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## Predict Return Of Half-Day Sessions At Farmington Schools By 1954

School Advisory Committee Hears Projected Enrollment Report At Final Meeting Monday

The final meeting for the summer of the Citizens' School Advisory Committee was held in the high school library Monday evening. The principal topic of the evening meeting was the presentation of charts showing the geographic location of students of various school grades. Those for the high school were presented by G. V. Harrison, high school principal, and those of the elementary schools by Miss Minnie Ziekle, elementary coordinator. The main point of interest brought out by the figures presented at the meeting is that under present circumstances it will be necessary to start half-day sessions in the elementary schools in 1954 and possibly continue that practice until 1955 - depending upon what additional facilities can be built in the meantime. In this respect, it was pointed out that it takes at least two years to build an educational plant, and place it at the disposal of the school district.

IN RESPECT to considering the school district's requirements for additional facilities to meet increased population needs, the Board President, Wendell Brown, asked that the citizens' committee consider a plan already mentioned by some citizens by which a bond issue would be studied and acted upon.

With an eye on the financial status of the school district, Sup. (Continued on Page Eight)

## JAYCEE OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED FRIDAY EVENING

Newly elected officers of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be installed at the annual installation banquet to be held Friday evening, June 26, at the Vineyards.

Ben Corallo, State Director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce International, will install the new officers. Bob Gamble, State Vice-President, will also be present at the installation.

New officers to be installed include: Paul Thompson, president; Charles Eisele, first vice-president; Paul Braunstein, second vice-president; Robert Clarke, secretary; and Myron Coon, treasurer. Newly elected directors are James Shaugnessy and James Warner.

Members of the Jaycees, their wives and guests will attend the annual installation banquet.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

A PREVIEW . . . of the coming Fourth of July week end was enacted in Farmington last Sunday with a steady flow of cars jamming Grand River from early in the morning until late at night. According to reports, Grand River was no exception, either. Traffic was down to a slow crawl on practically all of the main roads in and around the Farmington area. The most frequently asked question of the day was: "Where do they all come from?" We couldn't help but ask the same question, but there they were, almost bumper to bumper from one edge of the city to the other. So let it be an example to you . . . if you have to go someplace, start early and drive carefully. If not, just settle down in your own back yard and let the parade go by.

WE JOTTED DOWN . . . a few lines in this column last week about the importance of civil defense and the meeting which was to be held on June 18 at the Legion Home. Now that meeting is history and another more important meeting has been scheduled, thus we would like to add a few more notes. During that meeting last Thursday, an eye witness account of the aftermath of the Flint tornado was described. It is hard to visualize the whole thing and yet the horrible stories unfolded, we asked ourselves "What would Farmington do if sudden fury struck?" Civil defense can and must mean many things, all leading to one direction . . . the saving of lives. Whether it's an enemy attack or a freak of nature, we must be prepared and we will be if we all work together toward this one common objective. So attend the meeting next Monday, June 29, at the Legion Home and learn what you can do to help!

KIDS, KIDS AND MORE KIDS . . . flocked to the playgrounds of Farmington and Clarenceville last Monday for the opening day of the summer programs. These new record crowds are symbolic of both the growth of the community and the wonderful jobs being done by the two recreation commissions. Both the Farmington and Clarenceville programs are being expanded. On the one hand, the Farmington program is being expanded to attract an even larger group of boys and girls. It is a living example of what a community can do to provide wholesome, healthful recreation for its youngsters. The record turn-outs last Monday clearly show how well the program is progressing. We hope that it continues to grow because it is constructive, and we hope, too, that youngsters and parents alike will take an increasingly active part in it.

WE ARE STILL . . . getting a lot of queries about when the traffic lights are going to be installed at the intersection of Grand River and Middlebelt Roads. The erection of the lights has been approved and the county has agreed to cooperate with the state in the cost of installation. Beyond that, we have no further information. We do know that there is a heavy demand for traffic lights throughout the state, and that work is being done. It was our hope, when the announcement was first made, that the lights would be installed before the heavy run of summer traffic got under way. But here we are, right in the middle of the summer parade, minus the traffic lights.

## State Approves Plans For City Sewage Plant

Council Waits Ruling On Court Order

The State Water Resources Commission has accepted the construction plans for the proposed city sewage disposal plant, City Manager James Tennant stated this week.

Announcement of the acceptance was made following a conference with the Commission at which a representative of the Hayes Re-estate Company and the City Engineer were present. The Hayes system is the type contemplated for construction in Farmington. At the same time the Hayes Company has agreed to build the Farmington plant for a period of three years.

Tennant stated that proposed plans call for the construction of a plant with a capacity for 5,000 population. The City Manager added that additions can be made to the system if the demands require. The Hayes plant will meet State requirements up to 30% overflow, according to statistics filed with the Commission.

NO FURTHER action can be taken by the city on the construction until a decision has been handed down by the Attorney General regarding the Court Order.

## Over 500 Enroll In Cville Program

Officials of the Clarenceville Recreation Commission announced this week that over 500 youngsters registered at the Clarenceville and Edgewood School playgrounds on Monday for the summer program.

Leo Larue, director, stated that indications point to nearly double the enrollment this year as compared to last summer. The two playgrounds will remain open for eight weeks, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This summer's swimming program at Kent Lake will be conducted four days per week, Tuesday through Friday. Boys and girls 6 to 11 years old will go to the lake on Tuesday and Thursday and youngsters 12 to 17 years of age will go on Wednesday and Friday.

In addition to the swimming, tennis instruction will be given at the courts on the Clarenceville playground every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Classes in arts and crafts will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 1:30 p.m. and dancing instruction will be conducted on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 (Continued on Page Eight)

## RUBBISH, GARBAGE PICK-UP IN CITY MOVED TO FRIDAY

Residents of the city were advised this week in a letter from James Tennant, City Manager, that effective June 26 all regular trash and rubbish collections will be made on Friday of each week instead of Saturday.

Tennant stated in the letter that the change was being made to provide more and better service to residents of the city.



An eight page automatic Duplex newspaper press will be installed in the Enterprise building, replacing the present four page hand-operated Miehle press. Preparatory work for the installation was started several weeks ago with the construction of a press pit. The new press, which is being purchased from The Dearborn Independent, will print and fold

## Slow Parade Sunday Traffic Tops For Year

No personal injury accidents were handled by the Farmington City or Township Police over last week end but several property damages were reported by both departments.

Minor accidents at Grand River and Lakeway and Grand River and Springbrook resulted in damage only.

In spite of the very heavy summer time traffic, several drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and for reckless driving or for not having their cars under control.

According to Farmington police, traffic along Grand River on Saturday and Sunday was about normal for this time of year and is in usual procedure, the traffic signal light at Grand River and Farmington Road was operated manually between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at which time the traffic peak is reached.

## Plans Completed For Travel Series

Officials of the Farmington Kiwanis Club announced this week that plans have been completed for the World Travel Series which will be brought to Farmington for the first time this fall and winter.

Six programs have been scheduled starting with Saturday, October 10, and continuing through Saturday, March 27. All of the programs will be held at the Farmington High School gym on Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. The series is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club for the benefit of underprivileged children.

The sale of tickets for the series is scheduled to begin July 13. C. U. Applegate is in charge of the tickets and programs. Al Benson is chairman of the ticket sale and he will be assisted by Mrs. Waverly and Clarence Hocking. Lloyd Smith is in charge of arrangements.

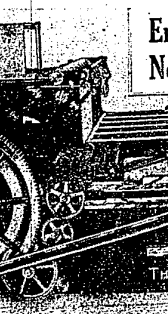
The series will feature outstanding lecturers and travelers who will narrate colored motion pictures of the life and customs of (Continued on Page Eight)

## WALTERS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Harley Walters was elected president of the Farmington Exchange Club at the semi-annual election held last Wednesday at the Universalist Church.

Other newly elected officers are: Lee Stevens, first vice-president; Gerald Grace, second vice-president; Dr. Claude Goodes, secretary; and Emory Hutton, treasurer. Goodes and Hutton served as secretary and treasurer respectively last year. New members of the Board of Directors are Harrison Johnson, Vance Kelgen, Gene Hymes and John Clark. Clark was elected to fill the vacancy of Gerald Grace. All four members were elected for terms of one year.

The annual picnic of the Exchange Club was held Wednesday afternoon, officially closing the spring term. The club will begin activities again on the first Wednesday in September.



eight pages automatically at a speed of approximately 3,500 per hour. Rolls of newsprint will be used instead of the present flat sheets. Installation of the new press is part of a continuing program of improving the quality and service of Farmington's own hometown newspaper.

# Board OK's Two Amendments To Township Zoning Law

One Killed, Five Injured In Twisted Wreckage



This is what remains of a car in which one person was killed and five were injured last Thursday at the intersection of Middlebelt and 13 Mile Roads. The motor of the car was torn from its housing by the crash and the steering wheel broken. One person was injured in the second car involved in the accident. The force of the collision threw the second car on top of the one pictured above. Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department handled the accident.

## Woman Killed In Two-Car Accident At Middlebelt And 13 Mile Roads

Six Persons Injured When Autos Collide At Dangerous Intersection Thursday Evening

One person was killed and six injured in a two-car accident at an intersection of Middlebelt and Thirteen Mile Roads early Thursday evening, according to Oakland County Sheriff's deputies.

Pauline Thompson, 40, of 21210 Gault Street, Trenton, was pronounced dead on admittance to Pontiac General Hospital as a result of the accident. Her husband, Arthur Thompson, 48, a passenger in the car, was treated at Pontiac General Hospital for lacerations of the head. A daughter, Donna Thompson, 13, was treated for leg injuries.

Ruth Pickett, 31, also of Trenton, riding in the Thompson car, suffered lacerations of the face and arms. Mary Elizabeth Pickett, 14, was treated for shoulder and arm injuries. Michael Pickett, 6, was placed under observation for possible head injury. All of the injured in the Thompson car were taken to Pontiac General Hospital by the Thayer Ambulance.

John H. Hastings, 32, of 12342 Wiscassin, Detroit, driver of the second car, was taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital by a passer-by where he was treated for a fractured right shoulder. Hastings was alone in the car.

ACCORDING to Sheriff's deputies Michael Felix and Jack Fritch, the Thompson car was traveling north on Middlebelt and the Hastings car east on Thirteen Mile Road at the time of the accident. The impact of the crash hurled the car driven by Hastings on top of the one driven by Mrs. Thompson. Deputies stated that the Thompsons and Picketts were on their way to Cass Lake when the accident occurred.

The Board approved a motion to establish a skipper day in the high school with recitation periods running not less than 56 minutes. At present the school has a seven-period day. The new plan is to go into effect this fall. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, was authorized to add two new teachers to the present staff to handle the skipper day.

THE SECRETARY of the Board was directed to write a letter to the City of Livonia stating the Board's position on the completion date for the sewer lines being laid for the purpose of setting up an organization to promote a community center.

Letters were mailed out last week to officers of various civic and service organizations in the community requesting that they send at least one representative to the meeting.

## COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Plans have been completed for a township-wide meeting to be held Thursday evening, June 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall for the purpose of setting up an organization to promote a community center.

## Turn Down Three As Recommended By Zoning Board

The Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening approved two amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and turned down three others based on the recommendations of the Township Zoning Board.

Lois Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, appeared at the meeting and read the recommendations of the Board. The first amendment containing three sections pertaining to front yards in commercial zones, building time in light industrial zones and fireproof construction on exterior walls of industrial buildings, was approved by the Zoning Board. The other amendments approved by the Board pertained to the rezoning of a portion of the Anshut Hotels property from residential to commercial.

The Zoning Board recommended that three proposed amendments not be approved. The first pertained to the use of a trailer on a farm for the owner or his employees. The second amendment would have allowed the construction of multiple dwellings provided they met the minimum requirements as to area and size of building as well as area of lot as set forth in the ordinance. The third amendment would have brought that area in Section 8 now unzoned under the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and classified in Residential Zone IV.

THE NEW amendments must now be approved by the County Zoning Commission and published within ten days from the date of passage. They will become law within 30 days after publication unless a petition is filed within that period calling for a referendum vote.

Representatives of the Glen Oaks Country Club appeared before the Board to request a variance because of dumping. Harry McCracken, Clerk, stated that the deed has been filed with the Township Attorney for an opinion regarding the restrictions on the use of the land.

## Set Final Date For Flint Relief

The drive by the Farmington chapters of the American Red Cross to aid tornado victims will end at noon on Saturday, June 27, according to Mrs. Mel Stevens, co-chairman of the local chapter. For the benefit of those who may not make their donation during day hours, the room on the second floor of the Municipal Building will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Friday.

The space in the Municipal Building was made available by the city recently to store donations of clothing until the material could be transported to the stricken area in Flint.

According to those persons in charge of the drive, many articles of good clothing were received in addition to donations of money. Money for the torn clothing may still be sent to Mrs. Stevens at 30755 Grand River in Farmington. Checks for this purpose should be made out to the "American Red Cross" and should be marked "Flint Disaster Fund". Mrs. Stevens stated that this opportunity to contribute gives those who have not made a gift to the Red Cross a chance to do so.

## Five Persons Hurt In Auto Accident

Five persons were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital last Monday afternoon as a result of a three-vehicle accident at Nine Mile and Middlebelt Roads.

The injured were Jesse H. Goss of 23220 Violet, Farmington; Charles T. Moss of 822 N. Remond, Farmington; and a woman of the same address in Royal Oak; Samuel J. Gates of 23806 Floral, Farmington; Sharon Hill of 17740 Beck Road, Northville.

The car driven by Goss was traveling west on Nine Mile when the vehicle driven by Moss apparently, according to police reports, disregarded the stop sign while traveling north on Middlebelt and struck Goss's car. The Goss car then careened into a dump truck parked on the northwest corner of the intersection.

Most of the accident victims were suffering from cuts and bruises and were taken for examination, the exact extent of their injuries unknown at the time.

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