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1957 Year of Activity; Many Changes Made

The year 1957 was undoubtedly one of the most active twelve-month periods in the history of the Farmington community.

Several complex problems presented themselves. The major developments and changes made during the year numbered in the hundreds.

A resume of 1957 activities as recorded in headlines in The Enterprise throughout the year is as follows:

January

ties, have filed nominating petitions for the Biennial Farmington Township Primary Election to be held February 18.

February

City considering buying municipal center site. Council requests approval of land adjacent to Fire Hall building.

March

Voters overwhelmingly approve \$4 million school bond issue proposal. Also approve slight increase in operation millage rate.

April

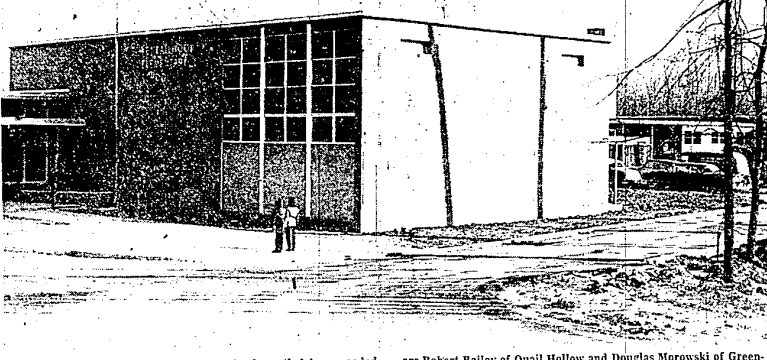
Township elects first Democratic supervisor. Frank Stephenson defeats incumbent Republican Albert Cain.

May

Farmington School District receives Federal Aid grant of \$278,833.50 for the construction of additional educational facilities.

June

Plans for the Organization of a Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce have moved into high gear with the appointment of an executive committee to act as a temporary administrative group.



THE NEW WOODDALE elementary school, nestled in a wooded area at the end of Peppermill Road in Kendallwood Subdivision, was opened for classes yesterday. Taking a long look at their modern, new home when this picture was snapped last week, were two young second graders enrolled there. Standing at the edge of the walk leading to the main entrance of the building are Robert Bailey of Quail Hollow and Douglas Morowski of Greenwillow. The name on the school had not yet been changed when the picture was taken. Originally referred to as the Kendallwood elementary school, the unit was named Wooddale by recent action of the School Board.

Tax Payments Slower, Many Protests Heard

In both the city and township, tax payments are apparently coming in just a little slower, with penalty deadlines not too far off. There are more than the normal number of protests on appraisals.

ON PERSONAL property taxes there is no leeway. If they are not paid by Jan. 10 the law requires that the city start action Jan. 11.

FOR THE CITY Mrs. Cotter estimates that perhaps 45 per cent of taxes were paid by Jan. 2, compared with 65 per cent normally.

IN THE TOWNSHIP personal property taxes are due Jan. 20 and are to be paid by then or a 4 per cent penalty attaches.

Township Treasurer Elise Avery's office is extremely busy now, with business complicated by inquiries from taxpayers about the assessed valuations.

To further complicate her problems, the Oakland County treasurer advised that Michigan State University, before its duties-Dec. 30 as advertising manager of The Farmington Enterprise.

In addition to his specialized advertising at Michigan State, Mr. Evans has had on-the-job training in news and advertising with the Crowing Blade, Cassville, Tenn. News and Unionville, N. C. News.

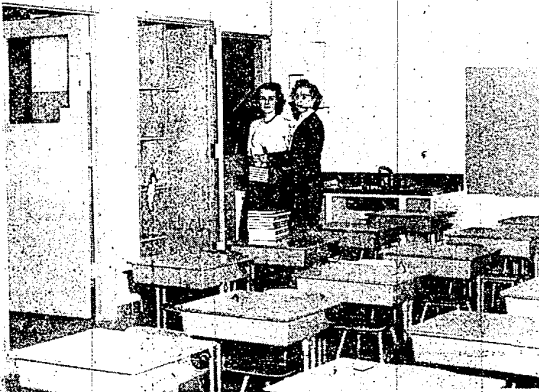
AFTER 20 MONTHS' tour of duty as a hospital corpsman, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in October, 1955.

At State he worked in the advertising department of the college humor magazine, and worked in the editorial and advertising departments of the campus daily, Michigan State News.

He was active in the MSU Veterans Ass'n, and was elected to membership in Alpha Delta Sigma, an honorary organization for advertising and public relations majors.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans plan to move here this week end.

The Farmington Public Library at the Town Hall will be closed Saturday, January 18, and Monday, January 20, in order to permit inventory to be taken, Librarian Mrs. Florence Leach said.



PLENTY OF WORK remained to be done the latter part of last week in preparation for the opening of the new school this Thursday. Handling a big portion of the task of seeing that everything would be in place and in readiness for the school's opening were Miss Doris Lockman, principal, and Mrs. Nina Brown, school secretary.

Seek Standard Interest Rate on School Bonds

Local school officials along with officials of other rapidly growing school districts in the state are looking hopefully for favorable results in an effort now being made by the state to get a more standardized interest rate established for school bonds being sold.

A conference has been called by Governor Williams for next Monday, January 6, in an effort to obtain answers on why rates on bonds are varying so greatly and running as high as they are in many cases.

"We've always wondered why school bond interest rates vary so much when the state's full faith and credit either is on or can be put behind every bond," said William H. Hettinger, Municipal Finance Commission executive secretary.

A 1955 constitutional amendment put bond interest rates at 6 per cent for this reason that Hettinger and others are of the opinion that investors aren't taking much risk and should be able to offer a more standardized rate.

Hettinger pointed out that bond interest rates are presently ranging all the way from 2 1/2 to 6 per cent.

Bond houses are basing their rates on such things as the school district's tax base, its existing debt, its past record, potential ability to repay and the size of the bond issue, he said.

The Farmington School District recently had an unfavorable experience in this regard when it was unable to receive a satisfactory interest rate on \$1,000,000 worth of bonds put up for sale.

A classified Ad In The Enterprise Costs Only A Few Cents, Yet Brings Quick Results

Holiday Cage Tourney Here Attracts Nearly 4,000 Fans

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Southfield walked off with the championship by downing Livonia, Bentley 58-47, in the third and final game of play Monday for the eighth time in competition. Although pegged as the underdog in the contest, the Bluejays led throughout most of the game.

With all eight teams in action on each day of the three day tourney, there was plenty of cage activity for all Farmington and East Detroit also shared runner-up honors with Bentley by posting identical records of two wins against lone losses.

County U.F. Drive Well Over The Top

United Foundation Drive went over the top by over \$100,000, according to figures released by Roger Walker, chairman of the Farmington, Michigan, advertising committee.

A total of \$71,343.92 was collected from sources in the ten townships in the county participating in the drive. The total quota was set at \$60,741.

Farmington Township was way out in front as the biggest contributor in the ten townships turning in a total of \$25,455.89, or \$3,611.89 per capita.

Among the industrial firms and business places in the ten townships singles out for having 100 per cent employee participation in the U.F. Drive was the Star Cutter Company of Farmington.

Voting Record Excellent Here

Apparently Farmington City adults take advantage of their voting opportunities pretty regularly.

City Clerk Trena Quinn reports that only 24 registered voters have failed to vote within the last four years, and thus were sent notices they would be taken off the register next year unless they re-voted.

Any of the 24 persons receiving the notice from the city clerk, mailed last Friday, should take it to the city office in order to be re-registered. Those who did not receive notices need not be concerned, unless they have not been registered in the past.

Report 3 City Store Break-ins

A rash of three break-ins in the City of Farmington during the past week are now being investigated by the police department.

Two of the night-time break-ins occurred on the weekend and the third on New Year's Eve. In each case the party or parties involved made entrance by breaking out windows at the backs of the establishments.

The weekend break-ins were reported at the Farmington Bicycle Store and Lamy's Apparel at 3216 Grand River. A small amount of money was taken at the apparel shop while nothing was reported stolen at the bicycle shop.

Broken into on New Year's Eve was the Condon Jewelry store at 307th Grand River. The burglars made off with money, a ring, machine and an assortment of approximately 300 key blanks.

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Eastbound traffic: 249 passenger vehicles, 5 trucks, 10 school cars.

This was the same number of trucks and highway patrol cars. The trucks on the road Sunday were milk, egg and bread trucks.

Because traffic was a lot heavier than usual, it may be that quite a bit was generated by football fans. However, it was a nice day, the roads were good, and outboard traffic is always heavier on such a Sunday morning.

Causal checks, but no further counting during the day indicated traffic had not increased greatly at that time.

However, about sundown eastbound traffic became quite heavy.

Two Discussions On School Needs Slated Next Week

Two discussion programs on anticipated school needs in the Farmington Public School District for next year and preceding years will be presented by members of the School Board next week.

The program will be presented Monday, January 5, at the Middlebelt school under the sponsorship of the Middlebelt-Noble PTA and on Wednesday, January 8, at the Shiawassee School under the sponsorship of that school's PTA.

Both programs will start at 8 p.m. and will be open to all interested citizens.

DETAILS on the 1958 bond issue proposed to be put to a vote March 10, will be outlined as well as financial conditions regarding school operation. It is expected that further information will be given on the conditions upon which the need for a request to the state for a special operation millage in 1959 hinges.

Original plans to place both the bond issue question and a request for a millage operation increase to voters at the same time, Dunnet, scrapped by action of the School Board at its last regular meeting.

Also tabbed was the setting of an amount for the bond issue. The first planning for year called for a \$2 million bond issue '58. It was decided by the board that further study on both proposals should be made.

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Leads Police On Wild Chase

A Farmington Township youth was arrested Sunday after leading a State Police car on a wild chase running off the road and one trooper in the car being injured. It was not hurt seriously, however.

Arrested was John L. Minch, 20, of 3125 Beech, Farmington, and his friend from Milford, John F. Mager, 19. Two teenage girls in the car with them were questioned by the police.

The officers stated that when approached the Minch car parked on a country road, the driver sped away and maintained a 100 m.p.h. average for nearly five miles before the police car ran off the road and into a ditch. The troopers said that they had attempted to question the driver, but he had refused because they believed them to be drinking.

After running off the road, the police car returned to the highway. Mager's car to the Brighton State Police post. He was later picked up by Mager's home. Minch was charged with felonious driving and Mager for the possession of liquor by a minor.

C-C Books Are Ready for Sale

The new books, "Fabulous Farmington," are ready for distribution by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

As members pay their 1958 dues the books will be mailed them with the membership in the dues and plaques, says Donald D. Pullen, manager. The books are free to members, cost others \$1 at the office. The proceeds will go to the Chamber. C's are being sent to the Chamber office at 2350 Grand River, for delivery after January 2 when the new books were delivered by the printer.

Members will have an opportunity to see the books at the regular monthly breakfast Tuesday, January 7, 8 a.m. at Guffin's King of Beef. All members are urged to attend.

Inside Features

Table listing inside features: Classified Ad, Church Activities, Editorial Features, Michigan Mirror, Neighborhood News, Sports Activities.

Long Distance Call Made For Want Ad

A Farmington man really wanted to be sure his classified ad got in The Enterprise this week.

Every morning he drove near Niagara Falls, and knew he would not get home before the ad deadline, so he put in a long distance call.

The previous week he had been late, so he wanted the ad in this issue.

Democratic Club to Meet At Farmington Savings

The end of the year also ended one of Farmington's longest strikes, that of the union against Bill Root Chevrolet. It had started Bill R. 4557.

Root Chevrolet Strike Is Over

Although the pickets had not been hampered business operations, they had been increased during the showing of the new cars.

Bill Root says the garage is now operating normally, with a full complement of salesmen and service men, also a full line of new and used cars.

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