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## Enrollment Continues To Increase At Farmington And Clarenceville

Second Week Figures Represent Marked Increase In Record Classroom Registration

Classroom enrollment in both the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts is continuing to increase, according to reports released this week by school officials.

Total enrollment in the Farmington elementary grades has reached 2,405 while the junior - senior high school enrollment has climbed to 1,111. This brings the over-all classroom load to 3,519 as compared to 3,467 reported last week. Kindergarten enrollment in the Farmington schools now stands at 466 compared to 460 during the first week. Both Miss Minnie Ziegle, elementary coordinator, and C. V. Harsh, high school principal, indicated that enrollment is expected to climb noticeably for the next few days before leveling off.

Officials indicated some concern over the increases in certain grades and locations. With the continued new home construction throughout the fall, class loads are expected to grow heavier at specific schools and may require some adjustment.

ENROLLMENT in the Clarenceville District also experienced some increase during the past week, reaching 1,901. This is compared to 1,887 for the first week of school. According to school reports, elementary enrollment has climbed to 1,155 while junior - senior high school enrollment stands at 716. Of the 1,155 grade school registrations, 179 are in the kindergarten.

School officials stated that enrollment is expected to continue to climb for the next few days and then taper off to the normal increase experienced throughout the regular school year. The latest figures are still slightly under the estimates originally set for the first week of school. The percentage of increase is believed to be the result of a temporary slackening of new home building in the District, officials stated.

## Set Special Vote Registration Hours

Special locations and dates have been designated for the processing of vote registrations for the coming General Election.

City Clerk, Harry W. Moore, announced this week. In addition to the regular daily registration hours, the following special periods have been set for Friday, September 24, and Wednesday, September 29, at the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt and just north of Grand River. Examiners are on duty at the Fire Hall every Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. All residents of the township may secure their new and renewed licenses at the Fire Hall during that time. City residents may also register at the Fire Hall on Liberty Street. We hope that helps to clear things up a little bit and save a few needless steps.

## Planning Group Recommends New Commercial Zone

Propose Business Area On S. Farmington Road

Recommendations on the rezoning of the east side of Farmington Road from the Grand River Cut-Off to a point about 160 feet south of Alta Loma Street were submitted to the City Council by the Planning Commission Monday evening.

The Planning Commission approved the recommendations at a regular meeting held last Wednesday evening. Louis Nolan, chairman of the Commission, stated in submitting the recommendations that the rezoning was necessary for the future expansion of commercial facilities in the city. According to the recommendations, the proposed new zone would have a depth west of Farmington Road of about 764 feet. The northwest corner of Farmington Road and the Cut-Off is already zoned commercial.

According to the recommended plan, 150 feet immediately west of the road would be used for parking or one-family dwellings, the next 200 feet would be allocated for commercial buildings, with the remaining 411 feet in the rear.

## CITY DESIGNATES OAKLAND LOTS FOR PLAYGROUND

The city-owned property at the intersection of Oakland and Grand Roads has been set aside for future use as a neighborhood playground. It was announced during the regular Council meeting Monday evening. According to officials, the property was originally purchased for new well sites. However, recently adopted State regulations prevented its being used for that purpose. It was suggested during the meeting that the property be advertised for sale. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to set the property aside for future playground facilities.

# CITY TO APPEAL ZONING CASE TO SUPREME COURT

## Discuss Township Water Problem At Public Meeting



An impressive number of residents gathered at the Farmington High School last Thursday evening to hear reports by members of the Citizens' Water Committee set up for the purpose of obtaining water for homes in the southern portion of Farmington Township. Boundaries of a proposed new water district were explained and questions answered for citizens by the committee. Shown above are members of the special committee addressing residents at the meeting. They are, left to right, Fred Westlake, Dr. Joseph Gadwah, Eddie Vance, Clarence Herlihy, Mrs. Philip Newman, and Henry J. Fiskovich. Committee members and advisers are Arthur Touraine and Jim McBride.

## Board To Consider Engineering On Proposed Township Water System

Blanchard Informs Residents That Problem Will Be Discussed At Next Board Meeting

Over 375 residents of Farmington Township were assured, during a public meeting Thursday evening, that the Township Board would initiate action at its next meeting, in regard to the possible establishment of the water system in the southern portion of the township.

The assurance came from Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, following an appeal by Dr. Joseph Gadwah, chairman of the Citizens' Water Committee. Blanchard stated that the first job should be the selection of a competent engineering firm to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed system. The supervisor stated that this is necessary in order to determine the cost of the project. Blanchard indicated that several engineering companies have already been contacted on a preliminary basis.

Dr. Gadwah opened the meeting with an explanation of the boundaries of the proposed water district, which would include most of the southern and eastern section of the township exclusive of the area covered by the present water system. Persons interested in participating in the program are requested to call Farmington during the week of September 27.

The program is expected to follow the same pattern as established last year with classes in both the afternoon and early evening. Sessions will be confined to four persons each. The classes will be handled again this year by Annalyn Marra and Kenneth Bohn, experienced driver training instructors. A new driver training car is also available for this year's program. Irish stated that plans are also being made to schedule an adult "handcraft" class as well as a community band program, provided there is sufficient interest.

## Offer Free Show Mayor Officially Proclaims Saturday As Kids' Day

Mayor Kenneth R. Loomis issued a special proclamation this week, designating Saturday, September 25 as "Kids' Day" in the City of Farmington and urged all citizens to cooperate with the Kiwanis Club in support of the "Kids' Day" in the city. Loomis stated that this community-wide observance is a day when we can all enjoy the company of our children.

Lloyd Smith, president of the Kiwanis Club, and Robert Cassell, chairman of the General Committee, expressed their sincere appreciation for the excellent assistance being given to the Kids' Day celebration. Plans have been completed for a special children's show at the Civic Theatre as well as a community-wide peanut sale, both to be held Saturday.

THE SHOW, which will begin Saturday at 10 a.m., will be free to all boys and girls in the Farmington area 14 years of age and under. Eddie Hoehler, owner of the Civic Theatre, has arranged a special two-hour show of interest to children. It will feature one full-length color feature, "The Wild Stallion" plus eight color cartoons. The doors of the theatre will open at 9:30 a.m., with the show ending at 12 o'clock noon.

## Board To Open School Building Bids Tuesday

Covers New Elementary Units And High School

Sealed bids for the construction of three new elementary schools and a gymnasium - classroom to the high school will be opened by the Board of Education of the Farmington Township School District next Tuesday evening, September 28.

School officials have indicated that considerable bidding activity is expected. The deadline for receipt of bids on the various projects was published several weeks ago. It is expected that the bidding will be looked down into various phases of construction for such of the four projects.

AWARDING of the specific contracts will probably be delayed for several days pending a study of the various bids by the Board and the school architect. The Board has indicated, however, that they are anxious to get the construction under way as early as possible. It is hoped that the projects will be completed and ready for use by September of 1955.

The three elementary schools are to be located in various sections of the township. One unit will be constructed on the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Fourteen Mile Road. Another building will be located on the southeast corner of Tuck Road and Shawanawase, while a third is to be located on the west side of Gill Road, about half way between Eight and Nine Mile Roads. All three sites have been purchased by the Board.

The gymnasium - classroom addition will be constructed as a wing on the east rear of the new high school building.

## Adult Ed. Class Schedule Set Up

A schedule of classes for the Adult Education program of the Farmington Township School District was set up by James Read, assistant superintendent of schools.

Classes will begin on Monday, October 4, for some coming on Tuesday, September 27. All classes will be held at the new Farmington High School building and will run from 7 to 10 p.m.

A ceramics class and classes in art, beginning sewing and typing will be started Monday. The ceramics course will be taught by Mrs. Rose Rusek, and the typing course by Miss Elsie Barnard in the typing room.

Classes in upholstery and advanced sewing will begin on Monday, September 27. The upholstery class will be taught by Arno Whitehead in the school basement. (Continued on Page 5A)

## PLAN TO CONNECT THIRD CITY WELL THIS WEEK END

Initial water tests were conducted Thursday on the third well located on the site of the new Farmington City Manager, announced this week.

It is expected that the recently re-opened well will be connected to the city water system later this week. Samples of the water were taken Monday by officials of the State Health Department for laboratory tests on purity. Tennant, City Manager, stated that the water will be discharged into the system from the third well until the Health Department tests have been completed.

The City Manager added that the test Thursday showed no appreciable effect on the two existing wells in spite of their relative closeness to each other. Tennant stated that the existence of the new well will not only add to the present supply during dry periods, but will help distribute the load now being carried by the two present pumps.

## Council To Test Validity Of Code As Result Of Circuit Court Decision

The City Council Monday evening unanimously approved a resolution to request the Circuit Court decision in the case of John L. Boren vs. the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Inspector to the Michigan State Supreme Court.

The resolution directs that the City Attorney be authorized and instructed to take the necessary steps to remedy the case to the Supreme Court for the purpose of having a final determination of all matters involved. It also authorizes the Attorney to employ, on behalf of the city, the best counsel obtainable to represent them in the appeal.

Action on the resolution followed a detailed discussion of the zoning case from its beginning to the decision of Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty rendered on September 13. Mayor Kenneth Loomis, speaking for the record, outlined the history of the case and presented the personal situation regarding the matter. He stated that: "I have nothing personal against Mr. Boren. I do not know him. Had Mr. Boren come to the Board of Ap-

The text of Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty's decision in the Boren case was published on Page 23, while the official proceedings of the City Council appear on Page 5A.

## City Clerk Resigns



HARRY W. MOORE

The City Council Monday evening accepted with extreme regret the formal resignation of Harry W. Moore as City Clerk, effective September 30, 1954.

"Th action was taken following the reading of a letter from Moore in which he tendered his resignation for reasons of health. Moore has been clerk of the City of Farmington for the past 18 years.

Kathryn Corder, Treasurer, was appointed City Clerk to fill the vacancy, effective September 30. Mrs. Corder will serve as both Clerk and Treasurer. The Council approved a motion to retain Moore as Deputy Clerk to take effect upon the date of his resignation as Clerk. Action was delayed on the resignation of Bayard Tupper as a (Continued on Page 5A)

## Garden Club Party Set For Saturday

Plans have been completed for the Annual Farmington Garden Club benefit card party to be held this Saturday, September 25, at the Farmington High School gymnasium on Thomas Street.

Tickets for the party may be secured from Mrs. Birt Campbell, general chairman, 18526 Shadydale, phone Farmington 0088-J, or from Mrs. Richard Lancaster, ticket chairman, 25123 Nine Mile Road, phone Farmington 0288-J. Mrs. Walter Humphreys will serve as mistress of ceremonies at the annual party.

As a special feature of this year's program, bulbs for fall planting will be on sale at the gymnasium during the party. Mrs. Earl Marks will have charge of the bulb sale. A wide variety of prizes will be awarded during the afternoon. The party is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

## Babe Ruth Champs Receive Trophy



Sam Graham, left, manager of the Red Sox of the American League, receives the championship trophy in behalf of his team from Malcolm Moran, center, recently signed by the Detroit Tigers. James Warner, president of the Babe Ruth League, witnesses the presentation. The trophy was presented at the annual Babe Ruth League Banquet at the Farmington High School cafeteria, Monday evening. The banquet was sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

SOME CONFUSION... still exists regarding the location, hours and jurisdiction of the Oakland County Driver's License Bureau. The Bureau, which is a branch of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, is located in the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt and just north of Grand River. Examiners are on duty at the Fire Hall every Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. All residents of the township may secure their new and renewed licenses at the Fire Hall during that time. City residents may also register at the Fire Hall on Liberty Street. We hope that helps to clear things up a little bit and save a few needless steps.

THE BIG PLANE... that swooped over the metropolitan area last week, rattling buildings and generally creating an uproar, didn't slip by the Farmington air spotters. According to reports, they were one of the first to report the huge bomber to the Fitter-Center in Grand Rapids. In spite of a low ceiling which obscured the plane from vision, air spotters Emory Hutton and Charles Westinger picked up the plane by sound and reported its course to higher authorities. It is highly reassuring to know that, fair weather or foul, our air spotters are on the job. Although they stand their watch day in and day out, they are not on furlough... they are a vital key in the defense of our home and mine, and we appreciate the service they are performing.

THIS ISN'T OFFICIAL... that snowed in at least one section of the Farmington area Tuesday afternoon. According to the report, the snow was definitely noticeable. Although we didn't see it ourselves, the conditions were certainly right. So if you are keeping a record, this is the first sign of snow this fall since September 1st. We don't know whether this is a sign of an early winter or not, but we are sure of one thing... summer has faded away and winter is definitely on the way. Beyond that, we have no predictions to offer.

THE RESPONSE... to our request for questions regarding various topics of community interest has been very encouraging. We have received a number of questions and answers from our readers. We are now processing a number of questions which will appear in next week's Enterprise. We sincerely hope that sufficient questions will be sent our way each week to make this a regular feature. So let us hear from you! Another feature starting next week will be the introduction of a number of new neighborhood columns. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy these new features and will give us your ideas and comments on how to further improve your home community newspaper.

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