



MINIATURE WHITE CANES will be on sale this week-end throughout the Farmington area. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Lions to help the blind in receiving leader dogs and white canes and in providing eye glasses for newly local children. Listed above are some of the Farmington Township Lions Club members who will be taking part in the sale. They are, from row, left to right: Victor Rust, Dr. H. E. Vieretz, DeForest Patchin, Raymond Cranston (with leader dog), Blakely Frazer, William Frazer, and Jack Hareton. Standing in the rear are Robert White, Clifford Terry and Kenneth Lachmann.

Want to Name Street in Farmington? Here's How

Farmington City has a street to name soon, and the city council decided Monday night to ask for suggestions for the name. The street is on the east side of the expressway near the new city property and a new name is in order.

The council will decide on a new name at the next regular meeting Monday night, May 19. The name chosen does not necessarily have to be among those offered by citizens.

The road was built during the term of Gen. Alexander J. Grosbeck, 1921-1925. At first it was a two-way road but it was so narrow and so many accidents resulted it was soon made one-way. After the expressway was opened it went back to two-way traffic.

SUGGESTIONS for a name may be sent direct to The Farmington Enterprise, with a deadline of Friday noon, May 16. Suggested names will be printed next week, and then will be turned over to the city.

Village Budget Not Questioned

Residents of Wood Creek Farms Village were apparently well pleased with the proposed local operating budget drawn up by the Village Council, requiring no village tax levies.

Not a single resident showed up at the public hearing on the budget held prior to the regular council meeting on Tuesday night at the Sarah-Fisher Home. The council thus assumed that it was satisfactory to all and approved it without change.

UNDER RECEIPTS, the adopted budget shows a balance of \$77,071 as of July 1, 1938, with an estimated \$1,800 coming in from the State during the year and another \$500 from miscellaneous village fees giving the village a total of \$27,271 to operate with during the 1939-40 fiscal year. The only big item called for in the budget, other than funds for normal operating expenses, is \$500 to cover a rubbish pickup service for the second half. Residents will pay for their own rubbish pickup for the remainder of this calendar year under a previous agreement.

A sum of \$50.01 not specifically allotted in the budget is being considered for use to provide some kind of village police or fire protection, because no village tax is to be levied, the council moved that the setting up of a board of review be waived this year.

Slightly over \$5,000 is expected during the fiscal year from the State in weight and gas taxes for the repair and maintenance of village roads.

Teachers Going Back to School

Elementary teachers in the Farmington School District will be going back to school this Friday. As a result students will have the day off.

An all-day workshop will be held at the Woodlake School following the theme "Science for Today." The program will open with coffee hour at 8 a.m. followed by a general session under the direction of Lemore Johnson, science coordinator. "The Seed of Our Science" will be the topic of the keynote speech to be given by Dr. Robert Luss, Director of Educational Services for the Automobile Manufacturers Association.

The remainder of the day will be devoted to special workshop sessions. Topics of the workshops for kindergarten teachers will be "Music, Special Education, Art and Kindergarten at Work." Teachers of grades 1 through 6 will have a workshop on "Field Trips," "Air, Water, Living Things," "Electricity, and Space."

Jaycee Road-E-O Planned May 18

Plans are now being completed for the Fourth Annual Teen-Age Road-E-O, sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, to be held Sunday, May 18.

Competition is open to all teenagers of the area who have permits to drive. Road-E-O Chairman Leonard R. Kistler.

Registration will be conducted at the site of the competition, the Food Fair Market parking lot on the same day as the Road-E-O.

Both written tests and actual tests of the drivers' skill behind the wheel will be given. The driving tests will consist of parking, backing and the general maneuvering of the vehicle.

A prize will be awarded the local winner and he will be eligible to participate in a similar state-wide contest, sponsored by the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce. Details on the contest will be announced next week.

Aug. 5 OK'd As Votes Date

Date of the primary election, Aug. 5, was approved Monday by the board of supervisors for the same day as the Road-E-O.

Residents of the proposed Quaker town village will vote on incorporation, and residents of Farmington city and the southwest portion of the township will vote separately on annexation of that area to the city.

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Valuations for City, Township Are Increased

Equalized valuations for 1938 have been set by the county board of supervisors, with both the city and township going up, mostly because of additions to buildings.

"This year's valuation will be levied on the basis of the new figure, unless it is upset by an appeal from other townships to the State Tax Commission."

THE IMPORTANT factor in the equalization factor. Here the city of Farmington accomplished pretty much what it had attempted to do by bringing valuations up to about that set by the county and state, and lower the factor by an amount which would mean the same property would pay about the same tax. This year's valuation was doubled, as it was in most instances in the city, the millage would be cut in half.

HERE ARE the city figures:

1937	1938
Valuation	\$16,918,180
Factor	2.075538

County equalization officials said Wednesday they were happy with the assessment procedure in Farmington city, that they were glad to see the municipalities follow the methods used by the state. They feel a uniformity has advantages to all concerned.

Boys Republic Youths Seeking Odd Jobs

A select group of boys from Boys Republic are now available to seek odd jobs in the community.

Dr. Milton J. Huber, director, disclosed this week.

They are looking for work such as washing cars, cleaning up around homes, etc., to earn extra money with which to buy some of their own clothes and other items now being supplied them. Dr. Huber said.

For further information contact Dr. Huber or his assistant, Gordon Borin, at Kenwood 4101.

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Get Department Honors at F.H.S.

Special awards were presented to a number of Farmington High students at the annual Department Honors Assembly held Wednesday evening.

Students receiving special department awards were: Nancy DePodesta, art; Herbert Brugman, band; Rosemary Heath, commercial; Judith Cook, English; Linda Balman, oratorical declamation; Keith Carlson, extemporaneous; and Roy Solver, original oration.

Winning department awards in forensics were: Georgiana Brown, interpretive reading; Donna Malenfant, humorous reading; and Linda Balman, oratorical declamation; Keith Carlson, extemporaneous; and Roy Solver, original oration.

Visiting Mayor Lauds Planning

Dr. John R. Holden, village president of Saginaw, Michigan, who he liked on his visit to Farmington in the mayor exchange Monday.

Mayor Robert Lindberth certainly enjoyed his visit to the upper peninsula, starting with a breakfast of brook trout and ending with a banquet attended by 119 people, or 30 percent of the town's population. He was:

Dr. Holden was shown around Farmington by the city manager, and that evening at the councilman's private dining room, rather than wait until the deadline.

Catches Hair Afire In Attempted Robbery

Township police officers are now seeking a man with badly singed hair, light brown in color, who broke into the Calmet Manufacturing and Grinding Company at 21805 Farmington Road sometime Monday night.

Large quantities of hair, partly singed as well as unburned, burned out matches were found in the building. Police reasoned that the party breaking in used matches for lighting and apparently pulled some of his hair out when it caught in fire as a result of holding a match too close.

Although nothing was reported to the police, it was rifled and legal papers scattered about.

Library Friends Welcome Guests To Meeting Thur.

Plans have now been completed for another open public meeting under the sponsorship of the Farmington Friends of the Library to be held next Thursday, May 13, at 8 p.m. in the band room at the Farmington Senior High.

Film and a talk on Guatemala will be given by the Taylor and Francis Charles Keating with officials of the library group on the type of public meetings wanted in the community so that plans for the 1939-40 season can be formulated.

"In the past, we have sponsored open meetings of public interest in which representatives of libraries and library operations have spoken," friends of the Library officials said. "Among them have been Doctor Warren, with his late brother Charles Keating with his Walt Whitman collection; and in March of this year, Doctor Loweke, authority on space and space flights by the late Dr. Walter H. Pater of the Guatemala film in our first meeting since then."

"We are interested in knowing what our membership and potential membership would like to have at these public meetings. Our organization is designed for the betterment of the community by the betterment of the library and the betterment of the library in the near future. It is intended to be a library for the community in the near future. It is intended to be a library for the community in the near future. It is intended to be a library for the community in the near future."

Steal Furniture from Model Home

In a daring burglary during the early morning hours one day last week, approximately \$1,500 worth of furniture was stolen from the model home of the new Twin Valley Subdivision development in the city.

The model home had only recently been furnished in its entirety by the Alex Decorating Company of Detroit, it was indicated. Among the items of furniture stolen were five good sized chairs, an ottoman, a table and other small tables, lamps, a clock and figurines. They even took the rug up off the living room floor.

The burglary in the vicinity pointed out by members of the Department of Public Safety indicated that they had noticed or heard nothing unusual during the hours the burglary was believed to have taken place.

Entry was made by breaking out a small window in the front door to open it. Because of the size of some of the items taken it was believed quite certain that a trailer or truck must have been used.

Two Establishments Broken Into, Robbed

Sometime Thursday night or early Friday morning Gilson's TV at 22150 Hayes Street was broken into and two portable television sets stolen.

The concession stand at the Grand River Drive-In Theater was also broken into the same night. Money from the cigarette machine and one brand of cigarettes was taken as well as a considerable amount of candy.

Five Year Old Darts Into Path of Car

Five year old Robert J. Morris, Jr., of 21899 Middlebelt Road suffered facial injuries Monday when he started into the path of an oncoming car on Middlebelt Road near his home.

Daniel M. Behan of 22720 Orchard Lake Road, driver of the car, turned and started back running in front of his car.

The accident occurred shortly after 5 p.m.

City Offers to Buy Lutz Land, Lapham Quits

An offer has been made John Lutz by the city for about 40,000 square feet of land at the rear of his property on Farmington Road.

Mr. Lutz after his original offer wanted the city to (1) agree the land hereafter would be used exclusively for parking (2) that no meters would be used, and (3) that if he developed his land on Farmington Road the land he sold could be used in figuring his offer.

THE COUNCIL figured it couldn't tie up the property so future generations couldn't adapt it to their needs, but said they'd gladly write a letter outlining present plans in detail. They couldn't see how it could be used for anything but parking.

They authorized a purchase offer without these restrictions, but Mr. Lutz failed to give any indication of the way he would accept.

JOHN LAPHAM'S letter of resignation was accepted with regret and appreciation for his past services.

Councilmen approved a proposed transfer of SDM license from the John R. and Mrs. Harold J. Johnson, no relation.

APPROVED was the issue of \$65,000 in bonds to finance paving on the major streets, as announced recently by City Manager Carl Schofield. The city being repaid largely by means of its penal growth, but that after the 1950 census state revenues should be at least double.

An ordinance regulating moving of buildings was adopted, and an amendment introduced regarding construction and repair of sidewalks and crosswalks. Under this the city would make all cuts in curbing.

Wood Creek Rds. Get Special Care

Roads in Wood Creek Farms Village are getting very special care this spring under the careful, voluntary supervision of Road Administrator Donald Wells.

Wells reported, at the village council meeting Monday night that main roads had all been repaired. A considerable amount of gravel, over \$1,000 worth, was needed to do this, however, he said. The village supervisor also indicated that a heavy chloride treatment had been made costing in excess of \$700.

The next big road project planned is the cutting down of all ridges along the sides of village roads. Wells said. The project is slated for the first three days in July. Wells asked that the council notify residents to remove their mail boxes so this work can be done. It was agreed, following discussion by the council, that mail boxes should be notified so that no mail box need be moved more than one day.

Wells also informed the council that he had instructed George Wellington Smith and others to have signs posted in the village to repair and paint them and clean up around them and that they had agreed to do so.

C'ville School Vote Monday

Clarencenville school district will ballot next Monday May 12 on a \$750,000 bond issue, which has been explained there in a number of ways.

Voting will be at the high school, 10201 Middlebelt Road (east side) and hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The tax rate for debt service in the district will not change if the bond issue is approved or disapproved, because of state regulations covering previous bond issues.

Proposed additions include a minimum of 13 rooms to the senior high, additions to at least two elementary schools, and two rooms for special education.

Now Registering Blood Donors

Registrations are now being taken for a blood bank to be held here Tuesday, May 27th. A total of at least 250 pints of blood has been set.

Persons wishing to sign up as donors are asked to register at the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit. Registrations will be taken between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Fridays, an official spokesman stated. Persons not able to register at the bank are asked to call Mrs. Albert Nelson at Gr 4-5333.

The blood bank will be held at the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway with blood donations being taken between the hours of 1-45 and 7-45 p.m.

Runs Off Roadway

Alces Cravin of 20572 Poinciana, Detroit, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg when he careened off Grand River and went out of control near the eastern junction of the Farmington-Brighton Expressway. He ran off the road and into the ditch on the other side of the highway. The accident occurred around noon last Thursday.

Village Status No Safeguard Of Boundaries, Voters Told

Areas voting to become villages in hopes of safeguarding their boundaries against annexation are making a mistake, Prof. Arthur Bromage of the University of Michigan told about 150 township people last week at the panel sponsored by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Someone in the audience had told him they were being sold the idea that the sale annexation to a village government was not for any type government, but did want the matter aired by a non-partisan group.

Bromage said a village could not be set up for eternal protection against other incorporations, as it could be swallowed by the surrounding area voting to become a city.

He cited a case where a village was surrounded by a large area which was voting to become a city. By getting ten signatures on a petition within the village, the village was included. The village residents voted against the city plan, but because the entire area voted as a whole their protest vote was meaningless and they were forced into the voted city.

ALL THREE agreed that industries vital to any community. Mayor Miller went further and said that in Warren 85 cents of their tax dollar was paid by industry and only 15 cents by homeowners. He suggested that the township industry take in the planning sessions held at Lansing, and look around the state at industry installations now being made.

"Farmington township reminded him of Warren some 15 years ago, and he forecast many battles on needs and wants."

"By breaking up into small units," he said, "the future will mean more problems, and eventually many local services will have to be handled on an areawide, metropolitan basis."

In his opinion, Farmington would be better off if it would stay together and build for the future.

Bromage told the audience it couldn't have a city giving much in the way of services if they were paid for only by private homes. He called the result "skim milk government."

Mr. Roseberry, no longer president of Farmington village, is nevertheless a trustee of the new Southfield township.

HE SAID the advantage to being an ex-president was that he no longer had to worry about roads. Franklin became an entity, he said, but found out it was still a part of the township.

They started out by selling the idea there would be little taxes, and Franklin does operate that way, he said. "It would mean water problems, and he said not all villages would be free of these and other problems. Sooner or later they would be as soon as they did this the problems would arise."

Two advantages were the village's ability to create its own zoning and planning services.

ONLY ADVANTAGES of a charter township, the Warrenton mayor said, are that it can assess up to five mills additional for various services, and it gets to keep traffic court fines. "It would mean the creation of a charter township vote to succeed and become a village or city."

Warrenton voted 16 months ago to go from a charter township to a city, so it would be kept intact. To assure easy passage they set an eight mill limitation in the charter. Although the Warrenton would want to join a city, they didn't have to build a charter, and there was a "going organization" to take over municipal services.

Sewer Facts In This Issue

Answers to the questions raised at the township annual meeting regarding the Farmington interceptor sewer are published in this issue on Pages 6B and 7B.

Printed is the exact text as given by Harold Schrage, head of the Oakland County Department of Public Works.

Peters Named Woodcroft Head

E. T. Cope turned over the gavel to Richard Peters Monday night, May 5, as the president of Woodcroft Subdivision, for the coming year.

The following other officers were proposed and unanimously elected: Vice-president, Richard Gault; Secretary, Dorothy M. Comber; Treasurer, Paul Lewis, and the "ex-officio" officers, Russell Heriges and Richard Jeffery, directors. Named honorary director was Earl Lathrup.

The building commissioners Herbert Gregg, Edmond Kerr and Otto Tschow were continued in office for another year.

Twp. Police Show A Big Success

The Township Police Welfare Fund project last Saturday, featuring two big stage shows, was a great success by Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

Although the turnout at the matinee was much smaller than expected, there was a good crowd at the evening performance, the police chief said. He estimated that approximately 500 attended the two shows.

No figures have yet been compiled on the amount of profit realized because a sizable amount of money from ticket sales is still outstanding. A profit of between \$700 and \$800 is hoped for.

This money will be added to the welfare fund treasury to be used for a variety of worthwhile township projects. The police department is sponsoring a Little League baseball team this year and hopes to hold a number of dances and other activities for youth as well as having funds available for needy families.

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Firm Interested In Plant Site

A 24-acre plot south of the expressway is being advertised for sale now by the City of Farmington, partly because there are some people interested in purchasing it as an industrial site.

The land is on 9 Mile, near the city wells, and abuts the expressway. It is zoned for industrial use, and has an unimproved area of 10 acres.

Bids will be received at the city hall until 2 p.m. May 16. Sale would be contingent upon the successful bidder starting construction work within six months.

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R. Geary Quits As Fire Chief

Ry Geary quit his job as fire chief of station 3 early Sunday morning after an argument with supervisor Frank Stephenson. He turned in his badge immediately. Chief Geary has been in charge of the township volunteer unit at that station since it was opened in 1933.

Supervisor Stephenson has appointed John Currie acting chief.

New City Signs Are Going Up

The two new city signs planned by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce were being erected this week east and west of the city limits.

At the west the sign will be on the Mrs. Ernest Blanchard land at the expressway exit and on the east on the Hugh Owen property. The signs have been invited by the Chamber to place meeting signs beneath the larger signs.

Councilman Harry Lang was appointed zoning inspector for the Village of Wood Creek Farms at the village council meeting Tuesday night. He will serve as long as he is a member of the council, it is specified.



THIS FENCE was erected last week in front of Central elementary school at Clarencenville. The board of education decided to take all possible steps to avoid repetition of the recent tragedy in which a small pupil was killed by a car. The fence may help to keep pupils on the sidewalk and, as there is no walk on the south side of 8 Mile, may discourage crossing the busy road.