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FARMINGTON POSTS RECORD 82.7% VOTE IN ELECTION TUESDAY

Council Voices Concern Over Plan To Close Cut-Off This Winter

Discuss Possible Regulations To Control Flow Of Traffic Through City Business District

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, authorized the filing of a written request with the State Highway Department, urging that every consideration be given to keeping the Grand River Cut-Off open as much as possible during the remaining months of construction.

Authorization to file the letter followed a discussion of the State's intention to temporarily close the Cut-Off as soon as the 10 Mile Road overpass is completed. City officials emphasized that this will create a serious traffic condition in the city since both east and west bound traffic will have to go through Farmington. It was suggested that a study be started immediately regarding the handling of the expected increased traffic, including the possible elimination of turns at the Grand River-Farmington Road intersection. Earl Scherffius, City Manager, suggested that north bound traffic on Farmington Road, with destinations to the east, be re-routed on Orchard and Grove Streets to Grand River, thus relieving some congestion.

The Council awarded a contract to B. J. Ratigan, Plymouth dealer, for a new police car at a bid price of $972, including trade-in of the present 1955 police vehicle. The Ratigan proposal was the lowest of five bids received by the Council. A contract was also awarded to James Kanthe for the construction of a drainage ditch along Gill Road from Oakland to the Cut-Off at a bid price of $3,000. Scherffius stated that efforts to obtain assistance from the county and township on the project were unsuccessful, however he stated that the developers of Alta Loma Subdivision have agreed to pay for 25 per cent of the cost of the drain.

COST FIGURES on two proposed insurance plans for city employees was presented to the Council by Scherffius. The group insurance plan would provide $4,000 in case of death and varying amounts for disability. The manager was authorized to survey the employees to determine if there were a sufficient number interested to qualify for the group plan.

A letter was read from the Warner Farms Improvement Association stating that they were not opposed to the erection of a school on the proposed site east of Farmington Road and south of Cloverdale. However, they re-emphasized their objection to the rezoning of any property in the area to commercial. They commended the Council for its action in rejecting the recent request for rezoning of the northeast corner of Farmington Road and the Cut-Off from residential to commercial. Councilman Paul Calkins also added that the Council is not opposed to the location of a school at the proposed site.

The Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of one and five-tenths acres of land along the Rouge River north of Nine Mile Road as a site for the sewer interceptor water treatment plant. Scherffius advised the council that the price of the property had been set at $4,000. The site is adjacent to city owned property.

The National Bank of Detroit was designated as the paying agent for the $69,000 Special Assessment Paving Bond Issue.

Students To Run City November 26

Members of the senior class of Farmington High school will take over the reigns of city government on Monday, November 26, as part of the second annual Student Government Day program.

Prior to November 26, the senior class will nominate and elect student officials for all the administrative and legislative positions in the city government. These positions will include mayor, councilmen, city manager, assistant city manager, city engineer, city clerk, city treasurer, superintendent of public works, chief of police, fire chief, city attorney and municipal judge. Tarmo Maatala, high school teacher, and Duane Partain, assistant city manager, are cooperating in the program.

According to the tentative schedule for November 26, the program will open with an orientation at the City Hall. Students with administrative positions will then join their respective counter-parts in the exercise of regular routines. At the same time students with legislative positions will go on a tour of the city and city facilities. All of the students will convene for lunch as guests of the city. The students with administrative positions will then return to their respective duties while the students with legislative positions will conduct a mock council meeting. This will be followed by a seminar at the city hall under the direction of Earl Scherffius, City Manager.

On the following evening, the students and city officials will be guests of the Farmington Kiwanis Club at a special dinner.

SALE OF 1957 AUTO LICENSE PLATES TO START NOV. 14

The sale of 1957 automobile license plates will open next Wednesday, November 14, Gerald Grace, Farmington Secretary of State branch manager, disclosed Monday.

In making the announcement, Grace also issued a reminder to all owners of commercial vehicles and trailers that they must have these vehicles re-weighed before applying for licenses. Authorized weight tickets must be submitted when making an application for plates for these vehicles, he said.

The local Secretary of State branch office is located at 33304 Grand River Avenue, directly across from the Kroger store in the City of Farmington.

THREE LOCAL teenage boys were injured in the auto above when it went out of control, crashed into guard posts and rolled over on the Grand River Cut-Off Saturday night. Injuries suffered by the driver, Edward Ayotte, proved fatal while Russell Brooks, a passenger, is still in critical condition in the hospital. The third occupant, Cecil Beebe, miraculously escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. This picture was snapped the day following the accident and shows only a portion of the damage done. Nearly every exterior section of the car was either badly dented or crushed in. Glass in every window of the car was either smashed out completely or badly shattered.

Report Progress On Proposed Township Sewer

Financing Of System Studied By Officials

Renewed progress on the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor was reported by Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, following a meeting of county, township and municipal representatives held last Wednesday.

Gain stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of financing the proposed project. Representatives of Farmington, Southfield and West Bloomfield Townships along with officials of Keego Harbor and Orchard Lake attended the meeting. The group heard a progress report from officials of Oakland County and the project engineers. Gain added that a great many details on the financing program were discussed and a plan of procedure was outlined.

The next phase of the program involves a meeting of subdividers and builders at which time an effort will be made to determine the amount of money which this group will advance in behalf of the project. Once this has been done, the various units of government involved can begin developing plans for their phase of the financing.

OFFICIALS of the County emphasized that Detroit has sufficient capacity available to take care of the presently proposed Farmington Interceptor district provided that the financial and engineering details can be worked out. If this can be accomplished in a relatively short length of time, work could be started on the interceptor sewer in 1957.

Revised plans are now being drafted to provide service facilities for the southeastern section of Southfield, the eastern portion of Farmington and West Bloomfield Townships as well as Keego Harbor and Orchard Lake. The exact cost of the project as well as the proposed location of trunk lines will not be known until the plans are completed.

Extend Closing Date Of Farmington United Fund Drive To November 15

Chairman Calls For All Out Effort In Campaign As Latest Collection Reaches $9,500 Mark

Farmington's United Fund and Community Chest Drive has been extended to November 15 to allow for more complete coverage of the city and township area, Roger Walker, campaign chairman, announced this week.

According to the latest progress report, issued Tuesday, a total of $9,500 in cash and pledges has been collected to date in behalf of the Farmington campaign. This represents an increase of approximately $5,400 during the past week. Walker stated that on the basis of the latest report, the drive is beginning to pick up. The nine-day extension of the campaign is designed to provide a last-ditch effort to reach the $28,000 quota.

The chairman stated that impetus was given to the drive last week with contributions of $2,043.25 from the Star Cutter Company and $1,000 from the Thompson-Brown Company. Of the Star Cutter Company contribution, $1,250 was received from the corporation while the remaining $793.25 came from employes.

WALKER asserted that while the major portion of the city and township residential solicitation has been completed, the industrial, commercial and professional phases of the campaign are only about 20 per cent reported thus far. Residential reports show Farmington City with about $2,500, the northern part of the Township with $3,500 and the

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CITY, TOWNSHIP OFFICES TO CLOSE NOVEMBER 12

Farmington City and Township offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans' Day, a legal holiday, officials announced this week.

The only exception will be the City Clerk's office, which will be open for the purpose of taking registrations for the special Consumers Power Company election. The Farmington branch of the National Bank of Detroit and the Farmington Post Office will also be closed on November 12. Veterans' Day actually falls on Sunday, November 11, but will be officially observed on Monday.

Council OK's New No Parking Zones

The Farmington City Council Monday evening approved a resolution setting up no parking zones in the vicinity of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the First Baptist Church.

The new restricted zones were recommended by the City Manager following a discussion with officials of both churches. The amendment provides that there shall be no parking on both sides of Powers Road from 10 Mile to Shiawassee and on both sides of Farmington Road and Shiawassee 200 feet in each direction from the intersection.

Officials of both Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the Baptist Church advised the City Manager that they now have sufficient off-street parking facilities to take care of existing needs.

FINAL REGISTRATION DATE SET FOR CITY SPECIAL ELECTION

Monday, November 12, has been set as the final day of registration for the Special Consumers Power Company franchise election to be held in the City of Farmington on December 12.

Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, stated that she will be in her office on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the registration and accepting any new applications from qualified electors.

Planning Board Reviews Two New Subdivision Plots

Rezoning Request On Small Site Tabled

Plans for two new subdivisions in the township were studied by the Township Planning Board Monday night. A request for the rezoning of approximately 80 feet of frontage on Farmington Road near Eight Mile to commercial was also taken into consideration.

The Board indicated it will recommend Township Board approval of plans submitted for Middle Lane Acres subdivision on Middlebelt Road between Twelve and Thirteen Mile Road, based on its study and a study made by the Township planning consultants. It was pointed out, however, that this recommendation would be conditional subject to the realinement of easements intersecting a main road through the proposed 51-lot subdivision.

Plans for the second new subdivision were on a site of approximately 110 acres, north of Thirteen Mile Road, between Drake and Halsted Roads as submitted for consideration by the Thompson Brown Company. These plans, it was agreed, should be turned over to the planning consultants for their study prior to any action by the Planning Board.

The request made for rezoning was tabled until a further study can be made and more detailed information supplied on the proposed change.

A report made by Harvey Freeman, secretary, indicated that a revised draft of the proposed subdivision regulations for Farmington Township is now being completed and will be ready for submittal to the Township Board at its next regular meeting on November 19.

Freeman outlined the minor revisions being made in the regulations on his recommendation. He stated that they were based on detailed discussion of the plan which he had with representatives from

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Minor Hallowe'en Damage Reported

Farmington City and Township police reported unusually heavy activity but only minor property damage during Hallowe'en.

City Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt stated that actual property damage was the lightest in recent years in spite of large concentration of youngsters on the streets. Only one incident occurred which required police action. This involved the placing of a junk car on the lawn of the Farmington Senior high school and a chase between the police and several cars of youngsters followed the incident.

According to police, the cars raced through the Bel-Aire Subdivision at a high rate of speed, ignoring stop streets, with one car continuing out onto Orchard Lake Road and onto Grand River. Police finally halted the car after a lengthy chase. A total of 22 boys and girls were brought into the station and were released to their parents.

Township police stated that a large number of youngsters were on the streets, particularly in the new subdivisions, but that very little property damage was reported.

City And Township Voters Cast Majority For Republican Candidates

Farmington City and Township voters turned out in record-shattering numbers Tuesday to give Republican candidates a comfortable majority for national, state and county offices.

An over-all total of 82.7 per cent of the qualified electors of the City and Township took part in the General Election. According to unofficial returns, 9,951 ballots were cast out of a total registration of 12,021. In the City 2,678 votes were recorded from a list of 3,134 qualified electors for a 85.4 per cent total. The township reported 7,273 votes out of a total registration of 8,887 for a percentage of 81.8.

Election officials stated that a steady flow of voters jammed the various polling places from early in the morning until closing time. There were waiting lines at all precincts when the polls opened at 7 a.m. and the balloting continued extremely heavy throughout the day. Officials stated that most electors responded to the request for early voting, thus there were no heavy line-ups at the time of the closing of the polls.

Republican candidates were given sizable majorities in the combined city and township voting. However, in the township Mayor Albert Cobo posted a lead of only 718 votes over Governor G. Mennen Williams, while the balance of the Republican state ticket averaged nearly 1,100 over their Democratic rivals. The Eisenhower-Nixon ticket received a commanding majority over the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket in both the city and township.

FARMINGTON voters overwhelmingly approved the amendment to the State Constitution relative to additional qualifications for members of the State Legislature. The vote in the township was 3,403 yes to 325 no, while the city vote was 1,707 yes to 132 no.

On the non-partisan judicial ballot for Justice to the Supreme Court, incumbents George Edwards and Talbot Smith won easy victories over Michael O'Hara and John Simpson. In the county judicial races all of the candidates were unopposed. The tabulation in the township was as follows: Judge of Circuit Court Clark Adams 2,786; Judge of Probate Arthur E. Moore, 2,994; Circuit Court Commissioners, Maurice Cole, 2,662 and Verne Hampton, 2,513. Totals in the city were as follows: Judge of Circuit Court, Clark Adams, 1,333; Judge of Probate, Arthur E. Moore, 1,424; Circuit Court Commissioners, Maurice Cole, 1,326 and Verne Hampton, 1,185.

Local Teenager Fatally Injured In Cut-Off Crash

Two Passengers Hurt, One Seriously

Injuries suffered in an automobile accident Saturday evening proved fatal to Edward Ayotte, 16, of 21009 St. Francis Street, Farmington. He died Monday in Mt. Carmel Hospital.

Russell Brooks, 15, of 23030 Colgate Street, a passenger in the car, is still unconscious and in serious condition at Redford Receiving Hospital, latest reports indicated. Cecil Beebe, 16, of 22776 Floral, a second passenger in the auto, suffered only minor injuries.

The accident occurred around 10:30 p.m. on the Grand River Cut-Off about a quarter mile west of Drake Road. According to Beebe, Ayotte apparently lost control of the car coming over the crest of a hill. The vehicle, after leaving the road knocked down six guard rail posts and rolled over.

SIX YEAR old Jill Worrall of 22114 Cora Street suffered injuries to a leg around 12:30 Tuesday afternoon when she was run over by a mailman's car near her home just south of 9 Mile.

According to Postman Francis Foisy, driver of the mail car, six or seven young children of the neighborhood began running along side of the auto just as he was pulling away from a mail box. The young Worrall girl apparently slipped with one of her legs going underneath a tire of the car.

She was taken to the hospital for X-rays and treatment. It is believed that the leg was fractured.

City Parking Lot Meters Ordered

Work is expected to begin late this week or early next week on the installation of meters in the city-owned parking lot south of Grand River and west of the Precise Tool Company.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that the order for 75 parking meters was placed last Tuesday with the Park-O-Meter Company at the instruction of the City Council. The City Manager was advised by the company that the meters would be installed in approximately 10 days.

Work is also expected to begin this week on the construction of asphalt curbing in the parking lot. The curbing will serve to divide the lot into parking lanes. Stall markings will be painted on the parking lot surface after the curb and meters have been installed. The lot will provide facilities for all day parking as well as hourly parking.

CANCEL SCHEDULED VISIT OF MOBILE BLOOD BANK

The originally scheduled visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank to the Farmington community on Tuesday, November 20, has been cancelled, Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman, announced this week.

According to Mrs. Lenz, the next Farmington blood bank will be held on March 26. It was decided to cancel the November 20 visit because of the large reserve of 599 pints in the Farmington Credit Bank.

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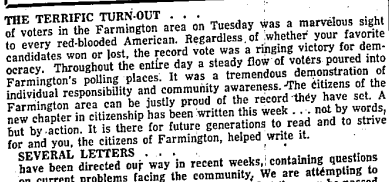

THE TERRIFIC TURN-OUT . . . of voters in the Farmington area on Tuesday was a marvelous sight to every red-blooded American. Regardless of whether your favorite candidates won or lost, the record vote was a ringing victory for democracy. Throughout the entire day a steady flow of voters poured into Farmington's polling places. It was a tremendous demonstration of individual responsibility and community awareness. The citizens of the Farmington area can be justly proud of the record they have set. A new chapter in citizenship has been written this week . . . not by words, but by action. It is there for future generations to read and to strive for and you, the citizens of Farmington, helped write it.

SEVERAL LETTERS . . . have been directed our way in recent weeks, containing questions on current problems facing the community. We are attempting to secure the answers as quickly as possible so that they can be passed on to all our readers. Many times these inquiries require considerable chasing down in order to get accurate information, so we hope that the writers will bear with us while we attempt to obtain the facts. We greatly appreciate receiving these questions and promise to do everything in our power to find the answers. All we ask is that you sign the letter and forward it to us. Your name will be withheld from publication if you so request. Got a question? Let us hear from you!

A FINAL APPEAL . . . is being issued this week in the hopes that it will put Farmington's sagging United Fund Drive over the top. By next Thursday, November 15, the official canvass for funds will be over. As of now, the campaign is approximately $18,500 short of its goal. This means that an all-out effort is going to be made during the next week if Farmington is to fulfill its obligations. We cannot afford to let our local community chest agencies down. They are doing a job for us and they deserve our support. So let's all pitch in and do our part.

Complete Tabulation Of City And Township Voting In Tuesday's General Election

	TOWNSHIP Pt. 1	Pt. 2	Pt. 3	Pt. 4	Pt. 5	Pt. 6	Total	CITY Pt. 1	Pt. 2	Pt. 3	Total
PRESIDENTIAL											
Eisenhower-Nixon (R)	642	493	742	1314	491	980	4662	578	686	696	1960
Stevenson-Kefauver (D)	392	355	403	427	416	540	2532	137	237	325	699
GOVERNOR											
Cobo (R)	526	379	662	1186	373	812	3938	515	595	574	1684
Williams (D)	501	469	475	547	528	700	3220	192	324	443	959
LT. GOVERNOR											
Reid (R)	553	392	665	1206	399	841	4056	530	592	581	1703
Hart (D)	465	447	463	513	482	651	3021	174	318	427	919
SEC. OF STATE											
Martin (R)	562	401	666	1215	396	846	4086	533	602	590	1725
Hare (D)	457	432	461	504	479	641	2974	168	309	419	896
ATTORNEY GENERAL											
Van Dusen (R)	561	398	675	1214	398	857	4103	540	600	595	1735
Kavanagh (D)	456	435	451	504	475	635	2956	162	308	413	883
STATE TREASURER											
Padzieski (R)	568	404	666	1220	395	846	4099	534	614	587	1735
Brown (D)	445	425	457	494	483	634	2938	166	291	412	869
AUDITOR GENERAL											
Bagwell (R)	569	407	676	1233	400	858	4143	543	611	610	1761
Szymanski (D)	443	421	443	483	469	621	2880	157	291	392	840
U. S. REPRESENTATIVE											
Broomfield (R)	584	429	681	1249	421	887	4251	552	624	620	1796
Sutton (D)	435	402	442	471	454	595	2799	148	278	379	805
STATE SENATOR											
Lodge (R)	580	428	683	1244	417	886	4238	544	622	623	1489
Elias (D)	429	401	439	466	450	593	2778	151	277	372	800
STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
Hughes (R)	579	425	684	1242	409	872	4211	542	621	608	1771
Clarkson (D)	432	403	437	469	452	598	2801	150	273	387	810
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY											
Ziem (R)	574	424	683	1235	403	877	4196	545	630	610	1785
Uiley (D)	438	403	437	476	467	601	2822	148	276	385	809
SHERIFF											
Irons (R)	579	428	690	1241	409	880	4227	546	622	619	1787
Hicks (D)	437	399	433	475	464	606	2814	150	275	381	806
COUNTY CLERK											
Allen (R)	579	427	683	1235	412	876	4212	542	630	624	1796
Johnson (D)	433	405	437	475	461	599	2810	150	267	373	790
COUNTY TREASURER											
Sparks (R)	580	426	684	1229	402	866	4187	548	624	612	1784
Stevens (D)	433	405	438	482	471	609	2838	147	276	382	805
REGISTER OF DEEDS											
Murphy (R)	578	428	686	1245	411	876	4224	545	630	631	1806
Habel (D)	434	403	433	464	464	596	2794	148	277	366	791
DRAIN COMMISSIONER											
Barry (R)	575	425	680	1226	403	863	4172	543	618	614	1775
Rice (D)	437	407	436	479	468	611	2838	151	277	383	811
COUNTY SURVEYOR											
Main (R)	584	435	702	1250	418	892	4281	551	628	638	1817
NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL											
JUSTICE SUPREME COURT											
Edwards	381	367	499	746	370	645	3008	328	457	571	1356
O'Hara	239	225	316	496	246	391	1913	239	344	389	972
Simpson	124	115	168	346	89	217	1059	150	207	167	524
Smith	280	256	349	579	224	492	2180	246	326	349	921