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### City To Consider Opening Offices Friday Evening

**Would Remain Closed All Day Saturday**

City officials are considering a proposed plan to open the Municipal Building on Friday evenings and close on Saturday mornings as a convenience to residents.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the plan would be submitted to the Council for its consideration at the next meeting. The Manager added that numerous complaints have been received from residents that they are unable to get to the city offices during the day because many are on six day work schedules. Tennant emphasized that the change is being proposed as an accommodation to persons who wish to purchase driver's licenses, pay bills or secure information. Officials stated that Saturday morning business at the city offices has dropped off considerably in the past few months.

### Called Best Over 400 Visit Flower Show

Members of the Farmington Garden Club scored another outstanding success in the presentation of their 1953 Flower and Garden Show at the Methodist Church on Friday, September 11.

The tri-color award, signifying the best artistic arrangement in the show, was presented to Mrs. Hoje Nustorf for her marbled arrangement incorporating the use of Cadizian leaves and crab apples on a brass tray, flanked by wrought iron candle sticks.

The sweepstakes award, which is usually given to the entrant having the greatest number of winners, was made this year in the horticulture division of the show, 123 entries received 116 ribbons, which were awarded by (Continued on Page Eight)

### Reports Progress On City Planning

The Farmington City Planning Commission was advised Wednesday that the considerable progress is being made on the master plan and that a draft of the survey on existing facilities will be completed in a few weeks.

Malcolm Waring, planning consultant, issued the report at the national meeting of the Commission held at the Municipal Building. Waring added that the survey of existing facilities is the first step in the development of the master plan. Other portions of the plan include a population density chart, a thoroughfare plan, and a revision of the zoning ordinance.

The Commission also approved the purchase of four copies of the revised edition of the building code for possible amendment. The laid up committee headed by Bayard Tupper was directed to make a detailed study of the code and report back to the Commission.

### Township Plans Health Code Talks

A discussion on possible revision of the Township Health Ordinance will be conducted by the Township Board at its regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening in the Town Hall.

The Board has invited the Township and Health Officers as well as the Township Attorney to participate in the discussion. The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, but due to previous commitments a number of the officials could not be present.

### INTERIOR OF CITY HALL GETS NEW PAINT JOB

City officials announced Monday that work is expected to begin this week on the redecoration of the Municipal Building.

The downstairs portion of the building will be cleaned and repainted, as well as the stair well and hallway on the second floor. The walls will be painted light green on the top and a darker shade on the bottom. The woodwork will be dark green.

Work on the reception office and communication center in the main portion of the building has been completed and is in operation.



**THAT OLD LANDMARK**

As we talked about several weeks ago on Farmington's main street, we refer to the building located next to Dr. Whitehead's home on the north side of Grand River which formerly housed the Farmington Cleaners. The building, which is over 100 years old, was moved from its field stone foundation on Monday to a new location in the township. A lot of old timers watched the operation with considerable interest and just a little sadness as another old landmark gives way to growth and progress.

**SOMETHING NEW**

In the way of sports activities is coming up this Thursday evening at the Farmington High School gym. It will be in the form of a football clinic and pep rally and the entire community is invited to join in.

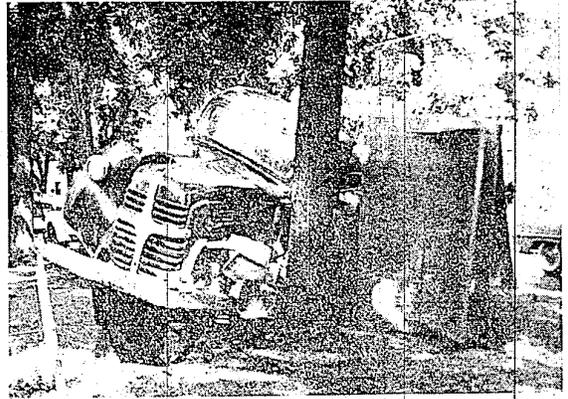
Earl Byre, new Falcon grid coach, has assembled a program which will be both educational and fun, containing to all sport fans. So here's your chance to get behind the Falcons in the right from the start and have a whole lot of fun doing it. And don't forget the opening games on Friday from Farmington and Clarencville and Clarencville on the Falcon gridiron. That goes for you Falcon and Troilan fans alike.

**THE FIRST REPORT**

A garden giant was flashed to us by Morris Wiley, 21120 Parker, this week. According to Mr. Wiley, it will be in the form of a back yard and in the dimensions we agree with him. Get this now — a pumpkin which measures 3 feet 4 inches in diameter and 3 feet three inches in length. All we can say is, that's a pumpkin. Just think of the pie that would make. Don't forget, if you have a giant in your garden, let us know about it. We know the Farmington has a lot of champion gardeners and we are anxious to prove it.

**IT WAS A PLEASURE**

to see the terrific turnout at the civil defense meeting Monday evening at the Legion Home. To the best of our knowledge it was a record, not only in number, but in interest. Complete and unhesitating cooperation are the main ingredients of success in this type of a program. Without them little or nothing can be accomplished. Let's hope that another record is set Monday, September 28, when the group meets again at the Legion Home. Civil defense is the No. 1 problem facing the American people. It is the No. 1 problem of success right here in our own community.



### TWO PERSONS narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday morning when a truck in which they were riding went out of control, smashing into a tree and utility pole on Grand River near Cass in the city.

Neither Frederick P. Chabough, 17, River near Cass in the city, nor his mother, Mrs. Florence Chabough, a passenger, were injured in the crash. According to police, Chabough was traveling east on Grand River when something went wrong with the steering mechanism, causing the truck to swerve to the right and plow into the tree and pole. The force of the crash split the top of the pole, and at right, nearly tearing loose a power transformer. The front axle of the truck was torn loose by the crash and a load of gravel it was carrying was dumped in the street. Extra city police were called in to route traffic around the accident scene and to keep people away from the weakened utility pole and to serve the needs of the truck from smashing into the residence of Cecil Roberts, 33709 Grand River. Residents of the area were without power or phone service for several hours until lines could be transferred to a new utility pole.

### Set Hours For Township Vote On Hunting Ban

Voting polls for the special Farmington township hunting ban election to be held Monday, October 5, will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

Preparations for the special election are now being completed, the Clerk stated, and notices will be published and posted next week. Township voters will cast their ballots in the four regular precinct polling places. Voting machines will be used in the balloting.

Interest in the hunting ban election is expected to increase in the next few weeks. Only 18 new registrations were added during the special registration period that ended Friday, September 4. However, the township has an unusually high percentage of qualified voters.

THE ELECTION is being held in conjunction with legislation approved by the State Legislature at its last session. The House Bill calls for a referendum vote by the electors of the township, and the township clerk will be notified by the State Legislature of the results of the vote on the question of whether or not the hunting with firearms will be banned in the area.

### Predictions Come True School Officials Announce Record Enrollment During First Week

Officials of the Farmington and Clarencville School Districts reported Monday that their predictions for the opening of school last week.

Figures released Monday show that if anything they were conservative in their predictions. Before the opening of the first two days of school which were last Thursday and Friday, it is expected that the total enrollment will increase some during the open week and then level off. Officials pointed out that there is usually a slight gain in registration throughout the school year.

O. E. Dunekel, superintendent of the Farmington Township School District, reports a total enrollment of 3,059 students in the entire district. Of this total 2,023 are enrolled in the elementary grades and 1,036 in the junior and senior high schools. This represents an increase of approximately 287 students over the first month of last year. At the present time 597 students are enrolled in the new high school building.

According to Louise Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarencville School District, a total of 1,845 students were enrolled in

### Large Turn Out Assures Future Of Civil Defense Organization

Approximately 40 Citizens Attend Public Meeting Monday At Legion Home To Volunteer Services

Considerable progress was made in the establishment of a civil defense program for the Farmington area at a public meeting held Monday evening at the Legion Memorial Home.

Approximately 40 citizens attended the meeting which was presided over by Charles Layton, Civil Defense Director. After a brief explanation of the purpose of the meeting, volunteers were asked to fill out personnel cards and to be placed in the civil defense file at the central control in the Farmington Police Station.

Pulver Chief Joseph DeVriendt reported on civil defense activities discussed at the meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police this week in Detroit. He emphasized the need for a large number of auxiliary policemen to handle emergencies arising from either disaster or enemy attack.

Lt. Al Van Dell of the Farmington police department explained the details of a survey of existing equipment now being compiled for civil defense purposes in cooperation with the State Police.

Lewis Jarrett, County Civil Defense Director, emphasized the importance of auxiliary policemen in the Farmington area as well as the marking of emergency feeding and housing facilities.

Efforts are continuing on the selection of key personnel in each of the 36 sections of the township and city. It is expected that by the next meeting, which has been set for September 28 at the Legion home, many sections will be sufficiently staffed to begin training.

### Seek Permission To Borrow Funds At Clarencville

**Board Asks Approval On \$45,000 Loan**

The Clarencville School Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved a resolution asking permission from the Municipal Finance Commission to borrow \$45,000 against undistributed state aid.

According to the Board, the action is being requested in order to secure necessary funds for the operation of the District until local taxes and state aid funds can be distributed. Tax money and state aid funds will not be received until November or December. The borrowed funds will be paid back during the present school year if permission is granted.

Action on the Board resolution is expected to be taken in the next few weeks. The Municipal Finance Commission holds regular meetings once a week in Lansing. If the resolution is approved the Board will secure proposals on the borrowing of the funds.

### Plans Completed For Kids' Day

Final plans have now been completed by the Kiwanis Club for the celebration of National Kids' Day in the Farmington area on Saturday, September 27.

The Civic Theatre is cooperating with the Kiwanis Club in the presentation of a free show at the theatre for the kids. Any boy or girl 15 years old or under will be admitted free to the theatre on Saturday morning for the special show. Doors of the Civic will open at 9:30 a.m. with the show starting at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

According to Ed Hohler, manager of the Civic Theatre, the special show will feature, "Bill and Co." birds dressed as humans; "Pal, Fugitive Dog" and six color cartoons. The show will run until 12:10 p.m.

### CITY TO INSTALL BARRIERS IN PARKING LOT

Steps are being taken this week for the improvement of the public parking lot at the corner of Farmington Road and State Street, James Tennant, City Manager, stated Monday.

Wooden utility poles are being secured as barriers along the street sides of the lot. The poles which will be laid along the edges of the parking area, will be painted white for better visibility. Tennant stated that the poles will necessitate the use of the entrance on both Farmington Road and State Street.

The barriers are being installed to prevent motorists from driving over the curbs into the parking area.

## Farmington School Board Studies City Council Proposal For Street Extension

### Action On City Fire Truck Bids Expected Monday

**Council Completes Equipment Inspection**

Action on the purchase of a new fire truck for the city is expected to be taken by the Council at its next regular meeting on Monday evening.

Bids on both the truck chassis and the fire equipment were opened and read by the Council at a special meeting held August 4. A total of eight bids were received on the fire equipment and four on the truck chassis. The Council at that time accepted the bids and placed them on file for further study.

Since opening the various proposals, members of the Council have examined fire equipment manufactured by most of the bidders. Several trips have been made to near-by communities where similar equipment is now in operation. At least one bidder brought a complete unit to Farmington for demonstration on Sunday, September 13, at approximately 3:15 a.m. at approximately Ellsworth W. Stephens, 32, of 2566 Metamora Road, Oxford, was pronounced dead by Dr. Joseph Glabauer, Farmington coroner, who was called to the accident scene. A broken neck was the cause of death. Stephens was removed to the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington.

William P. Schmitt, 17, of 3358 West Outer Drive in Detroit, was removed to Mt. Carmel Hospital by Farmington Ambulance Service.

According to Russell J. Benington, 5155 Woodlawn, Pontiac, a pick-up truck driven by Stephens was traveling south on Middlebelt when it failed to stop for Northwestern Highway and collided with the car being driven by Sample.

### Request Dedication Of Property For Prospect Street Development

The question of possible dedication of a strip of high school property to the City of Farmington for the extension of Prospect Street is to be received further study by the Farmington School Board before it receives a decision. It was announced at the Board meeting held Monday evening.

The decision stemmed from a request by the city that the Board dedicate a strip 60 feet wide on the west end of the new high school property so that Prospect Street might be extended eventually to Ten Mile Road.

It is the opinion of the City Council that such extension would provide additional accessibility to the new high school, as well as to the new Bel-Aire subdivision. Earlier this year a representative of the company developing the subdivision appeared before the School Board with a similar request.

One of the questions considered by the Board dealt with the possibility that the school district might possibly be assessed for improvements to the street.

The Board will also consider the possibility of giving the city an easement rather than a dedication.

THE SCHOOL BOARD approved an application to the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission where the school district would request an advance of \$150,000 against anticipated state aid for 1953-54.

According to Superintendent of Schools O. E. Dunekel, the advance is needed to meet current expenses for the first few months of the new school year.

During the next several weeks members of the school board will be working with school officials to compile information relative to the building needs of the school district.

Officials figure that actual construction would have to be started this year on buildings that would begin operation in 1955.

The future plans of the school district, as compiled during the next few weeks, will be presented (Continued on Page Eight)

### Man Dies In Auto Accident Sunday On Northwestern

**Second Man Injured In Three-Car Crash**

One man was killed instantly and another received a broken jaw and possible internal injuries as a result of a three-vehicle accident on Northwestern Highway on Sunday, September 13, at approximately 3:15 a.m. at approximately Ellsworth W. Stephens, 32, of 2566 Metamora Road, Oxford, was pronounced dead by Dr. Joseph Glabauer, Farmington coroner, who was called to the accident scene. A broken neck was the cause of death. Stephens was removed to the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington.

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### Start Resurfacing Orchard Lake Rd.

Work is being completed this week on the laying of the first layer of bituminous concrete surface on Orchard Lake Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads.

It is expected that the section from 13 Mile to 14 Mile Road will be started later in the week. The project includes the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from 14 Mile to 11 Mile Roads in Farmington Township.

According to specifications the entire project is to be completed by October 31.

The concrete widening strip has been laid along the entire distance of the project. Work is being completed on the switch-over of power and phone service to newly set poles. The project covers 2.9 miles of grading and drainage structure, concrete base widening and 22-foot bituminous surface on Orchard Lake Road.

The project is being handled by Ann Arbor Construction Company, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the contractor. Cost of the project has been set at \$136,892.74.

### Start Blood Donor Sign-Up Monday

Special registration booths will open Monday, September 21, throughout the Farmington business section in preparation for the next visit of the Red Cross mobile blood bank set for October 19.

Registrations will be held at special booths located in the lobbies of the Farmington State Bank, Farmington Post Office and the Township Office. In addition, persons may register at the Farmington Enterprise or by writing Mrs. Fred Lantz, registration chairman, at Farmington 0433. Plans are also being made for the establishment of a phone committee to contact persons who have previously contributed. This committee is not expected to begin operations for several weeks.

The bank will be open on October 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Facilities will be set up in the main part of the Town Hall with admission in the Township Offices. As in previous years, the bank will be in Farmington for one day only.

Persons are requested to register in advance to insure getting a convenient appointment.

### SCHOOL TO MEET WITH LIVONIA ON WATER PROBLEM

A request has been forwarded by the Clarencville School Board to the City of Livonia Water Commission asking that a joint meeting be scheduled to discuss the possible extension of water to the Westbrook Elementary School.

The request was mailed last week and a reply is expected in a few days. The Board took action to contact the Livonia Water Commission after drilling operations were halted at the school, which is located on Onus Street in Farmington Township. A shaft has been drilled on the property to a depth of 300 feet without striking water.

The Board has already received authorization to tie into the City of Farmington water system. However, some arrangement might be worked out with Livonia which would shorten the amount of line required.

### New H. S. Library Features Comfort



It didn't take Farmington High School students very long to get acquainted with this comfortable corner of the library. It is located in the new Farmington High School building. This is just one of the many modern features contained in the school which officially opened last Thursday. The new library has a number of easy-to-read-in chairs as well as standard reference tables. The abundance of natural light and bright, warm colors is a marked contrast to conventional type of school room.

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