

Meeting Of New City Planning Group Scheduled

Organization Session Planned For February

An organization meeting of the newly appointed Farmington City Planning Commission is expected to be held within the next two weeks, Mayor Kenn Loomis stated Monday.

Loomis added that members of the Commission will be notified in writing of the date and place of the meeting. The Mayor stated that efforts are being made to hold the meeting as early as possible. The ordinance establishing the new planning commission became effective on February 2.

The first order of business for the new Planning Commission will be the appointment of a chairman and the setting up of terms of office for the six citizen members. It is expected that the initial steps of procedure will also be discussed in brief. According to the ordinance the chairman shall be appointed from the six citizen members and will serve for a term of one year with eligibility for re-election.

THE COMMISSION consists of nine members, including the Mayor, City Manager, and one Councilman, as ex-officio members plus one member of the zoning appeal board and five members at large. The terms of the Mayor, Councilman and Zoning Board member shall correspond to their official terms of office. The term of the City Manager shall terminate when he shall cease to be City Manager. The terms of the other members shall be staggered on a three-year, two-year and one-year basis.

Members of the commission are: Kenn Loomis, mayor; James Tennant, City Manager; James Cavanaugh, Councilman; Bayard Tupper, member of Zoning Board; Ray Fend, Frank Nichols, V. O. Bates, James Tagg and Louis Nolan.

Meetings of the Commission shall be held once a month and are open to the public.

Still Need Money Citizens Answer Dutch Relief Call

Clothing left at the Farmington office of the Detroit Edison Company for Holland flood victims was taken to the Dutch Relief Center in Detroit Tuesday for shipment overseas.

Harley Walters, manager of the Farmington office, stated that a large quantity of clothing was received from local residents during the past week. Edison officials throughout the southeastern part of the state served as clearing houses for the Dutch relief program.

Edison officials announced Monday that because of the tremendous response to the appeal, no additional clothing is needed.

Persons who want to contribute money to the Netherlands Relief program may do so through the new Clarenceville branch of the National Bank of Detroit at Grand River and Eight Mile.

P.T.A. To Hear Judge Edwards

The Farmington Parent Teachers Association will hold its annual Founders' Day Banquet next Tuesday evening, February 17, in the Farmington High School gymnasium beginning at 6:15 p.m.

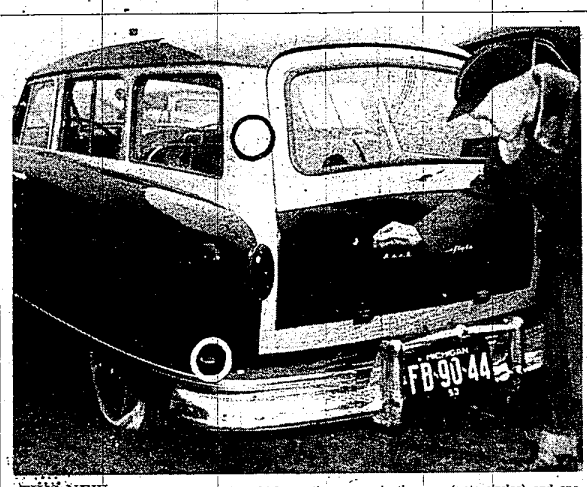
The master of ceremonies, Dr. Harold Soderquist, will introduce the main speaker, Judge George Edwards, former Councilman of the City of Detroit. Judge Edwards has an active career in public service both in government and in civil activities. He is intensely interested in the welfare of schools and boys and girls. His topic for the evening will be "The Future Needs of Delinquent Children."

Mr. Byron Runde, historian of the P. T. A., will introduce the speaker. The dinner will be a potluck affair with the food furnished by parents and members of the P. T. A., which was organized in 1939.

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TOWNSHIP TO VOTE MONDAY PRIMARY ELECTION



THIS NEW station wagon was the vehicle in which two fifteen year old boys led police officers on a fast chase on Saturday, February 7, at approximately 3:00 a.m. Pictured above is Tom Hitt of 15884 Wakendun pointing one of the spent .38 slugs at one of the bullet holes made by police officer's efforts to stop the pair. Three shots from police guns entered the station wagon in the rear (note circles) and one entered the right hand door. Officers fired eight shots at the fleeing car and some of the shots ricocheted from the pavement and punctured both of the rear tires. The youths were finally nabbed when they met a road block set up by police on U.S. 16 near Farmington Road.

New Farmington High School Now 60% Completed

Expect To Have Unit Ready For Use In Fall

Progress on the new Farmington High School now under construction was reported to the Farmington School Board at its regular Monday night meeting by Mr. Leo A. Henning, a representative of Eberle Smith Associates, architects of the new building.

According to Henning the job is 60 per cent complete and 58.9 per cent of the allotted time has elapsed, all of which, in the words of Mr. Henning, "puts us in good shape."

The School Board also took action in the matter of bids for furnishing laboratory equipment for the new high school building. The Board unanimously adopted a resolution to have the attorney, Mr. Archie Leonard, draw up a contract with the R. P. Smith Company of Detroit. The R. P. Smith Company is distributor for Hamilton Laboratory Furniture, which will be installed in the new building.

The contract, as set forth, incorporates a penalty clause to insure delivery by July 15. The question of the matter was raised when several of the bidders expressed inability to insure delivery of equipment, of which the sinks and ventilating fumes are constructed.

Mr. Charles Johnson, representative of the Eberle Smith Company, expressed perfect confidence that his company could make delivery by the specified date.

Superintendent of Schools O. B. (Continued on Page Eight)

Contests Assured For Trustee And Clerk On Republican Ticket

A moderate to light vote is being predicted as Farmington Township citizens prepare to go to the polls on Monday, February 16, to nominate candidates for various local offices in the Biennial Primary Election.

Two contests are assured in the election, both on the Republican ticket. The contested offices are Township Clerk and Trustees to the Township Board. There are indications that several school candidates will seek nomination which may increase the number of contests. On the basis of nominating petitions, all of the activity will be confined to the Republican ticket, as no Democratic candidates filed prior to the deadline.

Election polls will open at 7:00 a.m. on Monday and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. Voters will cast their ballots in one of the four precincts in the Township. Precinct One voters will cast their ballots at the Farmington Town Hall. Precinct Two residents will vote at the new Township Fire Hall on Wheeler Street. Voters in Precinct Three will cast their ballots at the Middlebelt School. Precinct Four residents will vote at the Bond School.

Board To Receive Furniture Bids At Clarenceville

To Open Proposals At Meeting Thursday

Sealed bids on classroom furniture and equipment for the Botsford Elementary School will be opened and read by the Clarenceville Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

Bids for the bids has been set at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12. Indications are that a number of bids will be received on the new equipment. Plans and specifications for the furniture and equipment were mailed out to all prospective bidders several weeks ago.

The furniture and equipment is to be installed in the new Botsford Elementary School as soon as it is completed. The building is expected to be ready for use with the opening of school in September.

PROPOSED PLANS, and specifications on equipment for the food section of the homemaking room as well as the kitchen for the cafeteria, the new high school addition are expected to be presented to the Board Thursday evening. The preliminary study requested by the Board regarding the equipment has been completed and the facts will be presented.

Round Up Youths At Drinking Party

Farmington and Livonia Police joined in a youth pickup party on a home at 15055 Farmington Road, Livonia, and rounded up a large group of teen-age youths who were participating in a drinking party.

Walter A. Peters, 15055 Farmington Road, was arrested by Livonia Police and charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors. Tip-off on the raid came when Farmington police picked up eleven youths, nine boys and two girls, in cars at Prospect and Shawnee about 11:00 p.m. Saturday. The youths were intoxicated and police found beer in the cars. Upon questioning, the youths informed police where they had obtained the beer and told them of the drinking party.

Farmington police took the youths into custody and immediately notified Livonia Police. Five of the youths picked up in Farmington were arraigned in Pontiac Monday and fined \$10 cost plus six months probation. The others were turned over to Livonia Police. The youths picked up by Farmington Police were all from Detroit and Dearborn.

Board Hears Protests On Proposed Changes In Township Zoning Code

Property Owners Advised That Public Hearings Will Be Called Before Final Action Is Taken

A large group of residents from various sections of the township appeared before the Board Tuesday evening to protest proposed changes in the zoning ordinance.

The suggested amendments to the ordinance were approved by the Township Board at the last regular meeting and were referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for its recommendation. It was emphasized by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, prior to the majority of the discussion, that the Zoning Board is required to hold hearings on these proposals and to advertise the date of meetings in advance. He added that following the hearings, the recommendations of the Zoning Board are referred back to the Township Board for final action.

The Zoning Board has acted on the proposals, the property owners have up to ten days to file petitions calling for a referendum vote if they desire. The same procedure is followed on the amendments as was followed in adoption of the original ordinance.

OBJECTIONS were raised on the proposed amendments changing the area extending 200 feet south of Grand River between Middlebelt and Helise Street from Commercial to Light Industrial. Objection was also raised on the amendment to change the entire Anhalt Hotel property from Grand River through to Independence from Residential to Commercial. The questions were not in the immediate foreground of objection.

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Police Capture Youths On Cut-Off After Wild Chase

Bullet Riddled Car Halted At Road Block

The wild spree of two 15 year old boys in a stolen car ended abruptly early Saturday morning on the Grand River Cut-Off near Farmington Road in a shower of bullets and a light police road block.

Both youths were injured in the chase and were treated at the Redford Receiving Hospital before being turned over to juvenile officials for investigation of auto theft and burglary. The boys confessed to stealing the almost new station wagon in Grand Rapids.

FOUR SHOTS from pursuing Detroit policemen struck the car during the chase, riddling both rear tires. The police first stopped the police began firing at the car. State Police and Sheriff's deputies were called and road blocks were set up along U. S. 16.

When the youths approached the east end of the Cut-Off they took the east-bound one-way traffic section. Police continued to chase the car as it sped the wrong way on the Cut-Off.

The youths were injured when they were forced off the highway near the road block.

March Of Dimes Total Hits \$6,090

A record \$6,090.88 was collected during the Southwest Oakland County Chapter's 1953 March of Dimes Campaign, according to James Tennant, Chapter chairman.

The total collection figure was announced at a special March of Dimes luncheon held last Friday afternoon at the Farmington Town Hall. Of the \$6,090.88 total, \$3,500.00 was collected in the Farmington area. The Clarenceville March of Dimes committee reported a collection of \$1,864.23 and \$1,026.65 was collected in the Novi area. All three communities are included in the Southwest Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Approximately 40 volunteer workers attended the luncheon Friday afternoon. Blake Ferris, Eastern Michigan representative for the March of Dimes, was the principal guest at the luncheon. Other officials were: Mrs. Ruth Parrish, executive secretary of Oakland County Chapter; Carl Peterson, chairman of Oakland County Chapter, and Pierre Dismontier, second vice-chairman of Oakland County Chapter.

Mrs. Vern Hawley headed up the drive in Clarenceville and Mrs. Fraser Staman in Novi.

World Prayer Day Services Planned

Final plans have been completed for the Annual World Day of Prayer observance in the Farmington area with special services set for Friday, February 20, at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. J. D. Guinan, pastor of the Farmington Trinity Episcopal Church, will deliver the principal address, which is entitled "The Mission of The Church". Other ministers in the Farmington area will participate in the public program which has been planned by the various women's groups of the cooperating Farmington churches.

Kenn Loomis, Mayor of the City of Farmington, has issued the following proclamation commemorating the World Day of Prayer:

"WHEREAS, there are conditions of tension and uncertainty in the world today, and it is recognized that the many problems of the world are being solved by prayer;

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Clarenceville Sets New Adult Classes

The second semester of the Clarenceville Adult Education Program will open February 12 with new classes in typing and sewing. Stanley Rife, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

The first sewing class of the new semester will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the homemaking house adjacent to the Clarenceville High School. Mrs. Rolen Rife will be the instructor. The class will be open to both beginning and advanced students.

Mrs. Helen Sessions will instruct in the typing class which will hold its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the high school building. This class is also open to both beginner and advanced students.

There are still openings in both classes. Persons are requested to call the Clarenceville school office, Farmington 2529, if they are interested in either of the classes. Actual registration will take place at the first session of the classes.

NOVI MAN NAMED COMMANDER OF MICHIGAN AMVETS

At the opening session of the Amvets' mid-winter rally, the World War II veterans' group elected Charles Trickey, Jr., of Novi Perry Kenner Post 75 as State Commander.

He succeeds Alvin E. Koller of Mt. Clemens, who resigned to become program director of Amvets with offices in Washington, D. C.

In his acceptance address, the new commander declared that "We Amvets vigorously oppose any grab that will hurt veterans generally."

"If the \$50,000,000 Veterans Trust Fund is kept intact for ten years it could bear the entire cost of all veterans' benefits at the state level."

"Keeping in mind our responsibilities as citizens first and veterans second, we of Amvets urge the general public to reserve judgment until they make a study of the suggested diversion of the trust fund as a possible means of helping balance the state budget," Commander Trickey said.

New High School Unit On Schedule

This view of the new Farmington High School now under construction was taken from the southwest corner and shows just how well the new building is taking shape. Mr. Leo A. Henning, a representative of Eberle Smith Associates, architects of the new construction, reported to the School Board Monday night that the building is 60% complete. Some primary and some secondary roofing has already been applied and temporary heat is expected to be available soon. In view of the progress made thus far, the architects say that the construction job is in "good shape."

AROUND THE BLOCK

ITEM NO. 1 . . . on the "must" list of every Farmington Township citizen next Monday, February 16, is to vote! How many times have you heard something like this before? A great many times . . . and you will probably hear it a great many more times. You may think it is pretty monotonous, but it is a responsibility we feel we owe to this community and to this nation. Voting in free elections is one of the keystones to this democracy we all enjoy. To ignore this fact, to just forget about it, is to loosen the moorings on which the very arch of our country stands. It does mean a thing, you know. It does mean anything to millions of other free people around this globe, but it does not mean . . . or can it? You will have to answer that one yourself . . . and the best answer is to be sure it doesn't by voting Monday and every other chance you get.

ONCE AGAIN . . . we have been asked to issue an urgent appeal for volunteer drivers for the Farmington Red Cross Mobile Corps. Any Farmington resident 18 years or more in age who has an automobile, available is asked to call Mrs. Farrel Weber at Farmington 1600 at once. Drivers are urgently needed to provide transportation for Farmington residents who need regular treatment of chronic illness and hospitalization in Oakland County. They can't use public transportation and have no car available, thus they are depending on you. Without those treatments they can't expect to get the care they need so badly. So won't you help? Call Farmington 1600 today and give a neighbor a hand!

CITY WOOD CHOPPERS . . . have been hard at it the past week, clearing out the brush on the south side of Shawansee near Power Road. They have thinned it out to a point where you can actually see the Little League field. The wood choppers are in the City of Farmington. We don't know whether this is part of the spring training program or not, but if so things are getting off to an early start. On second thought, we didn't see any Little Leaguers up there . . . this was strictly a wood chopper's job. However, we wouldn't be a bit surprised but what quite a few of our Little Leaguers are already in training. After all, spring isn't very far away, not when you have baseball on your mind.

THE NEW BUS STOP . . . on Grand River still seems to have some residents confused. The Detroit-bound bus is now loading on the southeast corner of Grand River and Farmington Road, in front of the Farmington State Bank, instead of its former location on the west corner. The change was made according to the city ordinance to reduce confusion and lessen the possibility of accidents. So if you are waiting for a bus heading Detroit-way, wait over in front of the bank, otherwise you may get pretty tired of standing. There are signs marking the exact spot so you won't have a bit of trouble finding it.

TWO STORIES . . . on this page have particular significance this week. They both pertain to teen-age boys and girls who have lost sight of what real citizenship stands for. They are the search for a thrill, an adventure and thrills is not always as rosy as it appears. In fact, the consequences can be mighty painful. The significance of these stories is in their timing. While two separate groups of youths were being questioned by police officers for suspected crimes and delinquency, a small group of youths were celebrating a constructive adventure, the 43rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

OFFICES TO CLOSE FEBRUARY 12 FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Farmington City and Township offices will be closed all day Thursday, February 12, Lincoln's Birthday, officials announced this week.

Because the date is a legal holiday, no official business could be transacted at either office.

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