

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR—No. 19



CLIMAXING A LONG CAREER of more than 40 years in police enforcement work, Farmington Police Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt came in for honors from the Oakland County Law Enforcement Association which is composed of administrators and chiefs of police from 100 of southeastern Michigan. Chief DeVriendt,

who will retire from his post February 1, is pictured above receiving a Certificate of Service and Honorary Life Membership from past president of the Association, Chief Lee Betoule of Novi as Farmington City Manager John Dinan looks on from the left.

## Maintenance Bldg. Site Selected by School Bd.

A portion of the Middlebelt School site which juts out in a panhandle fashion onto Ten Mile Road, a short distance east of Middlebelt Road, has been selected as the location for the new maintenance building to be constructed in the Farmington School District.

This was one of ten locations selected by a special site study committee made up of school officials and members of the Board of Education, earlier this month as possible spots in the district where the new service building for the entire school district might be located.

At its last regular meeting this week, the Board of Education endorsed this number down to four sites and asked for recommendations from both the district's planning consultant firm and the architect for this new building with regard to which of the sites they felt would be best. Officials of the planning consultant firm and the architect were in agreement that the Middlebelt School site would be best.

The ONLY Board member objecting to this location was Treasurer George Nahstol. It has been his contention since the start of discussions on possible sites for this building that the site to be located on the property off Shiawassee Road where the present district administration-service building is now.

The panhandle portion of the Middlebelt School site which will be used is slightly under two acres in size. A building of approximately 10,000 sq. ft. similar to the City of Farmington's department of public works

## Need Special Canvassing Bd.

Under provisions of the newly adopted state constitution, it will no longer be permissible for local governing boards to canvass their own vote results. A board of canvassers must be appointed to perform this task following each election.

Action was taken by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night authorizing the administrative staff to begin taking applications from citizens interested in serving in this capacity.

It was also pointed out during the discussion that it will now be required that official public hearings on school operating budgets be held each year.

## Five New Teachers Assigned to Schools

The appointment of five new teachers to the ranks of increased enrollment in the Farmington public school system since the start of the current school year was officially approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Ed Q. Beck will teach a sixth grade class at Judith D. Gora School, Carolyn Kugler first grade at Beschwiler and Marjorie Thompson third graders at Board School.

## Extending DSR Service Okayed

Official approval was given by the DSR Commission on Tuesday to extend express bus service to Farmington during the early morning and late afternoon hours on a trial basis.

The Grand River Express line which presently runs as far as Inkster Road will be extended to downtown Farmington on a 60-day trial basis. The amount of use made of this extended service will determine whether it is continued after this trial period or not.

No date has been set to start the extended service.

The plan is to have buses leave Farmington at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 in the morning and arrive at the City-County Building in Detroit one hour and 15 minutes later.

Return buses will leave (7:45, 8:45, 9:45 and 10:45 in the afternoon.

## Dr. Edwin Blumberg Earns JC's Man of the Year Award

Farmington's outstanding young man of the year in 1963, was named at a banquet Saturday night by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and receiving the honors was Dr. Edwin Blumberg of 2833 Glenhurst in Farmington Township.

The Distinguished Service Award, which is annually presented by the Jaycees to Farmington's young man of the year, was presented to Dr. Blumberg by Richard Tupper, chairman of the local service club's DSA committee.

DR. BLUMBERG has practiced in the Farmington area for nearly two years and during that time has devoted himself to many community organizations and activities.

A Charter member of the Farmington Optimist Club,



THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE award annually presented by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce to the resident voted the "most outstanding young man of the year" was presented to Dr. Edwin Blumberg at a

## Stage Hearing To Establish Sewer District

A public hearing was staged by the Farmington Township Board for the purpose of establishing a special assessment district to finance construction of sanitary sewers in Regal Orchards Subdivision Monday night, January 27, at 8 p.m.

A crowd of about 25 persons were in attendance at the hearing to seek answers from Township officials concerning the proposed sewer project which would cost an estimated \$100,000.

THERE WERE NO objectors present at the hearing but many questions were raised regarding the terms of financing the capital improvement program which will serve 115 lots at an approximate cost of \$907 per lot.

The sanitary sewer line will service four principal streets in Regal Orchards Subdivision, Cora, Haines, Springbrook and Thuck, which are located north of Nine Mile Road, about a half mile west of Middlebelt.

Supervisor Curt Hall explained to those in attendance that the special assessment district, if it is established by action of the Township Board, will provide only for the initial sewer lines or \$100,000 of the construction costs.

RESIDENTS TO BE served by the sanitary sewers will have to bear the added costs of their share towards financing construction of the sewer interceptor and arm, as well as the final tap-in or connection charges.

Supervisor Hall outlined the various methods by which

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## 'Magic Square' Hurdles Cleared

The last hurdle was made Monday night to pave the way for the construction of a "magic square" recreational center at the Flanders School site east of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

The School Board agreed Monday night to start one-third of the cost up to \$200 to provide a walk from the school site parking area to the "square" and to provide blockades to prevent cars from driving from the parking lot across the school grounds to get to the hard surfaced multiple activity play area.

These were extras which the School Board insisted on when an alternate location for the "square" on the school grounds from the one that school officials wanted adjacent to the parking area was insisted on.

The City of Farmington and the Farmington Meadows Association have already agreed to pay their share for these extras.

As originally agreed, the School Board is donating the property and the City of Farmington is standing the cost for construction of the "magic square."

Construction work will probably be started early this summer and the "magic square" should be ready for use by late summer or early fall.



JC banquet held Saturday night. Pictured above at the presentation are (L to R) Dr. and Mrs. Blumberg, DSA chairman Richard Tupper, JC President Chuck Hogan and his successor, Dr. John Richardson.

# \$391,000 Federal Grant Approved For Twp. Industrial Park Sewers

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall announced at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, January 27, that a federal grant of \$391,000 has been approved to help finance the construction of the Township's Tarabusi Industrial Sanitary Sewer Arm.

Approval of the federal grant climaxes months of effort on the part of Township and Oakland County officials who have worked diligently to make a proposed industrial park area in Farmington Township a

practical and accessible project.

THE TARABUSI Sewer will service more than seven square miles of land in the southwest corner of Farmington Township and bring into the area the vital basis for creating an industrial park.

In making the long-awaited announcement, Supervisor Hall praised highly the efforts of several Oakland County officials who have been instrumental in making the grant available.

Delos Hamlin, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of

Supervisors; Ray A. Alexander, Director of the Oakland County Department of Public Works; Kenneth Loomis, Farmington realtor and insurance man; Willis M. Brewer, Personnel Director and Coordinator of the Oakland County Road Commission; and Sander St. Levin, member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors from Berkley; all came in for high praise from Supervisor Hall for what he termed "their invaluable contributions."

THE FEDERAL grant, which

was applied for some 12 months ago, will mean actual construction on the industrial sewer arm get under way within three months.

Formal approval from the Oakland County Board of Supervisors is necessary before construction bids can be accepted from contractors and the project set into motion. Approval from the County Supervisor is expected to come within the next two weeks at their next meeting.

AN INDUSTRIAL park area for Farmington Township has long been a goal of Farmington Township officials. The proposed area for such a development has been zoned for industrial use for several years. The addition of sewers to serve the area will assure the practicality of industry locating in the Township and the federal grant to achieve that end is the last essential step towards making the project a reality.

The expressways now available to provide rapid transit for industrial concerns locating in the Township sections of the Township have only recently added an additional selling point with which the Township can attract industry. Plans are in the final stages to build a north-south expressway traversing the Township which will further be a boon to industrial development.



THE DEATH CAR in which two young Farmington Township girls perished Thursday afternoon, January 25, at 4:23 p.m. on 12 Mile Road, about a quarter of a mile east of Farmington Road. The driver of the other car escaped serious injury.

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## NFHS Seniors Take Over Twp. Offices Wed.

Seniors of North Farmington High School took over the reins of Farmington Township government for the day on Wednesday of this week, January 29, for their annual student government day.

Last week mock elections were held at the school and 47 of the senior class bid for 20 offices to be filled.

On Monday of this week students elected to offices trustees, board meetings of the Township Board and also the School Board. During the day on Wednesday, January 29, they learned the various daily duties and activities of the Township government by traveling about with Township officials who performed their day's duties.

A luncheon was held in their honor at noon on that day at Botsford Inn.

Elected to the top Township offices for student government day were: Phil Cooper, supervisor; Marlea Welton, clerk; Sherry Harraman, deputy clerk; Lynn Smith, treasurer; Martha Young, deputy treasurer; and Cheryl Fagan, Bob Rukicki, Linda Button and Carol Raus, trustees.

In addition to the various other Township offices were: Mark Gaylord, attorney; Drew Hodge, assessor; Rick Nye, deputy assessor; Craig Riley, chief of police; Dan Dillon, building inspector; Diane Schmuckler, planning consultant; Bob Hutch, consulting engineer and Charles Heston, zoning enforcement officer.

In addition to the students elected to Township offices there were three other students from the Farmington School District Board of Education. They were Marilyn Smith, Brian Boltz and Cheryl Flehman.

## Seek Stronger Action On Traffic Controls

Farmington Township residents again came before the Township Board this week to seek a solution to the mounting toll of traffic fatalities on area highways, in the wake of Saturday's double-fatality on 12 Mile Road.

Appearing before the Board

## Area B. of C. Elects Directors

At the general membership meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce held Tuesday evening of this week an eight-member board of directors to coordinate activities of the B. of C. for 1964 was elected.

Russ Gilbert, president of the interim board which served from the time of organization in the Spring of 1963 until the end of the year, will automatically serve as a ninth member on the board during 1964.

The three new members elected to the board were Dr. Don Krohn who has offices in the Plaza Medical Center, Dan Lowe of Dan Lowe's Hardware and Bernie Zivov of Greg Shoes. These three new members along with Mike Kiley of the Farmington Enterprise, were elected for one-year terms.

Present members of the Board elected for two-year terms were Bill Conroy of Farmington Insurance, Dick MacPherson of the National Bank of Detroit, Attorney Ned Ogelsky and Bill Stewart of Hinkley, of Farmington.

## Area Dog Clinic Slated Feb. 8

Again this year a special clinic will be held locally to give all dog owners a chance to get their dogs vaccinated and obtain licenses for 1964.

The date has been selected for the Township Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt and just north of Grand River Ave. for Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a. to 4 p.m.

The deadline for getting your dog licensed without penalty is the end of February. It is also required that the dog be vaccinated before a license will be issued.

## Two-Car Crash Claims Lives Of Young Girls

Farmington Township recorded its first and second traffic fatalities of the year in a single accident on Saturday, January 25, when two cars collided in front of St. Fabian's Church on 12 Mile Road.

The victims, Rosalie Pasienza, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pasienza of 3344 Nottingham in Farmington Township and her 11-year-old sister, Nina, had been traveling east on 12 Mile Road and were attempting to make a left hand turn into the St. Fabian's Church parking lot when their car was struck by a west-bound car driven by Theodore M. Erickson, 38, of 2543 Red Clover in Farmington Township.

NINA PASIENZA was dead on arrival at William Beaumont Hospital at 4:30 p.m. and her sister, driver of the car, expired at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday. There were no other occupants of their car.

There were no passengers in Erickson's car and he was only slightly injured. He was held by Township Police for investigation of manslaughter and later released to the custody of the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.

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## More Vocational Training in School System Being Urged

A broadening of the Farmington public school system's program to better prepare boys and girls who will be going out into the work world immediately after leaving high school may soon be initiated.

Study has been in progress for some time, now in an effort to determine what type of work-study program might be initiated in the local school district to provide better vocational training for boys and girls in our community who are desirous of it.

A special local study committee made up of interested citizens and teachers and counselors in the Farmington secondary schools has been exploring the possibilities of such a program for over a year now.

MONDAY-NIGHT a contingent of teachers and counselors

## Pull Names of 1900 Non-Voters

The names of more than 1,900 who were formerly being carried on the voters registration books in Farmington Township are now being pulled, Clark Floyd Cairns reported Tuesday week.

Provisions in the new state constitution require that there be in any community either cast ballots at least once every two years or reinstate themselves as voters with this frequency. Compliance with the new constitution provisions on this matter, Cairns sent out voter suspension notices to 2,658 on the voter registration books in the Township the third week in December. He reported that only 701 of this total had thus far returned the necessary cards to show that they were interested in having their names kept on the Township's books as qualified voters here.

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