

## Approve Plan to Expand Jr. High Basketball Play

A plan calling for a complete revision in the basketball program being offered junior high school boys in the Farmington public school system to permit greater participation was unanimously approved by the Farmington Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

The program change as outlined to the board by Jack Cotton, physical education director for the school district, was recommended by the athletic advisory council for the district following extensive study. The council is made up of a representative from the coaches and another for the general faculty from each of the secondary schools in the public school system.

**THE NEW PLAN** calls for an intramural program for all three junior high grades running from December until March with the program being opened for three hours on Saturday mornings for use by seventh graders wishing to participate in intramural play.

It will be separate eighth and ninth grade varsity teams. Also called for is an extramural school district playoff at each of the grade levels in the intramural program.

Cotton estimated that the total additional cost for putting the program into effect would run no more than \$500 which \$500 would go for additional salaries and \$300 for the use of the gym on Saturday morning.

Since eighth and ninth grade varsity teams will be playing at the same schools on the same dates under this new program planned, transportation costs will be able to be reduced by 50 per cent, Cotton pointed out.

## To Lower School Rental Rates

The rental fees charged for the use of Farmington public school rooms and facilities are going to be lowered, but just how much and in what manner has yet to be determined after a board meeting discussed at some length at the regular board of education meeting Monday night with various rate reduction plans being suggested.

## To Light Drives At Area Schools

Necessary funds to provide lighting that will afford greater safety and make it easier to locate drives to a number of schools in the Farmington School District in which they were authorized for expenditure by the board of education at its regular meeting Monday night.



**EASTER SHOPPING** always brings an extra busy time for the fashion shops which provide the outfits such as the Lill Ann suit being shown above by (l. to r.) Miss Olive Babcock and manager Alice Jacobs of Juliet's in the Downtown Farmington Center. Stores throughout the community have been engaged in supplying clothes for shoppers trying to get ready for the Easter Parade so they can look their Sunday best.

## New Vocational Training Program Head Selected

Earl Baumunk, an industrial arts teacher at Farmington Senior High since 1938, has been named to the newly created position of on-the-job training coordinator for the expanded vocational training program being started in the Farmington public schools.

## Seek Use of School Grounds

A request from the Farmington Optimists Club for use of the school playground area east of the Farmington Senior High for a big community fair the club is planning the latter part of August is now being considered by the board of education.

## Inspecting the New National Bank of Farmington

Inspecting the new National Bank of Farmington building now under construction along Farmington Road just north of Alta Loma Drive are Dorothy Smith and Eugene Dwyer of the NBF Farmington branch. Work has progressed rapidly on the new building which will be a welcome addition to the downtown Farmington business section.

## Hearing on Twp. Budget Set for Monday Night

Farmington Township residents are reminded that the public hearing on the township's proposed operating budget for the 1964-65 fiscal year will be held this coming Monday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at the township hall.

Taxpayers who have any questions about the proposed budget which was published last week and which is available for inspection at the clerk's office in the township hall now will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

The budget calls for an expenditure of \$476,325 for operations for the fiscal year running from April 1, 1964 through March 31, 1965. It is a budget only slightly higher than the budget under which the township operated during the fiscal year now drawing to a close.

A FINALIZED operating budget will actually not be able to be drawn up until after the county tax allocation board meets and determines the amount of tax levy the township will be permitted to collect.

The budget has been prepared with the hope that the county allocation board will allow the township more than the one mill (51 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) levy which it granted last year, Township Supervisor Curt Hall stated.

If only the one mill levy is allowed again this year, some parting of the proposed budget will be necessary, Hall stated.

## Name Easter Ham Winners

Free family sized Easter hams have now been picked up by the ten lucky families who were declared winners in the annual "Easter Ham Contest" sponsored by a group of merchants in the downtown Farmington business district.

## Okay Automatic Door For School Garage

An automatically operated garage door will soon be installed at the bus maintenance garage at the lower level of the Farmington school district's service and administration building on Shiawassee Road.

# 32 Persons Face Criminal Charges As Twp. Police Probe Burglaries

Farmington Township Police have 32 persons under arrest and prosecution in a week charged with a total of four different crimes in the largest single criminal case ever broken in Farmington Township.

In an investigation which has been under way since March 5, Farmington Township police have found it necessary to call in investigators from the surrounding communities of Southfield, Livonia and the city of Farmington to aid in tracking

down the persons involved as more and more people were implicated with each new arrest.

CHARGED With breaking and entering, buying and selling stolen property, malicious destruction of property and uttering and publishing, the parties under prosecution on either one or more counts range in age from 17 to 35. The lone juvenile is 16 years old.

Many of the 32 have already pleaded guilty as charged and will be tried in Oakland County Circuit Court. A number of the youths have demanded examination and arraignment in the township Justice of the Peace Court and began this week filing before Judge Allen C. Ingle for hearings on the charges against them.

Spreading the investigation for the township police was officer Russ Conway. He was assisted by Detective Jennings Shaver of Southfield, Detective George Gilbert of Livonia and

Farmington City Police Chief Maurice Foltz.

STOLEN GOODS recovered since the investigation opened March 5 included more than 20 articles, including check writing machines, typewriters, radios, cameras, a phonograph, an outdoor motor and a welding machine complete with all of the necessary apparatus.

With the check writing machines stolen from companies burglarized in the area over the past year, the charged written between \$5,000 and \$6,000 worth of bogus checks in Wayne and Oakland counties. One check writing machine was recovered from the edge of a gravel pit in Livonia where the youths had thrown it over the embankment.

According to information given to investigators, the thieves used the gravel pit to discard items taken in burglaries that they could not otherwise sell or dispose of and a diver from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office are waiting for it to melt on the surface of the gravel pit to check on articles which may have been abandoned there.

THERE ARE THREE brand new automobiles reportedly at the bottom of one of the gravel pits, allegedly stripped by the thieves before being sent to the bottom.

A Livonia gas station man is under prosecution for receiving stolen property along with several of the others involved in the case. None of the parties involved attend schools in the Farmington area.

Two of the people arrested were absent without leave from the service and were arrested in their hideout in a closet of a Detroit home. Several of the others involved had left the state and one is still being sought in California.

A credit card stolen in one of the burglaries financed a trip to California by four of the youths, including the one still at large there. Another youth was See CRIME PROBE Column 4, Page 8A

## Sewer to Be In Soon Enough

Supt. G. V. Harrison informed the Farmington Board of Education Monday night that he had been notified by the Oakland County Department of Public Works that the Tarabust sewer system would be ready enough for the Gill School addition to be connected into it prior to September.



RECOVERED LOOT from the biggest single case ever to occur in Farmington Township which has resulted in prosecution of 32 persons and one juvenile was inventoried last week by several of the officers who conducted the investigation. Detective Jennings Shaver of Southfield, officer Russ Conway and

Chief Irv Yakes of the Farmington Township Police Department, Detective Jennings is holding a tape recorder, among the more than 20 items recovered in the course of the month-long investigation.

general health, safety and welfare of the people.

The plan will set aside a tax monies from the general fund to be used on a matching-fund basis with neighborhoods where a local problem develops which cannot be financed solely by the homeowners in the area without undue hardship.

Designed to help eliminate the "particularly vexing" problems which have come to the township board's attention, in See SCHOOL ZONES Column 5, Page 8A

# St. Law to Allow Lower Speed Limit in School Zones Supported by Baker

The Farmington Township Board received an answer to their letter sent to Representative Ray Baker of Michigan's Fourth, Congressional District on the status of House Bill 382, which would set up enabling legislation for local authorities to establish reduced speed limits in school zones.

## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

It will be a kiddies field day this Saturday morning, March 28, at the Farmington City Park when the youngsters turn out in number for the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt.

## Good Friday Services Set, Many Businesses To Close

As has been the practice in the past, nearly all of the churches in the Farmington area will be holding or participating with other churches in Good Friday services tomorrow, Friday, sometime between 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Under the sponsorship of the Farmington Ministerial Association, a group of the churches are joining together for two separate community services. One of these services will be conducted at the First Methodist Church of Farmington on Grand River Avenue at Warner Street between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m. and the other at the First Baptist Church on Presbyterian Church on Farmington Road at 11 Mile Road from 2 until 3 p.m.

## Bd. of Comm. Meeting Tues.

Members of the Farmington Board of Commerce are planning to meet for the general membership meeting to be held this coming Tuesday evening. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 and the meeting will be held at the Frontier Tavern with the business meeting following immediately.

## Public Hearing Set For Heather Hill Sub

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Monday night, March 23, set the date for the first public hearing on the necessity for a sewer sewer facilities in Heather Hills Subdivision. The public hearing was set for Monday night, April 27, at 8 p.m.

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THE SERVICES have been planned to be held in the churches regardless of what religious denomination they may belong to. A representative of the ministerial association stated that there will be a goodly number of colored eggs to be found. Prizes will be awarded to the best hunters in various age groups in addition to the eggs that all children collect.