

Lite Voter Turnout Predicted at Monday's Election

Farmington City and Township officials are predicting a very light voter turnout in the primary election this coming Monday.

Voters of both the city and township will be going to the polls to nominate a candidate for the vacant 4th District State Senator seat from the party of their choice to compete with the opposing party's choice of a candidate in the April election.

Republicans will have six candidates to choose from and Democrats three.

The six Republican candi-

dates are George T. Ames of Novi, Allen C. Ingle of Farmington, Paul M. Kern, Jr. of Orchard Lake, Thomas J. McHugh of the City of Sylvan Lake, Fitzhugh Prescott of Farmington and Farrell Roberts of Bloomfield Township.

The Democratic Party candidates are John H. Burke of Farmington and Edward H. McNamara and Mrs. Ellis Gilmore, both of Livonia.

Complete biographical data and other information on all these candidates appears on Page 1B in this week's issue of the Enterprise.

The necessity of selecting a new state senator to represent the communities of the 14th District in the state senate at this time is required because of the untimely death of Paul Chandler of Livonia in December.

Republican Chandler was the voters' choice for this closed office in the Nov. 3 general election.

Township voters will also have the highly controversial and much discussed and publicized local proposition of pay increases granted to the three top Township officials to ballot on Monday.

A sufficient number of citizens signed petitions requiring a referendum vote on action that had been taken by the four township board trustees here the evening prior to the election.

Editorial on election appears on Page 2B in this week's paper.

Nov. 3 election calling for substantial pay increases for the township officials of supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

Based on a study made of the pay for these positions in

a number of other surrounding communities with populations either nearly the same or greater than the population of Farmington Township, the trustees determined that the pay increases they approved for the top three township elective offices were justifiable.

An increase in pay for the supervisor from \$10,000 in salary plus \$1,000 annually as a car allowance to a flat \$15,000 annual salary was authorized. For the clerk, an increase in annual pay to a flat \$11,500 from the present pay of \$8,500 plus a \$500 car allowance was

specified. The treasurer's pay was increased from \$8,000 salary and \$500 car allowance annually to a flat \$11,000 annually.

Details on the study of the amounts paid by other nearby communities for their top officials which the township board of trustees made were revealed in part in the Nov. 5th issue of the Farmington Enterprise.

The findings are being reported in total in this story just prior to the election so that voters can make fresh comparative studies before going to the polls on Monday to register a "yes" or "no" vote on the referendum proposition.

Avon Township — (population 23,377) Supervisor, \$11,200 plus car allowance; clerk and treasurer, \$8,500 each plus voucher expenses. Officials are covered by both pension and hospitalization plans. Rates are pending for consideration at the annual township board meeting April 1.

Bloomfield Township — (population 22,800) Supervisor, \$11,000 plus car allowance; clerk and treasurer, \$11,500 each. Officials are covered by both pension and hospitalization plans and the supervisor has an assistant.

Waterford — (population 47,107) Supervisor, \$11,000 plus car allowance; clerk, \$8,500 and treasurer, \$8,000. These three top officers have hospitalization coverage.

West Bloomfield Township — (population 4,999) Supervisor, \$10,600 plus car and car expenses; clerk and treasurer, \$8,500 each. These officials are covered with both hospitalization and pension plans.

Birmingham — (population 25,600) City Manager, \$13,500 plus car, hospitalization and pension. See PREDICT VOTE Page 6A, Column 5

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School Boundaries Approved for 1965-66

Farmington School District attendance boundary lines for the 1965-66 school year were approved by the Farmington Board of Education at a regular meeting last Monday evening.

While most boundary lines remain the same, some changes were necessary in considering enrollment for the new Larkshire School and the additions at Middlebelt, Bond, North Farmington High and East Junior High schools, as well as over-enrollment in other schools.

BOUNDARY LINES for Larkshire School will be Ten Mile Road starting half way between Inkster and Middlebelt roads; west to Orchard Lake Road; south on Orchard Lake to Fink; east on Fink to Middlebelt (also south on Stockton to include Westlake Subdivision); south on Middlebelt to Nine Mile Road; and east on Nine Mile to the half-mile mark. (The students from section 25 in this area attended Silvaswasee School last year and the students from the west half of section 25 attended Middlebelt School.)

TWO BOUNDARY changes were made for the Middlebelt School. Students living in the west half of section 25 will go to Larkshire School as mentioned above; and students in the north half of section 13 will go to Middlebelt School next fall instead of Highmeadow School which they are attending now.

All other boundary lines remain the same.

Overcrowding still exists at Eagle School, and will continue to exist until a school can be built in section one. Administrators stated that the site has been purchased, but that a school can't possibly be provided before 1967, and a greater need may develop in section 4 before that time.

MEANVILLE The second grade youngsters who are presently attending Eagle School will be attending Middlebelt School next fall.

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Traffic Safety Study Report Promised Soon

John Hatfield, chairman of the recently organized Farmington Citizens' League, asked at the regular Farmington Township Board meeting Monday night whether the traffic and pedestrian safety study being started in the township some months back had yet been completed and a report received on it.

The study was conducted by the traffic engineering department of the Oakland County Road Commission and the safety department of the state police. The supervisor said that he had been following with Robert...

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City Police Nab Nazi With "Hate" Literature

Russell Roberts, the self-proclaimed leader of the American Nazi Party in Farmington, was arrested by Farmington City Police at his home, 3210 Grand River Avenue, in the City on Monday, February 7.

Roberts was charged with carrying with him criminal literature against the Negro race distributed in the community in 1949.

Russell, who is 64 years old, first grabbed the headlines back in June of 1950 when he played host to George Lincoln, a white man being persecuted in a world of niggers and Jews.

THE TRIAL on the criminal charges, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum 90-day jail sentence and \$100 fine, has been set for Tuesday, February 22, 10 a. m. in the courtroom of Farmington Municipal Judge Sylvester J. Phenev.

Roberts was arraigned before Judge Phenev after his arrest Monday and released on \$100 bond.

The Enterprise learned Tuesday that Rockwell reportedly will be on hand for the February 22 trial in Farmington.

THE CHARGES AGAINST Roberts stemmed from a complaint received by Farmington Police on December 28 from the parents of a 14-year-old boy. Roberts gave the boy 25 cents to deliver "false, scandalous malicious and defamatory" literature maligning the Negro race. The warrant for Roberts' arrest was obtained on Monday from the Oakland County Prosecutors' office.

Detective William J. Garden and Warrant Officer Donald

owners still raising objections over the proposed re-zoning of R-1 E (one family estates) to BRO (Education Research Office) of a 22-acre strip of land on the east side of Farmington Road between Alta Loma and Freedom Drive.

PROPERTY OWNERS from Alta Loma residents to an area of 22 acres and north of the affected property, appeared at the Monday night meeting armed with new ammunition to fight the proposed re-zoning.

Petitions signed by area residents and others were submitted to the Council by Alta Loma spokesman Art Millard of 3345 Alta Loma Drive stating opposition to the proposed re-zoning. Millard said an estimated 450 homeowners supported the petition drive to block the re-zoning.

Millard also told the City planners that a "layman's study had been made by several Alta Loma residents to arrive at possible development of the land in question with residential homes.

Public Hearing Dates Changed

The dates for three public hearings on Farmington Township re-zoning originally scheduled for February 23, have been changed to meet publication requirements.

At a special meeting of the Township Zoning Board on Friday, February 5, action was taken to postpone the hearings until Thursday, March 4. Five board members were in attendance at the special meeting. Percy Garbhouse and Charles Williams were absent.

The hearings will be on re-zoning for expansion of the Farmington Trailer Court on Middlebelt, north of 9 Mile Road; re-zoning for apartments between Botsford Inn and Botsford Hospital; and re-zoning of the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Halsted roads for a swimming pool sales and supplies store.

Downtown Sale Set Feb. 18, 19, 20

Plans for a big Washington Birthday Sale celebration for next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18, 19 and 20, now been completed by the Downtown Farmington retail merchants group.

Most of the stores in the Grand Center as well as a number of stores on Grand River Avenue are taking part in this big February Sale and will be offering a wide variety of fine merchandise at exceptionally good prices.

A special advertising section announcing the many fine values to be had at the various stores will be included with next Wednesday's Farmington Enterprise.

At a special price for some lucky winner shopping at any one of the participating stores during the three day sale, there will be a weekend at the two at the Elmwood Casino and Motor Hotel in Windsor, Canada. In addition to lodging from Friday afternoon through Sunday, the lucky couple will enjoy, at no cost to them, a dinner on Friday night and dancing and entertainment as well as breakfast on Monday created quite a stir around the community.

Roberts is pictured above being led in for booking on charges of criminal libel by Detective William Garden (left) and Warrant Officer Donald Youles (center) who made the arrest for City Police.



POLICE CHIEF MAURICE D. FOLTZ of the City's Department of Public Safety is pictured above accepting the American Legion Citation for Meritorious Service on behalf of his department being presented by Commander George Griffin of Groves-Walker Post 7416, Farmington. The citation was presented to the City Department of Public Safety in recognition of their achievement in ranking sixth among cities in Michigan in fire and last year. Officers pictured are (L to R) Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis, Sgt. Jay Harrison and Officer Ronald Watson. The presentation was made last Thursday evening in the American Legion Hall following a demonstration in emergency first aid procedures made by the three officers.

Planners Hold Second Hearing On Proposed Zoning Ordinance

Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Farmington, Michael Hand, also a resident of Alta Loma, reportedly had prepared plans showing how the Farmington Road property could be subdivided and although he was not in attendance at Monday night's meeting, his draft of these plans was expected to be submitted to the Commission in time for consideration at their next regular meeting.

One of the principal reasons for the proposed re-zoning of the 22-acre parcel, was pointed out by Planning Commission Chairman Sandy Brutherton.

BROTHERTON TOLD the Alta Loma residents that if the land were to be developed with residential lots having 300 foot frontage on Farmington Road, the lots would run deep. He was supported by fellow members on the Planning Commission that this would allow the present residential developer of ever obtaining a profit out of such a venture. The figure these lots would sell for under such a development, according to the planners, was \$200 per front foot on Farmington Road which they claim is less than what the market is paying.

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Twp. Comm. Nearly Formed

Trustee Earl Oppenheimer reported to fellow Farmington Township Board members Monday night that the special 12 member township building and grounds committee he had been assigned to set up was well organized but that he wanted to make certain on a couple of members before making his final recommendation on appointment.

The purpose of this committee will be to go over in detail all plans for sites and buildings for fire stations proposed in the township or any other types of buildings the township might wish to put up or sites it might want to develop. The committee will also make a study and recommendations on improvements that might be desirable at the Township Hall on 11 Mile Road.

Indications were given by Oppenheimer that he would be ready to make his recommendations on committee members at the next regular Township Board meeting, February 22.

Supreme Court Upholds Twp on Minimum Lot Sizes

In a decision described by Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan as "historic and precedent setting," the Michigan Supreme Court has upheld the township board control principles underlying the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance.

In four separate opinions from the Supreme Court judges, the vote was six to two affirming the ruling of Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Frederick Ziem that the township's minimum lot size requirements were not unjust.

Brennan informed members of the Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night.

The case which the Supreme Court ruling was handed down on was started in the Oakland County court against the township.

The plaintiffs in this case were owners of property located on Fourteen Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt in the Township. Zoning requirements in this area call for minimum lot sizes of 20,000 square feet or a density of 1.8 homes per acre.

POINTING OUT that public sewers were available to their property, the plaintiffs contended that the lot size restrictions were not necessary for the public health and safety and therefore were unconstitutional.

Farmington Township defended on the ground that the zoning ordinance was based upon a comprehensive plan for the development of the area which provided for future needs for schools, parks, playgrounds and public services of all kinds.

The township contended that it is necessary to control population density in order to make the plan work and that control of minimum lot sizes is merely a convenient method of population density control.

In all previous lot size cases, including recent cases from the City of Troy which has a plan similar to Farmington Township's, the Supreme Court has struck down the zoning on the ground that the plans were speculative, not related to present conditions.

"THE COURT'S decision amounts to a complete re-examination of zoning principles as applied to rapidly growing communities like Farmington," said Brennan. "Previous decisions put our planners in a straitjacket and prevented us from planning."

See **SUPREME COURT** Page 8A, Column 4

Petition Filing Deadline Mon.

Candidates wishing to seek one of the three city council seats to be filled at the April city election are reminded that the deadline for filing their petitions is this coming Monday, Feb. 15, at 5 p. m.

It is reported that a large number of petitions have been taken out indicating that there should be a good race for the city council seats on April 5.

The terms of office of Mayor Robert Lindeberg, Mayor Pro-Tem Sandy Brutherton and Councilman Henry Forrest are expiring this year.

Act to Set Up Planning Commission For Township

The Farmington Township Board took the initial step necessary to qualify for substantial federal and state aid money to develop a detailed master development plan for the township at its regular meeting Monday night.

A formal resolution was adopted calling for the creation of a township planning commission. Such a planning commission is required before the township can qualify for federal and state money to help finance the cost of an extensive study and updating of its present comprehensive plan for future community development.

THE ACTUAL setting up of the commission will not be possible until 60 days after publication of the formal resolution which appears this week in the Farmington Enterprise. See **TWP. PLANNING** Page 8A, Column 5

Human Relations Group Seeks School Support

John Milhore, chairman of the Farmington Human Relations Council, and Conner Mills, member of the council, appeared before the Farmington Board of Education Monday night, February 8, with two specific requests and some questions to be explored on a long range basis.

Milhore distributed pamphlets prepared by the National Conference of Christians and Jews which listed intergroup education books, pamphlets, posters, films, recordings and materials which are available to teachers.

One request of the council is that the school district stress Brotherhood Week in the schools by having special programs during the National observance February 21 through February 28.

Ct. Injunction Awarded Twp. In Zoning Case

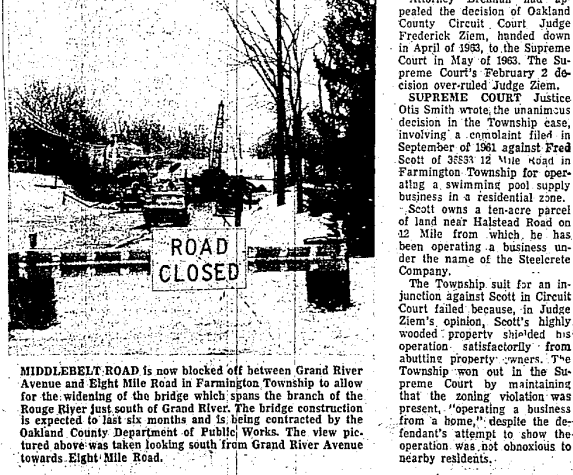
Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan had won a "hard fought" Michigan Supreme Court decision in which he had downed its second decree involving a Township zoning case this week with Farmington Township again being awarded the decision.

Attorney Brennan had appealed the decision of Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Frederick Ziem, handed down in April of 1953, to the Supreme Court in May of 1954. The Supreme Court's February 22 decision over-ruled Judge Ziem.

SUPREME COURT Justice Otis Smith wrote the unanimous decision in the case involving a complaint filed in September of 1951 against Fred Scott of 3233 12 Mile Road in Farmington Township for operating a swimming pool business in a residential zone.

Scott owns a ten-acre parcel of land near Halsted Road on 12 Mile Road which he has been operating a business under the name of the Steelerette Company.

The township suit for an injunction against Scott in Circuit Court failed because, in Judge Ziem's opinion, Scott's highly wooded property shielded his operation from satisfactory view from abutting property owners. The Township won out in the Supreme Court by maintaining that the zoning violation was present, "regardless of whether it came from a home," despite the defendant's attempt to show the operation was not obnoxious to nearby residents.



MIDDLEBELT ROAD is now blocked off between Grand River Avenue and Eight Mile Road in Farmington Township to allow for the widening of the bridge which spans the branch of the Rouge River just south of Grand River. The bridge construction is expected to last six months and is being contracted by the Oakland County Department of Public Works. The view pictured above was taken looking south from Grand River Avenue towards Eight Mile Road.