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Officials Check New Postal Delivery Service



Farmington Post Office officials make a spot check on the progress of the new curb mail delivery service which was inaugurated last Thursday on three routes in the Township area. Henry Trombley, left, Farmington Postmaster, and Clifford Desmarques, center, Assistant Postmaster, watch Carrier Arnold Werschin make a curb mail delivery on Rutledge Street during the Friday morning run. The carrier does not normally leave his car, but makes deliveries at the mail box located in front of the customer's home. Trombley announced this week that most of the residents who received notices to move their mail boxes, have complied with the request.

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New Mail Delivery Plan Progressing Satisfactorily, Says Trombley

Three Township Postal Routes Converted From Rural To Mounted Carrier Delivery

Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, stated this week that the change over of three mail routes from rural to mounted carrier delivery, which took effect July 1, is working out "very satisfactorily."

Under the new set-up, rural routes one, two and four have been changed to provide for curb delivery service. Trombley stated that the notices were mailed to approximately 240 of the 2,000 customers on the routes requesting them to move their mail boxes to a location at the curb in front of their homes. The Postmaster added that the majority of the residents have complied with the request, and it is expected that the balance will make the change during the holiday week.

Board To Receive Legal Opinions

In addition to the type of service, several other changes are involved in the new organization. Customers on mounted, carrier routes will have to secure their stamps and money orders at the Post Office rather than from the carrier as in the past. Letters will be picked up by the carriers provided they hear the proper amount of postage stamps. Packages will also be picked up if they are fully prepaid as will registered mail if it is handed to the carrier in person.

The new set-up provides mounted curb delivery service throughout the Township with the exception of a portion of route three.



THE PASSING PARADE

reached its climax last week-end in, around and through the Farmington area just about as had been predicted. The big jam-up started Friday evening and with only a few scattered jams it stayed that way through Monday night and early Tuesday morning. If you happened to be one of those lucky ones standing on the curb watching the parade go by, you undoubtedly saw not only every make and model of automobile but every type of boat, trailer and camping equipment besides. As one curb-watcher remarked, "why try and go out and see the world when you can stand right here and watch it roll by." One look at the long pile-up of cars on the road, and you couldn't help but agree with him.

IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS

citizens of the Farmington area will be courted, coaxed and convinced by various candidates seeking nomination to public office in the biennial Primary Election to be held August 3. We hope the election will be the best, and we hope too that it will inspire a record turn out on election day. Although the actual balloting is still several weeks away, it isn't a bit too soon to resolve here and now to vote on August 3. These periodic reminders prior to every election may get a little tiresome to some of you, but we feel obligated to continue the plea and the urging until majority action at the polls is a rule rather than an exception.

THIS PAST WEEK-END

was one of the noisier of the "quiet" Fourth of July holidays. The silence was broken repeatedly by an assortment of sounds from light crackers to heavy block busters. It was all in fun, we know, but the fact still remains that fireworks are illegal in Michigan, and the law is the law. The ban was imposed, not as a restriction on enjoyment, but as a protection of all citizens. Prior to the outlawing of fireworks, the newspapers were full of stories about lost fingers, hands and eyes as a result of 4th of July explosions. The law should be enough, but the consequences of personal injury should be more than enough. Yet, from the sounds of things during the past week-end neither were quite enough... for some at least.

IT ISN'T SPRING

but regardless of the season, the annual paint-slip campaign is on. Height and early Tuesday morning, city crews were on the streets throughout the business district with paint bucket and brush in hand. Actually the stripping of the parking stalls is done with a handy little machine instead of brush and bucket but the effect is the same. So now you shouldn't have a bit of trouble getting your car in the proper stall, and besides it sort of adds a touch of neatness to the streets in the business area.

Board To Open School Bond Sale Bids Thursday

Bonds To Finance New \$1,500,000 Building Plan

Sealed bids on the sale of \$1,500,000 Farmington Township School District building and site bonds will be opened and read at a special meeting of the Board of Education set for Thursday evening, July 8.

School officials have indicated that several bids are expected to be received by the Board prior to the 8:00 p.m. deadline on Thursday. The actual awarding of the site contract may be delayed for a few days pending further study of the bids by the Board and the bond attorneys. All bids must be conditioned upon the unqualified opinion of Berry, Stevens and Moorman, attorneys.

THE BOND SALE is one of the initial steps in the development of the new Farmington Township School District building program. As soon as the bonds have been sold, the Board can proceed with the construction of the new building.

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City To Apply For Traffic Light On Grand River

Ask State For Signal At Orchard Lake Road

A formal application for the erection of a regulation traffic light at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Grand River is expected to be filed by the City this week with the State Highway Department.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the application will be accompanied by a factual report supporting the request for the signal light. The application is being filed in accordance with standard procedures set up by the Highway Department. Police Chief Joseph also indicated that the request is being made at the request of the Board of the City Council.

UNITED FUND PLANS PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

The general membership of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest will vote on a proposed amendment to the organization's by-laws at a public meeting set for Thursday evening, July 8 at the Town Hall.

The amendment pertains to the procedures to be followed by participating agencies in regard to funds received from sources other than the United Fund. It would also prohibit public solicitation of funds by these agencies.

Further details on the organization of the Farmington area as well as plans for the 1954 fund campaign are also expected to be discussed at the meeting which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Plan Special Trips Enrollment At Playgrounds Continues To Grow

At the end of the first week of registration for the Farmington and Clarenceville summer recreation programs, a record number of over 600 Farmington and 295 Clarenceville youngsters have been enrolled with still a few more expected, according to Farmington recreation director Warren Piche, and Clarenceville director Les Larue.

During the first week of the Farmington program a total of 460 children were taken to Kensington Park; 125 on Tuesday, 225 on Wednesday and 120 on Thursday. The first field trip on Friday to Greenfield Village was attended by 240 children.

Clarenceville officials stated that of the 295 youngsters enrolled 160 are registered at the high school playground, 110 at the Hotsford School, 65 at the Edgewood School and 60 at the Westbrook School. Plans have been completed for a special softball contest Thursday between the Edgewood and the Westbrook playgrounds. The first scheduled trip of the season is planned for next Monday. Larue stated that the swimming schedule followed the swimming schedule followed

Planners To Study Final Zoning Draft

Preparation of the final draft of the proposed revised zoning ordinance will be principal business before the City Planning Commission when they meet next Wednesday evening, July 14, at the Municipal Building.

Louis Nolan, chairman of the commission, stated that every effort is being made to complete the final draft as early as possible so that it can be forwarded to the City Council for action. The complete text of the proposal has been read and discussed by the Commission. Work has also been completed on the accompanying zoning map.

A public discussion of the zoning proposal was held Saturday, June 26, at the Municipal Building at which time a number of residents filed comments and suggestions.

CITY FIRE TRUCK TO BE DELIVERED ABOUT AUGUST 15

Officials were advised this week by the Peter Pirsch Company, Kenosha, Wisconsin, that the new City fire truck would be ready for delivery about August 15.

The installation of equipment on the new GMC truck chassis is now completed. Painting of the unit plus a series of tests and trials are expected to require about a month. Hose equipment for the new truck has already been delivered, officials added.

Holiday Accident Toll In Farmington Below Estimate Despite Record Traffic

Record Holiday Traffic Jams U.S. 16 Only Three Personal Injury Crashes Reported During July 4th Week-End



This was a familiar scene to Farmington residents during most of the Fourth of July week-end as a record number of cars poured through the Community on their way to recreation areas in the country. The camera recorded this line-up on U.S. 16 just west of the City limits about 11 a.m. Sunday morning. Cars were pulled up bumper to bumper from the main intersection in the City on over the hill in the background and beyond. Only three personal injury accidents were reported in the Farmington area over the long holiday week-end.

Traffic accidents in the Farmington area over the Fourth of July week-end were lighter than expected with only three personal injury crashes occurring over the four day holiday period from Friday through Monday.

The worst of the three accidents occurred Sunday morning at the intersection of 12 Mile and Hagerly Roads. Seven persons were injured when a car traveling south on Hagerly failed to stop at the intersection and crashed into another going west on 12 Mile. The second car went out of control and directly into the path of a third vehicle proceeding east on 12 Mile.

Injured in the second vehicle, all of Oak Park, were Colla Mares, lacerations and back and neck injuries; Carmen Mares, lacerations and abrasions; Alire Mares, body lacerations; and Nicholas Mares, lacerations and leg injuries.

Light Registration Reported In City And Township

Add Few New Names To Qualified Voter Lists

A total of 20 new registrations were recorded in the Township and 25 in the City during the regular registration period which, according to Harry N. McCracken, Township Clerk, was held on Tuesday, July 6.

According to Harry N. Moore, City Clerk, there are now approximately 1,600 registered voters in the Township and 2,500 in the City. The registration period which was held on Tuesday, July 6, was held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

McCraeken stated that activity would be light since only persons who were not already registered in the respective areas needed to sign the books.

Other injuries when the car both the City and Township went to the polls on Tuesday, August 3, to nominate candidates from the various political parties for the annual regular election. These candidates will be seeking nomination and election to various national, state and county offices.

In addition to the nomination of candidates, the voters will cast their ballots in a special election called by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to determine whether or not a new county building is to be constructed in the City of Pontiac. Two proposals will appear on the special ballot at the August 3 Primary. One proposal will seek permission to issue bonds to pay the cost of erecting the building which has been estimated at approximately \$1,500,000. The other proposal will request authorization to increase the tax limitation in the county by one half of one per cent for the years 1954 to 1957 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bond issue.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTIONS OFFICERS FOR 1954-55 YEAR

Joseph H. DeVriendt was elected commander of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, at the annual election of officers held on Tuesday, July 6, at the Legion House.

Other newly elected officers include: Norman Goers, senior vice-commander; Donald Youles, junior vice-commander; Cleo Violette, historian and Cyril Laillane, sergeant-at-arms. The new officers will serve for the year 1954-55.

Members elected to the Executive Board are: James J. Nozdrin, Charles Larson, Joseph G. DeVriendt, Francis Hoffman and Charles Willard.

Stolen, Stripped And Stranded

Township policeman Thomas Schriber looks over a thoroughly stripped stolen car which was recovered July 5 after a search of 13 Mile Road and just east of Drake Road. The wheels, windshield wipers, upholstery, some of the chrome trim and the gas-line cap had been removed from the car. This is the ninth car to be recovered by the Township police in the Farmington area during the past week-end. The City police also cleared up a series of three stolen cars last week.

Friday Final Day For Clarenceville Vote Registration

City, Township Clerks To Close Books At 5 p.m.

Residents of the Clarenceville School District have until 5 p.m. this Friday, July 9 in which to register for the special school building election to be held July 12.

Persons who are not already registered in the District are requested to qualify at the respective city or township offices in the area in which they live. The District includes the Townships of Farmington and Redford as well as the City of Livonia. Citizens must be registered prior to the 5 p.m. deadline on Friday in order to vote in the special election.

THE ELECTION is being called by the Clarenceville Board of Education.

Novi School Vote Set For Monday

Four candidates will be seeking election to two offices in the Novi School District No. 8, Township of Novi vote to be held next Monday, July 12 at the Novi School.

Two of the candidates, Mrs. Royal Snow and Gerald Trotter are running for the unexpired term of J. W. Erwin, who moved from the School District.

The other two candidates, Mrs. Louis Larson and Ray Harrison, are seeking election to a regular three year term on the Board of Education.

Boom Continues Building Permits Up During June

New home building and additional construction on homes already up is continuing at a rapid pace in the township and city of Farmington.

During the month of June a total of 14 building permits were issued by the Farmington Township offices. The City issued 11 permits for the month as well as receiving an application for 12 more new home building permits from developers of the new Bell Air Subdivision.

A total of 32 permits were issued by the township for construction of new buildings, 24 for new homes and three for other types of buildings. Ten permits were granted to persons wishing to make additions to their homes and eight others for those wishing to add garages. Permits to move into newly constructed homes were given to three parties.

The city issued permits for the building of six new homes and granted four others permits to make additions. One permit was taken out for the purpose of adding a garage.

During the first seven months of this year a total of 306 permits have been issued by the township for all types of building construction. Of this number 215 of the permits were issued in June.

City Waits Action On Sewage Plans

Completion of plans and specifications for the proposed City sewage disposal plant are being held up pending action on the ground layout submitted to the State Health Department approximately six weeks ago, officials announced this week.

William Hearn, sanitary engineer, filed the ground layout with the State and has been working on the tentative plans and specifications. City officials explained however, that the final design of the plan can not be completed until the ground layout has been approved.

TWO SENTENCED FOR HOLD-UP IN FARMINGTON

James Robertson and Robert Kiefer, both of Detroit, were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 10 years for armed robbery in connection with a holdup of the Neshbet Patent Medicine Store Sunday, June 7.

The two men were captured by City Police only a few minutes after the robbery. They both pleaded guilty to the holdup and were sentenced by Judge George B. Hartwick.

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