



**TWIRLING** Instructions are given daily to interested youngsters as a part of the annual six-week Farmington Summer Band program. Youngsters in the photo above are all members of the twirling class which meets each week day at four to five hours from 11:30 a.m. until 12 noon. When this picture was taken last Friday, the group of young girls were joyfully awaiting

the signal from instructor Lloyd Smith to swing into their next twirling routine. Instrumental band instruction is also offered daily to both elementary and junior and senior high school students. The summer band program will be concluded for this year on August 5 with the annual Band and Recreation Band Trip to Boh-Loo.

## State Action On City Bond Sale Application Expected August 2

### Request For Permission To Sell \$175,000 Water And Sewer Bonds Filed With Commission

Final action is expected to be taken by the Municipal Finance Commission Tuesday, August 2, on the application of the City for permission to sell \$175,000 in revenue bonds to finance the proposed water and sewer extension program.

Formal application was filed with the Finance Commission in Lansing on Tuesday. James Tennant, City Manager, presented the application during a regular meeting of the Commission. The City Manager was advised that according to procedures the application will be acted upon at the August 2 session. Additional blueprints on the proposed sewer extension must be submitted, but it will not affect the date of final action.

The City Manager stated that the Commission will advise the City of their action immediately following the August 2 meeting.

As soon as approval has been granted, the City may proceed with the advertising of bids for the bond sale. In the meantime, orders have been placed for the purchase of pumps and pumping equipment for the new city water works.

The \$175,000 revenue bond issue is designed to cover the cost of expanding the water system as well as extending and improving certain sewer facilities in the City. The water expansion project will include the connection of the two new wells south of the Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road to the present system in addition to the installation of new pumps and facilities.

The sewer phase of the project includes the installation of new lines and manholes as well as the replacement of a number of old lines.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

**THE RESIDENTS** ... of Farmington are accustomed to seeing traffic pileups on Grand River, especially on hot summer week ends, but there was a different type of jam-up last Monday when the police busy for several hours. Late in the afternoon, just about the peak of the rush hour, a truck loaded with wood block dirt overturned on Grand River just east of Brookdale, creating an effective road block to east-bound traffic. The police were immediately dispatched to the scene and equipment was secured for clearing the obstacle. In the meantime, traffic was shuttled back and forth on the two west-bound lanes. Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident, although there may have been a few late arrivals for Monday night supper.

**THE FIRE SQUAD** ... has been getting a better-than-average workout for this time of year. In fact, by the sound of things, it would almost seem like Spring. During the past week, at least six runs were made by the Farmington Fire Department, not counting those made by the other two Township Departments. According to reports, the majority of the calls have been in answer to grass fires.

In spite of some recent rain squalls, fields and woodlots are extremely dry, and residents are urged to take extra precautions while burning rubbish and other debris in the open. Let's keep that strenuous quiet — don't start a fire you can't control!

**IT'S PROBABLY FOOLISH** ... to even mention it, but in case you kids are wondering what's going on in school these days ... the answer is plenty. Work crews and maintenance men are hard at it, getting the classrooms freshened up for the coming school year. The smell of fresh paint and the sound of hammers have replaced the brief calm that settled over the buildings following the start of the summer vacation. From now until September the activities will continue to increase by the hour. The calls have been in answer to grass fires. We don't mean to spoil your summer fun by bringing up the subject of school ... but thought maybe you would like to know what's going on in the old classroom these days. Besides, there's still a lot of vacation left, so enjoy yourself.

## Youth Hurt In Bicycle Mishap On McGee Hill

### Losses Control Of Bike, Hits Guard Rail

Ten year old Ronald Fox of 28730 Grand River was injured last Thursday afternoon when he lost control of his bicycle while riding down McGee Hill. He struck a guard rail at the base of the hill and was thrown into the water.

Fox was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital with abrasions and bruises and a possible skull fracture.

The accident occurred shortly before 6 p.m., but it could not be determined. Macomb County Sheriff Harley Ensign, who was traveling by, spotted the boy's bike and the boy who started the accident to the Farmington City Police.

Two persons suffered minor injuries Thursday evening when a car driven by Jerry A. Sivec of Detroit skidded on wet pavement on Twelve Mile Road near Haggerty and rolled over. The car came to a stop about 100 feet from a ditch. Injured were passengers Mary Jane Sivec, with bruises and abrasions, and Theresa Boyle, who suffered minor bruises. Neither was injured seriously and required only treatment by a family doctor.

KAHLY Friday morning Dolores E. Agnino, of Detroit, was injured when the car in which she was traveling alone went out of control and crashed into a tree on Middlebelt Road north of Twelve Mile Road. She was taken to Beaumont Hospital by auto for treatment of hand lacerations and leg bruises.

Traveling south on Middlebelt, the car began to skid. The driver applied the brakes, but the car (Continued on Page 8A)

## Staman Acres Plat Approved

Plat plans for the extension of the Staman Acres subdivision located on Orchard Lake Road north of Ten Mile Road were approved by the Township Board at a special meeting Monday evening.

The extension increases the size of the subdivision to 95 acres, with sites for a total of 118 homes. The majority of the homes will be constructed by Harry Wolfe, developer of Staman Acres. Some lots, however, will be sold to individuals, as decided.

Plans in the new development will be provided with individual septic tanks. All roads in the subdivision will be gravel.

A request was received by the Board for the rezoning of a three-acre plot of land at Farmington Road and Twelve Mile Road. It was placed on file to be considered (Continued on Page 8A)

## CITY TO INSTALL NEW STREET SIGNS BEGINNING MONDAY

Officials announced Monday that street name signs and posts for four sections of the City have been delivered and installation will begin early next week.

The signs are to be installed in the Floral Park, Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision, and the United States by a foreign nation. The initial installations will be made in Floral Park. Signs will be erected in the other three areas as soon as possible.

Mr. C. J. Barron, city engineer, stated that some grading between the sidewalk and the street will be necessary before all of the installations can be completed.

## Celebrate Anniversary Ground Observer Corps Volunteers Maintain Sky Vigil

Last Thursday, July 14, members of the Farmington Ground Observer Post joined with other observers across the nation to celebrate the third anniversary of the United States Ground Observer Corps. Manned by civilian personnel working in close conjunction with the U. S. Air Force, these posts, numbering 560 in Michigan, are dedicated to the task of maintaining a constant vigil of the sky and aircraft in flight. The fact that an air attack on the United States by a foreign nation is no longer impossible and could come at any time makes this a job of utmost importance. For this reason, more than 13,000 Civil Defense volunteers have, for the past three years, given freely of their time each week at sky watch posts as their part in the vast national defense program.

## Council Presses For Action On Final Grading In Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision



**STILL YOUNG** at ninety, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, continued his same routine of activities last Thursday, July 14, his birthday. Fellow workers at the Township offices were competing him during the day with a birthday cake and other refreshments. Mr. McCracken, holding the longest tenure of service with the Township, is shown in the photo being congratulated by Joan Macdonald, newest employee on the Township staff.

## City Expected To Suggest New Date For Joint Session On Library Plan

Council And Board To Study Committee Report On Recommendations For New Library Building

Another effort will be made at the special Council meeting Monday evening to set up a joint meeting of the City and Township for the purpose of discussing the special committee report on the construction of a new library building.

## Zoning Proposal Filed With Board

A proposed amendment for the rezoning of a parcel of land on Fourteen Mile Road, south of the Fourteen Mile Road from Residential IV to Commercial has been forwarded to the Zoning Board for study and public hearing.

The Township Board approved a motion, at its regular meeting Tuesday, to forward the proposal to the Zoning Board for consideration and recommendation.

The proposal covers a parcel of land in the northeast corner of the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Fourteen Mile Road. The property extends south along Orchard Lake Road for a distance of 911 feet and west along Fourteen Mile Road for a distance of 300 feet.

It is proposed that if the rezoning is approved, a shopping area will be developed on the property.

## Architect Reports On School Well

At a special meeting of the Board Monday evening, a report on the school well was made by a detailed report on the water well at the new Gill Road Elementary School site was presented by a representative of the school architect.

According to the report, the well is capable of pumping an average of seven gallons of water per minute. This is below the anticipated required need, but is considered as a favorable amount for this time of year. The well has yielded as much as 4 gallons per minute, which is considered sufficient, the architect's report stated.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Board placed the report on file for further study. A final decision on whether or not to set up the well as a permanent water supply must be made at the next regular meeting of the Board on Monday, July 25.

At the special meeting, a report was also submitted by George W. Harrison, high school principal, on the amount of land required for a future junior high school site.

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## Request Developer To Be Present At Special Meeting Set For Monday

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, authorized the City Manager to contact Al Green, developer, in an effort to specify final grading in the southern portion of Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision in accordance with the agreement and grade plans submitted to the Council.

Action was also taken to hold a special meeting of the Council next Monday evening for the purpose of hearing the City Manager's report. The meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the City Hall. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that he would make an effort to have Green or one of his assistants present at the special meeting.

The Council followed a lengthy discussion during which a number of prospective home owners in the subdivision appealed to the Council to lift the stop order on the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy. The Council several months ago placed a ban on future occupancy of homes in the area adjacent to the property facing onto the north side of Shawassee until such time as final grading has been started and that

## Board Approves School Tax Rate At Clarenceville

### Authorize 1.5 Mill Cut In 1952 Debt Levy

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved the tax levied by the District for the year 1955-1956, including a reduction of 1.5 mills in the 1952 Bond Fund. The total tax rate for that portion of the School District located in the Township of Farmington and the City of Livonia has been set at 8.35 mills. This includes an allocation of 6.85 mills for operation and the debt fund rate of 1.5 mill cut. The total tax rate in that portion of the District located in Redford Township is 29.95 mills. The Board also authorized a 6.55 mill rate for operation and a 1.5 mill increase and the debt fund taxes will be spread on the State Equalized Valuation. The actual amount to be paid will vary according to the differential between the assessed value and the State figures. Officials stated that the total tax revenue for operation and debt funds for the year 1955-56 will be (Continued on Page 8A)

**THE MEMBERS** of the Council requested that every effort should be made to push the completion of the final grading so that adjacent property will be protected and so that certificates of occupancy may be issued to home owners in the southern section of the subdivision. It was suggested that the agreement be re-examined to determine if there is any further delay in the completion of the grading plan.

The Council took final action to amend certain sections of the Building Code in regard to an adjustment and increase in fees. Final action was also taken to adopt and enact an ordinance for the City, establishing rules and regulations for the acceptance of new plans by the Council. The complete text of both ordinances appears on Page 6A of this week's issue. The ordinances are to become effective July 28, 1955.

## State Seeks Bids On Road Overpass

Sealed bids on the construction of a grade separation at Twelve Mile Road and the new US-16 Expressway, two miles northwest of Novi, will be opened by the Michigan State Department in Lansing on August 3.

Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, stated that the work will consist of the construction of a new reinforced concrete and steel bridge including about 300 linear feet of approach grading. The completion date for the project is set for September 1, 1956. The grade separation is a part of the overall program for the widening and relocating of US-16 from Farmington to Brighton.

## CLARENCEVILLE H. S. ACCREDITATION TO START SEPT. 1

Effective September 1, the Clarenceville High School will begin its new four-year accreditation period, according to a letter received last week by Max Miller, high school principal, from the University of Michigan, Bureau of School Services. The school is the first that Clarenceville has been accredited by the University for the full four year period. The change in the length of accreditation was announced by the Department of facilities by the Bureau.

## Summer Band Program Attracts Over 100 Farmington Students

Over 100 youngsters are taking part in a six-week Farmington summer band program now being conducted. It was disclosed in a report by Lloyd Smith, elementary band instructor, and Bob Zimmerman, junior and senior high band director.

Students in grades four, five and six are meeting daily Monday through Friday at the Band House, are receiving training in beginning and advanced musicianship, as well as twirling, from Director Smith. Similar classes are offered at Bond School on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and at the Middlebelt School on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Afternoon and senior high students are meeting each week day with director Zimmerman at the high school band room. Advanced students meet in the morning and on Monday and Thursday from 8 to 9 p.m. Anyone interested in playing in the band is requested to drop in at the high school band room and take part in the program.