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Adult Education Registration Set

The Farmington Adult Education Program is a self-supporting activity sponsored by the Farmington Public Schools under the direction of Richard T. Tyler, will open its ten-week winter term the week of January 10 with registration to open next week.

More Reading Specialists to Be Trained

Expansion of the reading specialist program in the Farmington Public Schools is now under consideration by the Board of Education. At a regular meeting on December 27, the board authorized the training of two more reading specialists. The expectation is that the program would receive favorable consideration when the 1966-67 school budget is prepared.

Just one year ago the board approved the hiring and training of a reading specialist to work with teachers and principals on the analysis of children's abilities, identification of children with special problems, locating and securing of supplementary materials, and planning of a total school program for all children.

Miss Kay Van Hoy was subsequently hired as specialist and has made preliminary progress on the program. During this year screening has taken place in all third grade classrooms, covering 1142 pupils. All students were given spelling and vocabulary tests to determine reading level.

Two days were spent with each building administering the tests and the following day a meeting was held with the principal and third grade teachers of each school. The screening results were discussed, and samples of books and materials and suggestions for working with the slower students were given.

RE THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, the reading specialist is spending four half-days in Gill School with corrective reading classes and four half-days in William Grace School working as a resource person. The fifth day is used to evaluate and order materials, give **SEE READING SPECIALISTS PAGE 12A**

Any adult desiring to complete their high school education may enroll in the necessary credit courses without charge. Persons wishing to pursue a high school diploma through the Adult Education Program are asked to contact that office for details.

Four PTA groups are offering classes in modern math for parents who want to "keep up with their youngsters." These classes are being offered at Eagle, Beechview, Middlebelt and Wooddale elementary schools.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED in Adult Education are contingent upon sufficient enrollment. **SEE ADULTED PAGE 11A**

Youth Nearly Loses One Hand

A 14-year-old Farmington youth was severely injured when a CO-2 cartridge exploded in his hand in the basement of his home at 21781 Lamar on December 22.

The neighbor took Thomas Drake, who had been using the CO-2 cartridges to power model racing cars, to Dr. Bernard Goldman's office on Ten Mile and Orchard Lake roads. After receiving first aid from Dr. Goldman, the boy was taken to Botsford General Hospital for treatment of his left hand. Several fingers and the thumb of his left hand were nearly severed off by the exploding CO-2 cartridge but doctors apparently were able to save them.



A TELETYPE MACHINE recently put into service by the Farmington Township Police Department provides officers with a means of sending and receiving details on crimes, police fugitives and other information quickly and accurately. Sgt. John Polder is pictured above checking information to be transmitted to other police departments by police clerk Ron Nemisto. The Township formerly used the police teletype in the City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety.

Many Prizes Await First 1966 Baby

Many fine gifts await the first baby to be born in the City of Farmington or Farmington Township in 1966, and for his or her parents. Recognizing that being the first baby born in the community in any year is a distinction, a number of merchants in the Farmington area are contributing gifts to commemorate the birth of the first baby to be born in 1966.

Any couple living in the City or Township of Farmington is eligible to win. The baby may be born anywhere in the State of Michigan as long as the parents make their permanent home here. **SEE FIRST BABY PAGE 12A**

Twp. Buying Alert System For Fire Dept.

The length of time the parents have lived in the community makes no difference in their eligibility to win. They may have taken up residence in Farmington only a few days or weeks, or they may have lived here for many years. **ALL OF THE GIFTS** will go to the parents of the first child born after midnight, December 31. Entries should be in at the Farmington Enterprise office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 1966. Included in the entry application should be the name, address and phone number of the parents and the name, place and exact time of the baby's birth. The date and time of the baby's birth must be verified by the attending physician. A baby born anytime during the year is eligible. **SEE FIRST BABY PAGE 12A**

4th Jr. High To Be At Gill

The fourth Junior High School in the Farmington district will be located in section 33, on the east of Gill School. The action of the Board of Education at a regular meeting on December 27. A site in section 17 had also been under consideration during the several months of study. On the drawing boards now, plans call for completion of the school possibly by the Fall of 1967.

Kendallwood Flood Study Set By Twp.

A thorough engineering study of the storm water drainage and flooding problems that have been occurring in one or two sections of the Kendallwood Farms subdivision area has been called for by the Farmington Township Board. Official action was taken by the Board at its regular meeting Monday night instructing the supervisor to engage Pat. Hern and Bogus, the township's engineering consultants, to make such a study and to give recommendations on what steps can be taken to correct the situation.

CONERN has been expressed with flooding and water drainage problems in some areas of Kendallwood in the past but it was brought to a head this week as a result of basement flooding that resulted at a number of homes Christmas Eve due to the heavy rainfall that occurred all day Friday and Friday night, Dec. 24.

Some Kendallwood home basements starting to flood by late afternoon and early Christmas Eve. According to the township police department, they received approximately 15 calls for help from homeowners in Kendallwood 2 east of Farmington Road and north of 12 Mile between 8 p.m. and midnight Christmas Eve.

The fire chiefs and help from two of the four township fire stations were summoned by Supervisor Curt Hall to give what assistance to the problem they could. With aid of two gasoline pumps from the fire stations, the fire chiefs and their volunteer helpers went from house to house rendering what service they could in keeping water from rising too high to cause serious basement damage. Hall told Board members.

HALL WAS high in his praise of the job done by the fire chiefs in working throughout the night in handling as many basements flooding problems as they could.

The supervisor stated that he had still not received an official count on the number of basements flooded in the problem area in Kendallwood. He stated that the Oakland County DPW had begun a house to house check on Monday morning, however, and that he expected a complete report within the next few days.

Hall stated that he was aware of only one house where the water raised high enough to damage the furnace wiring but **SEE FLOOD STUDY PAGE 12A**

Delay Woodbine Sewer Hearing

The hearing that had been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 11, to establish the necessity for creating a special assessment district for sewer improvement in Woodbine fell slightly short of the 51 per cent land area requirement. The owners hold only 50.1 per cent of the subdivision's land area, he stated. Cairns was confident, however, that a couple of other signatories which would be all that is needed could be obtained easily and that a new hearing date could probably be set at the next regular Township Board meeting.

Trash Pickup to be Made on Friday

Those areas north of Grand River Avenue in the City of Farmington that normally get trash pick-ups on Saturday will be serviced again this week on Friday instead, because of the holiday. No pick-up will be made on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1.

All persons who normally receive service on Saturday are urged to have their trash out on Friday morning to assure a pick-up. The collection crews will be doing both Friday and Saturday runs on the one day necessitating an extra early morning start on their work schedule.

Hire Consultant, Pick Last 2 for Twp. Study Comm.

Official Township Board action was taken Monday night approving the hiring of a trained professional man in incorporation and city charter work to assist the special township study committee named to gather and present facts and information on the proposed incorporation of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

Action was also taken on the appointment of the last two men to fill out the 12 member special study committee. Named to the committee Monday night were Norman Kreider of 2886 Millbrook, president of Wood Creek Farms Village, who will represent that township's body's interest, and C. W. Fritz, 2821 Wildwood Trail, a member representing the township-at-large.

THE OTHER ten study committee members named by the township board Dec. 13 were Tom Nolan, Tom Duke, Russell Nankervis, Charles Lorian, Charles Stevenson, Douglas MacArthur, Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, Richard Gaul, Clifford Meacham and Calvert Oppenheimer.

Named as consulting authority to the study committee, as expected, was Donald Oakes, who has been recommended to the Township Board earlier as being one of the best and most authoritative men in incorporation and city charter work in this entire area.

OAKES HAS been in consultation with the board for the past six years and has helped with city charter and incorporation work in several communities not only in Michigan but in other parts of the country during this time, it was disclosed.

He has had experience as a city manager for several years and has been in governmental service work for over 30 years. Oakes has been retained at a fee of \$12 per hour plus 10 cents per mile for traveling expenses and other out-of-pocket expenses he may incur.

The study committee will be in regular public meetings to discuss the details, advantages and problems of becoming a home rule city right after the first of the year, it has been indicated. Township citizens will be welcomed at these meetings to raise any questions they may have or present their views.

Air Ambulance Service Problem

How much Farmington Township must obligate itself financially to assure adequate ambulance service in the community came in for rather lengthy discussion at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night.

Supervisor Curt Hall read letters from the management of the Superior Ambulance Co. that has been serving the township area for the past three or four years now indicating that present services may not be able to be continued unless the township can assure the company greater financial support.

THE PROBLEM, Hall explained, stems from the fact that the ambulance company is called in to make emergency runs and then finds it extremely difficult, if not impossible, in many cases to collect for service from the parties aided or their family or relatives. This is particularly true in the case of accident calls when the people involved are from out of this area, Hall said.

The township presently guarantees the ambulance company \$300 a year on calls it cannot collect on but, this is considered to be an insufficient amount. The amounts received by the Superior Ambulance Co. from other communities which have been quoted there ranged a little over \$400 to over \$3,000 yearly.

THE AMBULANCE company officials indicated that Farmington Township was comparable with Allen Park on the basis of service required. Allen Park paid the ambulance company approximately \$200 for services rendered last year, according to the company officials.

Supervisor Hall was high in his praise of the service rendered by the Superior Ambulance Co. as was Trustee Tom **SEE AMBULANCE PAGE 12A**

Goodfellows Achieve Goal

Farmington Goodfellow General Chairman Dr. John H. Richardson announced this week that "Once again the Farmington Goodfellows have accomplished their goal of 'No Child in Farmington Without A Christmas'." A total of 174 Food Baskets, 115 boxes of toys and food, clothing and toy checks amounting to over \$2100 were distributed to 127 families which included 562 children in the Farmington community," he reported.

"**THE NAMES OF** 181 families were turned into the Goodfellows this year and every family was investigated personally to ascertain first, if help was a needed and secondly, what areas there in the city could best be served," Richardson stated. "Fifty-four of these families either refused help, themselves or did not qualify because there were no children, or in the opinion of the investigators their needs were not sufficient to merit help."

"To mention the names of all the groups and individuals who made this effort possible would be most impractical," Richardson said. "No matter how long the list might be, someone would surely be inadvertently omitted. Those who participated knew in their own hearts, and recognition for their efforts comes from that feeling down deep within that they have made this a Merry Christmas for someone much less fortunate than themselves," he concluded.

News Highlights for 1965 In Farmington Reviewed

JANUARY
The Farmington Elks and the City of Farmington finally consummated the swap of their buildings. The Elks will move into the new building, formerly used by the City for municipal offices and the old Elks Lodge will be razed to provide more room for the north side of Grand River Avenue.

There will be 12 candidates vying for nomination in the February 15 Primary Election in the 14th State Senate District race.

Professor Dies
Dr. Walter S. Grimalta of Farmington, a professor at Wayne State University, died of a heart attack at the age of 53.

First Baby of '65
Sally Kaye Ebel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ebel of Birchwood in Farmington, arrived at 5:04 a.m. on January 15 as the first Farmington baby born in the new year.

GDP Director
Thomas Nolan of Ontario Court in Farmington has been named the Republican Party Director for Farmington Township.

Twp. Appointment
Hal Rowe, owner of North Farmington Realty, has been named to the Farmington Township Board of Review for a four-year term.

Hospital
Michigan's first lady, Mrs. George Romney, delivered the main address at Botsford Hospital in Farmington was dedicated January 15.

Honor Librarian
Mrs. Mildred Drozge, Librarian at the Farmington District Library, was honored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce with a special Meritorious Service award.

DSJ Winner
Winner of the Distinguished Service Award, presented by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, was Jaycee Russell O. Cain, a Star Cluster Company employee.

FEBRUARY
Press Awards
The Farmington Enterprise, competing with newspapers in the top circulation class in the State of Michigan, won two awards for outstanding performance in judging by the Michigan Press Association.

Bill Conroy has been elected Chairman of the Farmington Board of Commerce.

Nominees for Senate
Republican Farrell Roberts and Democrat Edward McNamara were nominated in the 14th State Senate District Primary Election and will face one another in April 5 Special Election.

Reject Pay Hike
Voters from Farmington Township soundly rejected pay **SEE NEWS HIGHLIGHTS PAGE 12A**

Equipment authorized for purchase by the Board members, as recommended by the fire chiefs, will include four Plectron siren control units for use in their cars or homes. The siren control units will have dual tone attachments to solve a problem that has been experienced in other communities whereby single tones from neighboring communities have sometimes set off local alarm siren systems falsely.

Two of the ten receiver units will be transistor units for the chiefs of stations No. 1 and 4 so that they can use them in either their cars or homes. The other eight units will be strategically placed in the homes of eight volunteer firefighters in the township. Upon signal, the volunteers, upon signal, at these homes, will immediately call two or three other volunteers.

The transistor-type receivers will cost \$129.50 each. The type units to be plugged in at homes only cost \$109.50 each. The cost of the siren control units for the stations is \$401.95.



THE SKATING RINK in the Farmington City Park area on Shawwassee Avenue attracted some skaters this week but conditions were anything but ideal and police had to take on the unpleasant duty of closing the ice to youngsters. Last Friday's rain swelled the pond to depths of three feet in some places and the thin skin of ice which formed over the weekend was labeled unsafe for skating. A snow fence three-quarters submerged in the background behind the skaters above shows the depth of the pond which is usually flooded by the City DPW when weather conditions permit.