

## M. Foltz Named New City Public Safety Director

Maurice D. Foltz of the Oak Park public safety department has been officially appointed as the new director of public safety for the City of Farmington and will take over duties here on Feb. 1.

Foltz, replacing Joseph D. Driand who is retiring after over 40 years of service in police protection and fire fighting work in the community.

One of 18 candidates making

application for the director's position here, Foltz scored the highest on the written examination of all of those in final consideration for the position, City Manager John Dinan stated.

His record of experience in all phases of both police and fire work makes him well qualified to handle the position, the city manager said.

With THE Oak Park public safety department since 1957, Foltz had worked up to the grade of sergeant.

For 11 years prior to going to work for Oak Park, Foltz was a member of the Romeo fire department and had obtained the rank of captain. He also served as civil defense director for Romeo and had a big part in the organization and operation of the civil defense program in Oak Park.

While on the Oak Park force, Foltz was hired by Royal Oak Township for a one-year period to assist that community in its integrated police and fire department into a combined public safety department.

During off duty hours with the Oak Park force he has also served as an instructor for the Metropolitan Police Academy of Michigan.

Foltz is 56 years of age, married and the father of three children.

The starting pay for the new director will be \$7,800 per year.

## City Water Use to Another Twp Parcel Okayed

The tap-in to City of Farmington water lines of a new building proposed at the southwest corner of Grand River Ave. and Orchard Lake Road (directly south of the Grand River and M 116 intersection) was approved by the City Council Monday night.

The property on which this new building is proposed is located in an area just across the City boundary line which was filled in only last summer.

The official request for a tap-in to the City's water lines was made by the Chrysler Motor Corporation.

The ONLY objector to this action was Councilman Henry Forrest. His contention was that the City should take a firm position against extending City facilities to any areas in the area that want City services annexed into the City. Extension of City facilities in this manner is allowing businesses and industries to take advantage of the low Township tax rate while utilizing City services which residents and businesses place in the City at a higher tax rate, he argued.

It was pointed-out-by City Manager John Dinan that an existing water line serving either Township establishment or residential area runs across the front of this property and that water pressure is adequate to allow the tap-in request to be made. This was also brought out that all water users outside the City pay double the regular City rate for water they use.

ANOTHER point made was the fact that the real tax burden locally is school taxes and that the public school system

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## Offering Men's Gym Course

Due to a number of requests from citizens, plans are now being made to offer a gym class for men in this area under the adult education program of the Farmington School District, director Richard Tyler announced this week.

Class activities will include volleyball and other moderate physical activities as well as basketball. "Pencil pushers" and desk men are especially invited to sign up, Tyler said.

The class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Farmington Junior High School gymnasium on Thomas Street and the first class session will be on Feb. 4.

The tuition fee for this class will be \$10 and locker and shower privileges will be provided, Tyler said.

A registration blank which can be used to sign up will be found on the Sports Page in this week's issue of the paper.

## Grade School Math Workshop Slated Friday

The Elementary Workshop which convenes tomorrow for all grade school teachers and administrators in the Farmington School District will have as its main speaker Miss Edda L. Merton, co-author of the arithmetic textbooks in use in Farmington at the present time.

Miss Merton, who will address the Workshop on the contribution of mathematics to the elementary school arithmetic program, brings to her speaking engagement in Farmington an extensive background.

She has lectured on new trends in the teaching of arithmetic at national, state and county educational meetings all over the country. She has taught summer courses in several leading universities, authored textbooks in reading for elementary school children as well as textbooks in arithmetic, and has worked as both an administrator and a teacher in the elementary grades.

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## Yoder Named Member Of City Bd. Of Appeals

The City Planning Commission's recommendation that Ralph Yoder be appointed as that body's representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals replacing Bayard Tupper was unanimously approved by action of the Council Monday night.

Yoder's term of office will run until June 18, 1966.

## Eight Directors For B. of C. to Be Picked Tues.

Members of the Farmington Board of Commerce are being reminded this week of the importance of attending the first annual election meeting of the organization to be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 22.

This election of eight members to a board of directors will automatically replace the eight interim members now serving will be conducted, Russell Gilbert, president of the Board, will automatically serve on the Board as a ninth member for another year.

A slate of 18 candidates have been selected by the nominating committee. They are: Bill Stewart, Hinkles of Farmington; Jim Dyer, B. & D. Architectural Specialists; Ned Ogley, attorney; Ben Givens, M.G. Shoes; Dr. Don Krohn, Dr. Grover; Ross J. Ross, Shoes; Stella Winger, Bon Ton Gift Shop; Frank Stefan, Capital Tire.

Bill Conroy, Farmington Insurance; Dick MacPherson, National Bank of Detroit; Steve Adams, Western Realty; Robert Harris, Homestead House; John Richardson, Plaza Veterinary Hospital; Dan Lowe, Dan Lowe Hardware; Ed Strom; Erikstrom Electric Controls; Mike Kiley, The Farmington Enterprise.

The meeting will be held at the Parker House Frontier Town with a dinner to be served from 6:15 until 7 p.m. followed immediately by election and a short business meeting.

Anyone not contacted by members of the directors with tickets is asked to contact either Tom Gilbert at Town & County Dodge or contact one of the other members of the present board of directors.



THE KICKOFF MEETING for the March of Dimes Mothers' March in Farmington was held last Thursday in the American Legion Memorial Home with a good turnout from volunteers in spite of a bad break from the weatherman. Pictured above (L to R) are Trena Quinn, Florence Yull, Mrs. Norman Dix, Twila Wallace, Helen Abrahamson, Mrs. Don Zullo and Mrs. Edwin Oglesby, all of whom have leading roles in the March of Dimes campaign.

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## Annual March of Dimes Mothers' March Slated

Farmington March of Dimes Chairman, Edwin R. Oglesby, announces the final plans for the Mothers' March, highlight of the Campaign for raising funds for sufferers of polio, birth defects and arthritis.

City Mothers' March Chairman, Florence Yull and Township Chairman, Yvette Zullo, have again designated their March Captains, who have in turn appointed the nearly three hundred mother marchers who will contact all homes in the area on or before January 28.

THE FARMINGTON City Council took action at their regular meeting Monday night approving the Mothers' March campaign and the peanut sale solicitation in the City again this year. The Farmington Township Board is expected to add its official stamp of approval at its next regular meeting, January 27. While the Mothers' March will be concluded by the end of the month, the March of Dimes Peanut Sale will not get under way until early in February.

The Farmington City Council also has approved this year the Old City Hall on Grand River near Farmington Road for use as a collection point for the funds, and Secretary-Treasurer Trena Quinn, assisted by Kay Cotter and Dorothy Oglesby, will be there to accept and tabulate the collections from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28.

Township Chairman Zullo reports that Mothers' March workers are still badly needed in some subdivisions. Volunteers for this oldest and most worthy charity are asked to telephone Mrs. Zullo at 474-8272, Mrs. Yull at GR. 4-6321, or Mrs. Oglesby at 476-1456.

CHAIRMAN OGLESBY wishes to point out that, in spite of the success of the Salk Vaccine, for which the March of Dimes makes financial credit, thousands of polio sufferers need and get funds and assistance from the March of Dimes.

Being the oldest such charity, having no identification with any other fund raising effort, the March of Dimes prides itself upon having no administrative costs. He also pointed out the fact that no recipients of financial assistance are either requested or expected to become obligated to repay any aid given by the March of Dimes.

In their letter the Elks officials indicated that they felt a fair exchange should be one based to a great degree on the amount of front footage involved on Grand River and not substantially on the investment in size or other physical attributes of the two buildings involved.

THE ELKS indicated a desire to obtain approximately two acres of land, which the City owns off Farmington Road near the Glen Aquatic Club as a part of the proposed transaction.

What money might be involved would be dependent on the exact amount of front footage involved for the two buildings as well as the value placed on the vacant City owned property, if city officials are in general agreement with the Elks' proposal.

## To Renew Talks on Swap of Elks Lodge, Old City Hall

The possibility of an exchange of properties between the Farmington Elks Club and the City of Farmington might prove beneficial to both parties has now been scheduled for renewed discussion.

A private discussion between Elks Club officials and the Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Council chambers.

The properties involved include basically two buildings: the old Grace Hotel building on the north side of Grand River Ave. downtown and the old City Hall building, now vacant, just a few doors to the west.

Some months back when it was learned that the City might tear down the old City Hall to provide a good access to the rear of stores on the north side of Grand River, the possibility of a swap of ownership of these two buildings was discussed in general. There was no action or detailed discussion following the initial discussion, however.

IN A LETTER to the City, which was read at the regular meeting of the Council Monday night, Elks Club officials expressed a desire to discuss the

## Township Police Dept. Handles Record High In Traffic Accidents

The all-time high in traffic fatalities recorded by the Farmington Township Police during 1963 was reflected dramatically in the Department's annual report to the Township Board, completed this week by Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

The 14 deaths which occurred in highway accidents during the 12-month period ending December 31 in Farmington was by far the most glaring item reported in the 1963 report of police activity in the Township.

THERE WAS A corresponding jump in the number of personal injury and property damage accidents handled by Farmington Township Police last year over what were recorded in 1962.

Police handled 283 personal injury accidents last year, topping the record high set in 1962 when 226 personal injury accidents were reported.

The total number of property damage accidents occurring on Township highways last year set another all-time high with Township Police handling 459 such cases. It was a considerable increase over the total number of such cases which were handled in 1962 when there were only 328. In 1961 there were a total of 309 property damage accident cases in the Township Police files.

COMPARED with the sharp increase recorded in traffic deaths, personal injury and property damage accidents, the Township Police report for last year shows an improvement in almost every other category.

The total number of general complaints, which includes all police calls handled in 1963 trailed off from the previous year from 12,953 to 12,634.

There were 169 arrests made

See TWP POLICE Column 4, Page 8A

## Trial Plan for DSR Bus Runs Here Outlined

City Manager John Dinan informed councilmen at their regular meeting Monday night that he has met again with DSR bus officials and worked out a proposed trial program for the extension of bus service to Farmington from Detroit.

The schedule proposed, designed specifically for commuters between Farmington and downtown Detroit, calls for three early morning runs from Farmington to Detroit, an equal number from Detroit to Farmington in the late afternoon hours.

Early approval of this proposed trial schedule between here and Detroit by the DSR Commission is expected and indications were that runs would probably be started approximately six weeks after this approval is given.

THE PROPOSED plan calls for buses to leave Farmington at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 in the morning and for return buses from downtown Detroit to be scheduled at 4:30, 5 and 5:40 in the afternoon. The trips one way would take about one hour and twenty minutes, it was stated.

It was agreed that this schedule of one other route might be worked out could only be successful if adequately publicized and that this should be done during the approximately six week period between the time a DSR Commission okay is given and actual runs start.

A blanket mailing notifying all BUS SERVICE users in Columns 4, Page 8A

## Four Re-Zoning Requests on Twp. Agenda

Four requests for re-zoning involving a substantial amount of property in the Township are scheduled for discussion at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, tonight, Thursday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m.

Three of the four requests are for a change in zoning from single family residential to multiple family use.

The fourth request involves a small parcel of land adjacent to May's Mower Shop in the Ten Mile area. The zoning on which the owner seeks to have the zoning changed from residential to general business use, unopposed by the public on this request will be held.

One of the requests for re-zoning to multiple family use involves a 30-acre parcel north of the Middlebelt School and east of Middlebelt Road.

Another is for re-zoning of a parcel, also 30 acres in size, on 15 miles west of Orchard Lake Road. A small retirement community with both double and single dwelling units all of one story construction is planned by the owners of this property.

The third request involves land on 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road which re-zoning is being requested for to permit the development of a convalescent home there.

Before any re-zoning on any one of the latter three parcels official public hearings will have to be held.

## School Bd. Praised by City for Cooperation

Farmington Board of Education officials were praised highly by members of the City Council Monday night for their prompt cooperation in agreeing to a swap of land along Farmington Road north of Shiaswassee as the City had requested.

At its last regular meeting, the School Board received the City's official request and immediately agreed to set aside money in its 1964-65 budget.

## Tax Payments Come In Good in Both City, Twp.

The City and Township treasurer's departments reported Tuesday that they were very pleased with the high percentage of local taxpayers who got their school, county and township tax bills paid prior to the January 20 deadline this year.

Both departments reported an exceptionally higher percentage of taxes paid prior to the deadline date this year than last year.

City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter revealed that her department had collected all but a little over \$20,000 of the total city school and county tax billing of \$889,899.87. This figures out to a delinquency among City taxpayers of a little under six percent. This percentage is expected to be reduced substantially more before bills must be turned over to the county at the end of February as actual delinquent bills.

TOWNSHIP Treasurer Elise Avery disclosed that \$2,282,674 had been received in her office in tax payments by the January 20 deadline date and that some of the latest payments had not been filed.

The Township's total school, county and township tax billing this year ran \$3,109,613.69.

While the Township's collection prior to the deadline date without penalty somewhat below the City's percentage, it is still a very substantial improvement over a year ago.

Last year less than half the taxes had been collected by the deadline without penalty date. This year's percentage of collection prior to deadline runs almost 75 per cent. Mrs. Avery and her staff expressed confidence that the bulk of the bills still outstanding would be paid between now and the end of February.

BILLS STILL outstanding in both the City and Township will now have a four per cent penalty added to them but may still be paid at the local treasurer's office until February 29.

Beginning March 1 those who have still not paid their taxes will be required to obtain a corrected bill from the local treasurer's office and then go directly to the county treasurer's office in Pontiac to make payment.

An additional penalty of one-half of one per cent will be added for each month the taxes remain delinquent.



MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE who laid the plans for the Elementary Teachers' Workshop to be held Friday, January 24, in the Farmington School District above at a meeting held last week. They are (L to R, seated) Mary Jo Tinkham, Jeannette Senob, Chairman Jack Cleveland, Rhoda Rodeman, Ed Morris and standing (L to R) Othello Butler, Donald Hossler, and Jean Sludov. Absent were Henry Rehn and Gladys Buell.