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City Planning Commission To Hold Organization Meeting Monday Night

New Group To Appoint Chairman And Establish Terms Of Office For The Citizen Members

The first organization meeting of the new City Planning Commission will be held next Monday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Municipal Building, Mayor Keen Loomis announced at the Council meeting Monday evening.

Loomis stated that the purpose of the first meeting is to select a chairman and set the terms of office of the various citizen members. The initial plans of procedure for the new commission are also expected to be discussed.

Following a detailed review of the City's insurance program, the Council named Gerald Gagne as the agent of record for the city on all insurance matters. In a resolution approved by the Council, definite requirements were set up on the qualifications of the agent of record. He must devote his sole time to the insurance business and he must have maintained an office in the city for at least one year.

The Council authorized Gagne to

Red Cross Drive Plans Completed

Plans have been completed for the South Oakland County Red Cross Chapter kick-off luncheon which will be held in the Farmington Town Hall on Tuesday, February 24, at 1:00 p.m.

Co-chairmen for the 1953 drive, which opens March 1, will be Charles H. Stuart and Mrs. Leo Blatter. Other committee members are Hattie DeVriendt, business; Mary Lenz, bank; and James Tennant, residential.

ADULT CLASSES STILL OPEN AT FARMINGTON

James Read, assistant superintendent, stated Tuesday that there are still several openings in classes now being conducted under the Farmington Township School District adult education program.

These classes include art, senior advance sewing and blue print reading. All three of the classes have held their first meetings of the new term. But registrations can still be made by calling Farmington 0073.

The art class meets on Monday evenings while the advance sewing class is scheduled for Wednesday evenings and the blue print reading class meets on Thursday evenings.

Read stated that a new beginning sewing class is scheduled to start on March 5. Registrations for this class should be made now by calling Farmington 0073.



AROUND THE BLOCK

THE DECISION

of the City Council and Manager to hire a man to take care of the cleaning of the streets in the business section is mighty good news to a lot of people. According to the plan, the streets will be hand-swept every morning and the dirt and papers picked up. This should eliminate a lot of soiled merchandise and dust-filled eyes, as well as give the city a new and much more pleasing appearance. At the same time, the city manager, who is the only one who can help by putting your papers and refuse in the containers provided for that purpose along the street. This is the best time we can think of for starting a community-wide campaign to keep our business section looking neat and clean.

THINGS WERE MIGHTY DULL

around the polling places in the township last Monday, we are sorry to report. Not that we wanted any fights or stampedes or anything like that, but little more activity wouldn't hurt a bit. Actually only about 14% of the voters turned out to cast their ballots. As a result the election officials spent most of the day twiddling their thumbs. Although we haven't had an opportunity to compute the actual cost of each ballot, it was undoubtedly one of the most expensive elections in the township's history. Aside from the money angle, the residents of the township left themselves down. Only a bare minority bothered to exercise their rights as Americans, while the rest just stayed home. Democracy, the right and responsibility of the individual, has suffered a discouraging setback.

A BUSY MONTH

is coming up for the residents of the Farmington community. We should add busy but very pleasant. Two major stage productions are on the schedule for the month of March and the city is to have an entertainment. The new Farmington Players Group is hard at work on their first production, which is scheduled for March 6 and 7 at the Methodist Church. At the same time the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce is putting together a whole new series of events for their annual musical variety which is to be held March 20 at the Farmington High School gym. So get set for a busy but very pleasant whirl.

THE BUILD-UP

to the rush stage is started at the Farmington Branch of the Secretary of State's Office at the Curt Hall agency, as the deadline for the purchase of 1953 license plates draws near. Those new black and white plates must be on your car by March 1, or you may have to wait until the next year. For the past several weeks the Hall agency has been averaging 200 license plates a day. However, last Friday afternoon and Saturday a total of 380 were sold and on Monday the number was 232. So, you see, the big build-up has started. Don't get caught in line on that last day, February 23. Get your plates now while there is still elbow room.

THIS WEEK

is the Silver Anniversary of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, sponsored by Brotherhood Week, February 15 to 22. In recognition of this anniversary the Civic Theatre, along with 18,000 other theatres throughout the country, is cooperating in the celebration. Owner and manager Ed Hohlner stated that an Honor Roll is now on display in the lobby of the theatre for those who wish to honor the members of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and children can become members for a minimum of twenty-five cents. Each person signing will be given a membership card and the Honor Roll, when completed, will be sent to President Eisenhower.

RECORD LOW VOTE REPORTED IN TOWNSHIP PRIMARY

Only 779 Out Of 5,540 Qualified Electors Visit Polls On Monday

Only about 14% of the registered voters in Farmington Township went to the polls Monday in the Biennial Primary Election in contrast to the 81% recorded at the last election in November.

A total of 779 votes were cast out of a registration of 5,540. Precinct Two, located in the Clarenceville section, led the voting with 324 votes cast. Precinct Three, at the Middlebelt School, was next with 153 votes. Precinct Four and Precinct One followed with 179 and 93 votes respectively.

In the race for Trustee, Fred Westlake led the field with 441 votes. He was followed by Thomas Thirby with 133 votes and Ward Eagle with 373 votes. The fourth place was won by Edward Shaffer with 336 votes, followed by Fred Menke with 334. A total of four candidates were to be nominated.

Proposals On City Sewage System Filed With State

Hope To Let Contract For Plant This Spring

Final reports on the surveys conducted by the city in connection with the proposed sewage disposal plant have been filed with the state and the principal disposal plant companies. City Manager James Tennant stated Monday.

Tennant added that requests for proposals were sent to the five major sewage disposal plant companies in this section of the country. They have been asked to file detailed plans, specifications and cost proposals directly with the state and submit copies to the city. Three of the five companies have already filed proposals, Tennant stated.

ALL PLANS must be in by March 1, the deadline set by the state. The specifications will then be reviewed by state officials. A permit of construction will be issued and submitted to the city along with a list of the companies which plans meet state requirements for this particular project. The City Council will then award a contract for the proposed plant from the list of state-approved companies. If all five of the firms submitting plans are approved, (Continued on Page Twelve)

Plan Dutch Relief Program In City

The City Council Monday evening named James Tagg, co-chairman of the Farmington Enterprise, chairman of the Netherlands Emergency Relief Fund.

The appointment was made following the reading of a letter from C. Vander Meulen, Holland, Michigan, requesting the appointment of a chairman in Farmington for the relief program. Vander Meulen has been named state chairman of the Netherlands Relief Committee by Governor Williams.

Details of the program in Farmington are now being developed. In the meantime monetary contributions are being accepted at both the Farmington Enterprise office and the Farmington Municipal Building. Checks should be made out to the "Netherlands Emergency Relief Fund" and should be mailed to the Farmington Enterprise, Box 425, Farmington, Michigan.

DRIVE FOR NEW BAND UNIFORMS SHOWS RESULTS

A total of \$100, profit from the Detroit Civic Players Production of "Huckleberry Finn", has been added to the Farmington P.T.A. Band Uniform Drive, Mrs. C. J. Trickett, P.T.A. president, announced this week.

The drive to purchase new uniforms for the Farmington High School band opened on February 17. The presentation of "Huckleberry Finn" was the first special activity of the fund raising committee. The quota for the drive has been set at \$3,000.

Contacts are now being made throughout the community in an effort to raise the quota. During the first week of the campaign the following business places and individuals contributed: Approved Manufacturing, Farmington State Bank, Star Cutter Company and Mrs. Paul J. Esterline.

Persons who wish to schedule card parties at their homes in behalf of the drive are urged to contact Mrs. Frank Annette at Farmington 0277-R.

Mrs. Turner Receives P.T.A. Service Award

Mrs. Samuel Turner was presented with the Parent Teachers Association Distinguished Service Award at the Farmington P.T.A. Founders' Day Banquet held Tuesday evening at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

The award was presented in recognition of Mrs. Turner's ten years of service to the Parent Teachers Association.

Players' Group Opens Ticket Sale

Tickets went on sale this week for the Farmington Players' production, "The Torchbearers", to be presented March 6 and 7 at the First Methodist Church auditorium.

Mrs. Clarence Stoll, chairman of the ticket sale, announced that all members of the cast and players group as well as members of the Farmington chapter of the American Association of University Women will have tickets for sale. Members of the ticket committee are: Mrs. Frederick Buehler, Mrs. Charles Elfrich, Mrs. Beverly Hamilton, Mrs. Robert Neal, Mrs. John Perry and Mrs. Richard Stuntz. Phil Thomas Jewelry Shop will handle tickets as well as Charly Crooks Antique Shop.

Farmington Township Vote Results

REPUBLICAN TICKET				
	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4-Total
Total Vote	93	324	182	179 779
TRUSTEES				
Fred Westlake	54	215	76	96 441
Thomas Thirby	17	137	12	12 436
Ward Eagle	45	115	101	110 373
Edward Shaffer	44	159	62	71 336
Fred Menke	47	165	71	61 334
R. Lewis Brown	37	124	83	84 324
Richard Friebe	32	140	48	50 270
CLERK				
Harry N. McCracken	56	134	134	14% 472
Howard Eldredge	30	175	41	24 270
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE				
Harry Farmer	2	14	46	12 73
Walter Schaeffer	2	9	10	29 50
SUPERVISOR				
Ernest Blanchard	78	258	156	161 652
TREASURER				
Clayton Goers	82	269	152	160 663
BOARD OF REVIEW				
Robert Harris	3	6	11	19 33
Walter Feltz	1	14	1	1 16
CONSTABLE				
Godfrey Gagnon	63	236	123	125 647
E. E. James	—	—	—	6 6
C. F. Ballou	3	3	—	— 6
Guy Bozman	1	—	—	4 5

Farmington Seeks Bids On Sale Of School Notes

Deadline On Proposals Set For March 2

Monday, March 2, has been set as the deadline for the receipt of sealed bids on the purchase of \$50,000 in tax anticipation notes from the Farmington Township School District.

Advertisements requesting bids on the sale of the notes went out to various legal publications this week. Superintendent O. E. Duncel stated. All bids must be filed with the Board not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 2. The Board will open and read the bids immediately following the deadline.

According to the requirements set up in the advertisement, the notes will be dated February 5, 1953, and will be due and payable on September 1, 1953. The notes will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 3% per annum and will be subject to redemption prior to maturity on the first day of any month at par and accrued interest.

THE LOAN is being sought in anticipation of undistributed state appropriations for the school year 1952-53. Approval of the \$50,000 sale was granted by the Municipal Finance Commission last week.

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UNITED FUND GROUP TO MEET MONDAY AT TOWN HALL

The meeting of the Farmington United Fund administrative board, to be held Monday evening, February 23, has been changed from the Municipal Building to the Farmington Town Hall, Vernillard, chairman, announced this week.

Willard stated that the meeting is still scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. on February 23. Only the location of the meeting has been changed. The chairman stated that notices will go out during the week to all members of the Board, advising them of the change.

The meeting is being called for the purpose of giving a final report on the results of the Farmington campaign as well as discussing plans for the continued operation of the organization throughout the year. All volunteer workers and participating agencies are invited to attend this meeting.

Six Schools To Participate

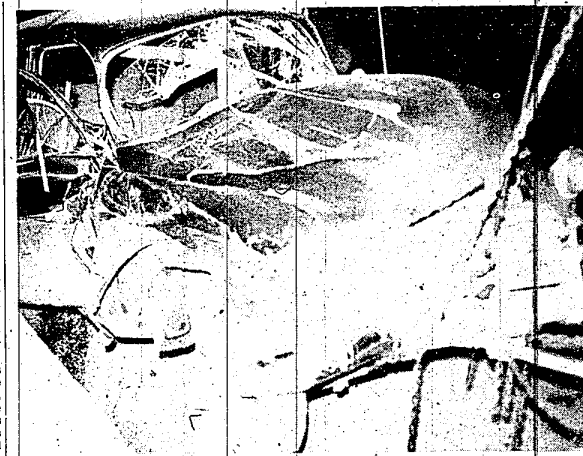
Farmington To Be Host For District Debate Tournament February 23



vs. Romeo and Northville vs. St. Clair Shores. The two winning schools will debate and the third place school will draw a "bye" for the second round at 1:00 p.m. The winners of the second round will then debate the third school at 3:00 p.m.

The Farmington debaters, who have been champions in the Inter-Lakes League for four straight years, will begin the first round at 10:30 a.m. against Cass City. Lou Dowding and June Turner, both seniors at Farmington High School, will debate both the affirmative and negative side. The subject is "Resolved: That the Atlantic Pact Nations Should Form a Federal Union".

Other schools participating in the tournament will be Melvindale at the Methodist Church.



THE ACCIDENT

car in which Ned Tanton, 20875 Orchard Lake Road, was injured on Friday, February 13, when the vehicle struck a parked truck on Grand River just east of Nine Mile Road, being towed from the scene. Tanton was removed to the Redford Receiving Hospital where he was treated for facial lacerations. No one was in the parked truck at the time of

the mishap. Township Policeman Irving Yakes, who handled the accident, has recommended that that particular area along Grand River be posted with "No Parking" signs. The location has been the site of numerous accidents in the past. Tanton was proceeding east when the collision occurred at 9:40 p.m.

Work Delayed On Proposed Changes In Township Zoning Ordinance

Zoning Board Holds Up Action Pending Receipt Of Suggested Amendments From Township

Leo Kelly, chairman of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, stated Monday evening that no action has been taken at yet on the scheduling of public hearings on the proposed changes to the township zoning ordinance.

Kelly added that the draft of the suggested changes has not been received from the Township Board. The Board approved the declaration of intention to change the ordinance at its regular meeting January 27. The text of the proposed changes was published in The Enterprise on February 5. Kelly emphasized that no action can be taken by the Zoning Board until a copy of the proposals has been received from the Township Board.

The Zoning Board chairman also stated that a vacancy exists on the Board due to the resignation of George McLaughlin. This vacancy must be filled by the Township Board before any action can be taken. In addition to Kelly, the Zoning Board is composed of Edward Schmid and Chester (Continued on Page Twelve)

School Board Asks For Traffic Light On Seven Mile

Also Seek Street Lights Near Botsford School

Requests for the installation of a traffic light and street lights at the intersection of Botsford School on Lathers Street have been made to the City of Livonia by the Clarenceville School Board.

The request was authorized at a regular meeting of the Clarenceville School Board held Thursday evening. Specifically the Board is requesting that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Lathers and Seven Mile Road. This is the main outlet from the Botsford School. The second request is for the installation of street lights on Seven Mile Road from Angling Road to Brentwood and on Lathers from Seven Mile Road to the school.

THE BOARD has also filed a request with the Oakland County Road Commission for the extension of Osmsus Street south to Eight Mile Road. At the present time there is no road from Junction Street south to Eight Mile. The Board pointed out that the road is needed to provide an inlet and outlet to the new elementary school being built on Osmsus Street just south of Junction.

Eight bids were received on the furniture proposal for the Botsford School. The Board moved to place the bids on file for further consideration and directed Stanley Irish, assistant superintendent, to prepare a cost estimate and present recommendations to the Board. The Board also authorized the purchase of plastic plates for the hot lunch program at the schools.

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Director Hope Nabstoll reports that the cast is right on schedule in rehearsals for this Broadway hit which is a play within a play and deals with the problem of the dramatic group. The next meeting of the players' group will be held at 8:00 p.m. on February 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stoll of 33670 Hillcrest.