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THE BIGGEST "DEADLINE LOG JAM" in history is predicted for motorists this year who have just until February 28 to purchase their 1966 license plates. H. J. Aikema of 12 Mile Road avoided the rush as he got his plates last week at the Farmington AAA

office from Judy Gross. Motorists must show proof of in-effect liability insurance or pay \$35 as an uninsured motorist fee. The Secretary of State's office predicts more than 3 million license plates will be sold by the Feb. 28 deadline this month.

Clarify Motion On Drivers, Bus Mechanics

A technicality in the wording of a motion adopted at the Farmington Board of Education's January 26 meeting was clarified at the February 14 meeting.

The motion, recognizing "Local 1456 of the A.F.L. as the exclusive bargaining agent for all non-teaching personnel except noon aides, crossing guards, office clerical employees, bus drivers and supervisors," was amended to read, "all non-teaching personnel including bus mechanics, except noon aides."

It had been assumed by the Board and administration that bus mechanics were included with bus drivers and thus excluded from the Union. However, when the ground rules were set for the bus drivers' election to be held on February 16, they asked that the mechanics be excluded from their group since in past years they have not been a part of the group. The Union agreed to this, provided that the Board of Education amend their motion.

Schools Considering Pools, Auditoriums

Consideration of swimming pools and/or auditoriums for the Farmington Public Schools was given a considerable amount of time and discussion by the Board of Education at their meeting of February 14; and approval was granted to the Jaycees to circulate petitions requesting that the matter be brought to a vote of the people.

Dr. John Richardson, president of the Jaycees, reported that their recent community survey indicated that most people

feel there is a need for these facilities in the community; and with this in mind, last week they conducted a telephone survey of registered voters on the question of pools and/or auditoriums.

Calls were made by members of the Jaycees Auxiliary to every third person who voted in the last election, Richardson said, and all four precincts were included in the survey.

THOSE RESPONDING to the calls, a mixture of husbands and wives, were asked whether

they would approve construction of auditoriums, swimming pools or both, in the schools and they were told that additional operating millage would be needed if the facilities were approved.

On auditoriums the vote was 33 Yes, 19 No, and 16 Don't Know; swimming pools, 53 Yes, 6 No, and 4 Don't Know; and both, 64 Yes, 15 No and 11 Don't Know.

Richardson said that the Jaycees would be willing to direct late petitions to obtain the 2,000 signatures required to place the matter on the ballot if the Board of Education would support and endorse the project.

LELAND CLIFFORD, board president, said that people should realize that 85 percent of the construction budget is used for salaries and wages and that

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Flood Complaint Aired At Twp. Bd.

Farmington Township officials will meet this Friday with engineers of Harry Leiber-mann, developer of Lincolnshire Estates, Thompson-Brown Company and the Township's firm of consulting engineers in an attempt to "fix responsibility" and resolve the drainage problem on the property of Ray Haefner, 25072 Castleridge Drive.

Township Supervisor, told residents this Friday's meeting Monday night's Township Board meeting the "water ponding problem" on Haefner's lot has been under investigation by his office since it was first reported last November. He stated Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns and himself had personally inspected the site and had been in communication with all concerned.

HALL EXPRESSED confidence that this Friday's meeting would yield concrete results. Meeting with the Supervisor will be Larry Pate of the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate, Hirm and Gortner; Roy Russell, engineer for Thompson-Brown; and Dick Postiff, engineer for Harry Leiber-mann. They plan to visit the site of the reported drainage problem and determine—the course that must be taken in order to resolve Haefner's complaint.

Haefner showed Township Board members pictures he had taken in another drainage complaint brought to the Board's attention at Monday night's meeting, the Wagon Wheel Trailer Village, 6000 Eight Mile Road, in the southeast corner of the Township reported that flooding conditions have deteriorated roads in the area.

The Oakland County Road Commission has been appraised of the situation, reportedly caused by drainage obstructions made during the course of construction activity over the past several months. The streets which are reported in poor condition are Eldred and Radcliffe.

Bailey Resigns From C'ville Bd.

The Clarenceville Board of Education has regretfully accepted the resignation of Fred Bailey, board trustee, which was effective January 31.

Board action came following several days and meetings between present staff members and Board of Education members in an attempt to change Bailey's mind.

The formal resolution adopted by the Board spoke of the "unusual service given to the district by Mr. Bailey for over thirteen years."

Twp. Okay's Roman House Bar License

A Class "C" liquor license for Roman House, new restaurant and club facilities recently opened in the former Parker House establishment at 30887 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Township, was recommended for approval to the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission by action of the Township Board, taken at their regular meeting Monday night, February 14.

Application for the license approval was made to the Township Board by Manuel Gorelick of 2447 Oakland Avenue in Farmington, owner and manager of the new Roman House. An SDM license which was also included in the request for Class "C" liquor license approval was turned down by the Board under a policy against recommending beer and wine carry-out business in establishments where liquor is sold by the glass.

Downtown Sale Starts

Downtown Farmington Center merchants and retail establishments on Grand River Avenue in the downtown business district have joined together for a big Washington Birthday Sale starting this Tuesday, Feb. 22.

A special advertising section included with this week's edition of the Enterprise announcing many of the bargains being offered by the participating stores.

Stores taking part in the big sale include Montgomery Ward, Appliance and Catalog Store, Scott's 5c & 10c store, 7 Julie E. Suburban, Pennywise Discount, Weisly House of Music, Bradley's Drugs, Fashion Shoes, Towne Toggery, Sid's Jewelry, Farmington Hobby Shop, Dan's Shop, Camerama, Inc., Bonnet Shoppe and Bel Crest Studio.



WITH THE DEADLINE for dog licenses just around the corner (March 1), pet owners are visiting local veterinarians in increasing numbers to get rabies shots which are needed before a license can be issued. A special vaccination clinic will be staged this Saturday, February 19, in the Wheeler Street Fire Hall, 21420 Wheeler, in Farmington Township to provide pet owners with the opportunity to get the necessary shots. Midnight, the pooch pictured above, puts out a lion's roar as the vet gets ready to stick in the needle and his master lends moral support.

Youth Guidance Appointments Set

Approval of the appointments to the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee came up for consideration at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board Monday night, February 14 and action was tabled until the next meeting, Feb. 28.

Conspicuously by its absence on that date was the name of Rev. Robert Eddy, controversial pastor of the Universalist-Unitarian Church in Farmington, who had chaired the Youth Guidance Committee until his views on trial marriages provoked criticism from public officials and citizens. His resignation was submitted last year after officials threatened to withhold funds to the committee.

INCLUDED ON the list of appointments proposed for the committee are local police officers, Sgt. Robert Deadman of the City of Farmington's Juvenile Division and Norman Stainbrook, the Township's Juvenile Officer; Hugh Watson of the

Long-Time Resident Al Ross Dead at 85

Mr. Algenas L. Ross a long-time businessman and resident of Farmington passed away on Wednesday morning, February 9, in Woman's Hospital in Detroit following an extended illness. He was 85 years old.

Algenas (Al) Ross was born June 1, 1881, in Ellis, Kansas the son of Frederick and Jessie Lovejoy Ross. He attended school in Kansas and on April 2, 1900 he was united in marriage to Lona Albee. Mr. Ross operated the Farmington Bakery for many years and then became a real estate broker until two years ago when he retired.

Mr. Ross was a Charter Member of the Farmington Kiwanis Club and had served as that organization's president in 1942. The Farmington Kiwanians paid tribute to him in recent years by presenting him the Club's only Honorary Membership in recognition of his long and active service with the organization.

Mr. Ross was a member of Farmington First Methodist Church and was a Life Member and Past Master of the Farmington Masonic Lodge, F.A.M. No. 151. He was also a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

MR. ROSS HAD been a resident of Farmington for forty years. He had been a resident of the Boulevard Temple Methodist Home for the past two years.



Set New Rates For Use of C'ville Pool

Announcement was made during the past week of new fee rates for use of the Clarenceville School swimming pool. Official action on the new rates for both recreational and instructional swimming were acted on by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday night, Feb. 10.

The fee charge will become effective on April 14.

The new rate for the recreational swimming program effective as of that date will be 25c per hour for students and 40c per hour for adults.

The charge for the instructional swimming program will be \$5.00 for a series of ten classes starting with the new sessions in April.

For any additional information you desire call L. G. Nutter, pool director, at 474-3737.

Funeral services took place on Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of the Holy Family Home with the Rev. Richard T. Markham of the Farmington First Methodist Church and Rev. J. Marion Devinity of Boulevard Temple Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. The Farmington Masonic Lodge, F.A.M. No. 151, conducted a memorial service on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Thayer Funeral Home.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Verna Lejoly of Birmingham, Mrs. Gladys Fernstrum of Grosse Pointe Park and Mrs. Florence Schwab of Ann Arbor. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Marie Edkins; and one brother, Lyman Ross, both of Hamilton, New York. Seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Ross passed away in January of 1961.

Plan To Purchase Lot At Kenbrook

An additional purchase of land agreed to by the Farmington Board of Education at their February 14 meeting is to acquire the eight-acre Kenbrook School site. The land, lot 49 of Parkhill subdivision in section 10, is owned by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gregory of Detroit. The school district already owns a 12-foot walking easement on the 2.9 acre lot. The agreed-upon purchase price is \$3,000 per acre less \$1,000 which was paid for the easement, with the school district's assuming sewer assessments amounting to approximately \$1,442 and the cost of the land survey.

Schools To Get Title I Funds

Farmington Public Schools has received approval of its proposal of budget and expenditure of \$113,925 in funds under Title I of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (P.A. 89-10).

Farmington Schools, in cooperation with local private schools and related agencies, propose to enhance and extend the education program for children of all ages. Emphasis will be placed on helping children who have not been successful in school to improve their self-image and thus become better learners.

called "one of the most ingenious submitted in the state." Assisting in its administration will be Dr. Harry Hahn, of Oakland University, a consultant who has been involved in every phase of planning the program. He will procure personnel and interpret the use of the grant in relation to these goals:

- Developing more adequate reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in the total school program;
- Fostering a greater interest in academic work by using a broad variety of multi-sensory teaching materials and direct, personal assistance at all grade levels;
- Enriching the experience of the improperly challenged child and orient him toward success in school.

Assisting in the program's administration will be Richard Tyler, who has been freed from some of his responsibilities at Farmington Senior High School to expedite the ordering of materials, scheduling and keeping of records for the program.

Harold Bennett, of the Southfield Schools, will also serve as a consultant, specializing in finding individual materials for individual children with reading problems.

Found Dead Truck Driver

Marion Wesley Payne, 33, of 13911 Indian Street in Detroit was found dead slumped behind the wheel of his truck Wednesday afternoon, February 9, by a passing motorist on Middlebelt Road just south of 13 Mile Road in Farmington Township.

Payne's truck had been noticed shortly before 3 p.m. along the side of the road by Gerald Stowell in Farmington. Trail in Garden City who also told police he saw Payne looking under the hood of the truck.

Stowell told police he went to investigate 15 minutes later when he heard the motor of Payne's truck racing and discovered the body when he opened the door of the truck to shut off the motor. Payne was taken to Botsford General Hospital where he was pronounced dead, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

Matching-Fund Road Program Set for Drake

A road improvement program was approved by the Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night, February 14, on a matching-funds basis with Oakland County.

The road program will cost Farmington Township approximately \$22,500 of a total estimated construction cost of nearly \$91,000 for the bituminous surface of Drake Road between Grand and 11 Mile Roads in Farmington Township, was given by the Township Board, subject to the revisions asked for by the Township Zoning Board on the plan.

The action was taken at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, February 14. The signature of the Township's firm of planning consultants is necessary to assure revisions have been made in the Final Site Plan.



A SPRING THAW HIT last week as unseasonably warm weather melted the accumulation of snow on the ground causing ponds to form and ditches to be full of run-off water. Mike West and Jeff Evans of Blageway Drive in Farmington, are putting on their boots and experimenting as "hydro engineers" in a small pond near their homes. The cold weather is back again this week but there has been no return of the snow.

Kiley Buys Interest In Munising Newspaper

Russell S. Strickland, publisher of the Farmington Enterprise and the Plymouth Mail, announced this week that his Executive Assistant, Michael J. Kiley, has purchased an interest in the Munising News and will be leaving Farmington.

Kiley, well known in the Farmington area, said that this is the realization of a long-time, two-fold ambition—that of owning a newspaper and also returning to northern Michigan. He was born in Standish.

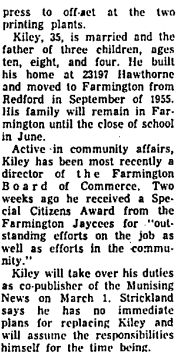
Starting at the Enterprise as news editor in April of 1954, Kiley became general manager in 1959; and when Strickland purchased the Plymouth Mail in June of 1964, Kiley was made Executive Assistant to the Publisher. Since then he has been active in co-ordinating operations at the two newspapers and at Inter-City Press, the central printing plant where both newspapers are printed.

A YEAR AND A HALF ago Kiley began investigating the off-set printing method and was largely responsible for the production changeover from letterpress to offset at the two printing plants.

Kiley, 35, is married and the father of three children, ages ten, eight, and four. He built his home at 23197 Hawthorne and moved to Farmington from Botsford in September of 1955. His family will remain in Farmington until the close of school in June.

Kiley is in community affairs. He has been most recently a director of the Farmington Board of Commerce. Two weeks ago he received a Special Citizens Award from the Farmington Jaycees for "outstanding efforts on the job as well as efforts in the community."

Kiley will take over his duties as co-publisher of the Munising News on March 1. Strickland says he has no immediate plans for replacing Kiley and will assume the responsibilities himself for the time being.



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