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## TOWNSHIP VOTERS TURN DOWN RACE TRACK PROPOSAL

### Ward Eagle Submits Resignation As Township Supervisor

Board Accepts Resignation With Regret, Plan To Name Successor At Meeting Thursday

Township Supervisor Ward Eagle formally submitted his resignation to the Township Board at a special meeting Friday afternoon. Eagle stated that he is resigning as Supervisor and member of the Township Board, effective August 10, because of personal reasons. In a letter to the Board, Eagle added that: "At the time, in April, when I was appointed as Supervisor, I was very clear to the Board that I reserved the right to consider it only as an emergency or temporary appointment. An emergency did exist at that time as there were several matters which had to be held in abeyance during the illness of Mr. Blanchard that required immediate attention. That emergency no longer exists and no personal reasons consider it inadvisable to continue with the work of the office, I am submitting my resignation to take effect on August 10. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Township Board for their co-operation and support during the time that I have been Supervisor. My thanks also to our office force and to the members of our various departments. I know that the Township is fortunate in having so loyal and conscientious a group of people in its service."



WARD EAGLE

Following the reading of the letter, Thomas Tardy moved that Eagle's resignation be accepted with regret. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Record Enrollment Planned At C'ville

With the opening of classes less than a month away, Clarenceville school officials are hard at work completing final details for the beginning of another school year. It is anticipated that a record enrollment of 2,150 students will be reached during the first few weeks of the 1956-57 school year. This is approximately 125 more than were enrolled during the same period last year. Officials pointed out that this figure is expected to increase considerably during the year as new subdivisions in the District are completed.

### F. A. R. C. SUMMER PROGRAM ATTRACTS RECORD NUMBERS

The Farmington Summer Recreation program was concluded last Friday with the annual all-day excursion to Bob-Lo Island. A total of 550 youngsters took the excursion.

In a report made Monday by Warren Piche, recreation director, it was indicated that a total of 8,859 youngsters have been handled during the six-week summer program. Swimming activities at Kensington Park attracted 4,046 youngsters and 4,189 participated in activities at the various playgrounds, Piche said. The three field day trips were attended by a total of 1,345 youngsters.

### MRS. CRAIG PORTER NAMED TO CITY PLANNING BOARD

Mrs. Craig Porter, 23609 Warren, has been appointed as a member of the City Planning Commission by action of the City Council. The appointment of Mrs. Porter completes the membership of the newly organized Planning Commission with the exception of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Howard Warner, who has moved into the Township.

### AROUND THE BLOCK

**THE USUAL BURNING . . .** on election nights was conspicuous by its absence at the various city precincts Tuesday, thanks to the new voting machines. In spite of their newness, both to the voters and to election officials, the machines live up to their expectations as the job for through the night and into the early morning hours. As it was, final tabulations were in the hands of the city clerk prior to 11 p.m. Officials expect that everyone becomes more familiar with the operation of the machines. Not only do they reduce the possibility of error and speed the final tabulation, but they add materially to the disposition and comfort of otherwise haggard election officials and newspaper men who must wait out the verdict.

**THE RESIGNATION . . .** of Ward Eagle as Township Supervisor and member of the Board brings to a close a long period of sincere dedication by a man to his community. With the exception of two years, Eagle has served the Township as Justice, Trustee and Supervisor continuously since 1927. During that period he has contributed a great deal to the growth and development of the community. Since assuming the duties of Supervisor four months ago, Eagle has, in our opinion, done an excellent job both in organization and in handling the public Board meetings. We personally regret that he feels compelled to resign from his present position as a Township official.

### Board Studies Plans For New School Buildings

Approve First Plans On New Grade Schools

Detailed studies of plans for a new Junior High School and two new elementary school buildings were made by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting Monday evening. Advanced working drawings of the Junior High School building to be constructed on Twelve Mile Road between Farmington and Power Roads, were presented and explained to the board by Peter Tarama, representative for the architectural firm of Smith, Tarapala and MacMahon. Following several minor changes suggested by the Board, the drawings were taken to proceed with final drawings. Tarama indicated that the finished drawings would be ready for final approval by the Board at a meeting on August 28 and construction would be bid on soon as this approval is given.

### City Council Enacts Ordinance Adopting State Plumbing Code

New Requirements Including Inspection To Become Effective Thursday, August 9

The Farmington City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, approved legislation adopting the State Plumbing Code by reference, to become effective immediately following publication. The Code establishes minimum requirements for plumbing installations and provides for the inspection and enforcement thereof. The local ordinance was introduced and adopted as separate motions as emergency legislation. Copies of the State Plumbing Code will be available at the Municipal Building for public inspection within the next few days.

### Record Rainfall Floods Basements

The near record rain and electrical storm which hit the Farmington area Saturday and Sunday resulted in considerable damage from flooded basements and disrupted public utilities.

### EXPECT TO START SEWER NEXT WEEK

Work is expected to begin this week on the construction of a new storm sewer on the south side of State Street between Wilmarth and Cass Avenues, Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced this week. Approval of the installation was received from the State Health Department on Monday, clearing the way for actual construction of the new sewer. Scherffius stated that contact has been made with the Subterranean Construction Company, low bidder on the project, and the work will begin as soon as possible.



**BLACKTOPPING** operations on main thoroughfares scheduled for this summer in the City of Farmington began Tuesday morning. Workers are shown spreading a section of toppling on Power Road between Shilawasse and Ten Mile Road. To be blacktopped this summer will be Power Road from Ten Mile to a line 600 feet south of Shilawasse, Shilawasse a distance of 650 feet on each side of Power, North Farmington Blvd. on both sides of McGee Hill, and Prospect from Bel-Aire Subdivision to Shilawasse.

### Board Seeks Bids On School Bonds

Monday, August 20, at 8:00 p.m., has been set as the deadline for receipt of bids on the \$750,000 bond issue to finance the first unit of the new Clarenceville high school building.

### Authorization to Proceed With Advertising of Bids

Authorization to proceed with the advertising of bids for the bond issue was approved by the Clarenceville School Board at a special meeting Thursday evening. The action was taken following notification of approval by the Municipal Finance Commission.

According to the bond sale resolution, the certificates will be in the denomination of \$1,000 each and will be dated June 1, 1959. They will bear interest from their date at a rate not to exceed 4% per annum. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose proposal produces the lowest interest cost to the School District. No bid for the purchase of less than all of the bonds will be considered. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Immediately following the sale of the bond issue, the Board is expected to proceed with the advertising of bids for the actual construction work on the first unit of the new high school building.

### Zoning Changes Sought In Two Township Areas

Board Asks Planning Commission Studies

Requests for the proposed rezoning of two parcels of land in Farmington Township, were filed with the Board at a special meeting held Friday afternoon in the Town Hall. The special session was called to take up various matters originally scheduled for the regular July 24 meeting, which was postponed because of a lack of a quorum. Following considerable discussion on the proposed zoning changes, it was decided to refer the question to the Planning Board for study and recommendations. The first request was made by developers for the rezoning of a parcel of land at the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and Fourteen Mile Roads from residential to commercial. Spokesmen indicated that the rezoning was being made to permit the construction of a shopping center at that location. A second request was made for the rezoning of two lots in Kensington Gardens Subdivision on Truck Road north of the Wagon Wheel Trailer camp to permit the erection of multiple dwellings. It was indicated that Wes Hanson, bidder, proposes to construct six multiple dwelling units housing six families each. Board members questioned the indication that water for the units would be obtainable from Livonia. Also questioned was whether or not multiple dwelling units are permissible under present Township Ordinance.

### Record Light Vote In Tuesday's Primary Election

34% Of Electors Turn Out At Polls

Approximately 34% of the qualified electors of Farmington City and Township went to the polls Tuesday in the Biennial Primary Election to nominate candidates from the various political parties for District, State and County offices. The 34% vote, while comparatively light, was somewhat larger than anticipated. A total of 2,153 votes were cast in the Township and a registration list of 7,087 for a percentage of 30.5. The City vote totaled 818 out of approximately 2,100 registered electors for a percentage of 38.9. Voting was generally light throughout the day but picked up in all precincts during the early evening hours.

### CITY INTERCEPTOR PROJECT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, reported this week that work on the new sewer interceptor is progressing ahead of schedule in spite of inclement weather. It is estimated that approximately 12,000 feet of main has been installed along Eighth Mile and Shilawasse, leading to the City of Farmington. In addition, tunneling has been completed at Shilawasse and Inkster Road as well as at the pumping station which is now progressing on a tunnel under Grand River near the eastern city limits. City officials now estimate that the major portion of the project will be completed early in November if the soiling. In the meantime, plans and specifications are being completed for the water treatment plant and pumping station which will be constructed as part of the sewer project.

### Approve Incorporation Of Section 12 As Village Of Wood Creek Farms

The qualified electors of Farmington Township, by an overwhelming majority, turned down the proposed rezoning of 244 acres of land in the Township as a race track site at the Biennial Primary Election on Tuesday. The proposal to rezone the site from residential to commercial was defeated by a majority of nearly 3 to 1, with 1,197 voting against the race track and 481 voting for it. According to unofficial tabulations, the proposal was turned down in all six Township Precincts. The election brings to a close months of controversy over the race track issue, which began when the proposal was first discussed before the Township Board.

### Record Light Vote In Tuesday's Primary Election

Following approval of the proposed rezoning by the Township Board, referendum petitions were circulated and filed by property owners demanding a vote on the issue. The actual question which appeared on the ballot referred only to whether or not the voters approved of the proposed rezoning. The actual question on the west section of the Township from residential to commercial.

The tabulation of the voting by Township Precincts is as follows:

Precinct	Yes	No
One	109	194
Two	74	106
Three	56	177
Four	71	269
Five	72	100
Six	89	351

The greatest opposition to the proposal was recorded in Precinct Four, with Precinct Six showing the next largest margin. Precinct One, where the proposed site is located, recorded a margin of 85 votes against the rezoning.

VOTERS of Section 12, in the northeast portion of the Township, approved the incorporation of the section as a village in a special vote Tuesday. The formation of the new village, to be known as Wood Creek Farms, was approved by a vote of 72 to 46. The section is bounded on the north by Thirteen Mile Road, on the east by Inkster Road, on the south by Twelve Mile Road, and on the west by Middlefield Road.

In addition to the approval of the incorporation proposal, the voters of the Section elected five members to serve as the Village Charter Commission. Those elected included: Vernon P. Fisher, 95 votes; Fred M. Missal, 95 votes; Alger M. Clark, 94 votes; P. G. Schlotterbeck, 91 votes; and Herman A. Dobson, 90 votes. The newly elected charter commission is charged with the responsibility of drafting a proposed charter for the Village of Wood Creek Farms.

### Schedule Zoning Hearing August 16

Two proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance will be discussed at a public hearing to be held Thursday evening, August 16, before the Township Zoning Board. The meeting, which is scheduled to open at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, is being called to hear any comments or objections to the proposed amendments. Edward Schmid, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that all persons affected by the suggested changes in the ordinance are encouraged to participate at the hearing. Following the public discussion, the Zoning Board will submit its recommendations to the Township Board.

The first proposal involves an amendment to the ordinance (Continued on Page 8A)

## Complete Tabulation Of City And Township Voting In Tuesday's Biennial Primary Election

	REPUBLICAN TICKET						DEMOCRATIC TICKET					
	Township	City	Total	Township	City	Total						
<b>GOVERNOR</b>	Pt. 139	Pl. 2 82	Pl. 3 166	Pl. 4 310	Pl. 5 210	Pl. 6 961	Total 177	Pl. 1 174	Pl. 2 112	Pl. 3 453	Total 192	
<b>LT. GOVERNOR</b>	Cole 49	Leonard 31	55	88	26	57	308	64	54	33	161	
<b>U. S. REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Reid 143	74	156	286	54	189	902	182	171	116	469	
<b>STATE SENATOR</b>	Hodge 31	17	29	47	9	36	169	53	31	11	95	
<b>PROSECUTOR</b>	Ziem 159	82	166	318	57	213	994	184	118	408		
<b>SHERIFF</b>	Barr 47	21	36	62	10	50	226	60	32	33	125	
<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>	Allen 144	83	163	302	59	198	947	187	177	116	480	
<b>TREASURER</b>	Sparks 139	75	159	298	59	182	912	183	172	115	470	
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>	MacQueen 61	29	43	103	17	60	313	74	48	30	152	
<b>DRAIN COMMISSIONER</b>	Goss 46	14	42	77	12	47	238	37	43	20	140	
<b>SURVEYOR</b>	Main 35	14	25	64	81	17	85	227	45	63	312	

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