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Dr. Clair Taylor To Be Featured At Dedication

High School Open To Public March 21
Superintendent of Schools O. E. Duncanson announced Tuesday that Dr. Clair L. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new Farmington High School on March 21. Open house at the new building is planned from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The program is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. with the National Anthem, which will be played by the High School Band under the direction of Mr. Harold Rijn. Following the invocation by Rev. James Guinan, pastor of the Farmington Episcopal Church, the Farmingtonites will offer "The Lord's Prayer."

SCHOOL BOARD President Wendell Brown will present Dr. Taylor. After Taylor's address, the school board will be presented by the Palomares after Principal G. V. Harrison's official dedication of the building is made.

Following the dedication by Reverend Guinan, offices will be served in the cafeteria. Following the dedication, the school board will be taken on guided tours of the new high school building.

Offer New Adult Ceramics Class

Ceramics seems to be a mighty popular subject with adults in the Farmington area, according to James Leach, director of the adult education program.

The first class opened Monday evening at the Farmington High School with a full complement of students. Leach stated that if 12 more applicants are signed up a second class will be started on Thursday evenings. The class is being held in the high school art room under the supervision of Mr. Glenn, art instructor. Persons interested in joining a ceramics class are requested to contact the Board of Education office, Farmington 1229, as soon as possible.

There are eight members in the beginning art class which held its first session Wednesday evening. The class will meet regularly on Wednesday evenings at the Farmington High School. Residents interested in the art class are requested to call Farmington 1229 for registration.

New Assistant Postmaster Named

The promotion of Clifford H. Desarmieux to the position of Assistant Postmaster of Farmington has been announced by Postmaster Harry Trombley. Desarmieux took over his new duties on March 11.

The new assistant postmaster has been in the postal service for 18 years. During World War II he was a postal officer in the European Theater and for three years thereafter served as a clerk in the Farmington post office.

Desarmieux then transferred to the Detroit post office, where he has served for the past five years.

A resident of Farmington for the past 19 years, Mr. Desarmieux and his wife reside at 32318 Shawansee.

DR. WHITEHEAD CHARGED WITH TAX VIOLATION

Dr. Maynard Whitehead, prominent Farmington osteopathic physician, pleaded innocent in Federal Court Monday to charges of failing to file income tax returns for 1950 and 1951.

Following the arraignment before Federal Judge Theodore Levin, Whitehead was released on \$10,000 personal bond. Joseph A. Moynihan, Jr., chief assistant United States district attorney, stated that Whitehead paid no taxes on income in either 1950 or 1951.

Norman Summers, Whitehead's attorney, stated in an interview with The Enterprise, that "the doctor was worked to a point of distraction." Summers added that he was performing a "very large amount of service without compensation and was worked beyond the capacity of one man."



C. H. DESARMEUX

AROUND THE BLOCK

NOW IT'S OFFICIAL. We got it straight from a bird, or so they should say a flight of birds, wild ducks to be exact, and they were headed north, too. It could have been just a trial run, but at any rate the winged fellows are getting the urge to move, and that's a true sign of things to come. This may sound like rather strange talk, since only last week Farmington area residents were digging out of the heaviest snow of the winter. But, that's the way it goes in Michigan... you just never know.

OUR TYPEWRITER Had a bit of stuttering and stammering last week, which just goes to show that even your old trusty "gets confused sometimes." Not that they're trying to push the blame off on her or anything like that. She only goes where we tell her... and we didn't tell her right. In the story regarding the sale of 38 acres of city-owned property, we stated that the City Council agreed to proceed with the disposal of the land "at a price not to exceed \$1,500 per acre." The statement should have read "at a price not less than \$1,500 per acre." We hope that this puts everything right again. We're sorry for the error!

WORD HAS BEEN FLASHED That a regulation traffic light was installed at the intersection of Farmington Road and Eight Mile Road last week. We might just as well have said that we know many Farmington and Livonia residents are. This has long been an extremely dangerous intersection, with an unusually high record of traffic accidents. With the new traffic light, the intersection is of vital concern to every citizen of the Farmington community. It is up to you and your neighbors to make the decision. Schools are the people's business... make them your business. If you're not registered, do it now. The deadline is March 19. So if you don't have too much time left. Be a full time citizen of your community!

BOARD HEARS PROPOSAL FOR NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICES

Rush Completion Of City Sewage Disposal Plans
Expect To Finish Final Draft During March

Work on the final plans for the proposed sewage disposal plant are proceeding on schedule, James Tennant, City Manager, announced Monday morning.

Tentative plans for the plant have already been discussed with the State Health Department. But the city is planning several minor changes were suggested by health officials. These changes are being incorporated into the final plans by L. N. Hayden, City Engineer, who stated that the completed draft must be approved by the State Health Department and the City Council before any contract can be awarded.

Work on the plans is expected to be discussed at the regular meeting of the Council next Monday evening. Tennant stated that a final draft is expected to be completed by the end of March. The plans for the plant are scheduled to be completed by the end of March. The plans for the plant are scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

Vote Registration Deadline March 19

Residents of the Farmington Township School District are being reminded this week that Friday, March 19, has been set as the final date of registration for the special \$1,500,000 bond issue election to be held March 23.

Persons who are already registered in the school district need not re-register. Residents of the school district who live in the city are asked to register at the Municipal Building, while township residents will register at the Township Office in the Town Hall. All elections must be registered in order to vote in the special election.

Residents may register at the Municipal Building and the Town Hall any weekday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 12 noon. Residents of the district who live in Livonia will register at the Livonia City Hall during the same hours. Registrations will be accepted up to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19.

Township Urged To Take Action On Building Code

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, agreed to consult the Township Attorney on the possibility of enacting a building code.

The informal action was agreed upon following a lengthy discussion by residents and members of the Board. The subject was initiated by a group of property owners from St. Francis Street, who appeared before the Board to protest the moving of dwellings into the area. Several of the residents had appeared before the Board at its last regular meeting.

It was pointed out that the moving of dwellings is legal under existing ordinances. Members of the group stated that they understood this point, but wanted to know what action could be taken to control it. Several members of the Board expressed doubt that an amendment to the present zoning ordinance would be sufficient. They indicated, however, that a building code might serve the purpose, and agreed to consult with the Township Attorney on the matter.

Cassell Elected FARC President

A complete new staff of officers and board members were named to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission at the annual election held Monday evening in the Farmington school library.

Robert Cassell was elected president for the year 1954-55. Other newly elected officers are: Mark Stitts, vice-president; Mrs. Craig Peterson, secretary; and Byron Oliver, treasurer. New members of the executive board are Mrs. C. H. Snyder, Samuel Kominsky and V. O. Bates. Oliver, Bates and Kominsky, along with Mrs. Peterson, served on the board last year. James Shaugnessy has served as officers of the Commission for a number of years. Bates is the retiring president of the Commission.

Prior to the election the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. Cassell announced that the first meeting of the new officers and board will be held on Monday, March 22. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the budget for the year 1954-55 and to discuss plans for the summer recreation program.

SCHRIEBER ASSUMES NEW TOWNSHIP POLICE DUTIES

Thomas Schriber, newly appointed Farmington Township policeman, took over his new duties on Tuesday, March 9, township officials announced this week.

Schriber resigned from the Farmington City police force on Saturday. Prior to his resignation, Schriber had served in the city department for almost three years, attaining the rank of sergeant. Schriber is also assistant fire chief for the Clarencville Fire Department.

Schriber had resigned from the city because of his new police duties. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that a new replacement for Schriber would be selected this week.

CITY ASKS PROMPT RETURN OF WATER METER READINGS

City officials are issuing a plea this week for the prompt return of water meter reading cards to facilitate the March billings.

The cards were left at homes where access to the meters was not available. Statements for water service are scheduled to go out the last week in March.

Jerry McSafely To Visit Farmington School Children On March 18, 19

Once again popular Jerry McSafely is returning to Farmington with his master, Wayne Farnell, to entertain and instruct the children of Farmington and Our Lady of Sorrows Schools.

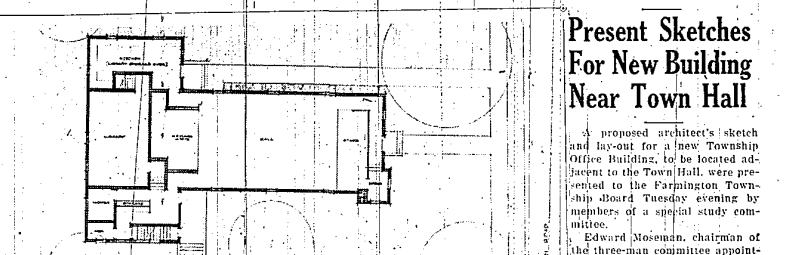
Jerry and Wayne will visit with Farmington school children at the high school gymnasium on Thursday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m. and again in the afternoon. Children of Our Lady of Sorrows School will be entertained on March 19 at 10:00 a.m. The couple will return to the Farmington gymnasium on Friday afternoon for the third appearance there. The little policeman-ventriloquist will be presented by Berling, McHugh, Farmington Ford dealer, and will appear at the show room to entertain the public after the school talks.

Jerry McSafely's illustrated lecture are practically a commonplace with youngsters. He demonstrates with songs, stories, and fascinating charts the practical, common-sense safety rules for children of every age.

McSafely and Wayne have appeared at schools, lodges, churches and many other groups to dramatize the need for careful observance of approved safety rules.

Fernall and his wooden, but quick-witted brain-child, appear in complete regulation police uniform. Jerry will distribute autographed post cards during his public appearance at Berling-McHugh's.

Present Sketches For New Building Near Town Hall



A proposed architect's sketch and lay-out for a new Township Office building to be located adjacent to the Town Hall, were presented to the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening by members of a special study committee.

Edward Moseman, chairman of the three-man committee appointed by the Board, made the presentation. Moseman emphasized that this was only a proposal and that it would require detailed study and investigation as well as the securing of plans and specifications before any formal action could be considered. Other members of the committee, including West and Thomas Tardy, member of the committee were present at the meeting as well as Elliot Robinson, Birmingham architect who drafted the sketches without charge.

THE REPORT stated that present facilities for housing and equipping the township government are inadequate. There is no money and there is no first-prize result for the seeking of records. In addition there is no proper space or facilities in the present library or in the main hall. According to the report, the committee gave careful consideration to the proposed location of the township office building, and it was decided to ascertain what could be done with the present hall and building. This decision was based on the fact that the proposed plan as sketched "would cost about half as much... as it would to acquire land and build a new building. If this were done it would give the township practically the same facilities as would be had from a new building except additional parking space."

The committee recommends that a separate circular-type building be constructed and slightly east of the Town Hall house the township offices. It would provide space for four offices, a sub-basement and a parking lot. (Continued on Page 5A)

Oakland County To Be Included In Field Test Of Trial Polio Vaccine

Officials Await Details Of Farmington Program As Final March Of Dimes Total Hits Record High

Oakland County has been designated as one of 200 counties throughout the nation to be included in field trials of a polio vaccine, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced this week.

Delmontier stated that details of the program will be announced later from the New York headquarters. It is expected that school children up to and including the third-grade will be involved in the program. School advisors and the County and State Boards of Health will cooperate in planning and executing the field test.

Delmontier added that the excellent work of the County March of Dimes Committee during the last campaign undoubtedly was a factor in the selection of Oakland County for the test. Final figures on the March of Dimes drive, which was held in January, show that contributions reached a grand total of \$120,000, setting a new record for the county. This is about \$30,000 higher than any previous record, Delmontier added.

ONE THIRD of the county had been spent for polio prevention, furthering the use of gamma globulin and financing field trials of the new polio vaccine. Another third will be reserved for epidemic aid and the remaining third kept for local expenses and direct help for Oakland County polio victims. Mrs. Ruth Parrish, executive secretary, pointed out that already \$20,000 of the March of Dimes funds had been paid out locally in direct patient care.

County campaign directors, Mrs. James Little, Floyd J. Shotwell and Zigmund Njarko, extended their thanks this week to all who assisted in the campaign and especially to the general public who so generously contributed funds. A total of \$2,901.82 was collected in the March of Dimes drive during the drive. Clarencville reported a total collection of \$2,437.18 while Novi volunteers collected \$1,343.34.

OK Fund Transfer At Clarencville

Approval has been granted to the Clarencville School District for the transfer of approximately \$8,000 in surplus funds from the 1952 Debt Fund to the 1952 Debt Fund.

The approval was granted by the Municipal Finance Commission at its regular meeting held last week in Lansing. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that the Commission took no action on the funds due and uncollected in the 1948 Fund. The Board had requested that the present surplus as well as money still to be collected from the 1948 Debt Fund be transferred to the 1952 Fund.

Schmidt added that the transfer of the funds yet to be collected may require approval by the voters. Officials are now checking into the matter with the Commission. The necessary steps will be taken to affect the transfer in accordance with the law, Schmidt (Continued on Page 5A)

CITY ASSESSMENT ROLL GOES OVER \$4,000,000 MARK

An increase of approximately \$408,500 is anticipated in the total assessment roll of the City of Farmington for the year 1954, city officials reported this week.

The total assessment has been set at about \$4,150,000. The new figure was announced following the last meeting of the Board of Review held Tuesday. The 1954 total represents an increase of approximately 11% over last year's total.

Officials stated that the increase is largely due to new building in the city as well as additional personal property.

Plan Record Appeal Easter Seal Campaign Set To Open On March 18 In Farmington Area

Farmington area residents will begin to receive mailings of the 1954 Easter Seal on March 18 as the most extensive campaign in the history of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children and Adults gets under way throughout the state.

The 21st annual campaign conducted by the Michigan Society will extend through Easter Sunday, April 18. A million and a half Easter Seals will be mailed to residents throughout Michigan by 91 local affiliated chapters of the Michigan Society, Walter F. Gries, president, announced this week.

The seal for 1954 is designed in bright blue, white and yellow, and incorporates the white lily, symbol of the Easter Seal Society, imposed on a yellow envelope which symbolizes use of the seal. The president emphasized that 91% of all funds received from Easter Seal contributions will remain in Michigan to help thousands of crippled citizens through expert examinations, treatment, special education, vocational guidance and training.

Among the major projects supported by the Michigan Society and its local affiliates are the conduct of free public clinics, the furnishing of braces, wheel chairs, crutches, casts, walkers and other special appliances and the providing of recreational activities including summer camping, bedside instruction, special transportation to and from clinics, hospitals and schools, and special education facilities and equipment.

The Michigan Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. is the oldest non-profit organization in Michigan. It serves all physically handicapped persons regardless of color, race or creed.