

### C-C Speaker Tells Pro-Con Kinds of Gov't

Farmington Township should have a zoned industrial area and strong zoning regulations, the president of the Michigan Township League told a crowd at the monthly breakfast of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

The speaker was D. W. Calhoun, who is also mayor of Huntington Woods, a community in which he used to be Royal Oak township before it was broken up into many small municipalities.

INVITED GUESTS were township and city officials, representatives from the Township League of Subdivision Associations, and other citizens who were concerned with possible changes in this area.

Introduced by Harry Farmer, the speaker said that whether it is a city or a township, the expansion of a core city influence. Forces are very great to set up larger governmental units in order to handle necessary community services, he said.

"IN OUR AREA he pointed out about 65 per cent of property is as yet undeveloped. If the area is not to suffer greatly in the future, it is vital citizens come up with a logical use plan.

Among problems now here he pointed to water. A heavily populated county could count on all its water coming out of the ground, all from the same strata. Water needs are a major problem and getting harder to solve in an uncontrolled manner.

PROPER ZONING he stressed several ways, saying it was needed to strengthen local government. He urged high restrictions and pointed out that zoning is a supreme court decision which appears more favorable in supporting local zoning laws.

"It is another advantage to incorporation, in that weight and gas taxes come back to the corporation and its officials decide just how they are used, mainly for roads. If a township should not incorporate just to avoid annexation, he warned.

ASKED ABOUT a zoned industrial area for Farmington township, he said he would have one that it should be in the right spot, and it should be well controlled. The speaker said that in residential areas, residences were built near an industrial zone, then owners complained about noise and traffic. In a buffer zone around an industrial area there should be residential construction allowed.

ARE SMALLER communities able to render proper services to their citizens, he was asked. He said it couldn't render proper services without cooperation of nearby communities, that working together is the only way to solve it. He said that from his experience he wouldn't recommend so many small cities in this area, that he would recommend in some areas, but in some other hand, he thought Livonia was too large.

Huntington Woods is a small community, but it is able to do it on a small tax rate because it has a large proportion of expensive homes concentrated in a small area. There is practically no commercial, only residential. Building restrictions are on minimum square footage rather than dollars.

### 2 School Board Members' Terms Expire in June

Nominating petitions are now available for candidates wishing to run for office on the School Board for the Farmington Public School District this year.

There will be two vacancies on the board and two on the school board. The terms of office of Trustee Douglas Hammill and newly appointed secretary Mrs. Donald Davis, terminate in June. Vacancies left by the resignation of Mrs. E. G. Downing last week, expire. No indication has yet been given whether they will seek election to remain in office.

The nominating petitions are available at the School Board offices at the Farmington Junior High on Thomas Street. Petitions must be signed by more than 25 registered school electors and filed no later than 4 p. m. May 10, 30 days prior to the election, Monday, June 1.

Low proof of no one may sign more petitions than there are vacancies and that the signers must be residents of the school district.

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### Civil Defense Will Solicit Funds Here

Badly in need of more funds to carry on activities already started, members of the township civil defense organization will be out with canisters in the area the evenings of Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12.

Volunteers will have the canisters in some of the main shopping areas. It's hoped they will be able to wear the new helmets which are to be part of the equipment.

A large number of men and women are now training for emergency action in police, fire, tornado and nursing services.

They will also have for sale tickets for the benefit western chuck wagon dinner to be served Sunday, April 13, at Griffin's Front Room. Seating will be from 12 noon to 8 p. m. Tickets are on sale at most business places, at \$2.50 for adults. Children's tickets at \$1.25 for youngsters eight years and younger will be available at the door.

### Wood Creek Farms Zone Ordinance Draft Completed

A rough draft of a proposed zoning ordinance for the Village of Wood Creek Farms, including a detailed zoning map, has now been completed, Watson Kinney, chairman of the planning commission, informed the Village Council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

He indicated that work would be started immediately on a final draft and that the ordinance would be ready for final adoption by the council at its regular meeting in June. R-1, R-2 and R-3 zones have been set up in the developed areas within the village boundaries, he stated, all having requirements equivalent or better than those for R-4 zoning under the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance. Few non-conforming use parcels have been necessary, Kinney added.

The village is presently operating under the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance. The expiration date for this ordinance, however, is July 1 of this year.

Kinney pointed out that the village zoning ordinance would not stipulate any plan requirements, such as blacktopped roads, for new residential subdivisions. He recommended that the council consider an ordinance to cover this. It was agreed to discuss such an ordinance at the next regular council meeting in May.

### Ed Chabala Fund Drive Set Monday

Plans for a special Ed Chabala Drive to raise funds for Mr. Chabala and his family who reside at 31619 Leducane in Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision have now been completed by the Bel-Aire Hills Civic Association.

Injured in a swimming accident nearly two years ago, Ed was paralyzed from the neck down and has spent most of his time since then at the veterans hospital in Dearborn. Although he is home now with his wife, Mary Ellen, and children, "Craig and Steve, it is hoped that he will require hospital treatment for some time yet. Some doubt has been expressed that he will ever gain use of his body again.

A door-to-door appeal for contributions will be made in the subdivision Monday night, April 7, and all residents wishing to make donations are asked to leave their porch lights burning.

Others living in the community are asked to contribute funds on behalf of contact holder, Mrs. Wilfred Brown at 24168 Broadview or Mrs. Bryon Sutherland at 23972 Beacon Drive.

The Dunckel Junior High gymnasium will be closed to recreational activities this Saturday, Farmington Area Recreation Commission Director Warren Piche disclosed Wednesday. Workmen will be doing minor repair work of the gym floor that day, Piche said.

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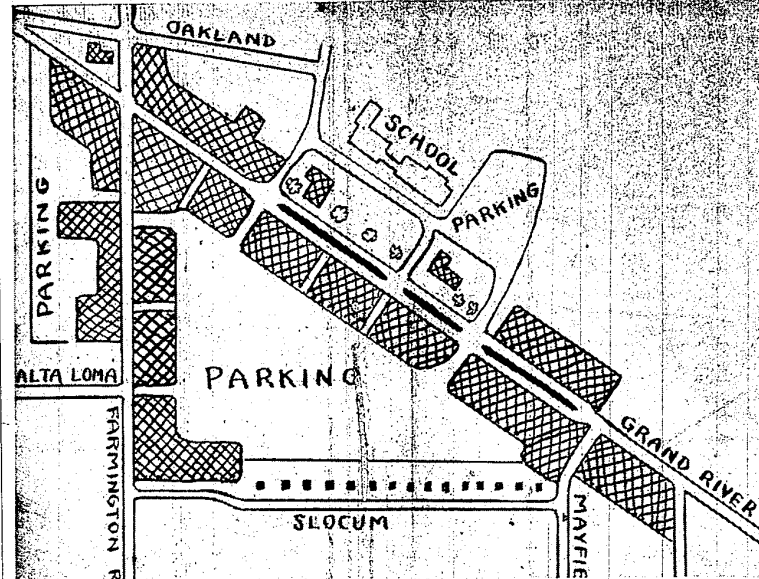
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A PROPOSED DOWNTOWN development plan, already changed a little, is shown here. It is part of a study ordered by Farmington City, being made by a planning consultant firm.

The tentative plan has already been shown some property owners in the affected area, and they have indicated interest in further study. There will be additional meetings, and city officials know that they must have cooperation of the property owners and businessmen to make any such plan work.

One of the important features is to get plenty of free parking immediately adjacent to present and new businesses along Grand River and Farmington Road. This could be accomplished by doing away with Orchard Lake Road and making a large parking area in the large triangle bounded by Slocum, Grand River and Farmington Road. There could also be parking south of Oakland in the white space shown.

A proposal to build three apartment houses in the west end of the triangle is being held in abeyance to see if the city can work out this plan.

A tentative change in thinking has already occurred in the area west of Farmington Road. Originally, as shown here, there could have been a municipal building south of the school parking lot. It could also be placed where the present police-fire building is located, with quite a lot of parking south of the present city parking lot. This would mean closing State street between Farmington Road and Liberty, with only an outlet for the parking lot. The entire proposal is still subject to revision, of course.

Areas along the two streets shown in cross-hatching would be further developed as commercial, with Grand River widened in part to a boulevard with center areas.

It has been suggested the businesses might best have both front and rear entrances to accommodate shoppers from the parking areas with maximum convenience.

The planning consultants point out this proposal, based on principles of modern shopping center design, calls for internal parking lots providing about 2,600 spaces, and a commercial floor area of 485,000 square feet. As a comparison, Northland has about a million square feet.

City officials are checking the possibility of getting some possible urban renewal aid from the federal government, which might be used to buy some of the homes which would have to be moved. If approved and properly supported such a plan might attain the main features in from two to five years.

Most stores and business places in Farmington will be closed this Friday from 12 noon until 3 p. m. in observance of Good Friday. Special services are being planned by several churches to call to worshipers Christ's crucifixion.

A joint service sponsored by the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and the First Methodist Church will be held at the Salem Church on Grand River at Oakland starting at 1 p. m. with all residents of the community invited to attend.

Special Easter Sunday plans have been made by nearly all churches in the community with several to have sunrise services in addition to regular Sunday services. Stories on many of these services and the hours appear on the church page and elsewhere in this edition of the paper.

AT OUR LADY of Sorrows Catholic Church services will begin at 12 noon with confessions and general adoration. The Stations of the Cross will be recited at 1 p. m. followed by a Good Friday Liturgy. A Nocturnal adoration will begin at 7 p. m. Thursday and continue until 12 noon Friday. The vigil will be kept throughout the night by members of the Holy Name Society and during the morning hours by members of the Altar Society.

Another joint service will be held at the Clareville Methodist Church at Collingham and Grand River when members will worship together with members of the Southfield Community Church from 12 noon to 2 p. m.

A TRE-ORE service starting at 12 noon will be conducted at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located 1/2 mile north of 11 Mile E. and LaMuer. The Service of Morning Prayer, the acceptance of the Anticomun Service and the third to Service of Evening Prayer.

THE BOY INJURED SLIGHTLY ON POWER ROAD SUNDAY. Seven year old Ralph Zadrozny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zadrozny, of 28258 Loonin, suffered minor injuries Sunday morning when he was knocked to the ground after running into the side of a car on Power Road at 11:15 a. m. The accident occurred around 11:15 a. m. The boy darted from between a line of cars headed north on 49th Street, stopped for traffic and crashed into the side of another car, proceeding south on Power, operated by Howard W. Bolig of 28250 Twelve Mile Road, a police report disclosed.

### Village to Get Rubbish Pickup; Police, Fire Needs in Question

A proposed budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year was the major item of business taken up at the Wood Creek Farms Village Council meeting Tuesday night.

Developing into a heated debate on which councilmen were sharply split, however, was the question of whether or not the village should earmark \$500 for rubbish pickup service for the last half of the fiscal year. At the present time residents are contracting for this service through the Wood Creek Civic Association which had already agreed to handle this through the 1958 calendar year.

COUNCILMEN Harry Lang and H. A. Dobson expressed strong opposition, indicating that they felt any excess in the general fund should be reserved for police and fire protection. At the present time the township and State police are providing police protection for the village and fire protection is being provided on a per-call-charge basis by the Franklin volunteer fire department.

President Alger Clark, highly in favor of the village taking over rubbish pickup, contended that if it was necessary for the village to set up its own police protection program or stand fire protection costs the surplus in the general fund would not be ample anyway and a village tax would be necessary. He even questioned whether enough could be raised from taxes, under the present 3 mill charter limitation, to provide these services.

Based on an estimated \$1 million assessed valuation, the most that could be raised through taxes would be \$3,000, he pointed out.

WHEN the question came up for vote, Councilmen Lang and Dobson voted disapproval and Councilmen Norman Kreider and Zari Reader voted in favor. The tie necessitated a vote by President Clark which was an emphatic yes.

It was estimated that the village would receive approximately \$1,850 for the general fund during the 58-59 fiscal year with a total of \$200 from the State in sales tax diversion and intangible tax money and the remaining \$50 from miscellaneous sources. The total of \$200 for rubbish pickup service, \$307 for salaries, \$300 for legal fees, \$160 for insurance, \$100 for printing and \$200 for other expenses, for a total of another \$120 for minor items.

THIS would leave a balance of only \$183 from expected '58-59 fiscal year funds for police and fire protection. The village also has expenses. Added to it, however, will be an estimated \$777 balance from the current fiscal year general fund.

The village will also receive a round \$6,750 from the State for the road fund. This amount, as required by law, will be used for the maintenance of village roads. A detailed budget on how it is proposed to spend the money has been drawn up by Road Administrator Douglas Piche.

A public hearing on the proposed budget was set for Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p. m. at the Sarah - Fisher Home.

### Home, Garage Broken Into Sat.

Two break-ins Saturday night, one at a private home and the other at a gas station, were reported this week by Township Police Chief Edwin Wakes.

Sometime early in the evening the Her Allen home at 32810 Brarcrest was entered and a filing cabinet containing many legal papers taken. Nothing else was reported missing.

The same night the Moffatt Service Station at Grand River and Springbrook was again broken into and a box of cigars and a considerable amount of candy taken. The station has been broken into seven or eight months since the last. No first shots will be given.

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Anyone under 21 years must be accompanied by one or both parents and a filing cabinet at the clinic. No smallpox vaccinations will be given at this time, since that will be a separate clinic.

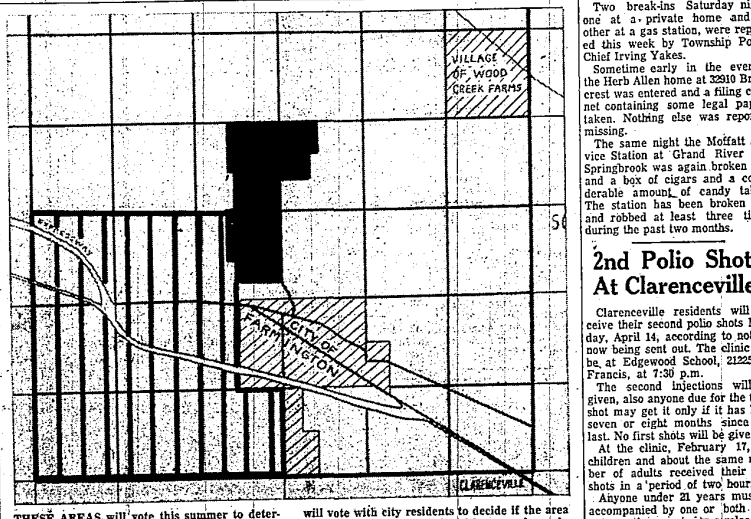
### 2nd Polio Shots At Clareville

Clareville residents will receive their second polio shots Monday, April 14, according to notices now being sent out. The clinic will be at Edgewood School, 2125 St. Francis, at 7:30 p. m.

The second injections will be given, also anyone due for the third shot may get it on if it has been seven or eight months since the last. No first shots will be given.

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THESE AREAS will vote this summer to determine if the property owners wish to come under different forms of government. The approximately eight sections in the southwest portion of the township, shown by heavy vertical lines, will vote with city residents to decide if the area will be annexed to the City. The area shown in solid black is the proposed new village. Elsewhere in this issue is a news story about the proposals.

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