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City Accepts Jaycee Boat

The Jaycee boat in the Farmington City Park, which originally splashed into the news two weeks ago as City Councilmen learned for the first time at their April 18 meeting...

Pole Vaulter Breaks State Record, 14 ft.

By RON LEE FHS Sports He looked down the asphalt path to where two metal poles held another, smaller bar balanced far above the ground.

He glanced back to the crowd, where his parents and his coach stood watching... and waiting. Then he turned, hefted the slender pole, and ran down to where the metal fixture stood, silhouetted against a sea of people.

Crack! His pole crashed into pole block, and bent nearly double with the force of his momentum. The fiberglass shaft whipped back, and up, up he went—and over, and left the small bar behind, wobbling. But it didn't fall.

Thus, Ron Shortt, a Senior at FHS, became the first Michigan high school vaulter to clear 14 feet. He did it Saturday, April 30, at the Central Michigan Relays.

Really, there's no way to describe the way I felt," Ron said. "It was just—tremendous."

The previous record was set back in 1964, at 13' 11" in the State Finals. Ironically, to get into the record books Ron will have to vault 14 or over again in this year's State meet.

Shortt missed twice at 12' 2" By POLE VAULTER (Page 10A)

Blood Bank Seeks Fton Depositors There will be a blood bank for Farmington area residents on Tuesday, May 10, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 21900 Middlebelt Rd.

Hours will be from 1:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and the southeastern Michigan chapter of the Red Cross is hoping for a large number of donors.

THE FACE IS FAMILIAR. People we know were vacationing in Ft. Lauderdale and the man of the party happened to see a familiar face in the supermarket. This didn't surprise him too much as he is an Ann Arbor business man of long acquaintance, but his memory as to just who it might be took leave of him at the moment. Nevertheless, he greeted the fellow enthusiastically with a friendly Midwestern heartiness. His greeting was returned warmly enough, but it was not until the other gent couldn't quite place him either.

Later that afternoon while strolling around the town with his wife, he was not-to-be-nudged by her as she scoldedly bawled, "Look, Honey, there's Richard Nixon. You're right. It was the other half of his morning encounter."

HERE'S ONE BEARDED businessman in town who has his own cheering section for him in the Farmington Founders' Festival Beard Growing Contest (FFFB GC). His name is Bud Pell and he operates the Farmington Pit Stop where hundreds of area slot car racing enthusiasts are pulling for him to take top honors in the Beard Contest judging during the July Festival.

CONFINED TO A BED in New Providence Hospital is Roy Rysstrand of Farmington. He's one of the only guys who when questioned could answer, "No, I'm Roebuck" and really mean it. Roy is a retired executive of Sears.

THE MICHIGAN JAYCEES State convention will be held in Lansing this weekend. Our own Farmington Jaycees will be well represented with more than 23 couples planning to attend. The Farmington Jaycees are hopeful they will be recipients of some of the individual and chapter awards.



THE FIRE WHICH RAVAGED the Fred Hamlin home of Brookdale last Wednesday afternoon was contained by firemen to the upstairs portions of the house where the blaze started. Firemen battled the flames for half an hour before bringing the fire under control. The gaping hole in the roof and the pile of charred furnishings in the front yard lend mute testimony to the destructive force of the fire.

Battle Fire Warner St Re-Zoning Hearing Is Staged

Three Farmington city firemen were injured, one seriously, in battling a fire last Wednesday afternoon in a two-story frame house on Brookdale Avenue.

Injured in fighting the blaze which broke out on the second floor of the Fred Hamlin residence at 22831 Brookdale were Detective Sgt. Bill Garden, and officers Alan Walton and Robert Waldo. Garden is still in St. Mary Hospital this week recovering from back injuries he suffered in fighting the blaze.

ALTHOUGH FOUR of the Hamlin children were at home when the fire broke out, the maid was able to get them all out of the house safely. Mrs. Hamlin had left the house minutes before to pick up a daughter at the Cloverdale Elementary School.

While only 12 new registrations came in during the first week of the special sign-up hours, 52 registered the second week and a total of 87 put their names on the books last week. The total number of registered voters in Farmington Township as of April 1, 1966, was 13,589.

Special hours this Friday evening 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday 10 a.m. to noon until 4:30 p.m. will be the last opportunity for registration at the Township Clerk's office before the Monday, May 9, 8 p.m. deadline.

Thomas Duke Speaks About Incorporation

Thomas A. Duke, Farmington Township Board Chairman, this week issued the following statements on the incorporation question:

"Recent statements, letters to the Editor, posters, bumper stickers, word of mouth, and other discussion and communications such as letters circulated with reference to the Incorporation, prompt me to state my position.

"The Incorporation issue is an important one and the fact that there are those who feel it is a right and proper move at this time, as well as those who do not, are all entitled to their opinions and these opinions should all be heard and well in advance of the elections so that they may be dissected, analyzed and rebuttal given.

"Speaking for myself, as an individual, I would like to make the following statement: I like the Township form of government. This was my position prior to my moving to Farmington many years ago. This was my position when running for election to the Township Trustee position over five years ago. This has been my feeling continuously during my term as a trustee and it was my stated feeling at that public meeting of the study committee. If you like something, it is my feeling that you should do what you can to preserve it. My position at the first study committee meeting was that if the results of the study committee indicated that we could incorporate into Farmington a Township type of government within a City charter, and that this was indeed the best way to preserve Farmington as a community, as we now know it, approximately 34 square miles, then I would be in favor of incorporation. After study there is, in my opinion, one vital advantage to gain by the incorporation. Conversely, there is no particular disadvantage to an incorporation."

Incoporating THOMAS DUKE (Page 9A)



DRIVER EDUCATION CARS, three of 16 now in use by the Farmington Public Schools, are pictured above with instructors (L. to R.) Ed Law, Paul Ramsey and Terry Allison. A total of 14 driver education vehicles have been provided by Russ Gilbert's Town and Country Dodge of Farmington. The vehicles are in use six days a week in the driver education program.

Clean-Up Drive Kick-Off Today

The sixth annual May clean-up campaign in both Farmington City and Township is being officially kicked off today, Wednesday, May 4, and will continue through the remainder of this month.

Farmington City and Township governmental officials who are lending their whole-hearted support to this annual community clean-up program sponsored by the South Farmington Township Civic Association, other community associations and organizations and the Farmington Enterprise have designated the whole month of May as clean-up, fix-up, paint-up time.

Showing more than just verbal support, township and city officials have arranged for special trash pickups during the "clean-up the community" project this year.

IN THE CITY OF Farmington, special trash pick-up days have been set for each Monday

in May (except Memorial Day) with each area of the City to be covered: On Monday, May 2, the City DPW trucks covered the area from Power Road to Farmington Road, north of Nine Mile Road; on Monday, May 16, the area from Power

to Orchard Lake Road, north of Nine Mile, will be covered; and on Monday, May 22, the area east of Orchard Lake Road will be covered. Residents are asked to have all See CLEANUP CAMPAIGN (Page 10A)

C. W. Bicking Funeral Today

Mr. Clarence W. Bicking of 23610 Power Avenue in Farmington, passed away suddenly on Sunday morning, May 1, at his residence. He was 79 years old.

Clarence W. Bicking was born March 22, 1887, in Walled Lake, Michigan, the son of William R. and Emily Jones Bicking. He attended school in Walled Lake and on September 18, 1909, was united in marriage to E. Imogene Ely in Farmington.

MR. BICKING HAD been a resident of Farmington for the past 55 years. He assisted in writing the first City Charter and was a member of the Farmington City Council from 1929 to 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Bicking owned and operated the Springbrook Gardens Flower Shop for 30 years, retiring in 1936.

Mr. Bicking was a life member of the Walled Lake First Baptist Church, he was also a life member and a Past Master of the Farmington Masonic Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 151, having served as master in the year 1922. He was a life member of the Northville Commandery No. 39 and a life member

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New Elks Lodge To Be Built In Farmington

The Farmington Elks Lodge, No. 1886 B.P.O.E., announced this week to build a new lodge building on a site to be named later in Farmington.

Exalted Ruler Lou Abbott stated the completion date of the new lodge would be June of 1967.

Russ Ellis is serving as General Chairman of the Farmington Elks Building Committee. The Elks Lodge is presently located in the old Farmington City Municipal Building on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.

School Candidate's Deadline May 14

As yet, no candidates have filed petitions for the three vacancies on the Board of Education to be filled at the June 13 school election. The filing deadline is May 14.

Two four-year terms and the three remaining years of the office resigned by Sylvia Swartz will be filled by the June ballot. The four-year periods terminating on the Board of Education will be filled by the June 13 school election. The filing deadline is May 14.

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CITY AND TOWNSHIP officials joined with the South Farmington Civic Association this week in kicking off the month-long Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign in the community. Farmington City Manager John Dinn (left) and Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hill (right) are pictured above leading the way for citizens of the community in support of the May campaign.

Vehicle Safety-Check Campaign Called for

"How can we help promote automobile safety at the local level?" an Enterprise reader recently asked.

One way is through a community sponsored Vehicle Safety-Check project. A campaign of this sort is conducted in many communities each year during May or June, prior to the summer and vacation driving season.

THE OBJECTIVE of the community program is to Safety-Check as many vehicles as possible on a free and voluntary basis. The need is apparent, as the reader suggests. Nearly two out of three vehicles registered and operating on streets and highways are not officially inspected to determine how safe they are.

In Farmington, a Vehicle Safety-Check program has been successfully staged for the past two years and is again planned for this spring. Russel A. Gilbert, General Chairman of the first Safety-Check program in Farmington, and Frank Slefani, last year's General Chairman, are working with organizers of the 1966 program and hope to announce final plans by next week. Volunteers are still needed to support this year's program. Those interested in participating in the local effort are asked to contact Al Judge, Coordinator of Driver Education for the Farmington Public Schools, at GR. 4-6156.

The physical checking of vehicles under the program is carried out at Safety-Check lanes established on public streets by mechanics loaned from auto and tire dealers, independent garages and service stations, assisted by citizen volunteers.

"CHECK - TRAMS," working as a unit at each lane, make a ten-point check of each vehicle, going through the lane, distribute safety literature and apply a sticker to the windshield when all ten safety points are found satisfactory.

The ten critical safety points are brakes, lights (including turn signals), steering, tires, exhaust system, glass, windshield wipers, rearview mirrors, horn and seat belts.

The program can be started by any civic group or municipal leaders by writing for information to National Vehicle Safety-Check, 2000 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

'Do-It-Yourself' Auto Wash Delayed

A request for business zoning to permit construction of a 4-bay, do-it-yourself auto wash business was postponed for a month by the Township Planning Commission on April 27.