

### Expect Opinion Monday On Use Of School Site

Attorney To File Report On Wm. Grace Parcel

Two important questions involving the future development of the Farmington Public School system will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday evening.

A legal opinion from A. G. Leonard, School Attorney, regarding the subdivision restrictions on a portion of the new site adjacent to the William Grace School, will be presented to the Board. At the last meeting it was disclosed that restrictions might prevent the erection of the previously approved ten-classroom building on the site. The Board directed Leonard to review the restrictions and present his opinion by the Monday meeting. In the meantime, action is being deferred on possible erection of building plans pending the Attorney's opinion.

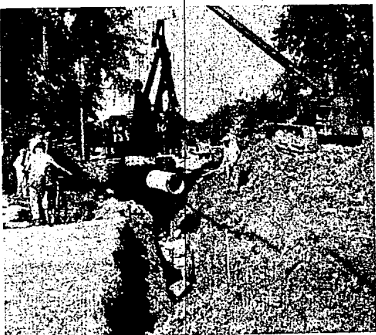
THE SITE, located east of and adjacent to the William Grace School, was recently purchased by the Board for a new elementary school. It is proposed that the present William Grace School be razed and a new ten-classroom building be erected on the enlarged site. The building would include the ten classrooms as well as a kindergarten room and multipurpose room.

A report is also expected to be presented to the Board on the progress being made in connection with the securing of a new elementary school site in the City. Representatives of the Board met last week with the owners of several possible sites in an effort to secure a letter to Township officials, to secure a suitable site for an elementary school in the City have been under way for several months.

### STATE CONSIDERS FOOT BRIDGE OVER EXPRESSWAY

The State Highway Department has advised Township officials that they are investigating the possibility of constructing a pedestrian overpass across the Farmington-Brighton Expressway in the vicinity of Parker or Porschette. E. A. Bellenbaum, Assistant to the Chief Engineer of the State Highway Department, stated that the matter had been referred to H. Cash, Road Engineer, for investigation. The Township Board several weeks ago approved a resolution formally requesting that a pedestrian overpass be constructed across the new expressway at either Parker or Porschette.

Residents in the area south of the Cut-Off had previously petitioned the Board to use its influence in trying to get action on the suggested overpass.



**ANOTHER LINK** is added to the Farmington Interceptor Sewer as workmen continue to push for an early completion of the City project. This section of main, being installed on Nine Mile Road at the intersection of Hanes, is only two blocks from the Farmington City Limits. In the meantime, additional links are being connected on Shawnessee near Middlebelt and Shawnessee near Inkster. It is estimated that the Interceptor, which will be connected to the Detroit system at Hanes and Berg Road, will be in operation late in November.

### First Annual Community House Membership Drive Off To Fast Start

Chairman Reports Early Progress In Campaign To Add 1,000 New Members By September 15

Initial results in the First Annual Membership Drive of the Farmington Community House Association have been labeled as "highly encouraging" by William J. Conroy, Chairman of the Campaign. Although the drive is only a few days old, Conroy stated that a large number of Farmington area residents have already indicated their desire to become members of the Association. The chairman added that he is confident that the goal of 1,000 new members will be reached by the deadline.

### Consumers Seeks City Franchise

The Farmington City Council Tuesday evening introduced an ordinance authorizing the Consumers Power Company to conduct a gas business in the City under the provisions of a 20-year franchise agreement.

The ordinance allows the Company to install facilities and maintain gas service within the corporate limits of the City of Farmington during the period of the franchise. Consumers Power has been operating in the City for many years under the terms of a similar agreement. Such a public utility franchise is required by State Law.

City officials stated that the proposed ordinance will lay on the table for 30 days before final action is taken. The Council met September 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the time of public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Following final adoption of the ordinance by the Council, arrangements will be made for ratification of the franchise by the voters of the city at a special election to be held on Wednesday, December 12.

### AROUND THE BLOCK



**ANOTHER BLOODY** ... Labor Day holiday is over. In spite of words of warning from practically every source imaginable, the nation succumbed in practically every section to the lure of the highway. There may be a gruesome toll of death and injury on the highway. There may be some consolation in the fact that fewer died than was expected. But with deaths crowding the 400 mark, there is little to be happy about. What a price to pay for a moment's carelessness. The big question before us now is, "Have the Americans died in vain?" Must this slaughter of human lives go on forever unchecked? The answer rests in the hands of every person who steps behind the wheel or walks across the street. All the traffic laws, all the safety devices, all the warnings in the world can not save your life, unless you do your part. We have an epidemic in our midst and it won't be stopped until every last citizen resolves to do something about it!

**HERE IT IS AGAIN** ... that sentence or two about registering so that you can vote in November. We warned you both last week and the week before that this was going to be a regular feature in the Around the Block column until after October 8, and we meant it. The whole idea may get pretty tiresome before the deadline is passed, but it is equally tiresome to read day in and day out about the number of citizens who deny themselves the right to vote because they fail to register. There's one way to get us off this subject, and quick ... that's for every eligible elector to visit his City or Township office this week and get his name in the registration books. You not only would be doing yourself and us a favor, but you would be fulfilling your obligation and responsibility as a full-time citizen.

**IF WE HAD SCHOOL BELLS** ... they would be ringing loud and clear this week, summoning a record number of boys and girls back to the classroom. Unfortunately, the old school bell has left the scene but other more modern devices have taken its place in the life of another summer. As the children go to school officials, everything is in readiness for the expected surge. Final touches were added to the cleaning and polishing operations last week and teaching personnel received their annual briefings on Tuesday and Wednesday. So another school year is well under way and another summer is but a happy memory.

### Start Formation Of New Parking Committee In City

Group To Seek Action On Survey Findings

Initial steps were taken by the City Council Tuesday evening to organize one and possibly two new committees to continue the promotion of off-street parking facilities in the central business area.

Councilman V. O. Bates volunteered to contact John Allen, chairman of the former Off-Street Parking Committee, for the purpose of discussing the possible size and organization of a new group to continue the promotion of off-street parking facilities in the area east of Farmington Road and south of the business places on Grand River as proposed in the Parking Survey. A second committee might continue to explore the possibility of additional off-street parking areas in the business district.

THE COUNCIL agreed that immediate steps should be taken to ease the critical parking situation in the central area. Bates stated that he would confer with Allen at the earliest possible date and have recommendations for consideration by the Council at its next regular meeting.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that in the meantime he would secure cost estimates and recommendations on the development of the City-owned parking lot south of Grand River and east of Precise Tool Company. The City Manager stated that the estimates would cover cost of grading, surfacing and installation of parking meters. The recommendations will be submitted at the next regular Council meeting.

### Open House Set At Catholic School

An open house will be held at the Our Lady of Sorrows High School on Sunday afternoon, September 9, at which time residents of the community will have an opportunity to inspect the school and the new offices and equipment of the Sorrows Parish Federal Credit Union in the basement of the school.

The open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

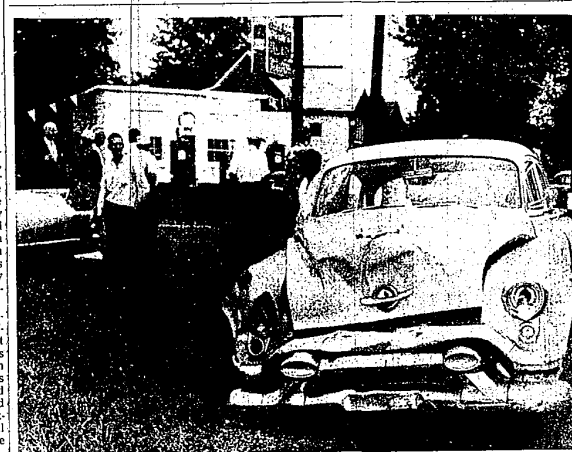
A visit will be made during the open house by Michigan's Lieutenant Governor, Phil Hart, to look over the new credit union offices and equipment. He will inspect the new school at the same time.

Lt. Governor Hart is expected to arrive at the school about 3 p.m. Favors will be given as a memento of the occasion of the opening of the new credit union offices and refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon, according to Donald MacGinnis, secretary-treasurer of the credit union.



**TROUBLE SPOTS** in the Farmington traffic safety picture are now being plotted on this giant map in the lobby of the City Police Station. All auto accidents involving fatalities, personal injuries or property damage are being charted on the map. Police Chief Joseph De-

## Council Lets Contracts For Paving And Sewers On Lilac And Violet



**TWO PERSONS** were injured Saturday morning in the auto shown above and one other in the second car involved in the accident off to the left in the ditch. Injured in the auto above were Jane Rueger and H. Richard Rueger. John Lambert, driver of the second car, was the third person injured. The two-car collision occurred about 1:25 p.m. at the intersection of Twelve

Mile and Middlebelt Roads. Only two other personal injury accidents were reported in the Farmington area over the long, four-day holiday week end. City, Township and State Police, who were alerted for a record number of calls, were called out on only six other accidents, all property damage mishaps.

### Farmington Area Auto Accident Toll Light Over Holiday Week End

Only Three Personal Injury, Six Property Damage Accidents Reported In Four Day Period

Only three personal injury and six property damage auto accidents were reported in the City and Township of Farmington over the long Labor Day week end. A much heavier toll was expected by law enforcement officials.

The first of the three injury accidents occurred about 7:45 p.m. Friday on US-16 a short distance west of Drake Road. Seriously injured in the crash was Margaret Marsh, 20, of Detroit, who suffered a ruptured spleen. Ralph Judd, 40, of

Detroit, driver of the car in which she was riding, suffered bruises on an arm. Martin Willacker of Novi, driver of the second car involved in the accident, suffered bruises to the right knee and a cut on the head. All three were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

THE CRASH occurred when Willacker, proceeding west on US-16, was unable to stop his car in time and collided with the side of the Judd automobile coming out from a private drive.

About 1:25 p.m. Sunday, three persons were injured in a collision at the intersection of Twelve Mile and Middlebelt Roads. The crash occurred when John Lambert of Pontiac, proceeding on Middlebelt, failed to yield the right-of-way to Herbert Rueger of Detroit, traveling west on Twelve Mile. Rueger's car struck the side of the Lambert auto.

Jane Rueger, 41, suffered lacerations. (Continued on Page 8A)

### Open Ticket Sale For Travel Series

Ticket sales for the Fourth Annual Travel and Adventure Series, sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis Club, are now under way. Clifford B. Moorhead, Chairman announced this week.

Tickets for the series may now be obtained from any member of the Kiwanis Club. The first program, to be held Sunday afternoon, October 14, will feature Fred M. Christian and his travelogue on "The California Story." Moorhead stated that for the first time in the history of the Series, all programs will be held on Sunday afternoon instead of Saturday evening. The change is designed to make it more convenient for families to attend the programs as a group. All the travelogues will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Junior High School auditorium, 33000 Thomas Street.

In addition to this change, Moorhead stated that a baby sitting and nursery service will be provided at the auditorium. As a means of encouraging family participation, all children will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by their parents. Moorhead stated that this is a service provided by the Youth Committee of the Kiwanis Club in its effort to bring an entertaining series of geography lessons to the boys and girls of Farmington.

An additional service feature of the Series will be the entertainment of groups which would ordinarily have difficulty attending such an event, such as crippled children and elderly people.

### CLERKS NOTIFIED OF POSSIBLE VOTE RECOUNT

Farmington City and Township Clerks have been requested to protect all voting machines and absentee ballots in view of a possible recount by the Michigan State Canvassing Board upon request. Connolly lost the nomination to Fred Elias by a narrow margin in the August Primary.

The Clerks were notified of the request in a letter from Lynn Allen, County Clerk. Allen advised the clerks that voting machines should not be disturbed and absentee ballots should be kept in a secure place until the Michigan State Canvassing Board upon request. Connolly lost the nomination to Fred Elias by a narrow margin in the August Primary.

### Advance Funds For Immediate Start On Sewers

Contracts for the construction of the paving work was awarded to the Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company at a bid price of \$44,523.40. The Angelo bid was the lowest of four proposals received by the Council. The specifications call for 6" paving throughout the project. However, the Council was advised that the Mother Trucking Company has verbally agreed to pay for the cost of 8" paving at the intersections of the two streets with Shawnessee.

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THE AWARDED of the paving contract is conditioned on the sale of the special assessment bond issue. The Council, however, authorized the transfer of sufficient money from the sewer fund to cover the cost of the sewer project. This money is to be returned to the general fund as soon as the issue has been sold. The Council explained that this was being done in order that work could be started immediately on the sewer construction.

Action was also taken by the Council awarding a contract to the Richardson Heating Company of Farmington for the installation of a new gas furnace unit in the Fire House building on Liberty Street at a bid price of \$3,695. Scherffius stated that only one bid was received on the project.

The bid was for approximately \$30 contractors were contacted.

In answer to an inquiry from Dan Burnett, 32334 Shawnessee, about the progress of the sewer project, the City Manager stated that the sewer project is being constructed. Scherffius stated that construction work is expected to begin next week. A contract for the sewer project was awarded to the Prospect Street has been awarded. The City Manager added that he

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### Expect Big Crowd At Flower Show

A record turnout is expected at the gala community celebration, "A Day in the Country," to be held Saturday, September 15, at the McWilliams Country Club. The event will feature a flower show, a parade, and a variety of other activities. The City Manager added that he

The program, which will open at 2:00 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m., is being built around the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show. It will feature an outstanding variety of entertainment by various cooperating organizations. In addition to the Flower Show, with its flower arrangements, table settings, mantle decorations and conservatories, and horticultural exhibits, the program will feature a stage play, country store, arts and crafts market, fish pond, pony ride for the youngsters and plenty of refreshments.

Various community organizations participating in the program, in addition to the sponsoring Garden Club are the Town Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, The Little Group, Farmington Players, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. There will be no charge for admission to the grounds. All proceeds from the various activities sponsored by community organizations have been designated for the new Farmington Community House.

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