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## CITY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER INTERCEPTOR

### Set Next Monday As Final Date Of Registration For Primary Vote

City And Township Offices Will Remain Open Until 8:00 p.m. To Accept Applications

The eligible electors of the City and Township are being reminded this week that the deadline on registration for the General Primary Election has been set for Monday, July 9.

All persons whose names are not currently listed in the registration books are required to make application prior to this deadline in order to be eligible to vote in the August 7 Primary. Officials emphasize that only persons not already registered need to sign the books. Residents who are in doubt about their registration are urged to contact their respective city or township clerk prior to July 9.

Township citizens may register Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Township office in the Town Hall or on Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Monday, July 9, the final date of registration, the clerk will be in his office from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of taking registration applications. The Township office is not open on Saturday morning.

RESIDENTS of the City may also register on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building. New registrations will be taken on the final day, Monday, July 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The City office is also closed Saturday morning.

On the basis of preliminary estimates registration activity is expected to be above normal in both the City and Township. The continuing increase of new registrations is largely responsible for the activity. The high degree of interest in the vote on the race track proposal as well as the proposed incorporation of Section 12 as a village is an added factor in the Township. Both proposals will be voted upon during the August 7 Primary.

### F.A.R.C. SCHEDULES FIRST FIELD TRIP THIS THURSDAY

Attendance is continuing to increase at all five playgrounds being operated by the Farmington Recreation Commission. Warren Piche, director, announced this week.

Approximately 700 youngsters were registered during the first week of the program with several hundred additional during the second week. Attendance this week is expected to be down somewhat because of the 4th of July holiday.

About 500 youngsters are expected to participate in the first of three field trips this Thursday. The boys and girls will be taken to Briggs Stadium where they will see a ball game between the Detroit Tigers and the Cleveland Indians. Other field trips will include a visit to the Detroit Zoo and the annual boat trip to Bob To Island.

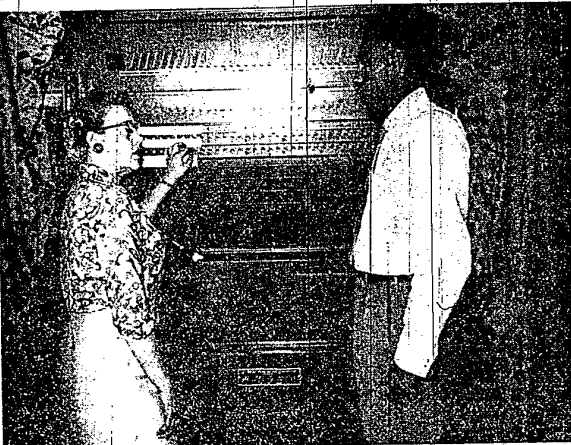
### AROUND THE BLOCK

HERE'S ANOTHER REMINDER . . . to those of you who are not already registered in either the City or Township. Next Monday, July 9, at 8:00 p.m. is the final date to register to vote in the General Primary Election on August 7. If you fail to meet that deadline, you're just out of luck because you can't vote unless you are registered. Remember, it takes only a couple of minutes to add your name to the list of eligible voters. Be on the outside looking in citizens in your community.

Join the crowd of Americans who are doing more than just talking about democracy. Action always speaks louder than words and here's your opportunity to act. Register before 8 p.m. on Monday, July 9, and vote on August 7. Remember, it's your responsibility, nobody can do it for you!

CARS AND MORE CARS . . . to the Farmington business area with each passing week. Ample room for parking was displayed last Friday evening and Saturday morning when traffic was piled up nearly every direction during the peak business hours. The increasingly heavy volume of local traffic, coupled with the continuous flow of through vehicles, is turning Farmington into a patchwork of confusion. Completion of the Farmington - Brighton Expressway will bring some hope for relief in the near future, but this in itself will not be enough. Prompt action in connection with the off-street parking survey now being conducted, as well as a re-evaluation of traffic controls in the business area, is necessary if the confusion is to be eliminated.

IT'S PRETTY HARD . . . to keep the weatherman out of the news these days with all of the strange antics he has been coming up with. One such this week end, he dashed out a weird prediction of wind, rain and lightning which was nearly as wild as the weatherman's own. However, we spent several uneasy hours under a tornado warning which is getting to be far too common an experience. As far as we're concerned, we would just as soon have the weatherman get out of the headline business for just as soon as he will settle down in the shade of someplace and be content with a little peaceful life for a change. Let's hope so!



BRUSHING UP on the function and operation of the City's new voting machines are Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, and Dwayne Parham, Assistant City Manager. Plans are now being made for the scheduling of public demonstrations and training sessions in order to acquaint city voters with the operation of the machines prior to the August 7 Primary Election. This will be the first time in the history of the City that voting machines will be used in place of paper ballots. The machines are designed to speed up the tabulation of votes and reduce the possibility of errors.

### County Adopts Rules For Septic Tank Installations

Supervisors Add New Amendment To Code

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The amendment provides for definite procedures and control regarding the installation of septic tank systems under the supervision of the Oakland County Department of Health. Effective September 1, 1956, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to construct, install or cause to be installed any septic tank, the disposal field, cesspool or other device for the disposal of sewage without first obtaining a permit from the Department of Health. Such a permit will be necessary before a building permit can be issued by the local governmental unit.

According to the new law, it is illegal to allow sewage from an existing or hereafter constructed premise to be deposited on the surface of the ground, into roadside ditches, water courses, inland lakes or into any closed drain other than a sanitary sewer. All proposed plans and subdivisions shall have the approval of the County Department of Health prior to acceptance by the city, village or township, such approval to be based on percolation tests and soil

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### City Shows Slight Drop New Home Building Continues At Record Pace In Township

New home construction in Farmington Township is continuing at a record pace, according to the latest tabulation of building permits issued during the second quarter of this year.

Albert Galt, Township Inspector, stated that on the basis of the number of permits issued thus far, this year's total will far exceed any previous figures. He added that barring any unforeseen events 1956 will mark the greatest building boom in the history of Farmington Township. In sharp contrast to the record growth of the Township, building activity in the City is continuing to drop off. This is largely due to the limited amount of undeveloped land still available in the City.

During the second quarter of 1956, a total of 173 permits were issued in the Township for one-family dwellings. These new homes represent an estimated value of \$3,636,012. This is compared to 131 permits issued during the same period last year. A total of 25 new home permits were issued in the City during April, May and June, representing an estimated value of \$221,331. During just the month of April, 1955,

### Proposed Zoning Changes Slated For Board Action

Prepare To File Two Proposals With Board

Copies of two proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance are expected to be filed with the Zoning Board within the next several days, Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, announced this week.

The two resolutions, which have been approved by the Township Board, are being forwarded to the Zoning Board for study and public hearing. It is expected that the Zoning Board will set a date for the necessary hearing in the near future. All proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance must go to the Zoning Board for recommendation prior to final action by the Township Board.

THE FIRST proposal involves a change in the wording of the ordinance to allow for the construction of homes for the aged in residential zones. This is the second time that the proposal has been reviewed by the Zoning Board. Previously the Board recommended that the change be rejected on the grounds that it would open the entire residential area to this type of development.

In a recent opinion, A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, expressed the belief that the wording of the ordinance, as it stands, would give the Board sufficient control through the Zoning Board of Appeals. The proposed amendment would allow the construction of the Maple Manor of Thirteen Mile Road just north of Residential Two (C) Commercial. The property is located on the northwest corner of Middlebell and Ten Mile Roads.

THE SECOND amendment involves the proposed rezoning of two lots in the Supervisor's Middlebell and Ten Mile Road plot from Residential Two (C) Commercial. The property is located on the northwest corner of Middlebell and Ten Mile Roads.

A meeting of prospective election workers will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, in the Municipal Building. Mr. Cotter stated that the workers will be given instructions on the operation of the machines, including the tabulation of votes. Additional workers are still needed for the coming Primary Election. Persons interested in working on the election committees are requested to register at the Municipal Building prior to the July 11 meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS have been completed for the establishment of voting places at the three new precincts in the City. Precinct One voters will cast their ballots at the Farmington High School band house on Grand River at Lakeview. Precinct Two voters will cast their ballots in the new Farmington High School on Shawwassee.

### Novi School Vote Set For Monday

Two candidates will be seeking election to a single three-year term of the Board of Education of Novi School District No. 9 at the Annual Election next Monday.

Dorothy Snow, incumbent, will be opposed by Jack Crawford for the three-year term. Mrs. Snow is presently serving as treasurer of the Novi School Board. Crawford is a former member of the Board of Education, having served two terms.

Voting in the annual election will take place at the Novi School, 26350 Novi Road. The polls will be open from 12 noon until 8 p.m. George H. Larson, secretary of the Board, announced this week.

The usually scheduled Annual Meeting of the District will not be held this year in accordance with the recently amended Michigan School Code. In previous years the Annual Meeting was held immediately following the closing of the polls. However, under the new law, such meetings are no longer required.

### United Fund Adds New Agencies

The Oakland County Townships United Fund, of which Farmington is an affiliate, has approved a campaign goal of \$75,812.00 for the 1956 United Fund Drive. Vernon Williams, president of the Fund, announced this week.

The goal was announced following a meeting of the Admissions and Budget Committee at which eight county-wide voluntary service agencies presented their programs and budget needs. The new quota is 37.7% higher than last year's. A large measure of this increase is due to the inclusion of three new agencies in the drive. The new agencies accepted for membership are the Salvation Army, the Oakland County Child Guidance Clinic and the Catholic Family Center. An increase was also approved for the Michigan United Fund, a group of 32 state and national agencies which have joined hands in the Annual United Appeal.

In a surprise development, the Oakland County Town and Council (Continued on Page 8A)

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A VARIETY of activities are offered at the various playgrounds operated by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission on the days when youngsters are not enjoying swimming at Lake under Commission supervision. Taking part in these activities at the Shawwassee School playground are the youngsters shown above. Boys in the foreground are seated on

### Council To Proceed With Plans For Connection At Hassell Drain

A contract for the construction of a sewer connection with the Hassell and Berg Roads was awarded to the City of Farmington by the City Council at its recent meeting.

The Tri-County Construction Company Ltd. was the successful bidder for the contract. The bid price was \$224,500. The contract calls for the construction of a sewer line from the City of Farmington to the Hassell and Berg Roads. The project is expected to be completed in the near future.

### Farmington Board Secures New Sites For Grade Schools

Two Parcels Obtained In Township Area

Bayard Tupper, President of the Farmington School Board, reported this week that an agreement had been reached on the purchase of additional land adjacent to existing elementary school sites in the Township.

The School Board, at its last regular meeting, authorized the purchase of the two sites. Tupper stated that the purchase of the two sites would provide for the future expansion of the Township's elementary schools. The two parcels are located on the north side of the Township, near the intersection of the main road and the railroad tracks.

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A FORMAL request for the purchase of the city-owned property on South Farmington Road as a possible elementary school site was submitted to the City Council Monday evening. Following the discussion, the Council will take action on the request.

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### CITY STARTS WORK ON NEW SIDEWALKS ALONG SHAWWASSEE

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