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## Township And City Clerks Report Very Light Vote Registrations

### Add Only 13 Names To Township And City Voting Lists During Registration Period

Only 13 new registrations were recorded in the township and city during the registration period which closed Monday evening, officials stated Tuesday morning.

Of the 13 new registrations, 10 were recorded in the township and three in the city. Both Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, and Harry Moore, City Clerk, had predicted earlier that registration would be extremely light. The prediction was based on the record registration that was recorded prior to the general election last November. According to the latest figures, 9,500 persons are registered and eligible to vote in the township and 1,700 in the city.

### Candidates For Both Township and City Offices Will Be Elected in the coming April 6 election in addition to the naming of your state officers. The candidates for township offices qualified in the Primary Election held in February. Candidates for City Council and Municipal Judge will qualify through nominating petitions. All petitions for city offices must be filed by 5:00 p. m. on Thursday, March 12, at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building.

State officials to be elected include State Highway Commissioner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justices, Regents of the University of Michigan and Members to the State Board of Agriculture.

## CONSUMERS PLAN ISSUING OF GAS HEATING PERMITS

Consumers Power Company officials announced this week that more than 800 new gas heating permits will be issued in the West Wayne District, which includes the Farmington area, in the next few weeks.

Applications to those persons presently on the waiting list will be mailed out this week. Selection of applicants will be made on a priority basis determined by the chronological order in which the applications are received. Those who reply within three weeks starting that they wish the service (Continued on Page Eight)

## AROUND THE BLOCK

### FARMINGTON'S ANNUAL SPRING BUILDING BEGINS

... to be in full swing, in spite of the fact that we have had only one report of a robin thus far this year. The Warner Farm development in the city is really beginning to take shape now and from reports this is only the start. The Kelly property near Hill and Ford is just about ready to open up into four or five subdivisions in the township and filling up rapidly, with more on the way. A quick trip around the Farmington area these days is really an eye-opener. With honest-to-goodness spring still a couple of months away, we can't help but wonder what the place will look like come May.

### THINGS ARE BOOMING

for the new Visiting Nurse's Committee in Farmington also, spring or no spring. According to the committee, a large number of calls have already come in, even though the new Visiting Nurse service started only a week ago. In fact, business is so rushing that additional nurses have been called in to assist in the work. Residents are reminded to call Farmington 0272 if they wish the services of a visiting nurse. Patients must be under the care of a doctor in order to be eligible for the home service. Fees are set on an hourly basis where the patient is able to pay either in full or part. However, the service will be provided to anyone who needs it whether they can pay or not. This is possible because of the fact that the Visiting Nurses Service is a member of the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Farmington and Clarenceville basketball teams on their efforts in the District Tournaments held last Thursday and Friday at Bentley High School. Both teams lost out in the tournament play, but we aren't talking about the scoreboard. We are talking about the effort and sportsmanship displayed by both local teams. Not only were the teams just about filled up in the last game, but Clarenceville participated was getting any let-down in effort. They played ball and played it hard right up to the final buzzer. There is more to an sport than just the numbers on the scoreboard. They lost the game, but they won the respect of a lot of fans.

### HAVE YOU GIVEN

to the Farmington or Clarenceville Red Cross drives yet? You still have a little over two weeks in which to contribute. During the balance of March the total \$3,025 must be raised. One of our country's most important obligations is the Red Cross. It is to continue extending a helping hand to those who desperately need help. It is just plain simple arithmetic, if the quota is to be reached, everyone must do his part. None of us know when disaster will strike. None of us know when we may need blood to save our life. None of us know when we may require plasma globulin to fight the crippling effects of polio. But we do know that when we need these vital services, the Red Cross will be there to help us. So give to the Red Cross today, won't you?

### CHANGES ARE BEING MADE

at the Farmington Township Office these days. A new office clerk has been added to the present staff along with a couple of brand new desks and chairs plus an assortment of office equipment. The additional furniture has just about filled up the last remaining space in the present office. From all indications, it was sit around and file very long. An ever-increasing number of people file in and out of the office every day. Government in the Farmington area, like the community itself, is getting to be big business.

## Board Proposes New Amendment To Zoning Code

### Plan Parking Facilities In Clarenceville Area

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved a motion to recommend to the Zoning Board that the area on the west side of St. Francis Street from the alley near Byron be changed from residential to commercial.

The request for the amendment was made by Maxwell Smith, owner of the Smith Drug Store at St. Francis and Eight Mile, and Dr. T. DeLeuil, 21753 Grand River. Smith stated that if the zone is changed, he intends to establish a public parking lot in the area for the convenience of customers and merchants. Both Smith and DeLeuil pointed out the ever-increasing need for parking facilities in that section.

The request to the Board the recommendation will be turned over to the Township Attorney for final drafting and it will then be submitted to the Zoning Board for public hearing and consideration.

A number of other proposed amendments are nearly ready to go to the Zoning Board.

THE BOARD approved the recommended appointment of Art Orsatti, 30377 West Ten Mile Road, to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board. The recommendation will go to Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate, for final approval. Orsatti is being recommended to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of George McLaughlin.

Approval was granted on the subdividing of an area on the south side of Twelve Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads subject to the approval of the Oakland County Road Commission. A tentative approval was also given on the development of a section of commercial property on Northwestern near Thirteen Mile Road.

## Bids Due Monday On City Hall Sale

The Farmington City Council, at its regular meeting next Monday evening, will open and consider any sealed bids received on the sale of the Municipal Building.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that advertisements requesting bids on the sale of the building have been published in various financial publications and in newspapers. The deadline for the bids has been set for 8:00 p. m. Monday evening. The opening of the regular Council meeting, Tennant stated that he would not know until later in the week whether or not any bids would be received.

The proposed construction of a sewage disposal plant in Farmington will also be discussed at the Council meeting. Tennant stated that the State Capital Building in the proposed project is now being compiled for the Council meeting. A resolution was approved by the Council two weeks ago to make every effort to award the contract for the proposed sewage plant by May 1, 1953.

## Fate Still Uncertain Township Residents Attend State Hearing On Proposed Hunting Ban

A group of Farmington Township property owners journeyed to Lansing Tuesday morning to make every effort to have the proposed hunting ban question placed on the April 6 election ballot.

The proposed bill to ban hunting in the township. The bill was introduced by Representative Howard Estes, Birmingham, several weeks ago. Following the presentation of the bill, the Conservation Department made a general survey of Farmington Township and reported back that they questioned whether the population was sufficiently concentrated to warrant the ban.

Estes advised the petitioners in the township of the situation and invited them to participate in a hearing on the question held at the State Capitol Building on Tuesday. In the meantime some letters both for and against the proposal had been forwarded to Lansing.

## Here's Another Contribution To The Red Cross



Pictured above is David Sonmuth, 36130 Grand River, making his contribution to the annual Red Cross Drive which will continue through March 31. Red Cross Worker Mrs. Leo Blat-

## Contracts Awarded by School Board For Kitchen And Locker Equipment

An inter-communication system. Facilities for such installation were included in the regular building contract for the rooms, but not for the corridors.

Additional data is being compiled for actual consideration of an inter-communication system at a later board meeting.

## Services Held For Murder Victim

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Thayer Funeral Home for Mrs. Viola Westphal, 60, who was killed in a murder and suicide in front of Stuh's home at 25435 Brookfield Sunday evening.

According to police, Stuh shot Mrs. Westphal as she left the house and then turned the gun on himself. Irving Yates, Township Police Officer, was notified of the murder and suicide by a neighbor, Robert Feeley, 25353 Brookfield, who witnessed the shooting. Yates in turn called Farmington City and State Police. The incident occurred about 6:45 p. m. Sunday.

Mrs. Westphal was divorced from her husband, Howard Westphal, 22915 Maple, Farmington, last fall. According to one report she married Stuh several months ago outside of Michigan. Westphal has been quoted as saying, however, that according to the court decree, neither could marry within six months of the date of the divorce.

Services were held on Wednesday at 1:00 p. m. from Mrs. Westphal with the Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Evangelical Church officiating. Burial took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. She is survived by one son, Harry. She also leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dietrich, four brothers and four sisters.

## Sandra's Sandwich Shop Broken Into Thursday Night

Sandra's Sandwich Shop, 33336 Grand River, was broken into late Thursday night and some money was taken, Farmington Police reported Friday morning.

The robbers apparently entered the shop through a rear window, Police Chief Joseph DeVriand stated. They broke into a pin ball machine and jacked it in addition to rifling a cash drawer and money bag. The robbery was discovered by Bill Dell when he opened the shop Friday morning.

## Present Phone Number To Be Used Temporarily For Area Fire Calls

The Clarenceville Fire Station on Wheeler Street is now in full operation with volunteer crews on 24-hour duty, Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, announced Monday.

According to Goers, the new department officially began operations last Saturday following the completion of organizational details. The new station, which is located on Wheeler Street just north of Grand River, has a total of 12 volunteers, six for daytime duty and six for night service. Raymond Geary, 21428 Roosevelt, is chief of the new fire department.

All of the volunteers have been put through a concentrated training course under the guidance of the LaFrance Fire Equipment Company representative. The Board has already authorized the hiring of an experienced fire fighter to contract with the District. If all Farmington Township volunteer firemen.

## Board To Open Equipment Bids At Clarenceville

### Units To Be Purchased For High School Addition

Sealed bids on the purchase of equipment for the new food section of the homemaking department and kitchen for the new elementary school will be opened and read by the Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, indicated that the Board anticipates several competitive bids on both projects. The Board may award the contracts Thursday or it may delay action pending a more complete study of the proposals.

SOME ACTION is also anticipated on the problem of extending Osmus Street from Eight Mile to the new elementary school. A letter was forwarded to the Oakland County Road Commission several weeks ago by the Board requesting that the street be extended in order to allow an inlet and outlet to the new school. The Commission notified the Board to reduce confusion the present phone set-up will be used until the cards can be distributed.

## Jaycees Enthused Over Annual Show

End men for the coming Farmington Jaycee Minstrel and Variety Show had their dancing shoes on and their toes pointed during last Sunday's regular rehearsal.

The show which will be presented at the Farmington High School gym on March 20, state that end men Jim Warner, Nate Mihay, Ed West, Cecil Roberts, and Don Stangor and Ed Braunstein will make with a dance routine that is guaranteed to please. It is hoped that the dance will keep the dancers on stage and the audience in the seats.

In the meantime, co-director Jim Warner states that interactor Phil Thomas, the man with the rich baritone, has been whipping his routine into final shape.

Other acts which will take their place on the program are Virginia Harrington, who sings popular numbers, and Joseph Starkel and the Clarenceville High School dance band. Joy Garbin, a student at Clarenceville High, will do a tap dance routine with the band and will team with Ed Starkel and Merle Meyer to sing several selections.

One act, which, by early reports may well steal the show, is composed of Tommy Bartel and Sandy Sek, who have worked up a new act of a tap routine.

Officers of the Farmington Jaycees remind everyone that the curtain will go up on the show in only eight more days—and Farmington Jaycees are still selling tickets. They promise that it will be a show you won't want to miss.

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## Ummm... Let's Try That Note Again



Let's try that note again says accompanist Eileen Standley as she takes a few new members of the coming Jaycee show under her wing. Pictured left to right are Rolf Mikky, Walter Dean Eckert, Bob Harris and Jim Warner. This group and other members of the minstrel and variety show have been rehearsing regularly on Sunday afternoons for the production to be held on March 20.