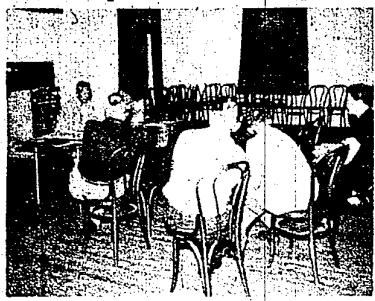


Director Speaks To Near Empty Hall



Charles Layton, Farmington Area Civil Defense Director, spoke at the head table, talks to a mere handful of volunteers who showed up for the scheduled meeting of the group Monday evening at the Legion Memorial Home. Because of the small turnout, no further progress could be made on the development of a civil defense organization. It was decided to hold one more meeting on September 14 in an effort to get the program under way.

Plan One More Attempt To Form Farmington Civil Defense Group

Only 10 Volunteers Show Up For Session Monday. Schedule Meeting At Legion Home September 14

Another attempt will be made to formulate a civil defense organization in the Farmington area, it was announced to a small group of volunteers who showed up for the regular meeting of the group Monday evening at the Legion Memorial Home.

Charles Layton, director, indicated that it may be the last under his supervision unless interest picks up considerably. This is the fourth meeting of the civil defense group since it was revived shortly after the Flint disaster. Attendance at the meetings has been steadily decreasing since the first session of the group.

Only ten persons showed up at the meeting Monday evening, September 14, at the Legion Home. Layton stated that it was impossible to make any progress with such a small group of volunteers. After some discussion Layton agreed to call another meeting for Monday evening, September 14, at the Legion Home. All of the volunteers present agreed to make one more effort to organize the group.

IT WAS DECIDED to mail out cards to all prospective section wardens, asking them to attend the September 14 meeting and to bring along other possible volunteers in their area. In the meantime, Layton stated that he would like to see the program abandoned if at all possible. He added that civil defense is vital to the welfare of the community.

ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Plans are now being completed for the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show to be presented Friday, September 11, at the Methodist Church auditorium.

The theme of this year's show will center around house and garden and will feature horticultural displays as well as flower arrangements. The horticulture class will be under the supervision of Mrs. David Krings. Flower arrangements are under the general chairmanship of Mrs. John W. Grant. Other chairmen in the arrangements section are Mrs. Tracy Conroy, Mrs. Walter Humphreys and Mrs. Ray Eichler. Mrs. Russell O. Gaston is chairman of the novice class and Mrs. Phillip (Continued on Page Eight)

TOWNSHIP HUNTING BAN VOTE SET FOR OCTOBER 5

School Board Signs Second Bus Contract

Promise Delivery By School Opening

The Farmington Township School Board accepted the return and formally cancelled the contract for the purchase of three new school buses from the Howard Otis agency on Monday night. The action was taken after Dodge J. Plymouth notified the board that delivery of the chassis could not be made before October 1. This would mean that the bids would have to be mounted after that time.

The October 1 date was found unacceptable by the Board of Education due to the fact that even with the three new buses, the transportation scheduled is only adequate. The board approved a similar contract for three buses with the Carl Hagg agency and delivery date has been promised by the beginning of school.

The cost per bus under the new contract has been set at \$5,825, the same figure quoted by the Hall (Continued on Page Eight)

Finish Sewer Line At Botsford School

Construction of a tie-in line to the main sewer main at the Botsford Elementary School is expected to be completed this week. Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarencville School District, announced Monday.

The contract for the construction work was awarded to Jim Koenig and Sons, Livonia, by the board. Work on the line was started early this week. As soon as the construction is completed and school sewer facilities tied in, the details of finishing up the new sewer will be started. The school will be ready for use with the opening of classes in September.

Schmidt stated that work is also continuing on the extension of the sewer main to the new high school addition. It is expected that the main will be completed in the next week or ten days. Both the old and new sections of the sewer will be used in the main. The superintendent stated that the contract for the construction of the tie-in line is expected to be awarded at the next regular meeting of the Clarencville School Board.

RED CROSS BLOOD BANK TO VISIT AREA OCTOBER 19

The next visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank will be to Farmington. The visit is scheduled for Monday, October 19, according to Mrs. Fred Lenz, director. Mrs. Lenz stated that the hours of the bank will be from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. As during the first several visits, the bank will be in Farmington for one day only. The afternoon and evening hours will be followed to accommodate citizens employed both in and outside of the area.

"Swell Bunch of Kids" FARC Director Commends Children On Conduct During Summer Program

In a time when the newspapers are full of stories about vandalism and the wholesale destruction of public and private property by youth, it is gratifying to publish a portion of the final report of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission. The report, submitted by Don Hossler, recreation director.

Hossler stated that during the six-week Summer Program a total of 10,515 half days of participation in the program were recorded. Girls were spent in swimming, biking, field trips and picnicking as well as arts and crafts. In addition, some 300 youngsters and parents participated in the concluding trip to Bob-Lo Island. The director added that particular attention must be called to the fact that each day we were complimented again and again upon the excellent behavior of the group of youngsters we had. With groups varying in size from 125 to 200 children, we felt justifiably proud. Hossler stated. Officials

High On List Building Permits Reflect Growth

Building in Farmington Township and City continues to set new records, according to the latest report of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission. During the first six months of 1953 a total of 129 new building permits were issued in the city and township. Of this total 36 were issued in the city and 163 in the township. March was the month in the city with 11 building permits being issued. The township showed the highest total during April when 27 permits were issued.

According to the report, the Farmington area was sixth in Oakland County with only Park in top position. Home building in the Detroit metropolitan area during the first half of the year ran 39.3% ahead of the same period in 1952, according to T. Ledyard Bakken, executive director of the Commission.

Two Pedestrians Killed On U.S. 16 Friday Evening

Third Man Injured In Auto Accident

Two persons standing on the side of the road were killed after being struck by an automobile heading west on U.S. 16 near the west-end of the Cut-Off Friday night, August 7.

At Dube of 19356 Beech Road, Detroit, was dead on arrival at Redford Receiving Hospital and his companion, Paul Vandenberg of 20977 Polman, Detroit, died soon after admittance to the same hospital.

The third member of the group, Ernest Devere Douglas of 20923 Indian, Detroit, received lacerations on the forehead. THE ACCIDENT occurred when a car driven by Drew Howard of 3502 Old Plank Road, Milford, struck the three men who were standing near a parked car on the north side of the highway.

The Michigan State Police (Continued on Page Eight)

NEW TELETYPE SYSTEM ADDED AT POLICE STATION

Installation of a new police teletypewriter is being made at Farmington station this week. It has been announced by Chief Joseph DeVriendt. The equipment is part of a 15-station network serving police departments in Oakland County. Farmington station is the furthest outlying loop of the circuit.

The machine, which is being installed by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, provides facilities for sending and receiving police messages. The new set up will be much more efficient than the use of the telephone, stated DeVriendt, because it will provide faster service and will furnish records which will be kept on file at the station.

TAX COLLECTIONS REACH 48% MARK IN CITY

City property owners are being reminded this week that they have only about two weeks more to pay their summer taxes without penalty. Kay Cotter, City Treasurer, stated Tuesday that approximately \$31,000, or 48% of the total tax, has been collected to date. It is expected that the bulk of the taxes will be paid in the last week prior to the initial penalty date.

All taxes must be paid on or before August 31 to avoid penalty. Taxes paid between September 1, 1952, and December 31, 1952, will be charged an additional 2%. Between November 1, 1953, and February 28, 1954, a 4% penalty will be charged. After February 28, 1954, all city taxes must be paid at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac.

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New Postmaster Awaits Orders



Farmington's new postmaster, Henry L. Trombley, looks away from his work momentarily for the camera. Trombley recently had the distinction of being the first postmaster the Republican Party has appointed in Michigan in 20 years. He has not assumed his new duties, but will do so when post office officials appear in Farmington to make the change-over. Charles Habermehl, retiring acting postmaster, has announced that he will take a vacation before entering private business.

School Building Fund Campaign Hits \$216,000

Collections \$66,000 Over Minimum Goal

Reverend Thomas P. Heahan, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, announced at the third report meeting held in the old church Sunday evening, August 10, that the parish-wide subscription to the Parish Fund Campaign had exceeded the minimum need of \$150,000 by \$66,000.

The Campaign Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Benney, began to function following the final report meeting. Due to the long run scope of this committee it is confidently expected that the total will exceed the present figure of \$216,000.

The campaign was conducted for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the construction of a new high school. The new high school building plan has been drawn by Charles Hennart, architect, to provide a beautiful 20-room structure which will amply provide for the needs of high school students.

Joseph Heahan said that it is both gratifying and encouraging to have received the overwhelming financial support from his parishioners which was made possible by the zeal and initiative of the volunteer workers. (Continued on Page Eight)

Start Work On City Development Plan

Preliminary steps were taken by the Planning Commission Wednesday evening on the drafting of a master plan for the City of Farmington. The authorization to proceed with the development of a master plan was given to the Commission by the Council at its regular meeting last week. It is expected that the over-all plan will require approximately a year and will cost \$2,500. The plan includes survey of existing buildings and facilities, a population density map, a thoroughfare plan of city streets as well as a revision of the zoning ordinance.

CITY MAY AWARD FIRE TRUCK CONTRACT MONDAY

The contract for a new fire truck chassis may be awarded by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening. A check of the specifications for the new truck is now being completed, and a consolidated report will be submitted to the Council. A total of four bids were received on the chassis proposal. The awarding of the contract on the chassis is expected to be delayed until the Council has had an opportunity to see the various types of equipment in action. A schedule of visitations will be set up in order that the Councilmen may see the equipment in actual operation.

Select September 4 As Final Date Of Registration For Special Election

The special election on a proposed hunting ban in Farmington Township was set for Monday, October 5, by action of the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that the last day of registration for the special election will be Friday, September 4. According to law, the last day of registration must be at least 30 days prior to the day of election. McCracken stated that the October 5 election date was the earliest possible under the provisions of the legislative bill.

The election is being called in accordance with legislation passed by the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate calling for a referendum vote on the no hunting proposal. A majority vote of the electors of the township is required before the law can become effective. McCracken stated that registration hours will be set up and published next week.

City Opens Drive To Clean Alleys In Business Area

Letter To Merchants Requests Cooperation

A campaign to clean up alleys and eliminate hazardous burning of rubbish in the business section of the city is now under way. The City Police Department, at the direction of the City Council, has announced that it will make a periodic check of all alleys and incinerators in the business district. Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt will, in the next few days, contact all business men in the downtown area requesting their cooperation in eliminating the condition. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that a letter has been drafted which will be sent to all merchants requesting their cooperation.

A SURVEY is also being conducted by the City Manager to determine incinerator needs in the business area. The survey will cover the possible location of additional incinerators and the necessary size and capacity required. At the present time there are two incinerators in the downtown area. Police are also ticketing cars which are illegally parked in alleys and public drive-ways. Tennant stated that a report on the police check of alleys and burners will be made at the regular meeting of the Council next Monday evening.

Hospital Drive Chairmen Meet

The first formal conference of the General Chairman and the Associate General Chairmen of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund Campaign was held last Friday evening at Madonna College, Livonia.

The dinner meeting was presided over by Sterling Eaton, Plymouth Campaign General Chairman. In attendance were W. W. Edgar of Livonia, James J. Gallimore of Plymouth, Ross D. Northrup of Redford, James Tegg of Farmington, and Robert J. Eggert, manager of the program planning department, Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company, who represented Lewis D. Cruse, Northville's member of the Campaign Executive Committee.

LEGION TO INSTALL THREE FARMINGTON MEN AUGUST 14

Three men from Farmington will be installed as state officers of the American Legion in a public ceremony to be held in Royal Oak on Friday, August 14.

Charles E. Larson will be installed as vice-commander, Joseph G. DeVriendt will take the office of sergeant-at-arms, and Harold Quinn will serve as historian of the Eighteenth District of the American Legion. The public ceremony will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will be held at Rochester and Twelve Mile Road in Royal Oak.

On the Farmington scene, officers of both the Legion Post and the Legion Auxiliary will be installed on Thursday, August 20. The Farmington ceremony will take place at the Legion Home on Grand River at 8:00 p.m.

City Installs Playground Equipment



Miss Diana Lynn Herrera and Master John Curtis Graham can't wait if it takes so long to install swings at the city park. The two youngsters dropped by the park last week to "supervise" and "expedite" the job being done by city employees. Floyd Salow checks one of the swing seats as Walter Ingram looks on. Part of the footing of the new structure, in addition to the swings, are a jungle bar and teeter-totter have been added to the playground equipment.

AROUND THE BLOCK

ONCE AGAIN... this week end Farmington residents were jolted into unpleasant reality by the far-too-frequent wall of police and ambulance sirens rolling through the city on another auto accident. No matter how many times it happens, and it happened often this summer, that wall sends a cold chill up and down our spine. All we can think about is twisted steel, shattered glass and injured lying around on blankets waiting for the ambulance to arrive. No, it isn't a pretty picture, especially when you are out in your own back yard on a beautiful day with a warm sun, far from the thoughts of reality. But we must face it and try and do something about it. Maybe the wall of the siren will help... let's hope so!

A LOT OF RUMORS... about the future development of the Farmington Cut-Off, The Enterprise published an article on the preliminary plans in its last week's issue as secured directly from the State Highway Department. We were advised that this was all of the information which was reasonably definite, and that as soon as further plans had been completed we would be advised. A considerable amount of survey work is being done in this general area, but it may have no connection with the proposed highway plans. Yet it may be the basis for false rumors which not only get a lot of people excited but cause a lot of unnecessary trouble shooting by highway engineers and their assistants, waiting for the official word and go right on as per usual.

A NUMBER OF CITIZENS... have answered the call for contributions to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund in memory of the late Senator Robert Taft. The Enterprise has been serving as a collection center for the funds. Contributions are being accepted at the suggestion of one of our citizens. As soon as sufficient contributions have been received they will be forwarded to the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund. So if you want to enlist in the fight against cancer and at the same time pay tribute to a great American, will you contribute to The Enterprise office today? We will see that it gets to its proper destination.

THE OPENING... of another school year can't be too far ahead if the increased activity around the various classrooms in the Farmington and Clarencville Districts means anything... and we are sure it does. Painters, polishers, movers and maintenance men are hard at work getting everything clean and fresh for another busy year. An added incentive for a number of youngsters will be the brand new schools which will be opened for the first time on September 8. We are sure no added incentive is needed, but just in case, the new Farmington High School, Clarencville High School addition, and Botsford Elementary School should supply it. At any rate it won't be long now.