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Propose Merger Of Farmington State Bank With National Bank Of Detroit

Board Of Directors Approve Proposal Subject To Confirmation Of Stockholders

Proposed merger of the Farmington State Bank with the National Bank of Detroit was announced this week in a joint statement by Howard M. Warner, president of the Farmington State Bank, and Charles T. Fisher, Jr., president of the National Bank of Detroit.

The merger was approved by the board of directors of each bank early this week, and subject to favorable action by the stockholders and approval of regulatory authorities, the two banks will merge.

Stockholders of the Farmington State Bank will receive 22,000 shares of National Bank of Detroit common stock in exchange for the 30,000 outstanding shares of Farmington State Bank stock.

School Board Discusses Site Improvements

Seek Early Action On Several Projects

A major portion of the Farmington School Board meeting Monday night was devoted to discussion and action on numerous improvement projects at the various school sites in the District.

Detailed layouts of a parking lot for the Senior High School site, as proposed by N. Hayden, engineer, and a rough plan as proposed by administrative personnel were studied at length. Following detailed discussion, it was decided to study both proposals in more detail and determine the amount of money available for the project before action is taken.

Following a discussion continuation from the last meeting on the repair of stairways at the Junior High School, authorization was granted for the installation of aluminum treading on the stairs. It was recommended that on both the wooden and concrete stairways in the Junior High School buildings.

INADEQUACIES indicated in the toilet facilities at the German School will be investigated and every effort will be made to improve unhealthful conditions, the board decided following a discussion of the matter. A proposal for the installation of flush toilets was determined unwise by a majority of the board members. It was generally agreed that the school should be sold, if possible, and room added at the kindergarten building to accommodate the pupils now attending the German School. An investigation of the possibilities of such action was indicated.

Two private citizens attending the meeting offered their opinions on the unsanitary conditions at the school. They requested that immediate steps be taken to either rectify them or to close the school.

School Bond Sale Contract Awarded

The Farmington School Board, at a special meeting Tuesday evening, awarded a contract for the purchase of \$200,000 in bonds to Halsey, Stuart & Company of Chicago, Ill.

A total of two bids were received by the Board on the bond issue which is to be used to finance the construction of new buildings in the District. The Halsey, Stuart & Company bid actually represents a syndicate of nine bonding firms.

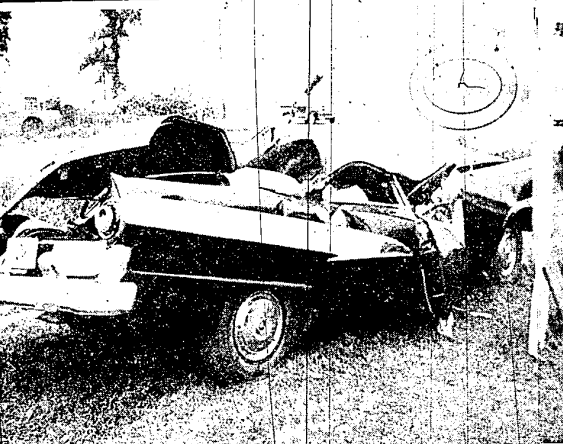
The contract provides for an average net interest rate of 3.3387%. Bonds maturing during the years from 1957 to 1963 will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% until 1958, after which time the rate will be 4%. The bonds will be sold at a premium of \$300.00 on the issue.

AROUND THE BLOCK

MAYBE THE CALENDAR... Farmington is not resting in the noon-day sun, for summer is here. Nearly everywhere you go activity is on the upswing with more and more of the landscape being transformed into scenes of progress. There's the Farmington - Brighton Expressway with its giant earth moving machines cutting down the hills and filling in the valleys. There's the multitude of new subdivisions being built in practically every corner of the community. There's the ever-increasing flow of traffic pouring into the Farmington area from all directions. Yes, according to the calendar, it's summer, and that means making the most of the sun shines. We can't help but wonder who is going to happen to our more fortunate neighbors when they return from their summer sojourn abroad. They will need a road map to find their way home.

THE PRELIMINARIES... As of Monday night, the registration books were closed for the coming Primary Election. Fortunately, the registration lists of both the City and Township were increased substantially, making it possible to ring up a record vote on August 7. The big question is whether the showing during the preliminaries will be reflected in the main bout. Only you, the qualified electors of Farmington City and Township, can answer that question. We, as citizens, can not afford to rest on the laurels of our record registration. These names must be transferred into actual votes if the job of 100% citizenship is to be attained. That's where you come in... or at least we hope you do, for your sake and the sake of your community.

SCHOOL MAY BE OUT... as far as the students are concerned, but that doesn't mean the classrooms are idle, not by a long way. Maintenance men and custodians at both Farmington and Clareville are hard at work getting everything ship-shape for the beginning of another school year. This is a rather unpleasant thought for some of the younger generation, but it's a fact. However, before spirits dip too low, we should state that the paint-up, fix-up campaign is expected to take some time, which means that there is still a lot of summer vacation yet to come, for the kids that is. In the meantime it's just plain hard work for the men on the end of the paint brushes and the saws.



FEW PASSERS-BY could help but glance at the tangled mass of metal, bearing only slight resemblance to an automobile, at the corner of Orchard Lake and Ten Mile Roads the latter part of last week. The pile of twisted metal is the remains of a new automobile in which Fred, which A. Freer of Madison Heights was instantly killed and Eugene Buck of Hazel Park, driver, was critically injured. The accident occurred Tuesday evening on Twelve Mile Road about one half mile east of Haggerty Road.

School Bond Sale Two Injured, One Fatally, In Crash Approval Delayed On 12 Mile Near Haggerty Road By State Backlog

Four Others Injured In Two Separate Crashes On Northwestern Highway Over Week End

Frederick A. Freer, 35, of Madison Heights, was instantly killed shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, when the auto in which he was traveling went out of control and rolled over on Twelve Mile Road about one-half mile east of Haggerty Road.

Still listed in critical condition at Highland Park General Hospital is Eugene Buck, 28, of Hazel Park, driver of the vehicle. He is suffering from severe head injuries and cuts and bruises about the body.

According to police, Buck was proceeding east on Twelve Mile Road when he apparently lost control of his auto. After skidding nearly 225 feet, the car is reported to have overturned in a ditch before striking a large tree.

TWO PERSONS were injured about 4 p.m. Friday in a two-car collision on Northwestern Highway at Thirteen Mile Road. Gary Gerardian of Orchard Lake, driver of one of the vehicles, suffered neck and possibly other neck injuries. Siguel Hounshell of Hilly, driver of the other vehicle, suffered possible fractures of the ribs and spine.

Hounshell was attempting to make a left turn from Thirteen Mile Road onto Northwestern Highway when struck by Gerardian's auto, according to a police report on the accident.

Another accident in the same vicinity about 3:20 p.m. Saturday resulted in injuries to Henry Thompson of Pontiac and William McCollister of Plymouth. Thompson suffered face and scalp lacerations and McCollister received lacerations about the head and right arm.

The crash occurred, police indicated, when McCollister, attempting to pass another vehicle on Northwestern, collided with the other car. He then lost control of his car, which ran off the road of his own volition.

PRESENT MERIT AWARD IN HONOR OF E. V. BLANCHARD

Prior to the opening of the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening, a Certificate of Merit, awarded by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, to the late Ernest V. Blanchard, former Township Supervisor, was presented to Mrs. Blanchard.

The presentation was made by Ward Eagle, Township Supervisor, who accepted the Certificate in behalf of Mrs. Blanchard at the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Eagle stated that it was gratifying to witness the high esteem which the members of the Board of Supervisors had for Mr. Blanchard. Eagle added that Mr. Blanchard worked tirelessly for the best interests of his Township and made a valuable contribution to its growth and progress.

The Certificate was awarded to Mr. Blanchard by the Board of Supervisors for his 16 years of service as a member of the Board.

FARMINGTON POLIO HOSPITAL RECEIVES FOUNDATION GRANT

The Sister Elizabeth Kenny Hospital in Farmington has received a check for \$10,250 from the Ford Foundation, half of its share of the Foundation's grant program to assist the nation's voluntary, non-profit hospitals.

According to E. J. Rollings, Executive Vice-President of the Kenny Foundation in Michigan, the money will be placed in a fund to improve and extend Sister Kenny services. The balance of the gift is expected to be paid next year.

Board Appoints Fourth Township Police Officer

Vote Registration Hits Record Total In City, Township

Over 300 New Names Added On Final Day

Registration activity in both the City and Township reached a record peak on Monday, the final day, with over 300 names being added to the voting lists during the 12-hour period.

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that in the closing hour of registration, approximately 700 new names were added to the Township voting lists during the registration period.

While there was no line-up at the Municipal Building on Monday, Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, stated that activity was unusually heavy throughout the day. It is estimated that between 75 and 100 new registrations were made during the period from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday. Mrs. Cotter stated that approximately 300 new registrations were taken during the period from June 11 to July 9.

THE USUALLY heavy registration in the Township is believed to be partly due to the interest being displayed in the special proposals which will be voted upon at the Primary Election August 7.

A total of six applicants for Township Police Officer were also interviewed by the Board during the special meeting. No decision was reached on the appointment at the meeting. The hiring of an additional officer will bring the Township Police staff to four full time patrolmen, including the chief.

THE BOARD authorized the Township Clerk to purchase three more voting machines to be used in the various precincts. Cairns stated that the additional machines will be needed in view of the increased registration and establishment of additional precincts. At the present time the Township has 12 voting machines. It is hoped that the new machines will be available for use by the August 7 Primary Election.

A motion was unanimously approved authorizing Ward Eagle, Township Supervisor, to appoint a new health officer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Joseph Gadhaw.

The final plat for Westbrooke Manor Subdivision No. 1, including 17 lots, was formally approved by the Board subject to the approval of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Health. Westbrooke Manor is located just west of Orchard Lake Road and south of Thirteen Mile Road.

It is the last meeting of the Board for this year.

Recreation Roll Hits 1,190 Mark

Registrations in the Farmington Summer Recreation program as of the end of the second week of activities had climbed to a total of 1,190 youngsters, it was disclosed Monday by Warren Piche, recreation director.

Heaviest enrollment was recorded at the City Park playground, where 575 youngsters had been registered. Recreation Director Piche stated that the other playgrounds at the conclusion of the second week of the program were: Shawwassee, 230; Bond School, 210; Gill Road, 180; 150; and Eagle School, 75. It is anticipated that approximately 200 additional youngsters will be enrolled before the program ends, Piche commented.

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This Friday field days will be held at all playgrounds, offering a variety of games and contests. On the following Friday, July 20, youngsters will be taken on a visit to the Detroit Zoo.

Cutting A New Path

Through the trees and over the hills is the task of these giant earth movers as they clear the right-of-way for the new Farmington - Brighton Expressway south of the Grand River Cut-Off. In the meantime, work is continuing on bridge structures at Farmington Road and Halsted Road as construction crews push for completion of the overall project by September of next year.

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