

Population Climbs Over 116 Pct. Since Last Official Census

Since the last Federal census figures were released in April 1950, Farmington city and township has grown from a quiet rural community into a bustling, rapidly developing suburban area.

Total population of the community at the time of the 1950 census was 13,549.

As of July 1, 1955, total population of the community including the city and two incorporated villages within the boundaries of Farmington township's 36 square miles—was 29,330. These figures were revealed in an area-wide report released by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission this week.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 15,781, or more than 116 per cent in a period of 9 1/2 years.

A comparative breakdown for the community follows:

	April 1950	July 1955	Inc.	Pct.
Farmington Twp.	10,766	23,100	12,334	113.6
Farmington City	2,325	5,350	3,025	130.1
Quakerstown	158	360	202	127.8
Wood Creek Farms* 309	520	220	72.3	

*Both Wood Creek Farms and Quakerstown were a part of Farmington Twp. in 1950.

FARMINGTON TWP. ranks fifth in per cent gain among the nine Oakland County units of government having added 10,000 people or more since the last official census.

These nine governmental units, arranged according to percentage gain, are:

	Pct. Increase	Number Gain
Oak Park	541.7	28,533
Bloomfield Twp.	419.4	19,449
Madison Heights	182.1	19,042
Farmington Twp.	122.8	15,872
Waterford Twp.	113.6	12,234
Birmingham	87.4	21,225
Royal Oak	61.9	101,933
Royal Oak	61.6	28,902
Royal Oak	15.2	11,219

Alta Loma Home-Owners Protest Small Lot Sizes

Members of the Alta Loma Home-Owners' association appeared Monday night before the city council, protesting the proposed lot size of a 72-home residential development to be built soon in Alta Loma subdivision.

13-Week Course In Survival Starts Tonight

Plans have now been completed for the 13-week course in medical survival which begins tonight, Thursday, September 24, according to Dr. J. C. Gaudin, medical director of Farmington Township civil defense.

Youth Knocked From Scouter, Breaks Leg

Thirteen-year-old Jim Stevenson, 31760 Lee Lane, suffered a broken leg and other minor injuries last Friday evening when the motor scooter on which he was riding was hit by a car.

Football Contest Starting Now

Farmington football fans are trying to force a \$100 prize purse or a \$5 second prize purse, and must be followed or an entry will be discarded.

Baseball for Boys Election Tuesday

The annual election of officers for the Farmington Baseball Boys organization will be held Tuesday evening, September 28.

Water Tank Finished, Sprinkling Ban Lifted

With the completion of the city's million-gallon water tank, the ban on sprinkling has been lifted.

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Special Twp. Tax Overdue; \$3,361 Is Late

The Township board of trustees Tuesday evening set a modest record for brevity of a board meeting here. The meeting was adjourned in 52 minutes.

Treasurer Elise Avery submitted a list of overdue payments on five special assessments rolls. The delinquent payments amount to \$3,361 out of more than \$200,000 originally due.

Involved are five special assessments for township subdivisions. The residential areas are: William Shaw subdivision, Greencastle, Staman Acres, Franklin Knolls and the altered part of Grand River Farms.

DELIQUENCY began Sept. 1 when the special assessments were re-assessed. The overdue amount has been given to the township assessor to be included in the township tax roll, which will be sent out about Dec. 10.

A penalty of one-half per cent per month addition on the delinquent payments.

The Trustees also moved to send Supervisor Curtis Hall to the national convention of the Association of Assessing Officers, to be held Oct. 11-15 in Philadelphia.

Discussion at the convention will center around numerous problem areas encountered in township-tax assessing. The expense of the trip must not exceed \$100.

CONSIDERATION was also given to a recommendation from the township fire department that Independence Street Mile be designated as a fire route.

A three-man committee, consisting of Hall, Richard Harg and Arthur Bassetto, was set up to study the proposal.

It was determined that the township would require a special ordinance for anyone interested in being notified of proposed zoning changes. For a fee of \$2.00, zoning property owners may subscribe to the service whereby they will be notified by mail of any proposed changes in the township's zoning ordinance.

A REPORT on breaking and entering violations was rendered by Supervisor Hall at the township meeting held Sept. 23. Of the 22 cases remaining, the township safety department completed a five day civil defense training course last Friday.

A regional school for police officers from a ten state area, the classes were conducted on the North Campus at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Instruction was given on building and surviving in bomb shelters following an atomic bombing as well as information on the latest methods of controlling evacuation and later movement in an area near a bombed city, the local police officers.

Classes were conducted by top-level instructors from the Federal government.



HERMA BULLINGER (at right) is a 17-year-old senior at Farmington High. She is also an exchange student from Erlangen, Germany. With her above is Miss Virginia Carley, a counselor at F.H.S. Herma lives with the Richard Habicht family, 34665 Brittany Drive.

Home is Far Distant For Exchange Student

Soft-spoken Herma Bullinger, is also 17 and a senior at Farmington High, is a long way from home. She enjoys it.

Home for Herma, she will tell you in careful English, is the city of Erlangen, Germany. From now until next summer, she will live with Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Habicht, 34665 Brittany Drive.

Through the efforts of the American Field Service, Herma is an exchange student here. The Field Service promotes the exchange of American and foreign high school students.

The first glimpse Herma had of the United States was Aug. 20, when her ship, the S.S. "Asterdam," a Dutch liner, docked in the harbor of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Arriving in Farmington soon after, she has had no trouble in becoming accustomed to American ways.

June Habicht, the daughter of Herma's "adopted parents," made things easy. June's piano lessons have brought out a sincere appreciation of classical music in Herma. She enjoys playing to classes.

The only major difference was that she could mention as far as school in concerned between here and Germany are the hours. In Germany, students go to school from about eight to one six days a week.

Herma was getting anxious to see her first live football game. Farmington was about to meet Bentley. But she'd seen a game on TV earlier. She recently received a season pass to all of the Farmington football games.

She's halfway round the world from her home, but Herma's adopted home here is just right.

Defined in the amendment were three more categories of disorderly persons. Penalty for violation of the ordinance is a fine of \$100 or up to 90 days in the county jail or a combination of both.

Any person loitering in a public place obstructing the free passage of the public; Any person making loud or vulgar noises to disturb the public; Any person who annoys, intimidates or molests other persons in a public place.

Those interested in learning more about the new sewer service this area and asking questions relative to it are urged to attend. Information will be given by qualified officials and civic association spokesmen indicated.

Refreshments will be served.

Twp. Road Millage is Beaten Overwhelmingly

It was a light vote Monday, but there was no doubt township voters are overwhelmingly against a proposal to levy one mill additional for two years to finance additional work on township roads.

The vote:
NO 1,368
YES 214
The total vote Monday was 1,584, compared with a total of 1,649 at the spring election. At that time there were 9,851 registered voters.

IN ONLY TWO of the eight precincts did the extra millage proposal carry, and voting was light in both of these. The vote by precincts follows:

	Yes	No
1	48	19
2	58	62
3	22	44
4	21	45
5	49	25
6	42	175
7	27	129
8	14	153

Council Still Negotiating With Quigley

Latest developments pertaining to a complaint by city residents against Quigley Machine products, 30956 Grand River, were revealed to councilmen Monday night.

As a result, a special meeting between Charles Quigley and the city council is in the offing. Also attending the meeting will be Quigley's attorney, the city attorney and the city manager.

Further arbitration of a list of residents' complaints will be the object of the meeting. The meeting will be held Thursday evening.

IT WAS Scherffius' report Monday night that prompted this action. The report, in letter form, listed the eleven specific complaints and Quigley's answer to each. Quigley had agreed to alleviate some of the individual complaints. He agreed with reservation to act on other objectionable matters, and indicated that compliance with still others would be difficult.

As listed in the report, Quigley has a fence around an open lot; Halted shop work in the adjacent alley; Assured that, where possible, welding will be done inside the shop; Agreed to clean up his own property; Will be kept to a minimum; Turned down offensive floodlights to lessen glare.

Arranged with city for twice-a-week pick-ups of rubbish; Attempted to halt employee program; Assured that an attendant will accompany the bin lift when it crosses the side walk; Taken steps to lower gasoline storage tank to obscure bin from view and relocate bin; Said that shop doors will be closed whenever possible to cut down on noise; and has higher level.

Arranged to continue operation of noisy machines from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"There is some question whether we can enforce the terms listed in the complaint," said Mayor Pro-Tem V. O. Bates. He said that arbitration with Quigley was another step toward solving the problem.

Nab 7 Youths With Beer in Possession

Seven minors, in two separate groups, were picked up last week by the Farmington township police for having alcoholic beverages in their possession.

They were assessed a small fine and put on six months probation to their parents. It was Gerald L. Reaume, 21, of 19111 Middebe Road, Livonia, on a charge of purchasing beer for Monday night to end the water sprinkling ban which has been in effect since early July.

"We anticipate no further sprinkling restrictions now that the water tank is in operation," said City Manager Earl Scherffius. The ban ends officially today.

TO JENKINS: Phil Sherlock; McNeely; Donnie Dick; Jockey; Carter Cust; Doug Henry; and Bill Gardner, president of the Ass'n. Another attraction will be Crash Craddock, a Columbia recording artist. There will be numerous prizes. Tickets available only at the door.

RECORDS AND recording artists, plus Farmington's own Marty McNeely, will feature the first annual Public Safety Officers' Ass'n. dance Saturday, Oct. 3. The dance will be at the senior high gym, between 8 and midnight. Among those to be given by qualified officials and civic association spokesmen indicated.

Refreshments will be served.

C'ville Civic to Have Sewer Program Tonight
The Clarenceville Civic Improvement association will hold its first meeting of the fall season tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. at the township fire hall on Wheeler Street.

Those interested in learning more about the new sewer service this area and asking questions relative to it are urged to attend. Information will be given by qualified officials and civic association spokesmen indicated.

City Requested to Vacate Alley

A petition by city residents asking that the city vacate a 12-foot wide alley at Shell Service station on Farmington road at Alta Loma drive was placed again before city councilmen Monday night.

The council agreed to hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 to aid in reaching a decision on the request.

In a section to the request was filed by the owner of the property on which the Shell station is located. He said that the alley is necessary for access to the station. The property owners, if the city vacates the alley, will plant will shrubs and trees, it was indicated.

IN OTHER business, councilmen determined to allow the owners of Bel-Aire Lanes, a new bowling house at Orchard Lake and Grand River, to construct a parking lot between Orchard Lake and the side of the building.

The Oakland county road commission has approved the project but, the permission of the Farmington city council was also necessary before work could begin. City Manager Earl Scherffius will send a letter to the county road commission indicating the city's approval.

It will permit building parking spaces with approximately 180 parking spaces for patrons.

SCHERFFIUS told the council that Joseph Kaufman, a Detroit who owns the property on which the shopping center is located, has offered to pave the greenbelt behind the shopping area.

Kaufman volunteered to do this as an effort to make the greenbelt more presentable.

Council members discussed the advisability of having a retaining wall built along the edge of the greenbelt area which abuts residential property to the west. Scherffius will present this possibility with Kaufman and report on it later.

The amount of \$39,123 was approved as the first partial payment to L & E for the purchase of Farmington Acres subdivision. The money comes from funds held in escrow by the city and leaves only 10 percent still to be paid.

Another \$12,377 was approved as the first partial payment to the same company for the resurfacing of Mooneye street in front of Farmington Plaza. This money comes from a special tax assessment.

