



THE OPENING of Farmington's "Day In The Country" program, last Saturday, was officially signified with the cutting of this ribbon by Albert Gain, Township Supervisor. During the brief ceremony, Gain was assisted by Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, president of the Farmington Garden Club. Over 2,000 persons attended the community program held Saturday afternoon and evening on the grounds of the McWilliams Home, 12 Mile and Powers Road.

## Post Office Lists Extension Of Curb Delivery Service

New Project To Benefit Over 400 Customers

Approximately 400 additional Farmington area families will receive mounted carrier delivery service within the next few weeks, Post Office officials announced this week.

Those benefiting from the additional service include residents on Schroeder Road, Springbrook Subdivision, Old Homestead Subdivision, No. 1, Holly Hills Subdivision and Old Farm Colony Subdivision. Mounted carrier service provides for delivery of mail at boxes located in front of the customer's home. At the present time these residents are receiving their mail at centrally located boxes adjacent to the street or subdivision.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT which was released jointly by the Farmington Postmaster Henry Trombley and Congressman George A. Dwyer, stated that the additional service will go into effect within a few weeks. Residents in the affected areas are being notified by the Farmington Post Office as to where and when the individual boxes should be moved.

Mounted carrier service in Kendallwood Subdivision went into effect this week following the relocation of mail boxes.

Trombley stated that in line with the continuing development of the Farmington Post Office.

## BASEBALL FOR BOYS ANNUAL MEETING SET SEPTEMBER 24

The annual meeting of the Farmington Baseball for Boys organization has been set for Monday evening, September 24, at 8 p.m. in the band room of the Farmington Senior High School, officials disclosed.

An election of officers for the coming year will be held and plans made for next year's baseball program in Farmington.



## AROUND THE BLOCK

NEW 'CHARGES' are beginning to filter through the smog of the 1956 political campaign moves into high gear. These charges have been debunked at every turn with concrete facts and figures. And yet they continue to exist as a popular political slogan. No honest citizen would give a lead nickel for a newspaper that didn't have the fortitude to stick to its convictions. At the same time a newspaper has the obligation of giving its readers the opportunity of expressing opinions regardless of whether they agree with them or not. The Editor, along with the vast majority of other newspapers, not only subscribes to this principle but encourages it. As long as there is a spot in American newspapers for free discussion and debate, the charges of a "one-party press" are but a hollow mockery of our democratic processes.

A GREAT DEAL of news and picture material is being published in this week's paper regarding the "Day In The Country" program held last Saturday. This is being done for a very important reason. First, it represents one of the finest displays of community cooperation that the Farmington area has ever witnessed, and second, it was devoted to a cause that is of vital importance to the entire community. The willingness and generosity of the many citizens who took part in the program is a tribute to the growing spirit of Farmington. The results that were accomplished will be of material help in making the badly needed Farmington Community House a reality. For these reasons we have devoted considerable space to the program. We hope you will find it as a high example for future community activities.

FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP officials are continuing to receive names of property owners interested in the proposed water system for the southeast section of the town. This is just the way they want it. All persons living in the area, who have not already an interest in the program, are being encouraged to submit their names to the Township Clerk. Officials emphasized that real progress is being made in the effort to secure water through the Detroit system. This is where you can help. If you live in the "dry area" and haven't indicated your interest in the program as yet, do it today!

## Council Expected To Name Parking Committee Mon.

New Group To Work On Survey Suggestions

Recommendations of a committee or committees to promote off-street parking facilities in the central business area will be submitted to the City Council at its regular meeting next Monday evening in the Municipal Building.

The recommendations are expected to be made by Councilman V. O. Bates, who has volunteered to assist with the organization of the project. A meeting between Bates and John Allen, chairman of the former Parking Study Committee, was held last Monday for the purpose of discussing future activities. The Council has indicated they would like to have Allen continue his work in behalf of the parking program.

It was suggested at the last Council meeting that one committee be named to follow through on the recommendations submitted in the recently completed parking study while a second committee be appointed to investigate further proposed off-street parking sites. The parking study was prepared by the Oakland County Planning Commission in cooperation with the Farmington City Council and the City Council. Since the previous committee was appointed for limited length of time, a new group of groups will have to be named.

THE COUNCIL is also expected to receive a report from L. N. Hayden, City Engineer, regarding drainage problems in the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision. Following receipt of a number of complaints from residents along Chichester and Lee Lane, the Council at its last meeting directed the City Manager and Engineer to conduct a study of the area.

## Report Weekend Break-Ins, Thefts

Buildings on the grounds of the Melody Circus Theatre site behind Botsford Inn and Sam's Shoe Shop on Farmington Road were broken into over the weekend, Farmington police officials disclosed.

Stolen at the Melody Circus site was a table-top power saw and a case of tools. A car was also stolen. The case of the stolen car was also disclosed.

In separate action the Board adopted the amended bond resolution for the \$750,000 issue and set Monday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m. as the deadline for receipt of bids. The Municipal Finance Commission, at its regular meeting last week, authorized the School District to proceed with the bond sale.

AUTHORIZATION was also granted by the Board for the securing of bids on the purchase of a standard automobile to be used in driver training classes. According to officials the District has decided to purchase an auto for the classes in view of the difficulty in securing a courtesy car from dealers.

A motion was made and approved that the cost of the addition (Continued on Page 8A)

## School Enrollment Still On Increase Despite Some Reversal In Trends

Trying to analyze and predict enrollment figures months in advance of the opening of classes is a complicated and tricky procedure, and yet it is of vital importance to the future planning of any educational program.

Prior to the opening of school on September 6, O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of the district, disclosed that the enrollment for the district had reached 5,300 students. As of last Friday a total of 5,265 boys and girls were attending classes.

At the same time that the Farmington estimates were being announced, Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarencville District, was predicting that approximately 2,150 would be enrolled in the Clarencville schools. According to the latest figures, secured Monday, approximately 2,000 students were registered.

In both cases the percentage between actual and predicted figures is very close. While Farmington has had a greater increase, both districts have posted record enrollments this year. Schmidt pointed out that the Clarencville enrollment problem has been complicated to some degree by shut downs in the auto industry as well as delays in the development of the Heartstone Subdivision. Neither of these problems were anticipated when the estimated enrollment figures were compiled.

The latest enrollment figures at Farmington show that 3,653 boys and girls are attending elementary classes, while 688 are registered in the junior high school and 934 in the senior high school. This represents an increase of 28 students over last year's total. Last year at this time a total of approximately 4,350 students were enrolled in the Farmington District.

## Board Seeks Bids On Construction Of New Junior High School Unit



A SPECIAL HONOR was presented to Kathryn Cotter, Farmington City Clerk and Treasurer, Monday evening, when she was named as "Farmington's Business Woman of the Year." The presentation was made by the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club as part of the local observance of National Businesswomen's Week. Mrs. Cotter was presented with a letter of appreciation from the Club for her outstanding work in behalf of the community during the past year.

## Mayor Proclaims September 23-30 As "Businesswomen's Week" In City

Farmington Business And Professional Women's Club Honors Kathryn Cotter At Banquet

Mayor Robert Lindbort, in a signed proclamation, has declared the week of September 23 to 30 as National Businesswomen's Week in the City of Farmington.

The special week sponsored locally by the Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club is following the receipt of a number of contributions being made daily by women in various fields of business. One of the highlights of the 1956 program is the selection of Mrs. Kathryn Cotter as Farmington's Business Woman of the Year. Mrs. Cotter was guest of honor at the regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club held Monday evening at Harry's Redford Inn. She was presented with a letter of appreciation from the Club for her outstanding work during the past year. Mrs. Cotter is a Clerk and Treasurer for the City of Farmington. She was appointed City Treasurer in 1948 by former Mayor Delos Hamlin, and became City Clerk in 1954 following the retirement of Harry Moore. Mrs. Cotter lives at 22615 Brookdale and has been a resident of the City for 17 years.

The Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in April of 1952 with 30 charter members. During the past year the group has sponsored the physical education, bridge, typing, shorthand and knitting. Recent interest displayed in these courses to warrant scheduling of classes. Efforts will be made to organize other courses if there is sufficient demand, Read stated.

## Franchise Hearing Set For Monday

A public hearing on the proposition of granting a 20 year franchise to the Consumers Power Company for operation of a gas business in the City of Farmington will be held next Monday, September 24 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

All citizens of the City are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. A copy of the proposed ordinance, which was published, is on file at the Municipal Building for public inspection. If there are no major objections, the Council is expected to adopt the ordinance at its first meeting in October.

## KIWANIS TO HOLD KIDS DAY PROJECT THIS WEEK-END

The Farmington Kiwanis Club will celebrate "Kids Day" this Friday evening and Saturday by raising funds for youth activities through their annual peanut sale. Members of the club will be posting peanuts in strategic locations throughout the community. The entire proceeds from the sale will be used by the Kiwanis Club for boys and girls work in the Farmington area.

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## Accept Offer To Buy Six Acre Elementary School Site In City

Scaled bids on construction work for the new Farmington Junior High School Building will be received and opened by the Board of Education at a special meeting Tuesday, October 9, officials announced this week.

Final details on the plans and specifications for the new school were reviewed by the Board at an adjourned meeting held last Friday evening. The plans were actually approved at the regular Board meeting on Monday subject to final review at the adjourned session. Following a study of the plans and specifications on Friday, the Board agreed to receive and open bids at a special session October 9.

## Clerks Prepare For Final Vote Registration Rush

Monday, October 8 Set As Deadline

Farmington City and Township Clerks are publishing and posting final vote registration notices this week as the Monday, October 8 deadline draws near.

Based on activity thus far, the Farmington area is expected to enjoy the largest increase in vote registration in its history. Both the City and Township officials have been busy during the past several weeks accepting new registration applications. This trend is expected to increase considerably between now and the October 8 deadline.

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated this week that his office would be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the taking of vote registrations. The Clerk's office is located in the Town Hall, corner of Grand River and Farmington Road.

Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, stated that the registration applications will be accepted at the Municipal Building Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Municipal Building is located on the north side of Grand River in the center of the City business district.

ON THE FINAL DAY of registration, Monday, October 8, both the City and Township offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the acceptance of registration applications. Only persons who are not already registered need to make application. Electors who have any question regarding their status are encouraged to visit the respective City or Township office.

WORK ON STATE STREET SEWER NEARS COMPLETION

Work is expected to be completed this week on the installation of a storm sewer along the south side of State Street between William and Cass. City officials reported Monday.

The new sewer is designed to eliminate the flooding of basements and yards in the area. Officials indicated that as soon as this project is completed work will begin on the construction of a second sewer along the south side of State Street between Powers Road and Prospect Street.

Persons interested in enrolling in the adult education program are urged to call Mrs. Hamilton at the Farmington Board of Education office, GR. 4-1133.

## Chairmen Named Begin Organization Of UF Campaign

Organization plans are now well underway for the Annual Drive of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest which will open on October 23 and continue through November 16.

Roger Walker, campaign chairman, announced this week that the organization of the campaign is proceeding according to schedule. Several meetings have been held during the past two weeks in an effort to coordinate and plan the four week drive. Walker stated that the following committee chairmen have agreed to assist with the 1956 campaign: Prof. Lloyd Smith, Commercial; Jack Cotten; Industrial; Sam Graham; Residential; City, Mrs. Louise Guy; Township north of 10 Mile Road, Mrs. Martha Weber; Township south of Grand River, Mrs. Raymond Bodinus.

The Committee Chairmen will supervise the solicitation of funds from the various divisions. In the case of the residential sections, area and team captains will be organized to insure adequate coverage as possible. Walker stated that volunteers are urgently needed to complete the organization of the campaign.

Walker emphasized that the Annual Drive will include both United Fund and local Community Chest agencies. "This is why it is so important that Farmington area citizens participate in the drive to the local campaign," the chairman added. Walker concluded that many of these agencies are dependent almost entirely on the drive to receive their funds from the community through the Annual United Fund and Community Chest campaign.

Advertisements requesting bids on the project are now being published, according to Peter Targala, architect. The new junior high school building will be located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road between Farmington and Powers Road. The initial unit will open bids at a special session October 9.

Officials emphasized that actual arrangements for the purchase of the property have not been completed as yet. A land survey as well as various legal matters will have to be completed before the District can acquire the property. The site includes the property from the U.S. 16 Cut-Off to the rear of the lots facing on Cloverdale and from the extension of Freerick to the rear of the lots facing on the west side of Maple.

THE BOARD approved a motion accepting the bid of Earl Vivier for the purchase of the school site to be used in the driver training program. A total of six proposals were received with the contract going to Vivier at a price of \$2,000. The contract includes a provision that the car will be repurchased by Vivier at the close of its service for the same price as it would sell for on the market.

Action was taken by the Board rejecting a request from Rose Hill Builders for permission to construct a drainage ditch along the north side of the high school property adjacent to the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision. According to Rose Hill Builders, the swale would provide more adequate drainage for the subdivision as well as the school property. The swale, as proposed would be located on and along the edge of the high school site.

Authorization was granted for completion of the grading of the baseball field at the high school site. Officials stated that bids would be taken for the grading work.

REGISTER NOW!  
so you VOTE  
in November.

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS  
May Register at the Town Hall  
Monday through Thursday  
from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TOTAL REGISTERED  
VOTERS 7,451  
Increase of 125  
During Past Week

CITY RESIDENTS  
May Register at the Municipal  
Building Monday through  
Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TOTAL REGISTERED  
VOTERS 2,460  
Increase of 42  
During Past Week

HELP THESE  
FIGURES GROW  
REGISTER TODAY!