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### Big Crowd Out For Expressway Dedication

A ribbon cutting ceremony shortly before noon last Friday officially opened the new 2 1/2 mile long Farmington to Brighton Expressway to traffic.

The Farmington ribbon cutting was the last official opening ceremony with similar programs being conducted at Brighton and the Wikom and Novi interchanges along the superhighway route. Taking part in the ceremony were Lt. Governor Phil Hart, officials of the State Highway Department and from eight Oakland and Livingston County communities.

LOCAL officials participating in the program here were City Manager Earl Scherffus, Mayor Pro Tem V. O. Bates and Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Following the official ceremonies on the roadway, the more than 50-car motorcade which started at Brighton proceeded to Guffin's King of Beef where a luncheon was served to approximately 500 guests.

State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie told the Farmington to Brighton expressway was but the first major link in his proposed 165-mile Detroit to Muskegon expressway to be built. Scheduled for completion within the next five years at an estimated cost of \$178,000,000 is the entire length of the limited access highway from Farmington to Muskegon. Construction on the Grand River Expressway from Farmington to downtown Detroit is scheduled to start in 1959 and will cost an additional \$155,000,000, he added.

WORK is already underway on other portions of the expressway to Detroit. An 8 1/2 mile long link Muskegon, an 8 1/2 mile long link near Port Huron and a second 9 1/2 miles long near Cooperville are nearing completion, Mackie said.

"The entire length of the new limited access highway to run across the state is being designed for the greatest safety and long life," Mackie commented. "The amount of highway should be as great as 30 years from now as it is today."

By conservative estimate, Mackie said, opening of the expressway will cut the death toll on U.S. 16 by more than half.



LOCAL OFFICIALS joined with Lt. Governor Phil Hart and State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie and his wife to snip the last strands of ribbon across the new Farmington to Brighton Expressway. Taking part in the ribbon cutting, left to right, were: Mayor Pro Tem V. O. Bates, Mrs. Mackie, Lt. Governor Hart, Commissioner Mackie and Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. Looking on behind them, center of photo, is City Manager Earl Scherffus.

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### Propose Bowling Alley in Bel-Aire

A request for the rezoning of Outlot A in Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision to permit the erection of a bowling alley is now under consideration.

A recommendation was made to the City Council by the planning commission Monday night that the rezoning be granted.

The parcel of property is located on Orchard Lake Road just south of Leelanau. It has been requested that it be rezoned from C-1 (local commercial) to C-2 (general commercial).

The erection of a modern, 24 lane bowling alley is proposed. Called for in the preliminary plans is a nursery in connection with the alley and a community hall on the second floor. The estimated cost of the building has been set at \$250,000.

A public hearing on the proposed rezoning has been set for Monday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m., prior to the regular City Council meeting. Objections or comments in favor of the zoning change will be heard at this time.

### Underground Phone Line Easement Granted

A request by Michigan Bell Telephone for an easement along Nine Mile Road on city owned property west of Farmington Road was granted by action of the City Council Monday night. Michigan Bell is planning to run underground lines west of Farmington Road to the west limits of the city.

Michigan Bell representatives indicated at the meeting that easements for the necessary additions are on the north side of this portion of Nine Mile had already granted easements.

### Fast Growth in C'ville Schools

More than 50 pupils have entered Clarencville schools since the fourth Friday in September, the day when enrollment establishes the number of pupils on which a school gets state aid.

Sup't Louis E. Schmidt estimates the increase will be well over 100 within the next several months. Two rapidly growing subdivisions are creating this school problem.

EACH PUPIL is supposed to mean an annual state aid payment of \$190, so 100 extra pupils would mean a loss to the city of \$19,000 for this year, yet the district has to furnish facilities and teachers for the new pupils. They'll be included next year, of course.

Financially the district may go in the red this year because of the increased enrollment.

BOARD MEMBERS at last week's regular meeting approved hiring a kindergarten teacher for one section at Botford school. Where most of this increase has taken place. Authority was also granted the superintendent to employ the necessary additions and replacements to the staff as they become necessary through the year.

The district is now considering applicants for possible positions in other elementary grades.

### Jaycees Ask Nominations for Distinguished Service Award

Every year the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce presents its Distinguished Service Award to the outstanding young man in the community. He must be under the age of 21 through 35, but he does not have to be a Jaycee.

The award is based on leadership and service to the community during the calendar year. Nominations may be made by anyone who believes some young man they know is deserving of this award. All nominations must be made by December 31 and should be sent to Dick Sterling, 22245 Fleming Drive, GR 49514.

Although there is a committee of Jaycees requesting people in Farmington to submit nominations, only one man will see and review the summary or resume that should accompany each nomination. This same man selects the judges. The judges are not Jaycees or of Jaycee age and their names remain anonymous to all but this one. All nominees remain anonymous except the winner of the award.

The winner of the 1957 Distinguished Service Award will be announced at a Jaycee banquet January 28.

### Name DeVriendt City C. D. Head

Public Safety Director Joseph DeVriendt was named as new City of Farmington Police Chief by action of the City Council Monday night.

City Manager Earl Scherffus recommended DeVriendt's appointment because of his previous experience with the local civil defense program by having worked directly with the previous civil defense director for several years.

The council gave unanimous approval to the city manager's recommendation.

The action was taken following the reading of a formal letter of resignation from George B. Cote, retiring director.

### Tags Purchase The Alma Record

James M. Tagg and A. C. Tagg, former publishers of the Farmington Enterprise, announced this week that they have purchased the Alma Record, Alma, Michigan. The Alma Record, owned and published by Elizabeth Babcock and Elizabeth Babcock.

The Tags will take over active management of the Record on January 2, 1958.

Alma, a city of approximately 9,500 population, is located in the central part of Michigan. The Tags will move to Alma as soon as arrangements can be completed.

The Record is a weekly newspaper serving Alma and Gratiot County. It has a paid circulation of approximately 5,000 and includes approximately 200 pages per week. In addition to the newspaper, the Record has a modern equipped commercial printing plant.

Rex Babcock, former co-publisher of the Record, was superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools from 1919 to 1922.

### Jaycees Sell Trees

Small plastic Christmas trees are being sold by the Jaycees to help pay for worthwhile projects throughout the year. The trees can be used on fireplace mantels, as table centerpieces.

Some trees are still available and can be ordered by calling Frank Mytnik, GR 4-4333.

### What's Ahead for Township?

"There is no reason to incorporate as a village or city unless you want to get more services and pay more taxes."

"That was the statement of Prof. Arthur W. Bromage of the U. of Michigan as he talked Monday here for the quarterly meeting of a Farmington Township League of Suburban Associations.

THERE ARE several different forms of local government which may be taken in a growing area such as Farmington Township, he said. It was to explain these forms of local government which he here.

Here are the possibilities:

1. Remain as a standard township.
2. Incorporate as a charter township.
3. Incorporate the entire township as a city, leaving Farmington city as is.
4. The heavily settled areas may incorporate as separate villages.

In answer to a direct question Prof. Bromage said he didn't know of any instance where an entire township (excluding the city) had incorporated as a village.

THE MEETING was called, said Pres. Elliott S. Rogers, to start a study of possible changes in the area. Direct reason for the meeting was a recent statement by Supervisor Frank Stephenson on possibility of incorporation of the entire township. There also have been rumors that several villages might be formed, possibly in an effort to control any proposed industrial zoning in the township.

Rather complete information about various types of local government was given by Prof. Bromage.

A CHARTER township is the simplest change, in that the area can go on to other forms easily or return to a standard township. A Michigan law in effect some 40 years ago allows a township but few have taken advantage of it.

A key result in a charter township is that the Township Board has authority to appoint an executive officer, something like a city manager.

The big advantage, he said, is that a Charter Township is freed from the 15 - mill limitation, as it can levy up to 10 mills above the 15-mill limit. A charter township can do virtually anything a village or city can do. However, there must be a uniform tax levy over the entire area.

It has been used only a few times. Warren became a charter township, then a city. There's only one left in the state—Bridgeport, in the Saginaw area.

### Study 2 Methods To Give Better Police Protection

Wood Creek Village officials are now chalking into two possible methods of providing better police protection for village residents.

The decision that more study would be needed was made last Thursday night by the council at a special meeting called for the specific purpose of discussing the present inadequacy of police protection in the village.

IN ATTENDANCE at the meeting at the request of the council, Township Police Chief Irving Yakes suggested that efforts might be made to have the township keep its two police cars on patrol around the clock. He stated that at the present time normally only one car was on patrol during the village 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. effort to keep operating expenses of the police department down.

The chief expressed confidence that better protection could be provided in the whole northeast section of the township if both cars could be kept on patrol at night.

It was suggested that Wood Creek might consider standing some of the cost for keeping the second car in operation if assured in the village could be assured.

Councilmen Norman Kreider and Zar Reader were appointed to discuss this matter further with township officials.

THE POSSIBILITY of having a private patrolling service for the village was ruled out as being too costly. Lawrence Perry, owner of a patrolling service in Detroit, indicated that it would cost the village approximately \$1,000 a month for his patrolling service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily.

Also being checked into further is suggestion by Councilman Harry Lang that the village set up a volunteer police force of about 12 men similar to the present Franklin Village volunteer police force. He stated that the Franklin volunteers' present operating costs were running about \$1,000 a year.

There was strong objection to the use of volunteers as village regulars. Vernon Fisher. He stated that he was opposed to asking any resident to perform these duties, to take on such a task and risk his life.

Following further discussion Councilman Lang and Resident Robert Weaver were appointed to obtain further information from the County Sheriff's Department on the possibility of setting up a volunteer police force.

President Clark pointed out that any effort to set up the village's own force at this time would be handicapped by lack of funds. No village tax is being collected at this time.

### Papers Out Friday For Next 2 Weeks

Because both Christmas and New Year's fall on Wednesday this year, the next two editions of The Enterprise will come to you a day later than usual.

The paper will be printed on Thursday and distributed on Friday.

All deadlines will remain the same except the classified advertising deadline, which will be moved up to 10 a.m. Thursday. The final deadline for all display advertising and news matter will be noon Tuesday.

### Fatally Injured In Head-On Crash

Joseph Maff of 39010 Grand River Avenue in Farmington, was fatally injured in a head-on collision early Wednesday morning on U.S. 16 about a half mile east of Drake Road.

Maff, a member of 3919 Oakland Farmington, driver of the second car, suffered injuries to his head and chest, lacerations about the face and a broken leg. He is recovering in serious condition at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Details regarding the cause of the accident, which occurred Tuesday 2:45 a.m., were not yet available from the state police who were still investigating at the time of going to press.

Maff was proceeding west and Hinshaw east when the crash occurred.

### Jaycees Back City Flag Plan

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has reorganized a flag display program among the business men of the city.

The Jaycees are contacting merchants and offering their services to assist the merchants in displaying the flag of the United States on all legal holidays.

The Jaycees will install a "plug" in the sidewalk in front of the business man's store, provide a staff for the flag, clean and store the flag, and place it in position on every legal holiday. The charge for the service is \$12 per year.

Businessmen who do not have flags may purchase them from the Jaycees at \$7.75 each.

The funds raised in this program will be used to provide a World War II flag to a deserving individual in the interest of the community.

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### Pass Ordinance To Require City Business License

A general license ordinance calling for the registration and licensing of all persons, firms or corporations carrying on a trade, business or profession within the City of Farmington will go into effect the first of the year.

The ordinance was adopted by the City Council Monday night after lengthy discussion.

CONCERN was expressed that some businesses might be required to buy several licenses if required to have a license for each separate allied trade which they conducted from one business place. It was generally agreed by the council that a business man should be required to obtain a license for only his principal business in such cases.

It was also pointed out that several types of businesses were not included in the schedule of fees outlined in the ordinance. City Manager Earl Scherffus said that some types of businesses had not been included but stated that the ordinance had been drawn up in such a manner that categories could easily be included as the need presented itself.

YEARLY license fees ranging from \$100 to \$5 will be charged with fees for most types of businesses falling in the \$10 and \$25 range. A \$3 charge will be made for registering a business.

The ordinance specifies that any person violating any provision specified in the ordinance, be guilty of a misdemeanor. Punishment calls for a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

### New Attorney Starts in City

Paul E. Fregalle has opened a law office in a newly remodeled section of the Grace Insurance Company, and is now practicing in the Farmington area.

He has had an office the last six years in the Book Tower in Detroit, and in Saginaw, Ypsilanti, Paris, He is married and the father of two children. The family attends St. Marys of Redford Church.

An Air Force aviator, Mr. Fregalle was graduated from the University of Detroit in 1951. He is vice-president of Farmington Junior Chamber and its legal council, and was club secretary for two years earlier.

### Village, City and Other Gov't Plans Discussed

governing body and sets its own taxes and expenditures, yet finds its people still vote through the Township, and pay taxes through the Township.

The village has to furnish its own fire and police protection, care for most of its roads, furnish other services which may be needed. This costs over and above other basic taxes, and is not cheap.

THE SPEAKER said the township isn't in a very good position as it becomes urbanized and goes through a process of fragmentation. The village has to furnish its own fire and police protection, care for most of its roads, furnish other services which may be needed. This costs over and above other basic taxes, and is not cheap.

Setting up a Charter Township, he suggested, would discourage areas from becoming villages, as they'd have to pay both taxes.

IN ANY CASE taken, he suggested it would be more costly. He also said state incorporation laws were vague, and that no group should even start incorporation without an attorney and planner to guide it, as there are many pitfalls.

The League meeting was exploratory, and answered questions of many members. There will be other similar meetings in Farmington Township as the city grows. The Farmington Township Civic Ass'n plans an educational meeting soon, and other groups will be discussing the growth problems existing here.

### Many Attend Open House at State Hospital

A much bigger crowd than expected attended open house last Sunday afternoon at Farmington Children's Hospital. It was the first such event since opening of the nursery unit for mentally retarded children two years ago.

Registration indicated attendance about 475. The crowd, probably half were parents, half visitors.

The hospital is a nursery unit of the Loper State Home. There are 220 children there, ranging in age from 10 months to 11 years. Probably 20 of these are toddlers in the nursery school.

The staff and Call S. Smith, resident director, had given the hospital a nicely decorated Christmas appearance.

### Ignores Red Flasher At Middlebelt US 16

Mary Lou Stearns of Detroit suffered lacerations to her mouth and head bruises early Sunday morning when the car in which she was traveling with her husband ran into signs in front of a gas station on Grand River at Middlebelt.

Donald Stearns, proceeding south on Middlebelt, failed to heed the red flasher at the Grand River intersection, police said. He swung sharply to avoid running into a semi-truck proceeding east on Grand River driven by Abraham Erdman of Saginaw, and lost control of his car. The truck ran over curbing along the roadway.

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