeared to be very favorably impressed with what they saw on the tour, and in his opinion, future bonding by municipalities in the County could result in considerable savings to the taxpayers with lowered interest rates.

Enrollment in Public Schools Here Up 925

Farmington School officials over the past several years which have predicted enrollment increases with a very good degree of accuracy but this year really did themselves proud.

When the official fourth Friday school year enrollment count was made last Friday it was found that there were a total of 19,851 students enrolled in the Farmington public school system. This is just one student over the predicted enrollment for the fourth Friday of '64 which was made by the school district's administrators in the late fall of last year.

The 12,651 official enrollment for this year represents an increase of 825 students over the official fourth Friday enrollment figure of a year ago. The official enrollment figure for state aid purposes last year was 11,726.

The enrollment increase was pretty evenly distributed between the elementary, junior high and high school grade levels. The enrollment increase at the elementary grade level was from 7,232 to 7,680 or an increase of 448 pupils. Junior high school enrollment of 2,821 which is an increase of slightly under 300 students over last year. At the senior high level total enrollment is 2,160 which is an increase of slightly under 200 over the fourth Friday enrollment figures of last year.

A breakdown of the enrollment is as follows: See ENROLLMENT Column 5, Page 8A

Residents Request City Council Action On Industrial Park Area Problems

The Farmington City Council agreed to set up a special meeting for the study of problems arising from residents of Farmington Meadows Subdivision concerning the industrial park area which abuts their property to the south.

SIX spokesmen from Farmington Meadows appeared at the Monday night meeting of the Council to request a hearing on their problems and make recommendations on specific actions to be taken by the City.



CITY AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS turned out last Thursday to take part in the opening ceremonies of the new Automobile Club of Michigan branch in the Downtown Farmington Center. Cutting the ribbon above is the Farmington AAA Division Manager John Kabeletz with the assistance of William G. Walters, President of the Automobile Club of Michigan. Representatives from all three of Farmington's governing bodies—City and School Board—as well as representatives from local businesses, service clubs and organizations were present for the opening ceremonies.

Fell of 32631 Meadowlark, Ernie E. Sauter of 21323 Birchwood and Paul Arbour, the attorney representing the Farmington Meadows Subdivision.

A list of five issues was submitted to the Council in writing by the group and the Council agreed to have a study ready by their next regular meeting to present back to the homeowners.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan reported to the Council that two of the problems aired Monday night, the installation of a buffer between the newly constructed Tel-X Corporation and the residential properties to the north and the noise condition at Chesley Industries during the hot, humid nights during

the summer, have already been the subject of earlier attempts at a settlement.

On the first of the problems, Dinan reported that 12 15-foot-high trees had been installed, at a cost of \$30 a tree shared equally by the City and Tel-X Corp. on the north side of the industrial property which abuts Farmington Meadows Subdivision. Dinan reported the Farmington Meadows Association had indicated, through their attorney Thomas Costello, that they were "well satisfied with this cooperation" that he had received from the City in having this screening of trees installed.

The second matter concerning the noise from operations

at Chesley Industries, it was reported by the City Manager, has received similar action from the City.

The City, in cooperation with the adjacent property owners, installed poplar trees 15 to 20 feet in height, ten feet apart, to provide a buffer between the existing industrial and the residential properties adjacent to it. All of this, Dinan reported, has probably aided in the aesthetics of not viewing the industrial site to the south, but the noise problem has not been fully resolved.

Mr. Poll had electronic instruments utilized by technicians of Ford Motor Company. See WANT ACTION Column 1, Page 8A

Special Ed. Prog. Praised In Report to Board of Ed.

Hugh Watson, diagnostician and director of Special Education for the Farmington Public Schools, gave a comprehensive report on the Special Education Programs and Services to the Farmington Board of Education on September 28.

According to Watson, the program in Farmington is one of which everyone can be proud. It has not attracted a large number of "outsiders" to the community as some feared it would when it was started. Watson says the incidence here requiring special education services is not greater than predicted for the population.

Zimmerman Is Near Recovery

Robert Zimmerman, Farmington High School band director, returned home from Old Grace Hospital on October 1, and is "coming along very nicely," according to Mrs. Zimmerman.

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Traffic Signal Okayed At Power and Gd. River

The Farmington City Council has decided to go ahead with their intention to have a traffic signal installed at Power Road and Grand River Avenue despite the refusal of the State Highway Department to participate in the cost of the light.

The Council agreed Monday night, October 5, at its regular meeting, that the public interest warranted the traffic signal at this point despite the findings of a Highway Dept. survey which counted 34 school children and 4 adults using the intersection as a crossing point during a two-hour period (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) last week.



THE FARMINGTON JUNIOR CHAMBER OF Commerce played host to Jaycee chapters throughout their district last Wednesday evening in the Parker House Frontier Town and were in line for some of the awards presented during the program. Pictured above (L to R) are Al Stitick, Farmington Mayor, Robert Lindbert, State Jaycee President, Dick

THE PEDESTRIAN traffic count taken by the Highway Dept. was the follow up of an earlier survey on the amount of traffic entering Grand River from Power Road, also found to be insufficient to warrant any cost participation from the State for the installation of a traffic signal.

The City has maintained that the traffic flow between Farmington Road and Orchard Lake Road on Grand River Avenue should be broken by a traffic signal. See TRAFFIC LIGHT Column 5, Page 8A



St. John and Farmington Jaycee President Ralph Parin. Stitick and the Mayor are holding trophies won by the Farmington Jaycee football team, sponsored by L & H Wood of Farmington, and Parin holds a certificate awarded to the Farmington service club for community projects.

City, Township Sign Up Almost 2200 New Voters

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and members of his staff as well as some help from other departments at the Township Hall are still working out from under a deluge of last minute voter registration cards.

It was reported by the clerk's office Tuesday that an estimated 1,790 new voters had been registered in the township since the Primary Election in September with most of the new registrations coming the last few days.

CITY CLERK Trena Quinn reported an equally heavy number of new voter signups. She revealed that her office had registered 414 new voters since the Primary Election with better than half of the total coming in to sign up on Saturday and Monday.

Both clerks and their help were put under the heaviest pressure with those wanting to register vote balloted on Monday, the final date for signing up to ballot in the Nov. 3 Presidential Election.

At the township clerk's office it was estimated 650 new voters were signed up on Monday. On Friday of last week about 150 signups were estimated, and on Saturday approximately 250.

Mrs. Quinn reported that she had signed up 178 new local voters on Monday and 108 on Saturday.

EXACT FIGURES on what the total number of registered voters in the city and township will be could not be given by either of the clerks since there will be a substantial number of cancellations to be recorded. Cards from other communities around the county of voters who formerly balloted on Monday but have now registered to vote in the area they have moved to will be coming in now for the next several days, it was indicated.

Council Establishes Truck Routes To Make Residential Areas Safer

The Farmington City Council unanimously approved a resolution establishing truck routes through the City, at its regular meeting Monday night, October 5.

Approved as Traffic Control Order No. 13, the new regulation was developed by the City's Department of Public Safety.

City Manager John Dinan reported that designating official truck routes through the City has been necessary in the interests of public safety and to avoid nuisance in residential districts.

ALL TRUCKS will now be routed on the City's main thoroughfares with allowances for those vehicles over 5,000 pounds in weight which have destinations off the main arteries.

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B. C. ACTIVITIES

Following a summer recess, activities for the full membership of the Farmington Board of Commerce were kicked off for another year last Tuesday evening with a combination dinner-business meeting at the Parker House Frontier Town.

Board President Ned Oglesby outlined to the gathering the many business changes and new business establishments that have been started in the community during the past few months. He then officially introduced to the group Mrs. Barbara Bent of Farmington Township who had been hired by the board of directors during the summer months as a part-time administrator for the Board of Commerce.

DR. DON KROHN, board of directors member in charge of special projects, outlined to the group the success that had been made to date toward the B. C. goal of raising \$500 or more this year to greatly improve on Christmas decorating of streets in the community.

Dr. Krohn pointed out that the directors had been successful in getting a \$750 contribution to the Christmas Decoration Fund from the City of Farmington as well as a commitment by the city to spend See BOARD OF COMMERCE Column 4, Page 8A

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Jaycees to Fete Senior Citizens

The Farmington Jaycees will present a gala Harvest Festival for all area senior citizens in recognition of their contributions to the development of the community.

All senior citizens (60 years of age or older) in the city and township are invited to attend the affair which will feature music, songs, refreshments, games and prizes.

Grant Motel on Freedom Drive

Approval of plans for a motel on a parcel of property on Freedom Drive at Ruth Street in Farmington Township was given by the Farmington Township Zoning Board of Appeals at its last regularly scheduled meeting.

The property at this location is already zoned for commercial use but it is stipulated in the Farmington Township zoning ordinance that all plans for motels must first be submitted to the planning board of appeals and conform with rather strict building requirements before construction can be started.

The motel will be built on a parcel of this location owned by Amelia Farrand, 22380 Ruth Street. She sold two of the lots which she owns at this corner to Cal Thorne to build the motel on. The Old Farmington Mills building, also zoned to provide parking.