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## Board Declines Offer To Purchase Land Near H. S.

### Asked To Buy Property West Of New School

The Farmington School Board voted to "respectfully decline" an offer by the J. M. Cook Company to purchase a strip of land at the west side of the new high school property at its special meeting Monday evening.

The offer had been made on July 13 for a parcel of land 401 feet by 120 feet and the Cook Company had set a purchase price of \$3,000. Cook stated Monday night that the price had been arrived at by considering \$3,000 the approximate amount it would cost the school to pay for the improvement of its part of the 400 foot extension of Prospect Street.

THE LEGAL opinion of School Attorney Archie Leonard in regard to the dedication of the property for the extension of Prospect Street was read before the Board and affirmed the right of the Board to refuse the offer.

After this information had been presented, Mr. Cook said that his company, for the time being, was postponing action on the pending assurance of Farmington's sewage disposal plant.

Other Board action authorized Superintendent of Schools O. E. Dunckel to put a binder on the high school furniture policy so that new equipment moved into the new high school building would be covered.

## THIEVES STEAL HORSE SADDLES AT RIDING STABLE

Livonia City Police are still investigating a robbery which took place at the Lene Pine Riding Stable, 20225 Warren, Six Mile Road on Sunday, July 24.

The thieves entered the stables sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. and stole ten riding saddles valued at approximately \$500.

Preliminary investigation by Livonia police did not reveal any clues. The thieves also took several riding pads but did not take any of the bridles which were hanging nearby.

The robbery took place in the daylight, Kohler stated, and must have been accomplished rapidly before the place of business was open at the time.

## Plan For 300 Band Boat Trip Set For Friday

Approximately 300 boys and girls, parents, friends and counselors will board a steamer at the foot of Woodward Avenue in Detroit this Friday, July 31, for the Annual Farmington Band and Recreation Boat Trip to Bob-Lo Island.

This year's excursion will be the ninth outing of the Farmington group. The first trip was made in 1945 to Cedar Point with 25 people participating. Don Hosler, director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, predicted that this year's trip would set a new record high in attendance.

Boys and girls from the Milford area will join with the Farmington groups for this year's outing. Philip Händrick, band director of the Huron Valley Schools, announced that there will be entries in the talent show from Milford. The talent show will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Bob-Lo Island. Any youngster participating in the trip is eligible to enter the talent show.

School buses will leave all three playgrounds at 8:30 a.m. and will return to Farmington at 7:00 p.m.

## City To Enforce New Traffic Rules

A number of new traffic regulations will go into effect in the city this week with the completion of work on the installation of street signs.

The new regulations were authorized by the council at their regular meeting in June. However, the new signs were not delivered until this week. The work, which is being done by the Public Works Department, is expected to be completed this week.

New signs are being erected on Thomas Street, which will restrict traffic to one-way in a westerly direction from Warner Street to Farmington Road. "No Parking at Any Time" signs are being erected on both sides of South Farmington Road from Orchard Street to the Grand River Cut-Off.

The same signs are being installed on the north side of Grand River Cut-Off and on both sides of Orchard Street from the Grand River Cut-Off to the Grand River Cut-Off.

No parking is to be allowed from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the south side of Oakland Avenue between Farmington Road and Grand River Cut-Off.

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## AROUND THE BLOCK

OUR OPENER... this week is not going to be about the weather, even though it has been the major topic of conversation the past few days. It is going to be about vacations and those tempting "wish you were here" cards. It seems that most of our friends have chosen the latter part of July for their vacation. As we have heard too much about it... up until now, that is. In the past week we have been plagued with cards from good friends who want to keep us informed on the joys of a real vacation, while we sweat and strain over a hot typewriter. It isn't that we don't appreciate being remembered, it's only that our resistance gets a little low when the cards start to come in and we are apt to write off into poetry or verse or something. But keep the cards coming anyway and we will try and keep collected if not very cool.

WE'VE BEEN APPROACHED... by a number of citizens in the past few weeks who are greatly concerned, as they should be, over the growing traffic problem in the Farmington area. They have pointed out that with the increase in traffic there has been an alarming jump in serious automobile accidents. This is particularly true on our secondary roads such as Middlebelt and Orchard Road. Their concern is borne out in the grim reports printed every week in The Enterprise. We believe that a careful survey should be made of these roads immediately by safety experts with the view of providing facilities which will help to reduce the toll. At the same time, we feel that wider publicity should be given to the fact that non-residents of the Farmington area will be fully aware of the dangers also.

THE BASEBALL SEASON... is almost over for another year, as far as Farmington fans are concerned. The reason... the Farmington Little League, the Little League season came to an end next week. It has been another banner year for the Little League and a wonderful opener for the Little League. There's a team on top and one on the bottom with a couple in between in both leagues, but regardless of the standings, every boy has been out there playing ball and hard. That's what makes Little League ball such a wonderful thing, not only to watch but to be a part of. We want to congratulate the players, coaches, managers, officials and fans on the completion of a record season of good sportsmanship and good Americanism.

A COMMUNITY CENTER... will be a very live issue, which will be good news to many citizens. George Weighing, Jr., chairman of the nominating committee, stated that the apparent inactivity is not due to a lack of interest, it is just vacations. In the meantime numerous contacts are being made in order to complete the organization and get everything in shape for the opening of the Community Center... hold on to those good ideas and be ready to pop them in September.

# TOWNSHIP BOARD SUBMITS NEW ZONING PROPOSAL

## Work Started On Widening Of Orchard Lake Road



The first step in the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Fourteen Mile Road south to Eleven Mile Road was taken last week with the aid of heavy machinery. This photo, taken last Friday just south of Twelve Mile Road, shows a bulldozer filling and grading while the smoke in the background is the work of wood and brush cutters. The newly set utility poles can be seen at the extreme left of the picture. The present poles are still in place near the center of the photo. According to the specifications, the project will involve 2.0 miles of grading and drainage structure, concrete base widening and 22-foot bituminous concrete surfacing. This section of Orchard Lake Road is to be completed by October 31.

## Council To Open Fire Truck Bids Monday Evening

### Call Special Meeting To Consider Proposals

Sealed bids on the purchase of a new fire truck chassis and equipment as well as the curb and gutter project on Oakland Avenue will be opened and read at a special meeting of the City Council set for next Tuesday evening, August 4.

Separate bids will be taken on the truck chassis and the installation of fire equipment on the vehicle. The Council last week earmarked \$12,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. The Oakland Avenue curb and gutter project was authorized by the Council in June. It will cover that portion of Oakland Avenue between Farmington Road and Grand River. City Manager James Tennant stated that a number of bids on the project have already been received.

THE COUNCIL is also expected to take action on a proposed personnel manual for city employees. The manual, which has been prepared (Continued on Page Eight)

## Approve Declaration Of Intention To Zone Schroeder Subdivision

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, unanimously approved a resolution of intention to amend the zoning ordinance to include the Schroeder Farms Subdivision, located in the northwest section of the township.

According to the resolution, the Schroeder Farms Subdivision is included as well as approximately seven acres immediately west of the Subdivision. This property is being proposed for zoning at the request of a number of property owners in the subdivision. An earlier amendment to zone the area was turned down by the Zoning Board and the Township Board. However, a number of property owners pointed out that the amendment covered adjoining areas which did not want to be zoned. Harry Schroeder, Township Clerk, stated that the resolution will be turned over to the attorney immediately and he will be requested to draft a detailed amendment.

## Six Hurt In Auto Crash On Orchard Lake Saturday

### Two Cars Collide At 12 Mile Intersection

Six persons were injured in a two-car crash at Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Roads on Saturday, July 25, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Those hurt were removed to Ford County Hospital for treatment following the accident. The injured were: Roy V. Souer, 40, of 35400 Thirteen Mile Road, Farmington Township; Rosemary Schmidt, 25, of 14977 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington; and Lynn Schmidt, 4, of the same address; Jean Ann McNickle-Reighard, 30, of 19900 Lahser Road, Detroit; and Judy Ann McNickle, 6, of the same Lahser Road address.

SONGER RECEIVED a skull laceration and Mrs. Schmidt suffered a fractured right leg. The remainder of those involved in the accident were treated for lacerations. Judy and Lynn were treated for cuts at the hospital and released.

According to State Police reports, Mrs. McNickle-Reighard was driving west on Twelve Mile Road when she missed the stop sign at Orchard Lake Road. The car she was driving struck the one being driven by Souger, who was headed south on Orchard Lake Road.

Because of the limited supplies of gamma globulin the National Foundation can only furnish it to households where polio cases have been reported. A household is defined as "All persons who occupy a house, apartment or group of rooms that constitutes a dwelling unit." The definition also includes related family members and unrelated persons, lodgers, foster children, wards or employees who share the same dwelling. Only household contacts 20 years and under and all persons within the household are eligible for gamma globulin.

## Parish Fund Drive Reaches \$170,900

Father Thomas P. Beahan, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Avenue, announced this week that subscription to the Parish Expansion Fund has exceeded the minimum goal of \$150,000 by more than \$20,900.

This report was made by the volunteer workers of the parish after nine days of active solicitation. With many parishioners to be heard from and the workers continuing their efforts, it is confidently expected that the total contribution will substantially exceed the present figure.

The Fund Drive is being held for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the construction of a new high school. Charles D. Hannan, Farmington architect, stated that the proposed high school will be of modern fireproof construction with exterior face brick and stone to match the present buildings.

## Chairman Explains Polio Set-Up

Pierre DelMontier of Farmington, chairman of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, stated that there seems to be considerable confusion regarding the eligibility of persons for gamma globulin injections.

DelMontier urged residents first not to become alarmed at the thoughts of polio. He added that if persons will follow the simple rules suggested by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, such as keeping clean, getting lots of rest, remaining in the general environment and avoiding clubs, the chances of contracting polio will be greatly reduced. DelMontier stated that there are only nine polio cases in Oakland County to date, two in the Farmington area.

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## STUDY BEGUN ON ENLARGING OF TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Several proposals are now being drafted for the enlargement of the present township offices or the construction of a new township hall by a special committee recently appointed by the Township Board.

## Chairmen Happy At Campaign Report



Chairmen of the Our Lady of Sorrows building expansion campaign and church officials are pleased at the progress of the fund drive which has reached the \$170,000 mark. This is \$20,000 over the \$150,000 minimum set for the campaign. Seated left to right are: Dr. Joseph Gadow, John Williams and Sylvester Phoney. Standing left to right are: Father Hengsthold, Joseph Kohler, Dennis Adams, Lawrence Hise, Mack Hise, Father Beahan, Romeo LeMeux, Walter DeMott and Herbert Hart.

## Civil Defense Meeting Called Off When Only Eight Persons Show Up

### Layton Issues Urgent Call For Volunteers As Another Meeting Is Set For August 10

It's happened again. A meeting of the Farmington Civil Defense Council has been called off because of lack of attendance. The meeting was scheduled for Monday evening at the Legion Home and when only eight persons showed up, Charles Layton, Farmington Civil Defense Director, adjourned the meeting. This happened once before, several years ago. After an enthusiastic start, the attendance gradually dwindled down until only a mere handful were coming to meetings.

A rebirth of the Civil Defense program in the Farmington area took place several months ago following the disastrous tornadoes in Flint and Milford. Again the first few meetings were well attended and then they began to slack off until Monday night when only eight were present.

It was admitted that progress in the securing of necessary volunteers has been slow, but Layton stated that continuing interest is essential if a program is to be developed. "We need section wardens, auxiliary police and firemen and other volunteer personnel before we can consider a master plan of defense for the community." (Continued on Page Five)

## SUMMER BAND ATTRACTS RECORD REGISTRATION

Enrollment for the Farmington Summer band classes reached new record totals the first two days, according to Lloyd Smith, director. The annual program got under way in the various schools of the district.

Large classes of beginners were reported at Farmington and Detroit Schools. The program opened on Monday and will continue until September 4. Classes are being held daily from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Farmington band house, Monday and Wednesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Bond School and Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Middlebelt School.

## Predict 2,000 Increase Development Of New Subdivisions Will Nearly Double City Population

The City of Farmington stands a chance of nearly doubling its present population with the development of just two subdivisions tentatively approved by the Council last week.

According to representatives of the Bel-Air Subdivision, located in the northeast corner of the city, a total of approximately 400 homes will be available for housing. In the Alta Loma Park subdivision, located in the southwest section of the City a total of 98 homes are being planned for eventual development.

## Report Progress On Sale Of Travel Series Tickets

### Interest In Adventure Program Increasing

Ticket sales for the Farmington Travel and Adventure Series, to be sponsored by the Kwanis Club this fall and winter, are proceeding according to plan. Al Benson, ticket chairman, announced this week.

Benson added that a large number of tickets have been sold already and the demand is continuing. The chairman urged all Farmington residents to secure their season tickets as soon as possible. They may be secured from any member of the Farmington Kwanis Club, at Charley Crook's Antique Shop, Phil Thomas Jeweler, Mayor Florio's, or the Farmington Enterprise.

The ticket chairman pointed out that the cost of a season ticket for the Farmington Adventure Series is only half that charged by most communities for similar programs. The first of six travelogues will be presented on October 10 and the program will close on March 27. Proceeds from the series will be used by the Kwanis Club for underprivileged children's work.

THE SERIES will feature outstanding explorers, adventurers, and lecturers who will take the audience on colorful trips to places of interest throughout the North American continent and Europe. Julian Gromer will appear on October 10 to show movies and lecture on "The Atlantic Coast". On November 14, Kenneth Wonders' colorful movies on the majestic sights of our western (Continued on Page Eight)

## CITY PLANNING GROUP TO HOLD MEETING FRIDAY

The Farmington City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Friday evening, July 31, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal building for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would increase the width of future lots from the present 50-foot minimum to 60 feet.

The amendment would also change the minimum space between dwellings from 12 to 16 feet, and sets up various minimum distances for unattached buildings. The hearing is being called to assist the planning commission in formulating recommendations to the City Council.

Further discussion on the development of a master plan for the city will also be held by the planning commission at the special meeting. Malcolm Waring, planning consultant, will be present at the meeting.