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ONE OF THE most important jobs of any police dept. is the resuscitation run. In uniform are seen members of the Farmington Auxiliary Police training to perform this task. They are, from left: Cliff Bailey (inside truck), Wayne Derby, Tom Wade, and Ken Abler (on radio).



OFTEN, POLICE in squad cars are called upon to perform first aid in personal-injury accidents. Farmington Auxiliary Police get training in this too, as pictured above. In this scene are, from left John Gillin, Bill Jenkins (in auto), and Wayne Derby.



AUXILIARY POLICE also assist regular officers in stopping suspicious cars. Above, with Sgt. Richard Miller in searching and armed robbery suspect is Aux. Ken Abler (right).



FARMINGTON CITY AUXILIARY Police, as presently constituted, from left) Tom Wade, Cliff Bailey, Bill Jenkins, Sgt. Richard H. Miller (program director), Wayne Derby, Ken Abler, and John Gillin.

## To Begin Training of Auxiliary Police

The Farmington City Auxiliary Police Training Course will begin on Thursday, Sept. 1, and continue for 11 more Thursdays. Classes will be held in the Farmington Municipal Court, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The program is under the direction of Sgt. Richard H. Miller of the City's Dept. of Public Safety. Those interested in participating should call him at 474-2122.

To be eligible for the program, an individual must be at least 21; at least 5'7" with a proportionately good weight; must be physically fit to perform police and fire duty; must submit to a records and fingerprint check with the FBI; and must have a good driving record.

In addition, says the Police, his "personal habits with alcohol and tobacco must be within the socially acceptable area of the community and not to an excess."

If requested, the Auxiliary candidate must be willing to submit to a physical checkup, and to submit a statement from his family physician.

Opening the program, on Sept. 1, Sgt. Miller will give a class in note taking and report writing. On Sept. 8, officer Glen T. Harding will show a traffic control film. Sgt. Miller will show a patrol technique film on Sept. 15. Det. Sgt. William Gardner will submit a class in the laws of arrest on Sept. 22.

Chief Maurice Foltz will give classes in first aid on Sept. 29, and Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Nov. 3. Sgt. Jay Harrison will give a fire training class on Nov. 10.

The program will close with a notebook inspection and evaluation, by Sgt. Miller on Nov. 17.



WORKING ON traffic control, at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Road, Aux. Cliff Bailey and Aux. Wayne Derby.

## Issue Bond For College

The sale of a \$7 million bond issued for construction was authorized by the Oakland County Board of Trustees last night. The Board's decision must now be approved by the State Municipal Commission before the issue can be placed on the market.

George Mosher, OOC Board Chairman, disclosed the bond sale will underwrite the initial construction of facilities at the Orchard Ridge campus, Farmington Township.

# Township Significantly Alters Electrical Code

The Farmington Township Board of Trustees, meeting on Monday, Aug. 23, responded favorably to a request by the Michigan Const. Co. that it rescind an amendment to the Township's electrical code making "this code mandatory on all electric wiring."

The issue had come up at a previous meeting, and at the Board had appointed Trustees Tom Duke, a builder, and Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan to study the matter

and report back. Duke and Brennan made their recommendation Monday night. That the present law was too all encompassing; that it required things even where they were not necessary to the safety of the installation, and was not an added expense to the property owner.

According to their findings, in residences in which the wires are enclosed in rmmex goes through wood and is enclosed in walls, rigid conduit does not

appreciably improve the safety factor. To have been successful, the proponents of the present requirement would have had to prove that rigid conduit does improve safety in all cases. This they did not even try to do.

The present requirement is actually an amendment to the Township electrical code, adopted in 1959, after a severe fire in a supermarket.

Electrical Inspector George Crook, who had urged the amendment in 1959, was there to defend it Monday night. With him were a group of electrical contractors who live

in the Township: Leslie Johnson, Bob Green, Dave Josephson, and Jack Okery.

It will now be up to Inspector Crook, and he was so directed by Supervisor Curt Hall, to determine those cases in which conduit should be required and those cases in which it is not necessary. Crook may be called upon to write specific new legislation on this subject.

The matter is of considerable financial importance. The case that brought it to a head is one in which a property owner would have to pay \$600 more with conduit than without it. It has now been determined

## Schedule Public Hearing

September will be a hectic month for the Farmington Township Board of Trustees, with public hearings night after night.

The following public hearings will be on the necessity of water: On the 14th, at 8 p.m., at a one-acre and Crest View Sub. On the 20th, Farmington Hills at 7:30 p.m., and Glen Orchard, at 8:30 p.m. On the 21st, Pasadena Park, at 7:30 p.m.; and Forest Hills, Springland, and Lamura at 8:30 p.m.

A public hearing on cost estimate for sanitary sewer facilities in Richards Gardens, portions of Grand River Homes Sub. plus certain parcels of acreage contiguous to these subdivisions will be held at 7:30 p.m., on Sept. 28.

Trustee Tom Duke suggested that the press cover all of these hearings. There has been no reply from the fourth estate as yet.

## Planning Board Meets Thursday

The Farmington Township Planning Commission faces a full agenda at its meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 8 p.m. It will continue the preliminary review of Riley Land Co.'s request for rezoning of 4,822 acres at the northeast corner of Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road, from RA-1 Residential to O-Office and B-1 Local Business. A report from the Township Land Consultant Charles Leman will be heard.

There will be a public hearing on the request of the Township Board of Trustees for rezoning of 273 acres at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads, from RA-1 Residential to O-Office.

There will be a public hearing on the redrafting of RC Multiple Residential Zoning Amendments as they apply to specific parcels of property previously approved for RC Multiple residential development.

The Commission will take up the preliminary plat of the proposed Multiple Apartment Development on seven acres in the northeast corner of Section 15 (entrance from 12 Mile Road).

The Commission will take up the preliminary plat of the north half of Section 29, Chatham Hills Sub. This is 150 acres, including 33 acres of the Park area.

The Commission will take up the preliminary plat of Chatham Hills Manor, 263 acres in the north half of Section 29.

The Commission will take up the rezoning request of 20.18 acres in the northwest quarter of Section 12 from RA-1 Residential to RC-2 multiple for garden type apartments.

## V.F.W. Enjoys Annual Picnic In Farmington

The annual picnic of the Farmington Post 3033 Veterans of Foreign Wars was held on Sunday, Aug. 15, 1965. The affair took place at Farmington City Park. Members of the post and their children participated in games and contests.

A watermelon eating contest was held for the children. Other contests offering prizes were also on the agenda.

## Big Doings Planned For Historic Marker

The unveiling of and ceremonies for the Farmington Historic Marker will take place Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Farmington Municipal Building, 23600 Liberty corner of Grand River.

Immediately following the unveiling, there will be a reception held across the street at the Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland. Invited to the reception are all members and guests and those who take part in the program and financial sponsors.

Prior to the reception, at about 1 p.m., a tea will be held at the home of Philip B. Day, 3360 Oakland Ave. Invited to attend are those who are taking part in the program, the members of the committee on arrangements so that details can finally be put in order.

A group of out-of-town guests have also been invited to the tea. Officials from the State Historical Society and the State Historical Commission are expected to attend, as well as officers and representatives of other local historical societies in southern Michigan.

At the ceremonies will be the combined band of both Farmington and North Farmington High Schools. The girl scouts and boy scouts will play an important part in the event.

All financial sponsors will be listed on a scroll that is being prepared by Mrs. Alice Nichols, a local artist. It will be in a proper frame, and will hang in the corridor of the Municipal Building for a period of 90 days.

Then the marker will be moved outside, onto the lawn. The Farmington Chamber of Commerce will have its time capsule buried underneath the marker.

Voyte Lorion, of the Farmington Historical Society, is trying to locate all of the remaining descendants of Farmington's founder Arthur Fowler, to notify them of the upcoming event.



JUDY AND REX CAWLEY, with Rex's parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cawley, in the backyard of the Cawley home in Farmington Township last week. Rex and his wife made a brief return to the Farmington area on their way back to California from their running tour of eastern Europe. For Rex's account of the track meets between the United States and Russia, Poland, and East Germany see page 2.

## Farmington Public Schools Schedule Private School Aid

Farmington Public School officials will be contacting non-public schools in the near future to determine what auxiliary needs they will be needing in the coming school year.

This decision was made at the regular Monday evening meeting of the Board of Education in order to help meet the requirements of Public Act 343 which became effective July 23.

This act requires school districts in the state to furnish auxiliary services to students attending non-public schools in the district. These services include such things as health and nursing service and examinations, street crossing guard services, NDEA testing services, speech correction, visiting teacher services for delinquent and disturbed children, school diagnostic services for mentally handicapped; teacher consultant services for mentally handicapped or emotionally disturbed children, remedial reading and others as determined by the legislature.

Although administrative regulations which will implement the Act are still being formulated by the State Board of Education and will not be ready

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## Fort Burned Down

Quakerstown may have a candidate for the prize "Meanest Man (or boy) In The World," according to a story told to the Observer by Mrs. Ronald Martin, of 34341 Brittain Dr., Quakerstown.

Four very good boys in that community had worked hard for a year to build themselves a fort they could be proud of. The boys were Rex Dube, 13, of 3469 Brittain Dr., and his brother Daryl, 12; Mike Sturman, 12, of 64350 Brittain Dr., and Mrs. Mardis's son, Dan, 13.

The fort was set in a wooded area between the Star Cutter plant and a private estate. It was a sturdy affair with conventional joint and stud framing; the joints off the ground, resting on blocks. A man in the neighborhood, building his own home and impressed by the youthful enterprise, donated some lumber. To make it rain proof they covered the roof and doors with polyethylene. The boys painted the finished framing. And for final occu-

pany they even managed to carpet it. The builders won such respect for their work that their neighborhood neighbors left the unguarded fort without damage.

For the fort, it was a summer of happy nights, in sleeping bags in their own fort. . . . Until Sunday night, Aug. 22.

At about 9:15 p.m. that night, just as they were readying their sleeping gear, they looked up from one of their backyards, and saw the fort

on fire. Someone had slipped in and burnt all their hard work to the ground.

The story ends on a hopeful note however. Mrs. Martin says a new fort is under construction already.

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AS PART OF his tour of U.S. Army Reserve training at Camp McCoy Wis., Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall took a helicopter ride around the Camp. The pilot, Capt. George Kokhofen, is a veteran of the Letman war. For more on this tour see page two.