

### today's hot line

#### BULLETIN

**FARMINGTON**—Oakland County Circuit Court Judge William Beer Friday morning granted a delay in the hearing in the request for a new trial for convicted Dr. Ronald Clark. The hearing was originally set for Friday afternoon but Judge Beer set a new time of 2 p.m. next Thursday. In an earlier trial, Dr. Clark was found guilty of manslaughter.

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**PLYMOUTH**—With 1968-69 contract talks stalled, Plymouth's more than 400 teachers will meet Tuesday morning to determine whether they will report to their assignments on schedule and work without a new master agreement. State fact-finding has been requested in an effort to resolve contract differences. Classes are due to start Thursday.

**LIVONIA**—Livonia police reported two separate incidents last week in which local motorists were pulled from their cars and savagely beaten. A gang of four Negroes was involved in one attack, while three white men were reported responsible for the other.

### What's Inside

Our team in Chicago was right on top of all the action at the Democratic National Convention, and they have sparkling stories on what our local delegates did that you won't find anywhere else.

Editor Don Hoenschel nailed down a post-mortem session on the platform with a Farmington man who was Michigan's representative on the platform committee.

A Catholic priest who has been building a following in local Democratic politics was arrested in Thursday's demonstrations, and Publisher Philip Power got the clergyman's firsthand account.

The publisher, whose avocation is photography, got a series of fine pictures while operating under incredibly difficult conditions on the convention floor.

Margaret Halava followed the activities of some of the ladies—and she found one of the party's supposedly bright female stars was "a cold fish."

No broadcaster, no syndicated columnist will give you the sort of suburban view of the Democratic National Convention that you'll find in this edition of the Observer News-papers.

The reports are on Pages 6-7 B.

**OTHER FEATURES** of today's paper:  
• Some of your friends and neighbors won prizes at the Michigan State Fair. Diane Zieslow got the story, and photographer Harry Mauthe captured the color and excitement on film. Page 1 B.

• There's an important detail of the new Sunday liquor law which many people are overlooking. The facts, as well as other stories and pictures on amusements and the arts, are on Page 8 A.

• A mother and daughter are top flower arrangers; and a lot of local girls got married recently. World of Women on Page 5 B.

• High school footballers return to one-day workouts with the start of classes on Wednesday. Page 4B.

• Denny McLain regains top pitching form and quickly places the Tigers well in front of Baltimore in the American League race. Page 4B.

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# Schools Prepare For 20,000

School doors will be wide open Wednesday morning for the entry of more than 20,000 Farmington students as the fall term officially begins.

Farmington Public Schools will greet 16,100 including 8,800 elementary, 4,000 junior high, and 3,300 senior high students.

Half-day sessions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4, with the regular schedule followed starting Sept. 5. Kindergarten classes will not begin until Thursday.

Wednesday's hours are: elementary, 9 to 11:30 a.m.; junior high, 8:35 a.m. to noon; senior high, 7:50 to 11 a.m.

Regular hours are: elementary, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; junior high, 8:35 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; senior high, 7:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Teachers will hold meetings all day Tuesday and will be working in their classrooms Wednesday afternoon.

CLASSES at Our Lady of Mercy High School will open Thursday with full day sessions. Projected enrollment is 1,200.

Our Lady of Sorrows High

School will open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for half-day orientation programs and will start the regular schedule Thursday.

Freshmen and sophomores will meet Tuesday and upper classmen Wednesday. The high school's new principal, Sister Jean Marie, is anticipating an enrollment of 255.

Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School will also hold half-day sessions Tuesday and Wednesday with full days starting Thursday. Projected enrollment is 700.

FARMINGTON students attending Clarenceville schools will be on a half-day schedule Wednesday and start full-days Thursday. Clarenceville expects 4,000 students from the entire district.

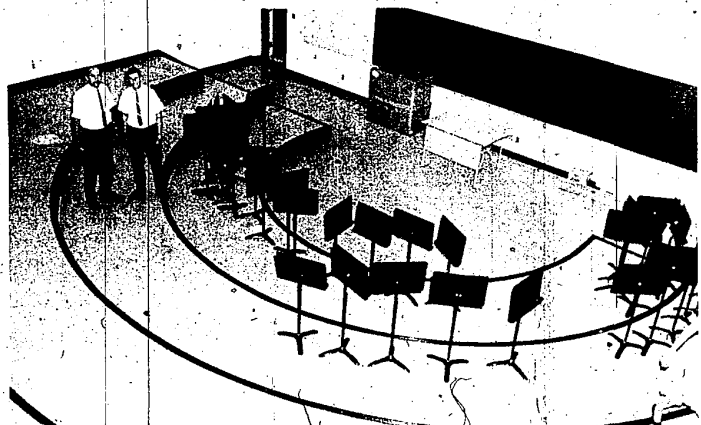
Those Farmington students enrolled in the Walled Lake school district are among the 10,000 students expected on Wednesday's full-day opening.

Farmington Public Schools will conduct orientation programs for new junior high and

high school students on Tuesday. Seventh graders will meet at their junior-high schools from 1 to 3 p.m. with bus pickups at 12:30 p.m.

New tenth graders will meet at their respective high schools from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. with bus pickups starting at 1 p.m.

Although regular registration ended last week, any new students not yet enrolled may do so Tuesday at the schools they will be attending. Registration hours will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for all grades.



WAITING FOR THE MUSIC — Power Junior High Assistant Principal William Mason and Principal Robert Brown check a few last-minute items in the school's band room in anticipation of Wednesday's opening. The band room includes both levels of the two-story school.

## Power Junior High Opens Doors To 700 Wednesday

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Once you find it, it's impressive.

That's the fourth junior high school in the Farmington system—Power Junior High which opens its doors Wednesday to an estimated 700 students.

The school is located on a site just west of the Gill Elementary School. It doesn't directly face on any street, thus the problem of finding it.

Wednesday there were packing cases in the office and many of the classrooms and labs had equipment spread over the tables.

All the equipment will be in place for Wednesday's opening.

YOU CAN tell that it's a new

school by two things. The building still has the "new smell" of a just-constructed structure.

There are no marks or fingerprints in the hallways. The scuff marks on the floor are few. That's because the normal wear and tear on the building hasn't started.

Students from the new school will come from primarily the southwestern corner of the district. However, anyone south of Nine Mile will attend Power.

The eighth and ninth graders attended East and Farmington Junior Highs last year.

What will this do to school spirit? Assistant Principal William Mason says that school spirit is something that has to be developed. "It has to come from the students," he notes.

However, Mason foresees the

development of school spirit through extra-curricular activities and such things as picking the nickname for the school.

"We were forced to choose the school colors (light blue and white) because equipment had to be ordered," he said, "but that is something that I would have liked to see the students do."

"FLEXIBILITY" is the keynote for the school facilities. The gym is set up so that it can be divided into four separate sections for instruction or activity.

The school's shop can be divided into two separate areas. Two of the social studies classrooms can be combined into one in the case of special projects.

The building seems to bend to the requirements of the teacher rather than the other way around.

There is a total of 40 classrooms and shops in the school. The first floor contains the shops, music rooms, the cafeteria and gym.

The second story has academic classrooms, science labs and the library.

One of the intriguing features of the building cuts down on the problem of hall passes to go to the library.

The cafeteria will be used as a study hall. A flight of steps leads from the cafeteria to the library which is located on the second floor.

How's that for designing the building with the needs of the teachers in mind?

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## Zoning Board Reverses Mobile Stand

By EMORY DANIELS

What does a week's difference mean?

It means \$7,000 and a complete vote reversal.

The week, Aug. 21-28, ended with Farmington schools gaining the right to keep its temporary mobile classrooms where they are until no longer needed.

On Aug. 28, the city's Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 to grant a special exception permit to allow the six portable units at the west end of Farmington High School until the eight room classroom addition is completed.

The permit specifies that the three units which extend southward beyond the school must be removed in 90 days and the remaining three removed 30 days after the school year ends.

The week before, on Aug. 21, the Zoning Board approved the permit but ordered all six units to be removed to the rear of the high school.

THE SCHOOLS objected because moving the six behind the high school would cost an extra \$7,000 and removal to the rear would interfere with construction work.

Wednesday's vote means the

\$7,000 won't have to be expended and the units will remain until no longer needed, which is what the schools planned in the first place.

The vote also erased a stop work order issued against the schools by the city's building department. The work order was issued when City Manager John Dinan discovered a special exception permit was required and advised the schools to appear before the Zoning Board.

With the order lifted, the schools now can place foundations and connect electrical wiring before school opens Sept. 4.

Richard Peters, school board vice-president, said the district applied for a building permit and got verbal approval before the units were delivered.

The contractor also went to the building department before delivery and was told the permit was being prepared. "We were trying to comply with city regulations," Peters stressed.

LEADING opposition from the audience was John Allen, city councilman and member of the planning commission. Allen contended the temporary classrooms deprecate the neighbor-

hood and the value of homes would drop if someone wished to sell.

Allen said he called the superintendent of schools, Dr. Robert Smith, as soon as the mobiles were delivered and told him the units were a menace and he would advise a stop order be put out.

Allen argued the extra \$7,000 represented only 50 cents per taxpayer which was worth saving the good name of the city by removing a bad example of planning.

School Trustee Gary Lichtman said as a parent he could put up with the temporary units if they kept his children from attending half-day sessions. He added both boards shared a common goal—they care about the people in the city, their children and their taxes.

School Trustee Leland Clifford said the schools were also disturbed that the temporary units had to be used and want to get rid of them as soon as possible, but their purpose was to obtain full-day sessions.

DINAN explained that when the request for building permit was first made he didn't feel the city could do anything about location of the units. He said

it was afterwards brought to his attention that as to addition to a school located in a residential area the units required a special permit.

Allen stressed the units were not mobile homes but classrooms and as such were particularly vulnerable to vandalism.

When asked what the opposition was in the immediate area, Dinan said that of the 30 odd

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## Study Water Service For Entire Twp.

Farmington Township has requested the Oakland County DPW to draw preliminary plans for establishment of a water district which would cover all remaining portions of the township not presently served by the Detroit system.

The township board has passed a resolution asking the county to obtain preliminary plans indicating specifications, cost estimates, and a financial program detailing when bonds must be paid.

The study will cost about \$60,000 but will be paid for by bonds sold to install the system. Should the township decide not to proceed after studying the plans, the township would be liable for \$10,000 of the study's cost.

The proposed district will extend the township's current water facilities to take in the balance of the township.

Township Supervisor Curtis Hall says estimates from engineers point out that if the project is started soon the same charges can be assessed to users in the new district that are charged users in the present district.

If delayed, he stated, it is highly possible the tap-in charges for the new system will be higher than that paid by users in the old district.

The present cost per homeowner is \$75 for tap-in and \$5 every three months to repay the bond obligation.

Hall said he anticipates the proposed district will be self-servicing—that is, the cost of installing the system will be entirely repaid by service charges and not from the general fund.

He noted that by the end of the year, the township will have \$23 million worth of sewer

and water facilities installed since 1960 and all of these projects have been self-servicing.

If the study shows the program will be self-servicing, as expected, actual work could get underway next summer. Hall estimates six months would be ample time to complete installation.

The proposed Northwest Water District consists mostly of an area west of a line running halfway between Farmington and Drake Rds. It also includes Meadow Brook subdivision and the industrial area along Nine Mile Rd., west of Drake.

Registration hours for Farmington voters have been announced by city and township clerks who urge citizens to sign up early and avoid the late rush at the Oct. 4 deadline.

City residents may register at City Hall, 23600 Liberty, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Fridays. The clerk's office will be open on Sept. 25, the last Saturday before the deadline, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 4 deadline.

Township residents may register at the Township Hall, 31555 11 Mile Rd., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28. The clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 26, 27, 30 and Oct. 1-4.

Register To Vote Schedule

TEMPORARY NUISANCE? — Some neighbors of Farmington High School on Shiawassee and Prospect Rds. are unhappy about the presence of six temporary mobile classrooms which they consider unsightly. The City's Zoning Board of Appeals Wednesday night instructed the district to move the three southerly units (pictured above) within 90 days and the remaining three 30 days after the school year ends.