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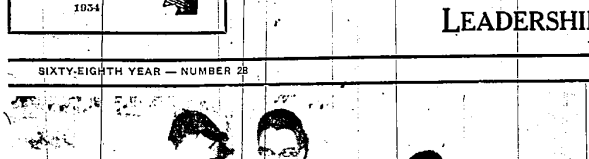

SCOUT-O-RAMA DAY will be officially observed on Saturday, April 21, according to a special proclamation signed by Mayor Robert Lindbert last Saturday in the presence of representatives of the Farmington Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorers. The proclamation is being issued in observance of the giant Scout-O-Rama Program which will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, April 21, at the Walled Lake High School. Members of the various Farmington Boy Scout organizations will participate in the program. Witnessing the signing are, left to right, seated: Joseph Uppleger and Harry Jamieson; standing, William Uppleger, Drew Novak and Jimmy Hansen.

Schedule Annual Township Meeting Monday Evening

Session To Reconvene In New High School

The Annual Meeting of Farmington Township will reconvene on Monday, April 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington High School cafeteria on Shiawassee Street. Floyd Cairns, Township Clerk, announced this week.

The original meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m. last Monday, April 2, at the Town Hall in accordance with State Statute. However, immediately after the meeting was called to order a motion was made from the floor to adjourn the Annual Session to an evening hour at a later date. The motion also provided that the meeting be held within 20 days and that the Clerk arrange for the use of school facilities.

A PROVISION was included in the motion that the Annual Financial Statement of the Township for the fiscal year 1955-56 be published prior to the Annual Meeting. An amendment was added to the motion requiring that the annual budget for the coming year also be published along with a break-down of the expenditures taken from the $50,000 road appro-

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Farmington Boy Scouts Prepare For Giant 'Scout-O-Rama' April 21

Area Scout Organizations To Participate In Ottawa District Program At Walled Lake

Nearly 2,000 Boy Scouts, Cubs and Explorers, including a large representation from the Farmington area, will participate in the Third Annual Scout-O-Rama, to be held Saturday, April 21, at the Walled Lake Senior High School under the sponsorship of the Ottawa District.

A special proclamation was issued this week by Mayor Robert Lindbert, designating April 21 as "Scout-O-Rama" Day in Farmington, and urged all citizens of the community to cooperate to the fullest extent in making this project a success. Lindbert stated in his proclamation that the Boy Scouts of America, Ottawa District, are performing a valuable service to the citizens of our community, through the Scout-O-Rama Program, which is designed to portray the many benefits being afforded our youth through the Boy Scout movement.

The Scout-O-Rama will illustrate, through actual displays, the many phases of Scouting in America. A total of 46 Boy Scout Units, representing every section of the Dis-

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WOODBINE ELECTS FIVE NEW WATER COMMISSIONERS

A total of only 30 votes were cast in the Special Woodbine Subdivision Water District election held Monday with five commissioners being elected to terms of one to three years.

All five of the candidates were unopposed. Those elected include: Wayne Barrett and Eugene Miller, three year terms; Robert Ely and Alan Innes, two year terms; and Robert Brosch, one year term. The election was held at the Middlebelt School with the polls being open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All qualified electors of the Water District were eligible to cast ballots.

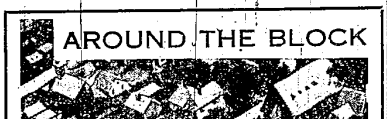
The new commissioners were to take office beginning April 10.

HAMLIN ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS

Delos Hamlin, Farmington, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors at the annual organization meeting of the Board held Tuesday in Pontiac.

Hamlin, City representative on the Board, has been Chairman Pro-Tem of the Supervisors for the past 18 months. He has also served as chairman of the important Ways and Means Committee. Hamlin succeeds Floyd Andrews, Independence Township, as chairman of the Board. Hiland M. Thatcher, West Bloomfield Township, will serve as Chairman Pro-Tem.

AROUND THE BLOCK



PLEASE TAKE NOTE . . . it's grass fire time again. During the past several days the siren on the fire hall has been getting a pretty good work-out, which is an indication of things to come. We hope this grass fire business simmers down and fast, because we have had an opportunity to see just how much it costs each year, and it's plenty. This money, which is actually buried up, would go a long way toward providing something constructive and of benefit to all the people. So remember, in spite of the rain and cold weather, the dead grass and weeds are like tinder at this time of the year and with a little wind a fire will get out of control before you know it. If you have to burn off a field get a permit from one of the local fire chiefs and, by all means, don't be careless. Let's keep the fire sirens quiet!

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IF YOU'RE A RESIDENT of Farmington Township, you have a date next Monday night at the Farmington High School cafeteria on Shiawassee Street. That's the date of the Annual Township Meeting and we hope the place is jammed to the rafters. Why? Because a lot of important matters concerning the Township will have to be decided and at the annual meeting you, the qualified electors, must decide them. In addition, a great deal of vital information will be presented which should be of vital interest to every taxpayer. The meeting has been adjourned to an evening hour so that as many citizens as possible can attend and participate in the discussions. Approximately 200 persons attended the Annual Session last year. We hope this record will be broken next Monday. This is your meeting . . . don't miss it!

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WE ARE COMPELLED . . . once again to issue a word of caution regarding phone solicitation of want ads appearing in The Enterprise. During the past several weeks we have been receiving an increased number of reports concerning this practice. The advertisers contacted claim that they are being misled, and ask us what can be done about it. There is no law against a newspaper soliciting the advertising of another, provided the facts are clearly stated. It is important to keep in mind that all calls originating from our office are prefaced with the statement, "This is the Farmington Enterprise." We do this for reasons of identification and to avoid confusion and possible misunderstanding. It is an important point to remember, especially where classified advertising solicitation is concerned.

Tentative School Budget Approved By Board Monday

Needs For 1956-57 Estimated At $1,810,790

A tentative operating budget of $1,810,790 for the Farmington Public School District for the 1956-57 school year was approved by the School Board at a regular meeting Monday night.

The budget as set up by Superintendent O. E. Dunckel was approved with only one change. An additional $35,000 was added to provide for the hiring of additional teachers during the school year by motion of the board.

The 1956-57 school year budget shows a marked increase over last year's budget of $1,225,154. Of the total budget $1,204,986 or 75.1 per cent has been earmarked for instruction costs. This is an increase of $308,535 over last year's instructional cost budget.

ACCORDING to Superintendent Dunckel the budget was set up on an estimated school enrollment of 5,356 at the opening of the coming school year.

A question was raised by James Randolph, Township citizen, on whether or not some allowance should not be made in the budget to cover any added expenses which might be incurred for the transportation of parochial school children. Action on whether or not this service will be provided as requested by Randolph earlier is still being considered by the local Board.

Following discussion a motion was made by Wendell Brown, pres-

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City Changes Date Of Paving Hearing

The public hearing on the proposed special assessment district for the paving of Alta Loma Drive has been changed from April 16 to Monday, April 23, city officials reported this week.

The change has been necessary in order to comply with the provisions of the law requiring a specific waiting period following publication of hearing notices. The meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 33312 Grand River. All property owners along Alta Loma Drive, affected by the proposed project, are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. In addition to the publication of the legal notice in regard to the hearing, all property owners are being advised in writing of the date and hour of the meeting.

Immediately following the hearing on the special assessment district, a hearing will be conducted on the Annual Budget of the City of Farmington for the fiscal year 1956-57. This hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All residents of the City are invited to attend the meeting. The special assessment hearing was originally scheduled for the Municipal Court Room, but because of the change of date and the holding of the budget hearing on the same evening, it was decided to move it to the Municipal Building.

Establish New Boundaries For Six Voting Precincts In Township

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, reported this week that work has been completed on the re-arrangement of boundaries to provide for six voting precincts in the Township instead of the present four.

The Clerk stated that notification of the new precinct breakdown is being forwarded to the County Clerk in accordance with the new State Election Laws. Qualified electors, who are affected by the change, are also being notified by mail of their new precinct.

According to the new breakdown, Precinct One is bounded on the north by Ten Mile Road, on the east by Orchard Lake Road, on the south by Eight Mile Road, and on the west by Haggerty Road. The precinct has 1,021 registered voters. Precinct Two is bounded on the north by Nine Mile, on the east by Middlebelt, then south to Grand River and East to Eight Mile and then west to Orchard Lake Road. This precinct has 938 registered voters. Precinct Three is bounded on the north by Fourteen Mile Road, on the east by Inkster Road, on the south by Twelve Mile Road and on the west by Middlebelt. There are 1166 registered voters in the precinct.

The new Precinct Four, which has a total of 1,157 registered voters, is bounded on the north by Fourteen Mile Road, on the east by Orchard Lake Road, on the south by Ten Mile Road and on the west by Haggerty Road. Precinct Five is bounded on the north by Nine Mile Road, on the east by Inkster Road, on the south by Twelve Mile Road, and on the west by Middlebelt Road. This precinct has a total of 1,166 registered voters. Precinct Six is bounded on the north by Twelve Mile, on the east by Inkster Road, on the south by Nine Mile Road and on the west by Middlebelt. There are a total of 1,031 registered voters in this precinct.

Cairns stated that the re-arrangement of precinct boundaries is in accordance with provisions of the new law requiring that precincts using voting machines can not have more than 1,400 registered voters. The present breakdown provides for considerable expansion in all precincts, Cairns added. The Clerk stated that there are sufficient voting machines available to take care of present needs in spite of the addition of the two precincts.

Seek Permission To Sell City Bonds

City officials announced this week that formal application for permission to sell $450,000 in bonds to finance the proposed sewer interceptor system, has been filed with the Municipal Finance Commission.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated Tuesday that the application was mailed to the Commission last Friday. It is possible that the Commission will consider the City's request at its regular session next Tuesday. Normally the Commission has 30 days in which to consider matters brought before them. However, in view of the Court Order against the City and the fact that the proposal is not subject to a referendum, action can be taken within seven days of the date of filing.

As soon as the Commission has authorized the bond sale, work will be started on the advertising for bids. This can not be done until formal approval has been received from the Municipal Finance Commission. Scherffius stated that plans and specifications for the interceptor, which will connect the Farmington system with Detroit at the Hessel Drain, have been approved by the State Health Department, with the exception of the pumping station. The City Manager added that these plans have been tentatively approved, subject to minor changes which are now being completed by Pate and Hirn, Engineers.

Area Cancer Drive Set For April 17

Plans have now been completed for the door-to-door Cancer Fund Raising Drive to be conducted throughout the Farmington area on Tuesday, April 17, it was disclosed Tuesday by Harley Walters, campaign chairman.

Between 100 and 150 volunteer solicitors have now been organized under neighborhood and subdivision captains to take part in the house-to-house solicitation of funds. Some calls will be made on Tuesday afternoon, Walters stated, but the major portion of the drive will be conducted between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. in the evening. Residents are asked to keep their porch lights burning between these hours and to give generously when a solicitor calls at the door.

At a meeting held last Friday evening and attended by local Cancer Drive workers and other interested parties work kits for collections by solicitors were handed out. Films were also shown on cancer and the work being done by the Cancer Society to aid victims of the killing disease.

Both Farmington City and Township officials have pledged their support to the local Cancer Drive appeal and encourage all residents to give whatever they can afford to the worthwhile community fund raising project.

Safe Stolen From Botsford Inn

The Botsford Inn at 28000 Grand River was broken into late Friday night or early Saturday morning and robbed of a safe located in the inn business office.

According to police investigators, the safe contained approximately $700 in cash and checks and numerous legal and business papers. State police along with Farmington Township police are continuing their investigation of the break-in and robbery. Latest reports indicated that, as yet, no suspects have been apprehended.

Evidence revealed that entrance was made by means of a fire escape. The safe, weighing approximately 250 pounds, was taken out of the building through a front door.

COUNCIL TO ACT ON DRAINAGE QUESTIONS MONDAY

Detailed plans and specifications on the drainage of the Floral Park section as well as State Street and Gill Road will be presented to the City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening.

Officials stated that the engineering layout as well as cost estimates on the Floral Park project have been submitted by L. N. Hayden, Engineer. The project also includes drainage on Hawthorne Street which has been a subject of discussion at numerous Council meetings.

Surveys are now being made on the drainage problem along State Street and Gill Road, and recommendations will be submitted at the Council meeting.

Final Registration For School Vote Due This Friday

Clarenceville Election Set For April 23

Eligible electors of the Clarenceville School District are being reminded this week that Friday, April 13, is the final date of registration for the special $750,000 Bond Issue Election.

All persons must be registered prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 13 to qualify for voting in the special election. Electors whose names already appear on the registration books need not re-register. The special bond issue vote will be held on Monday, April 23, at the Clarenceville High School.

Registrations are being handled at the various city and township offices having jurisdiction within the District. Electors of the District living in Farmington Township should register at the Farmington Town Hall. Those living in that portion of the District located in Redford Township should sign at the Township Hall, 15145 Beech Road. Persons residing in that part of the District located in the City of Livonia should register at the City Hall, 33001 Five Mile Road.

ON THE FINAL day of registration, April 13, the respective city and township offices will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of qualifying eligible electors of the District. Officials emphasized that registration must be made at these governmental offices and not at the Board of Education office.

The proposal to be voted on April 23 concerns the question of whether or not the Board of Education shall be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed $750,000 and to issue bonds therefor for the purpose of constructing the first section of a new high school, for making necessary site improvements in connection with the project, and for furnishing and equipping the new proposed building.

Farmington Picks Leading Seniors

Seven Farmington High School seniors have been named as top honor students and 14 others as honor students on the basis of their academic records during high school, school officials disclosed last week.

This marks the first year that top honor and honor students have been selected. Previously a valedictorian and salutatorian, representing the students with the highest and second highest marks in the class, respectively, were named.

Under the new policy of honoring students as suggested by school administrators last year and approved by the School Board, seniors with an A- (3.5) or better average are designated as top honor students, and those with a B to A- (3. to 3.5) average as honor students.

Named as top honor students were: Gunilla Abeleen, David Cargill, Russell Desmelik, Diane Franjac, Clara Hanson, Alice Langford, and Lois Urquhart.

Those who will graduate with honors are: Alice Annette, Daniel Burnett, Marilyn Carmack, James Chellman, Frank Himmler, Rodney Layton, George Mullin, Donald Nichols, Peter Quisenberry, Sharon Regentik, Roberta Spaller, Michelas Spicer, Joyce Urbain, and Mary Vetter.

OPTIMISTS PLAN BIKE SAFETY PROJECCT APRIL 21

The Clarenceville Optimist Club will sponsor their second annual bicycle inspection and safety program on Saturday, April 21, at the Wright's Store Parking Lot at Grand River and Inkster Road.

Bicycles will be tested and repaired to put them in perfect safe operating condition. Stickers confirming that the bike has been safety tested to be displayed on the bike will be given. Registration cards will also be given containing pertinent information about the individual bike for quick identification.

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Township Supervisor Dies Tuesday Morning Following Brief Illness

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 for Ernest V. Blanchard, Township Supervisor, who passed away early Tuesday morning.

The service will be held at the Farmington Universalist Church with the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln and the Rev. Walter Kellison officiating. Mr. Blanchard will be at the Howard Thayer Funeral Home until noon on Thursday. Burial will be in the Quaker Cemetery on Gill Road, Farmington.

Mr. Blanchard passed away at 2:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. He was admitted to the hospital on April 3 following a stroke. According to reports received early last week, he was somewhat improved although his condition was listed as serious.

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ERNEST V. BLANCHARD

The death, early Tuesday morning, of Ernest V. Blanchard, Township Supervisor, brings to a close a period of over 26 years of public service to the Farmington Community.

Mr. Blanchard began his public career in April of 1929 when he was elected Justice of the Peace to fill a vacancy. He served continuously in this capacity until July 1, 1940, when he was appointed Township Supervisor, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Arthur P. Coe. Blanchard ran for re-election in April of 1941 and received the highest number of votes cast for any candidate.

Since 1941 he has served continuously as Township Supervisor, having been elected to seven consecutive terms. In this capacity he has also served as a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and has been particularly active on the Equalization Committee.

In addition to his Township activities, Mr. Blanchard served as a member of the Board of the former Fairview School District as well as chairman of the Board of the Farmington Peoples State Bank, and was active in the Masonic Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 151, and the Farm Bureau.

OVER 40 DONORS REGISTERED FOR BLOOD BANK

A total of 40 prospective donors have signed up thus far for the Monday, April 23, visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank, Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman, announced this week.

Advance registrations are now being taken at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank during regular business hours. Persons may also register at the Farmington Recreation Bowling Alley and The Farmington Enterprise.

The blood bank will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Blanchard was born in Livonia on March 12, 1880, the son of Volney and Genevieve (Phillips) Blanchard. He moved to Farmington Township with his parents in 1883. Blanchard was raised on the family farm located at 36935 Grand River and attended the Farmington Public Schools. He continued to operate the farm, following the death of his parents, and was active in local farm organizations. He became Justice of the Peace in April, 1929, and served in that capacity until he was appointed Supervisor in July of 1940 to fill a vacancy. He served continually on the Township Board for 26 years.

HE MARRIED Mrs. Lillian Brake Curtiss on January 8, 1953, in Royal Oak, Michigan. Surviving besides his wife are two stepdaughters, Miss Mary Curtiss of Hayden, Colorado, and Mrs. Robert Hansen of Chicago, Illinois, and three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Gibson and Miss Vera Blanchard of Farmington and Mrs. Mary Hamm of St. Petersburg, Florida.

The regular meeting of the Township Board, originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, was cancelled out of respect for Mr. Blanchard. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that a special meeting will probably be called sometime next week. He added that an announcement of the date and time of the meeting will be made at the Annual Township Session Monday evening. Ward Eagle, Board Trustee, will act as chairman of the Annual Meeting.

Discuss Water, Sewer Contracts

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Friday afternoon, delayed action on the formal acceptance of agreements to act as the continuing authority for water and sewer systems in the Kendallwood and Westbrooke Manor Subdivisions.

Drafts of two separate agreements were presented to the Board for consideration at the special meeting. The one agreement involved the Nine Mile - Telegraph Land Company, developers of the Kendallwood Subdivision, and the other concerned the R & L Investment Company, developers of the Westbrooke Manor Subdivision, west of Orchard Lake Road and south of Thirteen Mile Road. A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, read the two agreements to the Board and each was discussed in detail.

During the discussion a number of changes were suggested both by the Board and the Township Attorney. It was mutually agreed between the Board and the representatives of the developers that the suggested changes be

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Streamline Meetings

Local Governmental Units Follow Uniform Agenda Procedure

The Farmington City Council, last week, joined the Township Board and the School Board in the adoption of a set procedure on the filing of requests to be heard by the respective legislative bodies.

All three groups now require that written notice be filed in advance of the regular meetings to secure a place on the agenda. This is being done to afford the legislative groups an opportunity to review public questions prior to the meeting, thus insuring more prompt action. In order to better acquaint the public with these procedures, the following outline is being presented.

The regular meetings of the Farmington City Council are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building. The meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. and are open to the public. Persons who wish to be included on the regular agenda must submit an outline of their proposal or question in writing and file it with the City Clerk by Friday noon prior to the next Monday's Council Meeting.

The Farmington Township Board holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend the sessions, which begin at 8:00 p.m. All matters to be brought before the Board by an individual or group must be filed in writing with the Clerk by the Thursday prior to the next regular meeting.

Regular meetings of the Farmington School Board are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meetings are held in the Superintendent's office located on the second floor of the Junior High School building on Thomas Street. All meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. and are open to the public. Matters to be brought before the Board by citizens must be filed in writing with the clerk at the Superintendent's office on the Thursday prior to the next regular meeting.