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## Board To Set Up Regulations On Moving Of Houses

### Attorney To Prepare Draft Of Proposal

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, agreed to begin work on a proposal to establish certain regulations in connection with dwellings being moved into the area.

In general, the proposal would authorize the appointment of two inspectors to check the dwelling prior to its being moved as well as to investigate the neighborhood in which it was located. The proposal would also require the posting of a bond by the owner to insure that the building would be improved and would establish a time limit on the completion of the construction work.

THE BOARD agreed to present the suggested proposal to the Township Attorney for final drafting. It is expected that the draft will be completed in the next month. The agreement followed a detailed discussion of the problem by a number of residents and the Board. It was emphasized that the proposal would not prevent but would regulate the moving of houses into and within the township.

Action was taken by the Board to submit a proposed amendment to the Zoning Board for its consideration. The proposal would rezone the area bounded by Shawasse, Tuck and Nine Mile Roads from residential to light industrial. The property includes about nine acres of land and is owned by (Continued on Page 5A)

## Jaycee Show Termed Success

Strains of the tune "Fine N' Dandy" were on the lips of many of the approximately 600 spectators who saw the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Jaycee Show last Friday evening.

Just about everyone connected with the show believes that the 1954 production was the most successful ever staged in Farmington. Spectators voiced many words of praise and Jaycees state that the venture was a great financial success.

The fact that both spectators and those who presented the show had an enjoyable evening was also provided a lot of fun for the youngsters in the Farmington area. As Interlocutor Werner Claus stated at the end of the show, thanks for the cooperation of Farmington citizens and merchants were not only from the Jaycees, but also from the young people of the Farmington area.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

SPRING MAY STILL is just around the corner in most places but at the Farmington and Clarenceville High School it's already here. Candidates for both the Falcon and Trojan track and basketball teams are hard at work getting in shape for the days when the sun will shine and the warm breezes will blow. Nor was it any surprise that the boys and girls were out in the field, doing their best to get in shape for the season. Signs around even though Spring does seem a little reluctant to come out and show herself. Maybe all of the Springtime activities going on will help to coax her out from behind that corner.

HAVE YOU SOME FLOWERS? . . . sitting around that you don't know what to do with? If you have, don't throw them away, the Farmington Garden Club has a use for them. They are being used by the Horticultural Therapy Committee at the Children's Hospital. Members of the Garden Club Committee take the flowers to the hospital each Wednesday and work with the children in making bouquets, bouquets and with her own hands. The boys and girls look forward to these weekly visits, but because of a lack of flowers it is not always possible to carry on this phase of the program. So if you have fresh flowers . . . don't throw them away, call Mrs. Paul Collins at Farmington 0883, and make a lot of boys and girls happy.

WE GOT A TIP . . . on an important event that is coming up which is pretty remarkable in our book. It doesn't happen very often and it is worthy of a mention. We've been advised that Mrs. Jennie Grace, 3568 Grand River, will celebrate her 93rd birthday on April 4. According to reports, Mrs. Grace is very active and takes a genuine interest in the things going on around her. Though we may be just a little early, we want to congratulate Mrs. Grace and wish her continued happiness. Why don't you send a card honoring Farmington's oldest citizen on her 93rd birthday? We know she will appreciate it!

THE BIG TURN-OUT . . . at the open house and dedication of the new Farmington High School building last Sunday afternoon was very encouraging to say the least. School officials, students, teachers and P.T.A. members are all enthusiastic about the new building. A great number of them are to be congratulated for the fine program. It is a valuable asset to the community, and one that the people themselves made possible. We sincerely hope that the same spirit of interest and enthusiasm will be shown at the Farmington School Election. One big turnout deserves another . . . let's see that it happens next Monday!

## Receive Blueprint On U.S. 16 Project

A mosaic blueprint, showing the tentative layout for the proposed relocation and development of U.S. 16 from the Farmington Cut-Off on the east to Kent Lake on the west, has been filed with the City Clerk.

The blueprint and accompanying letter shows and explains the principal route as well as an alternate proposal. The tentative plan is similar to the one published in the Enterprise several months ago. It includes a divided highway along the present Farmington Cut-Off, with the present road serving as the west-bound lane and a new strip on the south to serve as the east-bound lane. It provides for a cross-over at the intersection of Kent Lake and the Cut-Off in the vicinity of Tuck Road. At a later date service roads would be established for local traffic.

At the west-end of the Cut-Off, the highway would swing north of the present U.S. 16, by-passing both New and New Hudson and converging again at Kent Lake. The alternate proposal would involve the addition of an east-bound strip south of the present road, with both lanes by-passing New Hudson and New Hudson on the north. The Highway Department emphasized that these plans are tentative and may be changed in the detailed plan layout.

## FARC Seeks New Summer Director

Applications for a new director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission summer program are now being taken by Robert Caswell, president of the Commission. It was announced Tuesday morning.

Donald Hostler, present director of the program, advised the Executive Committee Monday evening that his duties as elementary school principal would require his full time. Hostler has been directing the summer program for the past two years.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on April 16 to consider applicants. The Committee is planning to schedule personal interviews. Applications should be filed with Robert Caswell, 2402 Grand River, prior to April 15.

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## SPECIAL FARMINGTON SCHOOL WIFE SET FOR MONDAY

### Dedicate New Farmington High School Building



Dr. Clair Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed approximately 300 persons attending the dedication of the new Farmington High School building on Sunday afternoon. Dr. Taylor was the principal speaker. He stated that the new high school building, located behind the new high school cafeteria, is the fifth member of the Board. He was unable to attend the dedication.

## Township Zoning Board Takes Action On Proposed Ordinance Changes

### Recommend Approval Of Spike Manufacturing Request, Turn Down Other Two Proposals

The Farmington Township Zoning Board has recommended that two proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance be turned down and one approved. Leo Kelly, chairman, announced Monday evening following a public hearing in the Town Hall.

The Board recommended that the proposed re-zoning of the property near Middlebelt and Middlebelt, where the Spike Manufacturing Company is located, be changed from residential to light industrial. They recommended that the proposed change in the property north of Trip and south of Middlebelt from Residential Four to Residential Three be rejected. The Board also recommended the rejection of the proposed amendment changing a parcel of land at 32550 Northwestern Highway from commercial to light industrial.

Action on the three proposals following a long hearing in which approximately 25 citizens participated. The first amendment to be discussed involved the 35-acre parcel of land north of Trip and south of Middlebelt. Percy Guardhouse, developer, stated that the proposed change from Residential Four to Residential Three was being requested to allow for the installation of a water system in the proposed subdivision and to form a buffer between R-1 and R-2 zones. Residents objected to the change.

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## Final Adventure Series Program To Feature "Realm Of The Wild"

The final program of the 1953-54 World Adventure Series will feature A. Tyler Hall and "Realm Of The Wild" this Saturday evening, March 27, at the Farmington High School gymnasium. Hall will bring to the Farmington audience a magnificent adventure into the "Realm Of The Wild" to live with animals, birds, fish, and reptiles of America in their native habitat.

This drama of the denizens of our forests, waters and skies unfolds as the camera travels 50,000 miles from coast to coast and borders to borders to reveal the wild life of the United States. It includes all sorts of fishing, photographing an amazing number of big and small game, and observing the feathered population on the ground, in the water and in the air.

The audience will witness a blazing fire, fire sweeping across the wilderness homes of our wild life neighbors. In Florida, the camera will record in beautiful color the marine gardens in the world under water. It will feature the reality of civilization will be difficult after spending an evening in the primeval world of the "Realm Of The Wild".

## Dog Quarantine Now In Effect Within City Limits

### Schedule Vaccination Clinic For April 4

A city-wide dog quarantine went into effect on Tuesday, March 23, and will continue for 90 days, until June 23. Dr. John D. Monroe, Director of the Oakland County Department of Health, announced this week.

The quarantine is being imposed at the request of the Farmington City Council. Under the provisions of the quarantine all dogs must be confined to the owner's property or under physical control of the owner when removed from the property. No dog shall be allowed to run at large within the quarantine area. The regulations also provide that no dog shall be removed from the City of Farmington unless accompanied by a permit from the Oakland County Department of Health.

ANY PERSON violating any of the provisions of the quarantine or order to restrain, confine, or muzzle dogs, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days, or both in the discretion of the court.

Citizens are making plans to conduct a dog vaccination clinic in connection with the quarantine. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at the Fire Hall Building on Liberty Street.

## School Committee To Meet Thursday At Clarenceville

### Citizens To Establish Permanent Organization

The next meeting of the Clarenceville School Citizens' Committee will be held Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clarenceville High School. Officials announced earlier this week.

Gene Pith, temporary chairman, stated that the purpose of the meeting is to explain the condition and finances of the school system and to establish a permanent organization of the Citizens' Committee. This will be the third meeting of the newly organized committee.

The group has been organized to assist the Clarenceville School District in the formation of a program designed to meet the future building needs of the school district.

Citizens stated that an increased number of complaints are being received at the Municipal Building. The Enterprise has received a number of calls requesting information regarding the limitation on the issuance of licenses.

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## Plan Open House At Clarenceville

### Adult Wood Shop Class Still Open At Farmington

All five buildings of the Clarenceville School District will hold open house on Tuesday, April 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week.

Residents of the Clarenceville area are invited to visit the buildings and view the displays of work done by the students. Schmidt stated that the open house is designed to afford residents an opportunity to see the facilities they have provided for the education of boys and girls in the community, as well as to observe the use that is being made of the schools.

Homeroom mothers will act as hostesses along with the teachers. A receptionist will be stationed in each building to direct visitors to the various classrooms. Refreshments will be served in each building. Plans are being made by principals and teachers to have each person register so that a record of visitors may be secured. The high school building, as well as the Central, Edgewood, and District and Westbrook elementary schools will be open during the evening.

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## Electors To Decide On Proposed \$1,500,000 School Building Question

A moderate to heavy vote is being predicted in the special Farmington Township School District election to be held next Monday, March 29, at the high school gymnasium.

The prediction is based on the number of inquiries received by school officials, members of the Board and the Citizens' Committee regarding the election. A number of civic groups have requested information regarding the proposals be discussed at their meetings.

Voting in the special election will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. on March 29, the date of the election. Residents will cast their ballots at the high school gymnasium building located at 32000 Thomas Street.

The election is being called by the Board to determine if the citizens approve of the proposed \$1,500,000 school building program. Two actual proposals will be voted on at the election.

The one concerns the borrowing of a sum not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the construction of approximately 40 new elementary classrooms, classrooms and gymnasium addition to the senior high school, the purchase of sites for elementary buildings, and equipment for the new school. The second proposal involves the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against the property in the school district. All qualified electors will be allowed to vote on the limitation question, but only property owners may vote on the bond issue.

## Woman Killed, Four Injured In Auto Crash

### Orchard Lake - Ten Mile Scene Of Accident

One woman was instantly killed and four persons were seriously injured as the result of a two-car collision at Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile early Monday morning.

Mrs. Marguerite Abraham, 55, of 165 California in Highland Park, was killed when she was thrown from the car driven by her husband, Samuel, a real estate salesman. Abraham received critical neck and head injuries. Ann, Abraham's daughter, Ann, received cuts and bruises as a result of the crash.

The occupants of the second car, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Harveys, of Orchard Lake Road, were taken to Bedford Receiving Hospital where Mrs. Harveys was treated for broken ribs and examined for possible internal injuries. Mr. Harveys was taken to Detroit Hospital to be treated for a severe spinal injury. Contrary to what was believed earlier, Harveys did not suffer a broken neck.

Witnesses said that the Harveys car rolled over Mrs. Abraham after she had been thrown from the car and continued to roll under it, coming to a stop at the southwest corner of the intersection. A report was given to the Farmington Police that the Abraham car, which was traveling west on Ten Mile Road, did not stop at the Orchard Lake Road intersection. Harveys was traveling south on Orchard Lake Road when the accident occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham were driving their daughter back to Michigan State College and the Harveys, married only a few months ago, were on their way to work in Plymouth.

## Easter Seal Drive Aids Residents

A total of 11 persons in the Farmington area received help last year from the Crippled Children's Society. The society is now conducting an Easter Seal Drive to raise funds for the society.

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## SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR INSTITUTE FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Public schools in the Farmington Townships and Clarenceville Districts will be closed on Friday, April 2, so that school instructors may attend the Oakland County Teachers' Institute.

The Institute will be held in the Birmingham High School auditorium and will feature Reverend Edward G. Bowles and the Honorable Chester Howles.

Reverend Elton, chaplain of the President of the United States, will talk on "America's Spiritual Foundations" and Bowles, recent ambassador to India, will deliver a "Report from India."

## It's Your Privilege . . .

to have opinions, to agree or disagree, and to sound off if you feel like it. That's American freedom! And it's your privilege, and your responsibility, to speak out when it counts the most — in the voting booth on election day.

## CAST YOUR BALLOT MONDAY, MARCH 29

Special Farmington School Election  
Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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