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## Expect To Install New City Water Pump This Week

### State To Run Purity Test On New Well

Installation of the new 400 gallon water pump on a third well in the City Park is expected to be completed this week, weather permitting, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week. Tennant stated that mechanical as well as water safety tests would probably be conducted early next week. The new well is being run by the Health Department. The concrete pedestal for the pump was poured last week and is expected to be sufficiently seasoned by the middle of next week. In the meantime, tie-ins are being run from the well to the central system.

MAYOR Loomis stated last week that the present use of outside water would be continued at least until after the new pump and well are placed in operation. City officials expect that the new installation will greatly increase both the pressure and supply in the city water system. Since the ban was imposed, the head in the existing wells has returned to about normal and some backing has been built up in the reserve tank.

Contracts are now being made with various drilling concerns in an effort to secure estimates on the sinking of a test well on the east side of the city-owned property located just south of the Grand River Cut-off. The Council, at its regular meeting last Monday, authorized the City Manager to proceed at once with arrangements for the drilling of the test well. Officials have stated that additional sources of water are necessary to meet the ever-increasing demands in the city.

## ROAD REPAIRS ON 12 MILE FROM U.S-16 TO HAGGERTY SET.

Work will be started soon on the base correction and resurfacing of Twelve Mile Road from U. S. 16 easterly to Haggerty Road. The State Highway Department announced this week. A 22-foot wide bituminous concrete surface will be applied to the approximately five mile stretch of highway. It is estimated that the necessary duty to the fact that the road is subject to heavy traffic, being used as a cut-off route from U. S. 16 to areas north of Haggerty Road. The present surface is extremely rough and worn, the highway department stated, and some of the present pavement will have to be replaced. The completion date for the entire project has been set for November 30 of this year.

## Deadline Nears City Taxes Due Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, August 31, has been designated as T-day, in the City of Farmington. It's the final day for the payment of city property taxes without penalty. Kathryn Carter, treasurer, issued the reminder this week as the deadline draws near. Mrs. Carter stated that as of Monday approximately 68% of the local tax statement has been collected. This represents about \$40,739 out of a total of \$70,239. Collections are expected to be even more considerable in the last few days of the regular period.

Taxes paid between September 1 and October 31 are subject to a 2% penalty. A 4% assessment will be added to taxes paid between November 1 and February 28, 1955. After February 28, city taxes must be paid at the Oakland County Treasurer's office in Pontiac.

## Enroll 850 At Catholic School

A record number of 850 students have already been enrolled at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School for this year. Only a few openings left in one or two classes, Father Thomas P. Beahan disclosed this week. Classes this year will be held in all grades with the exception of the first grade, at 9:00 a.m. School hours will remain the same as last year, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Three new staff members have been added to the teaching staff this year. Father Beahan stated, bringing the number of teachers teaching to 15. Three lay teachers, the same as last year, will also serve as instructors. Father Beahan and his assistant, Father John Duan, will give part-time instruction in completing the teaching staff at Our Lady of Sorrows. This year's enrollment at the Catholic school is a large increase over last year, when approximately 700 students were enrolled.

## LIONS TO SPONSOR STREET AUTO WASH THIS SATURDAY

Farmington area residents are being reminded this week of the special street auto wash to be held this Saturday, August 28, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Lions Club. The auto wash stand will be located on Oakland Avenue between Grand River and Farmington Road adjacent to the Town Hall. According to club officials, the washing will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be no charge for the auto wash, but donations will be solicited by members of the club. Proceeds from the project will be used by the Lions for eye correction work and aid to the blind.

# RESIDENTS URGE BOARD ACTION ON WATER PROBLEM

## City Officials Purchase 1954 Travel Show Tickets



Ticket sales for the 1954 Kiwanis-sponsored travel and adventure series officially got under way last week when Mayor Kenneth Loomis and City Manager James Tennant, seated, purchased their season tickets from club officials. Proceeds from the travel series will be used by the Kiwanis Club in the aid of underprivileged children and the recreation of boys and girls in the Farmington community. Pictured left to right are: Tennant, Lloyd Smith, president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, Loomis, and Roger Walker, chairman of the travel series ticket sale.

## Start Enrollment Of H. S. Pupils At Clarenceville

Announce Schedule For School Book Store

New Junior and senior high school students in the Clarenceville District are now being enrolled at the principal's office in the high school building on Middleboro Road just south of Eight Mile Road. Max Miller, high school principal, stated Monday that all students from the 8th to 12th grades who are new in the Clarenceville District are now being enrolled prior to the opening of school on September 5. Students may register any week day from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the principal's office. It is expected that the opening enrollment in the Junior and senior high school will be approximately 725. Miller stated that a new course is being added to the high school curriculum this year. The refresher English course is being included in the 12th grade. The special English course to assist students who have had previous difficulty with English. HOKK STORHEN in the various schools throughout the District will open the week of August 30. Stores in the Botford, Central and Junior and Senior High Schools will be open Tuesday, August 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 1, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. (Continued on Page 6A)

## Stores To Remain Open Wednesday Afternoons Starting September 8

Majority Of Merchants In City Business Area Agree To Cooperate With New Service Plan

Beginning September 8, stores throughout the business section of the City of Farmington will remain open Wednesday afternoons, according to officials of the Merchants' Association. The Wednesday afternoon open hours will be in addition to the regular Friday evening hours. Some merchants have indicated that they intend to remain open Thursday evenings also. Phil Thomas, president of the Farmington Merchants' Association, stated Monday that final plans have now been completed for the new Wednesday afternoon hours. Thomas emphasized that the success of the new program will depend largely upon the response of Farmington citizens to the plan. A TOTAL of 18 Farmington merchants have agreed to keep their stores open Wednesday afternoons. This is in addition to the number of business places which have previously remained open during these hours. The merchants cooperating in the plan are: Phil Thomas Jeweler, Farmington Shoes, Hocking - Gillies Shoes, Gambles Store, Hatton's Farmington Hardware, William Everhart, Grocery Cleaners, Longs Smart Appliance Shop, Richardson Appliance, Kroger Food Company, Mac's to 85.00 Store, Farmington Dairy, Danvers, E. R. Schwager Men's Wear, Farmington Radio and TV, Sterling Paint Store, Johnson's Market and Conroy's Market. At a meeting of the Merchants' Association held Tuesday evening last, September 2, it was voted that persons must be present at the Appreciation Day programs to be eligible for a prize. The programs are held every Friday at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Park.

## Teenagers Needed Plan Big Week End Polio Fund Drive

Plans have now been completed for a Big Emergency March of Dimes program in Farmington this week. The special polio fund raising campaign will be kicked off with a bake sale on Friday, followed by a door-to-door march on Saturday and concluded with a costume dance in the Town Hall Saturday evening. All campaign activities are being handled by teenagers in the community under the direction of Sharon Beuthin, 32315 Oakland, chairman, and Dean Bradley, 32926 Oakland, vice-chairman. Teenagers are still badly needed to help out in door-to-door soliciting and other projects. Miss Beuthin stated. Any teenager wishing to help in this worthwhile public fund raising activity is urged to call Farmington 2749 at once. FRIDAY'S BAKE SALE, starting the week end campaign program, will be held at Hatter's Hardware starting at 9:00 a.m. All types of pastries, including cakes, pies and cookies, will be sold. Donna Cox, chairman of the bake sale, stated that anyone wishing to contribute pastries may do so by calling Farmington 1768. The door-to-door drive on Saturday will be made between 8:00

## Survey Of School Sites Under Way

Land survey work on the three new Farmington Elementary school sites is expected to be completed later this week. O. E. Dunlap, superintendent of schools, announced Monday. Only one of the three sites has actually been purchased by the District. However, preliminary purchase agreements have been secured for the other two parcels. Dunlap stated that the survey information will be turned over to Ehrlich Smith, Associates, school architects, as soon as it is completed. Plans and specifications for the buildings can not be completed until the grade levels have been determined on the three parcels. Advertisements for construction bids will be published on September 9 and September 11. Detailed plans and specifications for the buildings will be available following publication. Deadline for the receipt of bids has been set for September 28. School officials have indicated that they are anxious to get construction under way as quickly as possible in order to have the new classrooms ready for occupancy by September of 1955. The three buildings are to be located in the northwest, southeast and eastern sections of the township.

## St. Paul's School To Open Sept. 9

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Middleboro near Eight Mile Road, will open registration on September 5. School officials announced this week. The hours of registration have been scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. A second day, Wednesday, September 8, has also been designated for registration. The hours of registration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Officials expressed the hope that students will be registered on the earlier date in order to facilitate the setting up of the bus schedules. Opening services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Miss Virginia Brade has joined the faculty this year, replacing Mrs. Ernest Winter. Mr. H. Kenow and Ernest Winter will coordinate the balance of the teaching staff.

## Enroll New Grade School Students Starting Tuesday

### Principals Schedule Registration Hours

Registration of new elementary students in the Farmington Township School District will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday, August 31 and September 1, at the various grade schools throughout the District. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, stated that the registration concerns only students new in the District this year. The various principals' offices will be open on the two registration days from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Parents are reminded to bring their children's birth certificate with them when they register. The registration will include all new students from kindergarten through sixth grade. All students should be registered by September 5. (Continued on Page 6A)

## Service Held Wed. For John Young

John Q. Young, chief examiner of the City Driver's License Bureau, passed away Sunday morning at Art Centre Hospital after several weeks' illness. Mr. Young, who was also a former owner of the Grand Cab Company, was born December 6, 1898, in Farmington. He was the son of Nathaniel and Christine Sogging Young. He attended school in Poplar Hill before coming to Farmington for the past 15 years. His home was at 2565 1/2 Haggerty Road, Farmington Township. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. from the Thayer Funeral Home with Rev. Richard A. Geiger of the Farmington Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial took place in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery. Surviving besides Mrs. Young are two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Martin of Farmington and Mrs. George Weyer of Walled Lake. Mrs. Young leaves three sisters, Mrs. E. H. Roberts, Mrs. D. O. Hensen and Mrs. Carl Grobe, all of Poplar Hill, Michigan, and one brother, A. J. Young of St. Louis, Missouri, and four grandchildren.

## Overflow Audience Jams Town Hall, Appoint Special Study Committee

Over 300 protesting residents and property owners jammed into the Town Hall Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board to demand action on the establishment of a water system in the "dry" area of the township. It was the largest attendance ever recorded at a Township Board meeting. An accurate count was impossible, as many residents in the rear and along the sides of the hall, while others jammed the doorways and windows. During the heated two-hour discussion, two definite steps were announced in an effort to resolve the water problem. A special water commission was authorized by the representative Board members. A meeting will be held Thursday between township officials and the Detroit Water Board for the purpose of getting in touch with the possible tie-in with the Wayne County System. Dr. Joseph Gadwah was nominated chairman of the new commission. Other members representing the various interested groups of property owners are: Arthur Tourhain, Eddie B. Vance, Jim Meltride, Clarence H. Hays, J. Fisher, Mrs. Philip Newberg and Fred Westlake, member of the Township Board.

## Case Against City Zoning Board Set For September 10

### Hearing Scheduled Before Judge Doty

Trial has been set for Friday, September 10, in Oakland County Circuit Court regarding the Petition for Mandamus filed by John L. Boren, 23480 Alta Loma, against the Zoning Board of the City of Farmington and the Building Department. The suit concerns an alleged violation of the zoning ordinance regarding the construction of a new home at the corner of Alta Loma and Liberty streets. On June 22, Boren was notified by James Tennant, building inspector, to desist from further construction on the grounds that the house did not conform to the requirements of the building code and zoning ordinance. According to the inspector, no plat plan was submitted. A permit was obtained and the set-back of the building from Liberty Street does not meet the requirements of the ordinance. This prohibition claims that he was given oral approval to begin construction and that he had expended approximately \$1,000 on the building. (Continued on Page 6A)

## Killed In Accident On Orchard Lake

Leon Merrieweather of 600 Chandler, Detroit, was killed early Sunday morning on Orchard Lake Road just north of Ten Mile Road when his car ran off the road and crashed into a concrete culvert. Suffering severe injuries to the skull and head, Merrieweather was dead upon admittance at Redford Receiving Hospital. A report from a witness disclosed that Merrieweather passed him at a high rate of speed a short distance from the scene of the crash and that his car was weaving all over the road before going out of control and crashing into the culvert. Merrieweather's car passed him on the left side of the road and onto the shoulder of the highway. The time of the accident was set at 1:30 a.m.

## Finish Conversion Of Postal Routes

Major reorganization of the type and number of routes included in the Farmington Post Office has been completed, Henry Trombley, Postmaster, announced this week. Trombley stated that the principal change in the reorganization has been the conversion of the majority of rural routes to mounted carrier. The change involved the conversion of 3 to 4 mile routes into 1 to 2 mile delivery. Under the present organization, a total of 4,620 customers are now receiving either curb or home delivery. The new organization will require 110 stops on Route One still receive rural delivery. Another principal change has been the establishment of a new route which will carry mail. Trombley stated that the change was made to lighten the heavy loads on the existing routes and establish a more equal balance. It is also designed to speed the delivery of mail throughout the entire community. Trombley stated that as a result of the ever-increasing number of homes in the city and township, the volume of both incoming and outgoing mail continues to rise at a steady pace. This is expected to result in various changes in time to time in order to meet the increased demands.

## Volunteers View New City Fire Truck



Russ and Bob Lucobon, members of the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, look over the controls of the new city fire truck during a public showing Sunday at the Town Hall Park. The new truck arrived in Farmington Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Special Underwriters' tests were run on the truck and equipment Tuesday afternoon at Nankin Mills. The new truck is expected to be placed in service this week.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

THE CITY'S NEW fire truck is a real eye-catcher. This was proven Saturday afternoon and Sunday as a goodly number of citizens looked at and examined the new piece of equipment during a public display at the Town Hall Park. The new truck is a 1954 Ford, a 1954 Ford spare ship and brother, is it red. There is no question about its crowd gathering ability. It's got it. And even more important is its ability to put out fires. The opportunity hasn't presented itself yet, and we hope it won't for a long time, but according to the city fire chief, it can really do the job. City residents should be able to rest a lot easier now with this new, shiny, red wagon sitting in the garage.

ONE GLANCE at the front page this week is proof enough that the opening of school is just around the corner. It has been a mighty short summer, hasn't it? In addition to the pre-school registration of new students in both the Farmington and Clarenceville District, there is information on opening of the book stores as well as inside stories on Farmington Junior - Senior High School bus schedules and the opening of football practice for both the Falcons and Trojans. And there will be even more next week as the September 1 opening date draws near. It is another summer practically over now, but a new season is on the way. . . and it never is as bad as it seems at the moment. Just you wait and see!

ACCORDING TO REPORTS... the publication of traffic violations in the Farmington area is doing some good. This is the opinion, at least, of local court officials. We sincerely hope that they are right. This feature was initiated for the purpose and that purpose only. It is not designed to embarrass anyone, but rather to focus attention on the importance of traffic safety. It is published on the theory that it is better to receive a fine and a lesson than a coffin or a hospital bed. And in the process, we hope that it will serve as a weekly guide to all citizens that it pays to obey the law. We would far rather publish a list of violators than a column of traffic accident victims. . . and we think you would, too!

HAVE YOU GIVEN... to the emergency March of Dimes campaign? Remember, there are a lot of your friends and neighbors depending upon you. A few may already be the victims of polio, others are being and the praying that they may be spared. Both can be helped if you and I do our parts. So the next time you pass that emergency March of Dimes canister in your favorite store, drop a few dimes, will you? We promise to do the same thing and altogether we'll beat this crippling foe good!

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