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**FOUNDING HAMMERS**...  
It is not in the ears of many Farmington folks, as this business of building a house, or a store, or perhaps putting up a garage or making some improvement on the present buildings, is really making some headway. If you don't believe it, just look at the new homes and buildings that are going on around town, and all through the Township. There is nothing slow about the way they are putting up houses hereabouts.

**THE SENIORS**...  
looked mighty sharp indeed after "swingout" last week, when they appeared in their caps and gowns for the first time. Quite a few of them were about town later in the afternoon and they looked very well indeed. As many of the seniors should. The entire community wishes them just heaps of good luck, and success in whatever they may do. It seems awfully nice, too, to see some of our boys and girls back home for the summer vacations from schools and colleges. We really miss them all through the year.

**THE MOSQUITOES**...  
are thicker than thick... as we had a bunch they would be, following all the weathers of spring. Much as we love to be out of doors, and much as we enjoy a picnic, we find it pretty hard to stay to enjoy anything when the mosquitoes are so bent on having a good feast. One good thing about the really hot weather is the fact that it does get rid of the mosquitoes. At any rate, it has been a genuinely appreciated sun that has been shining for us these past few days, and we are indeed grateful.

**TOMORROW**...  
be Lucky Friday, the 13th. We sincerely hope that it proves to be but we won't go out of our way to walk under any ladders, or drop a mirror just to see if it will break. One never knows, though... this may be Lucky Friday, the 13th. We sincerely hope that it proves to be just that for you.

**WALKING**...  
is one of the best possible forms of exercise, or so we have always been lead to believe. You owe it to yourself to get a little exercise, however, but not just in the form of getting a little exercise. Farmington is truly lovely right now, with the grass all as green as can be, and the trees so full and dense. The fragrance of flowering shrubs and flowers hangs heavy on the air, and everything seems to have on it's best face, looking so fresh and crisp. You will want to walk down the City Park, also, and look over the new beds of shrubs that have just been set out. We have a lovely park - let's enjoy it.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**...  
is Flag Day. All we realize and appreciate the beauty of the American Flag - we feel it every time we see it waving on high from some lofty pole, and we feel it every time we see it heading some parade. We feel it every time we see a tassel-headed little youngster grab a small flag in his sticky fingers. We appreciate our Flag more today than we have in the past - perhaps because so many of our young men and women have been engaged in a war, just to make sure that our Flag keeps right on waving. Perhaps it is because so many others seem to have devotion to our Flag, and our way of living. It only makes the Flag seem so beautiful to us Americans - and makes us more determined to keep it right on waving on high!

**YOUR FAVORITE MAN**...  
is going to be honored this Sunday, for it is Father's Day. If anybody deserves a special day, it's Dad, so remember him with something or in some way that shows your appreciation. He's always a little embarrassed about the fuss that's made over him on Father's Day, while he might prefer to like it, don't let him kid you. He loves every kiss and every gift that says, "Thanks loads, Dad!"

**YOU MAY GET VERY TIRED**...  
of hearing me tell you to be careful, of seeing safety posters, of reading articles on safety in your papers and magazines. But it is much better, my friend, that you should get very, very tired of having safety preached to you, than for you to be dead. Dead, like hundreds of thousands are. Dead of somebody's carelessness. Dead because somebody forgot. Every day we have many stellar examples of carelessness, but every day we shrug them off like so much water. It's extremely difficult to really drive home a lesson, until some catastrophe drives it home - after it's too late. Courtesy prevents accidents. Please try to keep that in mind the next time you take your automobile out of the garage - and every time after that.

**VACATION BEGINS**...  
in earnest for the boys and girls of the Farmington Township School District, for this Friday they get their report cards, and there is no more school for them until next September. Many of the boys and girls are going to have a great vacation. Much as we are inclined to envy them a little bit, I rather suspect we would be yearning to be back "on the job" much before September rolled around.

**THE GRAND RIVER CUT-OFF**...  
has a blacktop surface, and it certainly improves driving. The surface has been put on from Farmington Road to the East end of the Cut-Off. The winter weather had been pretty hard on the pavement.

## Novi Raises Fund For Civic Center

Novi residents contributed \$1024.63 towards a community center when the entire town turned out Wednesday, June 4 for a jamboree and circus.

Jointly sponsored by the Community Council and the Board of Commerce, the all-day affair was in charge of Mr. Robert Davis and Mr. Kenneth Cook, respective presidents of the two organizations.

The recreational community groups participating in the fund-raising drive employed various promotion ideas. The largest amount earned was \$437.50, made by selling tickets to a local basketball game at the Clark subdivision. Miss Evelyn Clark of Farmington held the winning ticket for the lot.

The Blue Star Mothers, directed by their president, Mrs. Miller, of Wallace Lake, sold ice-cream and pop while the Mother's Club under president Mrs. Zeta Tuck sold ham-burgers, hot dogs and pop.

Noble Guard Mrs. Doris Darling and the Rebekahs made fried cakes and served them with hot coffee. In the evening the Oddfellows joined with the Rebekahs to hold a games party.

The City Scouts under Mrs. Mary Jennings and assisted by Mrs. Mary Skellenger, sold balloons to aid in the drive while the Boy Scouts, directed by Mr. Robert Skellenger, handled the parking of cars.

Under the spirit of the jamboree, Mr. Fred Munson, service station operator, used his popcorn machine to raise his share of money for the community center.

There will be a V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting on June 13. The June party will be held June 25.

## School Board To Plan Long-Term Building Program

Half-Day Sessions May Be Necessary

Farmington's School District is again faced with a serious housing shortage for the coming year. Superintendent Q. E. Dunkel discussed Monday evening at the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District.

New school census figures and preliminary checks by school officials indicate a marked increase in enrollment by September of 1947. Dunkel pointed out that these surveys are concerned with only those children now in the district. "We don't know, of course, how many more may move into the district before September."

This increase on top of already over-crowded conditions constitutes a serious situation, Dunkel continued. Reports show that 176 children at the present time are ready to start kindergarten next fall. A corresponding increase is expected in all the grades, particularly the lower ones.

Dunkel stated that the highest expected enrollment in the Bond School would be in the second grade, however, he added that the situation on the basis of present figures, the situation can be met there satisfactorily. The situation is critical, however, at the William Grace School. The first, second and third grades are much too tight for satisfactory instruction. Dunkel recommended that either temporary housing be found or that the program be put on half-day sessions.

The situation can be met for the present at the Noble School, Dunkel stated. Farmington is still short two badly needed classrooms, in spite of the recent four classroom addition.

Mr. G. V. Harrison, principal of the Farmington High School, stated that all available space is being used in the high school, including the auditorium. He stated that enrollment expected next fall will not be sufficient classroom space with present housing. Miss Minnie Zieke, principal of the elementary schools, reported to the Board because of over-crowded classrooms elementary students are not getting the individual attention they need to satisfactorily complete their assignments. She stated that in some cases, in one classroom, as many as 40 students were held back because they could not pass. Miss Zieke stated that this was largely due to the fact that teachers are not able to give individual attention to each child in a class that they could not help those having difficulty.

Dunkel suggested either renovating of West Farmington and expanding of the Bond School space, which would require the transfer of students; the securing of temporary quarters or resorting to half-day sessions. He added that the Board should consider the latter or desirable but that something would have to be done to meet the situation.

After some discussion the Board agreed to a recommendation to select an architect and begin work on a long range building program for Farmington schools, to be submitted to the people for consideration. (Continued on Page Twelve)

## "Chuck" Gronlund To Play In Chicago

Charles Gronlund, Junior High marimba, was invited this week to appear on the program of the 32nd Annual Convention of Kiwanis International in Chicago, June 23 through July 3. The invitation was extended by Earl P. Thomas, chairman of music for Kiwanis International. The music committee of the Farmington Kiwanis Club are making arrangements for Charles' appearance in Chicago. Eileen Whitehead, Junior at Farmington High School, will accompany him.

Chuck, as he is known to his friends, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gronlund of 2218 Telegraph Road. He has studied marimba with Lloyd Smith, Farmington Band Director, for two and a half years, and also plays tenor saxophone, cornet, and trombone. Last April 18, he participated in the Michigan High School solo festival in Ann Arbor, and earned the "Blue Chipper" which is the top rating given.

Several Farmington Kiwanians and their wives will be present at the Chicago Convention. Attending will be President Trace Conroy and Mrs. Conroy, Vice President Ray Elchler and Mrs. Elchler, Past Lieutenant Governor Joseph Himmelsbach and Mrs. Himmelsbach, and Music Chairman Lloyd Smith and Mrs. Smith.

Last year's convention in Atlantic City was attended by 10,000 Kiwanians. This year's convention is expected to set a record attendance with Kiwanians attending from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The theme of the convention is to be, "Build for Peace, Patriotism, Opportunity."



CHARLES GRONLUND

## Jaycees Complete Park Planting

Over 200 shrubs and trees were planted in the City Park Saturday by members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, Robert Smith, chairman of the project, announced this week.

The shrubs which were purchased by the City were planted in ten separate beds throughout the park. The Jaycees were asked to plant the shrubs after learning that the City was having difficulty securing sufficient help to carry out the work.

Miss and Mrs. Milne, co-chairmen, had landscape architects, laid out the beds and supervised the planting. A wide variety of shrubs were put in. The work was done in a heavy downpour of rain. The shrub planting was completed Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the shrubs purchased by the City, the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce has changed the dogwood which were planted in the wooded areas across the river from the main park area.

The purpose for planting the shrubs is to beautify the park and make available more area for picnics, tables and stoves.

At the annual election of officers held Monday evening, Roy Erdmann was elected second vice-president, to take the place of Roy Newell, who resigned to Lansing. All other officers were re-elected for the year 1947-48. Because the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized in February, the election of officers had completed a full term.

## BOYS FOUND GUILTY OF VANDALISM

Three boys, the oldest one 13 years of age, were brought into the Farmington Police Department, to answer charges of vandalism, last Sunday evening. Two of the young men, 9 and 12 years of age, were brothers, and both are students of Northville schools. The third boy, who was visiting the brothers, was from Garden City.

The boys were attending the Civic Theatre, and had been sitting in the balcony. They had been cutting the leather upholstery on the seats and throwing the stuffings over the balcony railing down onto the audience below. They readily admitted their guilt, and knives were found on both of the brothers. The boys were called for by their mother, and payment was made for damages.

## Election Held At Clarenceville

More interest by residents of the district was shown this year in the election of school board trustees and the annual meeting of the Clarenceville School District, than for several years past. A total of 119 ballots was cast in the election, and a good crowd attended the annual meeting held at 8:00 p.m. Monday evening, June 9, in the High School building.

Present School Board members were re-elected without exception. Hubert Earle and Harold Hoppe were returned to the Board for three year terms. Mr. Earle received 100 votes and Mr. Hoppe, 98.

A content developed over the election of a trustee for two years, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Helen Hartsenelson, who resigned from the Board after being elected last year. Mr. George Teshan has been serving as a trustee, and sought election for the short term.

He was opposed by Mr. William Lawton, who ran as a sticker candidate. Mr. Teshan was elected by a vote of 69 to 42.

The annual reports of Secretary A. P. Hedley and Treasurer Hubert Earle were read at the annual meeting, and discussion was held on several of the items. The members of the District voted to keep the Farmington State Bank as depository for the funds.

A controversial discussion was held regarding the length of the school term, and the advisability of having a ten-month term which would generally be in force through out the State. The matter was left up to the discretion of the School Board.

The meeting voted a 50 per cent increase in the salaries of the members of the Board of Education. In view of the fact that a building program is contemplated very shortly, the Board members voted to give additional time to the administration of school affairs.

At the organization meeting of the School Board, held immediately following the annual meeting, Mr. Henry P. Brockton was named president and Hubert Earle and A. D. Hedley were re-elected treasurer and secretary, respectively. Harold Hoppe and George Teshan are the two trustees.

## Two Injured In Grand River Crash

Traffic accidents continued to take their toll in the Farmington area as two more persons were injured Sunday evening in a two car crash on U.S. 16, just west of the Grand River Cut-Off.

The accident occurred about 10:00 Sunday evening when a car driven by John I. Krogol, 9629 Sorrento, Detroit, collided with a car driven by William R. Hetrick, 831 Chapin Avenue, Birmingham. Witnesses stated that Krogol, while trying to pass another car, forced Hetrick's car off on the shoulder where they collided. Hetrick's car overturned.

Hetrick was taken to Redford Receiving hospital suffering from lacerations of the right arm and face. Daniel Donnelly, 12 years old, riding with Hetrick also was injured. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital where he was treated for lacerations and bruises.

One Farmington girl was seriously injured in a traffic accident Wednesday morning that took the lives of two women when a jeep in which they were riding left the road and plunged over an embankment on Novi Road near Eight Mile Road.

Miss Lou Green, 22, of 34500 Seven Mile Road, Farmington, was taken to Sessions Hospital, Northville, suffering from head and internal injuries. Mrs. Joyce Clark, 22, 703 Knowles Avenue, Royal Oak, and her sister, Mrs. Jacqueline Hartzel, 21, of Plymouth, were killed and Thomas Martin, 20, of Plymouth, was injured.

According to police the jeep, driven by Martin, was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed when it left the pavement, plunged down an embankment and shot across a stream, overturning on the opposite bank.

Miss Green was thrown clear of the jeep and after gaining consciousness was able to crawl to the road where she was seen by a passing motorist who summoned aid. She is reported in a serious condition.

The Grand River Cut-Off, Farmington Road intersection, was the scene of another accident Thursday afternoon, June 6. According to police, Fred Stewart of Clarkston, traveling north on Farmington Road, allegedly failed to stop for the Cut-Off and was struck by a truck. Although Stewart's car was badly damaged no one was injured in the collision.

## Commission Approves Budget Allowing City Improvements

Inspection Made Of Farmington Post Office

Postmaster Norman G. Lee announced Wednesday that the inspection of the Farmington Post Office which was anticipated several weeks ago was made last Thursday and the report has been sent to Washington.

The inspection, called by the Post Office Department, is for the purpose of gathering information concerning a new post office building for Farmington.

Inspection of possible building sites was made Thursday by the Inspector. A check was made of the number of square feet required. Information was also gathered as to the amount of mail, cash transactions and receipts.

Farmington has been recommended along with a number of other cities in this area for a new Post Office building. This recommendation was made by the Post Office Department several months ago. However, due to the increased population in this area, and the inadequate quarters now occupied by the post office, efforts are being made to secure a new building as soon as possible.

After a great deal of consideration and careful planning, the City Commission approved the budget for the City of Farmington for 1947-48, the regular meeting held Wednesday night.

It was necessary to increase the cost of operation in several departments, to allow for the greater cost of materials and labor. Also, several improvements that have been delayed during the past few years, due to shortages and high costs, have now become necessities, and they must be taken care of within the next year.

Some sewer repair must be done on State Street, and two catch basins are to be installed on the intercepter. In the last year alone approximately \$400 was spent to keep the system open and this expense will be eliminated by the installation of the catch basins.

Sewer repair, amounting to almost \$1000, is to be replaced by a system, on Wilmhurst and Macomb must be done this summer as the present system is inadequate to take care of this section.

The approach to Grand River from the south on Oakland Avenue, and Farmington Road, north of Grand River, to a point eight feet north of Thomas Street, will be paved with concrete. Engineers have deemed this the only means of repairing Farmington Road that will prove satisfactory.

The allowance to the Farmington City and Township Library is to be increased from \$800 to \$1000. The Library Board requested this additional sum, in view of the probable reduction in State Aid, since a large portion of the Sales Tax revenue is being returned to local municipalities.

It is estimated that the above work will total approximately \$100,000 over budgetary allotments, and to take care of this work without borrowing, the tax rate in the city has been increased two mills, making the levy at the rate of 17 mills. The 15 mill rate has remained unchanged for the past twelve years, up until the present time.

Under pressure from the State of Michigan regarding sewage disposal for the City of Farmington, the Commission authorized City Engineer Hayden to proceed with preliminary drawings and design for the sewage disposal plant for the city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beard appeared before the Commission and requested the extension of Macomb Street through to Gill Road. Since certain questions of property interest are involved, the matter will be settled before any definite agreement could be made, a decision was deferred until the next meeting of the Commission.

Supervisors of Schools O. E. Dunkel proposed to the Commission the planning of a summer recreation program to be sponsored jointly by the School District, the City and the Township of Farmington. Mr. Dunkel suggested the possibility of hiring a part time teacher, trained in recreational work, who would direct the program during the summer months, as well as plan recreational activities throughout the year. It is expected that further information will be available before the next Commission meeting, and possibly some action can be taken on this program.

Upon motion by Howard Otis, supported by Kenn Loomis, the City Clerk, was instructed to write the Junior Chamber of Commerce, pressing the City's appreciation for the service these young men did the City in planting the shrubs and trees in the City Park. Their service during the past several years, as well as the splendid assistance given by Robert Metz, landscape architect, has been of great assistance to the City.

Mrs. Edward Stromski, Edward Stromski, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Strom, all of Wayne, were callers at the M. E. Ault home Thursday evening.

## Ask Extension Of Macomb Street To Gill Road

## Registration Open For School Voters

Registration of voters in the Annual Farmington Township School District election to be held Monday, July 14, was opened on Tuesday morning and will continue until Saturday, July 5.

Any person not already registered as a voter who has not been added to the Farmington School District election for the past two years may register during this period.

The Board of Education at their regular meeting Monday designated the following dates and places for registration. The Farmington High School any week day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 9 to 12 on Saturdays. The Farmington City Hall any weekday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 9 to 12 on Saturdays. Also on the last day, Saturday, July 5, both the High School and the City Hall will be open for registration from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Special Election days will be Monday, June 23, the Bond School from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at the William Grace School, Monday, June 30 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mr. Harry W. Moore, Mr. Q. E. Dunkel and Mr. G. V. Harrison have been authorized by the Board to take registrations.

The Board also appointed Mr. Arthur Lamb as chairman of the election for the July 14 election. He was authorized to select his own assistants. Election hours were set for 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The annual meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The hours of this annual meeting are set by law.

## Book Club Plans Social Evening

The ice cream social and program sponsored by the Book Club of the Methodist Church of Farmington will be given on Friday evening, June 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Present School Board members are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the pleasant evening that has been planned.

## GRADUATED



George Otis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Otis, 33069 Grand River Avenue, was graduated June 7 from Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo. He has completed his graduation requirements in the field of political science, and is now employed by Allen Electric Company in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Otis was a graduate of Farmington High School with the class of 1938. He served with the Army Ordnance Department for three and a half years before completing his education.

George is president of Century Forum Men's Society and an officer in Hoban Hall, Men's dormitory.

## MANY ATTEND METHODIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On May 25 and May 27, the First Methodist Church of Farmington celebrated the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the church, with a Sunday morning service at which Bishop Raymond J. Wade was the preacher, and in the evening a fine musical program, with Dr. Sidney D. E. of Detroit as speaker.

On Tuesday, May 27, an anniversary dinner was given in the church dining room, with A. G. Leonard, as toastmaster, introduced Floyd Nicholson, pastor of the church, and an informative talk on the history of the Methodist Church.

Miss Margaret Pierce sang "Life's Love Things" and the charming choir gave three fine musical numbers.

Dr. Sidney D. E. delivered a splendid address, "Tomorrow Is A Lovely Day."

A delicious turkey dinner was served to 130 guests by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The dining room was beautifully decorated for the seasonal occasion, and the celebration was a most interesting and enjoyable anniversary. The church members and friends can renew their faith by remembering the devotion of those who founded the church in 1829, who were the first to plant the seed, and those who enlarged it in 1878. The church home burned in 1920, but the members resolutely kept the task of building a new church, which now stands at the corner of Warner and Grand River Avenue, and is indeed a complete and an inspiration to the entire community.

## Girl Scout Day Camp Opens Monday

Everything is now in readiness for the Day Camp, which will be held under the sponsorship of the Farmington Council of Girl Scouts, for five days next week, June 16 through June 20, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The camp will be held at the Boy Scout Camp, located at Inlander and Nine Mile Road, and will be held rain or shine. In the event of rain the day's activities will be held in the First Baptist Church, which has been kindly offered for the use of the girls.

Each year the Girl Scout Council arranges for a day camp for the girls of the community between the ages of 7 and 16, the opportunity to enjoy the adventures and experiences of camp, even though they do not have the opportunity to attend a regularly established camp. Outdoor fun, nature lore, handicraft and camping under adult supervision are all included in the day camp program.

The charge of registration is just \$1.00 for the five days, and this includes the cost of craft materials, milk and transportation. Two buses will be used to take the girls to the camp, and return them home at night. One bus will leave William Grace School at 9:00 a.m., stopping at Grand River and Lakewood, Farmington High School, then proceeding down Farmington Road to Eight Mile Road, where the girls will be taken to Grand River Cut-Off, down Cut-Off to Grand River to Middlebelt, and on to the camp. The second bus will leave Bond School at 9:00 a.m., stopping at Orchard Lake and Twelve Mile, Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile, Orchard Lake and Ten Mile, then down Ten Mile to Middlebelt, stopping at Noble School and Middlebelt and Nine Mile, and then on to the camp. Girls wishing to take the bus may be picked up at any of the above stops, or they may flag the bus en route for the first morning. They should alight at the stop at which they wish to take the bus at nine o'clock, or very shortly thereafter, in order to get a ride.

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