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## Post Office Suspend Registration

The registration of aliens living in the Farmington area, being carried on at the Farmington post office, has been temporarily suspended, according to Postmaster Norman Lee. This became necessary, Lee said, when he ran out of registration blanks. The blanks are supplied from the Postal Department in Washington, D. C. and on the opening day of registration, Tuesday, August 27, the Farmington postoffice had 150 blanks. By Saturday, August 31, all these had been given out.

Only 25 of these 150 have been returned to the post office to date; however, it is permissible for the applicant to take the blank home, fill it out, and return to the post office to be fingerprinted and fill out other blanks. Applicants can get by their blanks at a surprising rate, with the result that the office was out of blanks after four days. Since running out of blanks, Lee said, nearly 100 other persons have come into the office to register, and have had to be turned away.

**More Forms Expected**  
An additional supply of forms is expected from Washington, D. C. within a few days and registration will be resumed as soon as they arrive. Applicants are reminded, however, that there is no need to rush, as the deadline for registration is December 25.

All aliens over 14 years of age must register. This includes those who have announced their intent of becoming citizens as well as those who have received their first citizenship papers. Children below the age of 14 must be registered by their parents. The registration is compulsory in cases where there appears to be doubt whether the individual is included in the census of the last authorities advise that he is, in any case.

**Penalties Severe**  
The penalty for those who fail to comply is severe. A fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year is prescribed for failure to register, for refusing to be fingerprinted or for making registration statements which are known to be false.

The aim of the act is to inform the government exactly how many aliens there are, who they are and where they are. All information collected at this time is to be kept secret and confidential, and no harmful results should be apprehended by any individual who is included in the law's effects.

In order to facilitate actual registration, Lee adds some helpful advice. Aliens should not expect aid in the actual filling out of the blanks. These are furnished by the government free of charge to take home and fill out at their leisure. All blanks should be filled out before being brought to the office.

In cases of doubt, the assistance of a friend should be sought. All answers must be either printed or legibly written. Separate blanks must be filled out at home for each member of the family. Following the completion of the registration a receipt card, which will be sent to each one who has registered. With this card will be sent also a short pamphlet of directions for aliens.

## EXCHANGE CLUB OPENS SEASON'S ACTIVITIES

The Exchange Club held its first meeting of the season Wednesday noon and the appointment of committees was partially completed. The meeting was conducted as an organization meeting and no speaker was secured.

A committee planned to meet Thursday evening to map out plans for a banquet to be held in connection with the opening of the new theatre in Farmington. This committee will report to the club at the meeting next Wednesday and further plans will be outlined.

A committee composed of Mahlon Bradley, Curtis Hall, Lloyd Gullen and Charles Kowalski was named to take charge of programs for the month of September.

A speaker from radio station WQAD, Pontiac, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday night meeting. The program is under the direction of Mahlon Bradley.

## SPORTSMEN CLUB TO OPEN SKIET FIELD

The Farmington Sportsmen's Club, Inc. will open their skeet field next Sunday, September 8, for the fall shooting season. Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

## Choose Elevated Express Highway for Grand River

A limited access elevated roadway has been selected as the answer to traffic congestion on Grand River avenue, reports this week from the State Highway Department indicated.

Preliminary work, consisting of aerial photographs of the street, is already in progress. The elevated roadway was one of four plans under consideration by the Department. Field studies of traffic volume and origin and destination of vehicles along Grand River were conducted during July and August under the direction of J. M. Kovick, special assignment engineer.

The proposed Grand River Expressway should not use, but should be roughly parallel to the present avenue, according to Murray D. Van Wagoner, highway commission, who is taking steps to increase the use of the present street would only add to the congestion.

## Township Water Systems Increase

The interest in Farmington Township welfare which brought about the approval of a Township water plan by which residents in the southeastern section of the Township will receive City of Detroit water is being reflected in Townships throughout Michigan according to a report issued by the Michigan Department of Health.

Water mains are following home building outside of cities, so that children, children of convenience and public health is being met, says the Department. Township boards in the last year have set up water districts which have spent a million dollars on water plants costing from \$50,000 to \$250,000 each. The state now has 21 water works built under township authority, ten of them completed during the 1940 fiscal year.

**Most Near Cities**  
"Our engineering bureau reports that these township water district plans are serving from a hundred to several thousand persons," says Dr. H. Allen Moyer, State Health Commissioner. "Most of the areas served are adjacent to or at least near city limits." The movement of water has been shown by the 1940 census has created many health problems in residential communities built up near cities. Fundamental sanitation requires a safe water supply and a proper disposal of sewage and waste. The growth of township water systems has come in answer to this need and also in response to such demands as those for fire protection.

"Another development in the problem of providing sanitation facilities to suburban or isolated communities is the new willingness of some cities to be cooperative. Some cities are selling water and providing outside service for practically the same rate as charged to city residents," said Dr. Moyer.

**Many Have Own System**  
No incorporated town of 1,000 population in Michigan is now without its own public water supply, and many of the smaller incorporated places in the state now have their own system. Several of these were completed during the last fiscal year. No sewerage system has yet been built by a township district.

In recent years township boards have been using principally in financing township water district plans, so that property taxes have not been affected. The older plans were built on bond issues which were a charge against all property in the water district.

Ten township plans completed during the 1940 fiscal year are: Carrollton, Zilwaukee and Bridgeport, near Saginaw; Burton south of Flint; and Beetham north of Flint. Two and Waterford near Pontiac; Milford south of Kalamazoo; Big Rapids in Ontonagon county; and Eagle River in Keweenaw county.

The Farmington Township water plan will furnish water to residents in a sector bounded on the east by Inkster Road, on the south by Eight Mile Road, on the west by Middlebelt Road, and on the north by Shawansaw avenue.

**No Cost To Township**  
There will be no cost to the Township at large, and the bonds will be paid off by the users, by an addition to the regular water bill.

on Detroit's heaviest traveled artery, he pointed out. The alley parallel to Grand River, and blighted areas near it, as well as a possible downtown terminus along Second boulevard from Grand River to Jefferson, are being considered in order to cut right-of-way costs, he said.

The highway department and City of Detroit are completing a 10-year \$20,000,000 program of widening Woodward, Michigan and Grand avenues and now can start planning an expressway program, said the commissioner.

"Improvements now being finished are on radial arteries that were from 60 to 90 feet wide," he said. "Grand River, already 100 feet wide, was left over later because you first must have good surface facilities before expressways can function properly."

"Express motorways discharge huge volumes of traffic at terminal points. There must be a means of handling and traffic when it reaches ground level. The downtown parking problem also is involved here, and we are working with the Detroit traffic engineering bureau toward a solution of this question."

The highway department's Detroit traffic surveys of the last year are part of its plan to ask Federal aid on expressway projects, Van Wagoner added. "Federal grants never are made on the basis of vague plans," he said. "Traffic counts must show a definite need for a project, and the solution must be offered in detailed form."

"Michigan almost invariably has been a data in Federal funded plans for new projects the moment Federal funds became available. By this method of advance planning we have received over \$70,000,000 in Federal grants in seven years."

The highway department is pioneering in the use of aerial photography to replace the usual field surveys in plans for the express motorway.

An aerial picture 154 feet long, covering a 14-mile stretch of Grand River from downtown to Telegraph Road, is being placed together on a scale of 40 feet to the inch. The finished "mosaic strip map" will show all existing structures for 300 feet on each side of Grand River. It also includes telegraph poles and manholes visible in the street, thus giving valuable data on location of public utility lines.

Taken in a few days at a cost of \$800 in Federal funds, the photographs do efficiently and accurately the work that would have required the outlay of \$5,000 for four months of surveying by a crew of 12 field workers plus the services of two draftsmen, said Van Wagoner. The pictures were taken at a height of 3,000 feet. They are carefully being matched together in the manner of a jigsaw puzzle. The exact location of each photo is used because a certain amount of distortion appears around the edges.

To determine the exact scale, a field worker measured distances on each side of Grand River as from curbs to curbs. This measurement is applied to the photo of a particular section in enlarging it to proper ratio.

Since Grand River's width seldom varies, only a few of such field measurements are needed. The highway department as early as 1924 took aerial photos as a guide in planning new roads, but the present project is the first in which the scale can be exact enough to replace field surveys entirely.

## Bright Marquee Lights Attract Attention

Activity around the front of the new Civic Theatre, as late as 11 p. m. can be explained by the interest that is being shown by the people who wish to admire the new theatre. For the last week, marquee lights have been burning every night, throwing a brilliant display of lighting. Because of the ultra modern design, the neon and electric lights can be seen from a great distance on Grand River. The theatre is scheduled to open around the early part of September.

The tongue of the Just is as choice silver; the heart of the wicked is little worth.—Proverbs 10:20

## Expect 400 Students to Register

A new high school enrollment in both Farmington high school and grade school is anticipated when school opens September 10, according to Superintendent O. V. Duncel. Mr. Duncel said he expected the high school enrollment to reach 400 this year, with increases in all four grades.

At the end of the school term this spring there were approximately 350 students enrolled. At the start of school last fall the registration was about 380. This was an increase over the year before, when Mr. Duncel bases his estimation on the registration this fall on the records for the past years which show that the school population grows each year with about the same percentage over the year before.

**School Better Equipped**  
The school will be better equipped to take care of the increase this year than in recent years, Mr. Duncel said. A remodeling of several classrooms is providing two extra rooms. This will cut down considerably the number of students in certain overcrowded classrooms. Also the faculty has been enlarged by two teachers this year.

The cafeteria, located in the gymnasium-auditorium building will be in operation during the coming year, although at the beginning of the year it is likely that only milk will be provided. The lunchroom will be supervised by members of the home economics classes and additional items will be added after the classes get organized.

**Bible Classes Added**  
It has been announced that Bible classes will be taught in three grades this year for the first time. This is being done through the cooperation of the Methodist, Salem Evangelical, and Baptist churches. Students of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will take weekly courses in Bible study under the direction of both Farmington, of Northville, Miss Livingston is a graduate of the University of Texas and of the Southwestern Bible Seminary of Fort Worth.

All teachers will meet at 10 a. m. Monday, September 3, at the school. Miss Livingston will report for registration on Tuesday. Registration has been carried on throughout the past week and it is expected that by Tuesday all students will have completed their enrollment so that regular classes may begin Wednesday.

**Add New Subjects**  
New courses will be included in the library science under the supervision of the new librarian, Miss Florence Russ, and open only to juniors and seniors. Another new course is the one in mechanical drawing which will be a prerequisite for shop work. It will be taught by Donald Sackler, who takes over this year as industrial arts instructor.

Also new to the school curriculum is the second year bookkeeping course and the business education class, the latter to be taught by Colch Paul Shoemaker and Miss Marian Hazeltine, a newcomer to the faculty.

## KIWANIS CLUB ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION

An informal round-table meeting was held by the Kiwanis Club Wednesday evening, with only those members present who were planning to attend the State Kiwanis Convention in Port Huron Thursday evening. There was no speaker or entertainer, and the regular luncheon was suspended.

It was expected that the majority of members would be a part of the group of Farmington Kiwanians who were to go to Port Huron in a group Thursday evening to attend the opening day of the Convention. The group planned to leave Farmington at 4 p. m. Thursday and return after activities closed for that evening. Delegates will remain there for the full three days of the convention.

A regular meeting will be held next Wednesday evening. The program will be under the direction of Dick Taylor.

## FALL CLASSES OPEN

Mrs. Florence Edgar, teacher of piano, announces the beginning of the fall term, September 9. Private or group instruction. Phone 352.

## Bicycle Accident Draws Warning from De Vriendt

An accident which occurred in Farmington Friday evening in which two young men on a bicycle were struck by a car has prompted Deputy Joseph DeVriendt to issue strong words of warning to cyclists. The two were Charles Morgan, 21, a worker on the John Alldredge and East Taylor, 13, of 23450 Miller street.

According to DeVriendt the two were riding double on the bicycle, with no lights or reflectors on the bicycle. The accident occurred on Grand River near Shawwood when the bicycle was struck from the rear by a car driven by Jay Vanderlip, 21312 St. Francis, Farmington Township.

Taken to Hospital  
Morgan, the more seriously injured of the two, was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital, suffering from a broken leg and a possible skull fracture. The younger boy escaped with minor scratches and abrasions, and was released from the hospital. Vanderlip was not held to be responsible and was released. He told DeVriendt that he could not see the bicycle as he came over the hill and was unable to stop in time to miss it.

"This should be a lesson to all who ride bicycles," declared DeVriendt. "It's against the law and dangerous besides to ride a bike without lights. There should be a electric light on the front and a reflector on the rear. These are required by law."

**Must Obey Traffic Rules**  
"I've had a lot of complaints from drivers who have nearly struck bicyclists because they couldn't see them in the dark. The law also states that bicycle riders must obey all the traffic laws laid down for motorists, and that means riding on the right hand side of the street, and stopping for all signals and stop signs."

"It is illegal for two to ride on one bicycle, and riders are requested to pedal in single file and close the curb. Weaving in and out through traffic lanes is a good way to get hit by a car."

Traffic authorities urge parents to cooperate by insisting that their children obey these rules while on their bikes.

## DANCE AND RALLY FRIDAY EVENING AT TOWN HALL

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the dance and rally to be held in the Farmington Town Hall Friday evening, September 6. The affair is scheduled to start at eight o'clock, and is being sponsored by the Young Republican's Club of Farmington.

Several attractions are offered to the public, including the presence of O. L. Smith, gubernatorial candidate. Also attending will be Republican candidates for County offices, Archie G. Leonard will act as Master of Ceremonies, and will introduce the candidates.

An orchestra will be provided to furnish music for dancing, and refreshments will be served.

## HELMUTH RINGLE DIES AT HOME

The death of Helmut Ringle, brother of Mrs. Edith Price, occurred following a heart attack last Tuesday, at his home on Seven Mile Road near Northville. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Mr. Ringle formerly lived in Farmington and had many friends in this area. Surviving are his widow and six children, one brother and four sisters.

## Shoppers Taking Advantage Of New Fall Bargains

With most of the merchants in Farmington and the surrounding area preparing their stores for the fall season, there are bargains galore for the thrifty-minded shopper. It will pay to make an early visit to the stores before the best things have been sold, because while stocks are large, the items you want may be the first to go.

Now is an excellent time to purchase clothes, you'll want for Fall and Winter, and F. L. Cook and Company is an excellent place to get them. The new Fall styles are in and these who come first will get the best.

When winter comes and cold winds blow, you won't want those cold winds blowing around inside your house. A faulty furnace lets Old Man Winter come right into your home, so why not be sure everything is in working order right now. Call Dickerson Hardware and have them vacuum clean your furnace. You'll find a clean furnace will give a lot more heat.

A big fall event is due to occur in Farmington within the next week or so when the new Civic Theatre has its grand opening. Patrons will see the best shows, while seated in comfortable, new style seats.

For the added convenience of their customers, Von Burg's Jewellery Shop, in Redford, are completely remodeling the interior of their store. Meanwhile business is going on as usual.

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**"Susan and God" Coming**  
A play which became famous in its long run on Broadway comes to the Redford Theatre screen beginning Thursday. It's "Susan and God" co-starring Joan Crawford and Frederic March, supported by a large cast. The companion feature is "Till We Meet Again" with George Brent and Marie Oberon.

**Time to Change**  
When the seasons change that means its time to change the label in your car. Don't take chances—have this job done by experts. Take your car to Burnett Bros. service station for greasing and lubrication with Sinclair products.

School bells will be ringing soon and you'll want your children to start things off right with clean, neat clothes. Send their clothing to Greene's Cleaners for prompt, efficient service.

The new automatic A-B gas range on sale at Consumers Power Co. is an all-season range. Summer or winter it's tops in the kitchen and right now the prices are lower than ever. You can own one for as little as \$55.00 and your old range.

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**Probate Judge (non-partisan)**  
Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Edmund J. Donohue.

**Circuit Court Commissioner**  
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## Voters Will Cast Ballots On Tuesday

Residents of Farmington City and Township will step up to the polls Tuesday to cast their ballots in the general primary election. Since this is the "old year" for City and Township elections there will be no local offices filled.

In addition to the nomination of candidates voters will be asked to select delegates to county conventions. There will be as many delegates chosen as the ward, precinct or district is entitled to under the call of the county committees of said political parties, which number will be indicated by the number of blank lines printed on the official primary ballots used at the election, under the heading "Delegates to County Conventions."

Candidates will be nominated for ten county offices and six state and district offices. The county offices are: Judge of Probate, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Circuit Court Commissioner, Drain Commissioner, Coroner and Surveyor.

The State and District offices are Governor, Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Representative in the State Legislature.

**List of Candidates**  
Following is a list of candidates: County Clerk—Republican, Lynn D. Allen, Charles K. Lawson; Democrat, Charles G. Richardson, Clyde E. Johnson.

Register of Deeds—Republican, Orrin T. McQuaid, unopposed; Democrat, Bruce Buchanan; Mrs. Mollie Jewell.

County Treasurer—Republican, Charles A. Sparks, unopposed; Democrat, Theodor E. Degenhardt, Paul Nelson.

Sheriff—Republican, John R. Westenberg, Spencer C. Howarth; Democrat, Samuel G. Backus, Joseph S. Sestrom.

Prosecuting Attorney—Republican, Charles L. Wilson, unopposed; Democrat, Franklin E. Morris, Frank H. Perrin.

Two Coroners to be Named  
Coroner (two to be nominated)—Republican, Burton M. Mitchell, M. D., Charles A. Mooney, M. D., Charles H. Benning, M. D., Leon F. Cobb, M. D., Fred T. Reid, M. D., Vincent H. Russell, M. D.; Democrat, Alexander Brown, M. D., M. Lewis, M. D., Morrell M. Jones, M. D.

County Surveyor—Republican, Clair L. Johnson, unopposed; Democrat, C. Glenn Silver, George C. Holsapple.

Drain Commissioner—Republican, Earl L. Clark, unopposed; Democrat, William R. Hahn, unopposed.

State Senator—Republican, Ralph T. Keeling, George P. McCallum; Democrat, Bernard W. Butler, Olin H. Johnson, Russell A. Webb.

State Representative—(1st district) Republican, George M. Higgins; Democrat, George S. Horkey; (2nd district) Republican, Robert W. Hodge, Maurice M. Groub, Chester E. Taylor, David A. Molen, Edmund P. Verkes; Democrat, Clark J. Adams, unopposed.

**Governor**  
Governor—Republican, Loren D. Dickinson, Ernest T. Conlon, Charles Renaud, Milton Duncel, Melville B. McPherson, O. L. Smith, Arthur E. Moore, Arthur E. Wood, James L. Murphy, Anthony L. Wilkowski.

United States Representative—Republican, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Bowen R. Gower; Democrat, Sid A. Erwin, Michael E. Hart, Ralph W. Liddy, Louis B. Ward, Frank Fitzgerald.