

VOTERS APPROVE \$2,000,000 FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOND PROPOSAL

Area Churches Plan Good Friday Worship Services

Stores To Be Closed From 12 Noon To 3 p.m. Stores and business places in the Farmington area will be closed this Friday from 12 noon until 3 p.m. in observance of Good Friday. Special services are planned at nearly all area churches and places of worship during those hours.

Annual Township Meeting Monday

The Annual Meeting of Farmington Township will be held at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday in April. Last year a motion was made and approved by the electors to adjourn the meeting to an evening hour at a later date. There is no indication as yet whether an organized effort will be made to present such a proposal at this year's meeting.

Board Approves Salary Schedule

At a regular session Monday evening the Farmington School Board gave its unanimous approval to a new salary schedule for teachers and other employees in the school system as prepared by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel.

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The Annual Meeting is held each year for the purpose of hearing the Township financial report, setting of salaries of the officers for the coming year, appropriating certain special funds. Action may also be taken by the electors authorizing the Township Board to initiate certain legislative and administrative matters.

Board Clears Way Property Owners Voice Objection To Proposed City Zoning Ordinance

File Protest At Public Hearing On Creation Of Commercial Zone Along S. Farmington Road Approximately 85 persons jammed the Municipal Court rooms in the Fire Hall Building Wednesday evening to express their opinions on the proposed revision of the City Zoning Ordinance.

Vote Registration Deadline Set

Friday, April 13, has been set as the final date of registration for the Special \$750,000 Clarenceville School District Bond Issue Election, officials announced this week.

NEW BOUNDARIES SET FOR LITTLE LEAGUE DIVISION

Because of the tremendous increase in population, new boundaries have been established in connection with the Farmington Boys organization, it was announced this week following a meeting of the officers.



Left, right, principal of the Eagle School, accepted the wheel chair in behalf of the school. White, Lowell Johnson, standing, and Tommy Baldwin give it the initial test. Proceeds from the World Travel Series and other fund raising activities are being used by the Kiwanis Club to finance various youth and community projects.

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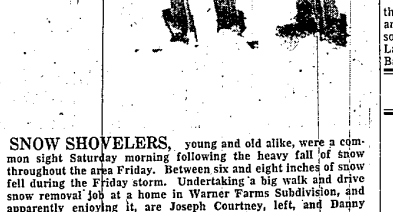
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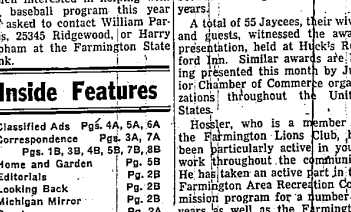
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Issue Carries By Large Majority In Record Special Election Vote

The largest number of electors ever to vote in a special Farmington school election overwhelmingly approved a \$2,000,000 bond issue for new classroom buildings on Monday. A total of 1,639 ballots were cast in the special election, with 1,125 for the bond issue, 477 against, and 37 blank. It is estimated that about 8,000 persons are registered in the school district. However, since only property owners were eligible to vote in the proposal, it is impossible to determine an exact percentage of the balloting. On the basis of numbers alone, however, Monday's voting was by far the heaviest in recent years.

Council Expected To Act Monday On Sewer Resolution

City Plans Initial Step In Financing Project A suggested bond resolution on the financing of the proposed Farmington City Sewer Interceptor is expected to be presented to the Council for action at its next regular meeting Monday evening. Earl Scherffus, City Manager, stated that the bond resolution is being drafted by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, Attorneys, and will be ready for consideration at the Monday meeting. The City Manager added that the resolution will provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of approximately \$378,000, the estimated cost of the proposed sewer interceptor. The issue will be spread over a period of 30 years. It is proposed that the project be financed through a sewer charge based on water usage. The exact method of raising funds will be determined by the Council.

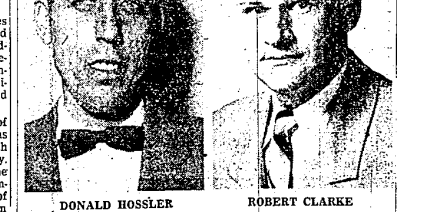
ON THE BASIS of the present schedule it is estimated that funding of the bond issue will be available by June 1. In the meantime, plans are proceeding for the advertisement of bids for the project. Scherffus stated that the actual contracts for construction can be awarded subject to the sale of the bonds. It is expected that these details will be completed as quickly as possible. (Continued on Page 8A)

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AROUND THE BLOCK

THE RECORD TURN-OUT... The special Farmington School Election on Monday was a very rewarding experience for every conscientious citizen of the Farmington community. It was a clear-cut demonstration of what can be done when people are made aware of their importance and their responsibility. Much of the credit for the large vote must go to the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for their aggressive "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign and to the various Parent Teachers Association and school groups. The success of the election was due to the fact that Monday's vote was nearly twice as large as the last special school election held in 1954. In spite of the encouraging turn-out this week, there is still a lot of room for improvement. We can not afford to rest on our laurels until such time as majority action can be assured at every election.

NEXT MONDAY... The Annual Meeting of Farmington Township will be called to order in the Town Hall. The time and date of this meeting is set by law and thus must be convened. However, there is nothing to prevent its being adjourned to an evening hour at a later date. Since the meeting is conducted by and for the qualified electors, we sincerely hope that those present will initiate action to adjourn the meeting to a more suitable time. This is important to the principles of representative government as well as majority interest and attendance. Since action was taken last year which resulted in a record attendance as well as one of the most constructive and progressive annual meetings ever held.

LOOKING IN A MIRROR... It is a good thing to do every once in a while. It brings each of us into close focus and tends to sharpen our outlook. There are many of the confusing business of failing to Farmington's merchants on one hand and Farmington's residents on the other. We say confusing because a number of merchants have indicated rather bluntly that they can get along fine without their home community newspaper while at the same time more and more residents are asking us why. This amount of service we can perform is in direct relationship to the support we receive, not only from the residents but from the merchants as well. These local and chain store merchants can continue to time to ignore the Farmington community and they can continue to draw uncomplimentary public statements from residents, but we intend to continue providing as much service as we are allowed to perform.

SNOW SHOVELERS... young and old alike, were a common sight Saturday morning following the heavy fall of snow throughout the area Friday. Between six and eight inches of snow fell during the Friday storm. Undertaking a big walk and drive snow removal job at a home in Warner Farms Subdivision, and apparently enjoying it, are Joseph Courtney, left, and Danny McPhail.

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