



**WINNING** first place State honors in the annual American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest held this year was Miss Judy Cook at 2327 Main Street. She is shown above, right, being presented with her first place prize, a check for \$50.00, by Mrs. Harold Quinn, 2320 Pickett, chairman of the Americanism Department for the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary.

## City Seeks Advice Of Professional Planner On Rezoning Question

Action on the proposal to rezone three parcels of land in the vicinity of Orchard Lake Road, Moore and Shawnessee from R1 and R1P to Commercial is being delayed by the City Council until its regular August 5 meeting.

The action is being held up to permit examination of the proposal by a professional planner, officials stated. Earl Scherffius, City Manager, added that members of the Council have agreed to call in a professional planner in order to obtain additional advice on the rezoning question. One proposal involves the area bounded by Orchard Lake Road on the east, Money Street on the west, Shawnessee on the north to a line just north of Grand River, a second proposal concerns the "Crossett Property" at the southwest corner of Shawnessee and Money, while the third involves an extension of the present Farmington Plaza Shopping Center to permit the construction of one more store on the north.

A large group of property owners attended the public hearing on the proposals held last Thursday evening at the Municipal Court Room. Two separate petitions signed by a total of 32 property owners living on Lakeway as well as Orchard Lake Road. Both streets are adjacent to the area of proposed rezoning. Harry Farmer, Attorney representing the Crossett family, also presented a letter bearing the signatures of seven property owners approving the rezoning of the Crossett property for either Commercial or multiple dwellings. The signers own property on the east side of Lakeway, adjacent to the Shopping Center.

**SEVERAL PERSONS** questioned the reason for rezoning the property as General Commercial rather than C1 or limited commercial. There were also several inquiries as to the future plans for the development of the area. John Allen, architect, suggested that the Council request owners of the property to specify the type of commercial development which would go in as well as necessary ground belts. The majority of the property owners present at the hearing stated that the rezoning would devalue their property. Others added that they would not have purchased their homes if they had known that the adjacent property was to be made commercial.

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## State Officials Take Action To Open Farmington Cut-Off In Three Weeks

The portion of the new U. S. 16 Expressway, by-passing Farmington, will be completed and opened to traffic in three weeks, according to John C. Mackie, State Highway Commissioner, who conducted a personal tour of the area last week.

According to the plan, outlined by Mackie, work will be rushed on the completion of the Farmington Cut-Off from Middlebelt on the east to Ten Mile on the west. Most of this section is completed, and the exception of the approaches to the bridge near Truck Road and the bridge at Ten Mile Road. A special concrete will be used on the Cut-Off, enabling its use in three weeks. State Highway engineers reported. This will greatly reduce one of the major backlogs in the traffic flow from Detroit to Kensington Park.

In addition to the completion work on the Cut-Off, a fourth lane of right-of-way is to be added to the present U. S. 16 from the west end of the Cut-Off to Kensington Park. A blacktop surface will be used on the additional lane which will be constructed on the south side of the present right-of-way. This will greatly facilitate the movement of traffic and will permit safe and legal passing in both lanes, which is not always possible with three lanes of traffic.

**FOLLOWING** his three-hour tour of the Expressway area with Highway engineers, Mackie abandoned the originally discussed plan of constructing temporary by-passes around the unfinished bridges. The plan was ruled out because of time loss and expense. The present arrangement will put the new route in operation approximately four months ahead of schedule.

Mackie stated that "this will provide some traffic relief for the remaining summer months and certainly will improve the interior." (See STATE OFFICIALS, Pg. 6A)

## Wood Creek Farms Chief Of Roads

At a special meeting held last week by the Wood Creek Farms Village Council a road administrator was named and a regular place for Council meetings selected.

Donald A. Wells was named administrator over the 4 1/2 miles of roads in the village and the village, Wells, a professional engineer, stated before a special assessment district must be established. A total of seven special assessment districts have been set up for the purpose of circulating the water system petitions. Each proposed district must bear the necessary 3 1/2 signatures in order to be included in the project.

**AT A SPECIAL** conference held last week with volunteer soldiers, Lawrence Pate, engineer, stated that the estimated cost of the proposed system as far as the special assessment portion is concerned. (See WATER PETITIONS, Pg. 6A)

## Rain Causes New Flood Damage

The Farmington area was once again raked by a heavy storm last Thursday afternoon causing considerable damage from flooding. Much lightning in widely separated sections.

The heavy rain quickly turned the already swollen Rouge River into a rushing torrent. Many roads, which were just beginning to return to normal, were suddenly flooded again. Motorists traveling on Eight Mile, between Middlebelt and Farmington Road and on Nine Mile west of Farmington Road, were required to ford several water holes in order to get through. Orchard Lake Road and 10 Mile Road were also reported under water at several points.

In addition to the road conditions, many residents were forced to stage a repeat performance of a week ago in baling out flooded basements. This situation was prevalent throughout many areas of both the City and Township. Numerous calls were received at the Municipal Building, Town Hall and the Enterprise office regarding flooded conditions in the area.

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## Leaves Council



HARVEY E. CHAPMAN

The City Council, at a special meeting Thursday evening formally accepted "with regret" the resignation of Councilman Harvey E. Chapman.

Chapman's written resignation was read before the Council at its regular meeting last Monday, but action was delayed until the special meeting in approving the motion. Various members of the Council expressed regret that Chapman felt it necessary to give up his post. He was in the hospital for several weeks, suffering from a fractured right hand and possible skull fracture. They were treated at Redford Receiving Hospital.

Monday afternoon around 5:30, Eddie Greene of Detroit suffered a broken nose and other minor injuries about the face when his car was hit in the rear by another operated by Richard A. Jones of Valued Lake. The accident occurred on Grand River Avenue just west of Orchard Lake Road. Greene was stopped on the highway waiting to make a left hand turn.

## Board To Discuss Counsel Applicant

The Farmington Township Board is expected to take action at its regular meeting next Tuesday, July 23, on the appointment of a new Township Attorney.

Frank Stephenson, Township Supervisor, advised the Board last week that a number of applications have been received for the position, and suggested that consideration be given to the matter at the July 23 meeting. The Board, on June 26, approved a motion authorizing and directing the clerk to advertise for applications for the position of Township Attorney. The deadline for receipt of applications was set for Monday, July 8.

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## Five Injured In Three Area Auto Accidents

Five persons were injured last week in three separate auto accidents in Farmington.

Earlier Sunday morning two were injured what a car operated by Paul Buchanan of 2635 Melvin Livonia, rammed into the rear of another operated by James Murphy, Jr., of 29214 Dresden, Farmington, on Middlebelt Road at Dresden. Police indicated that Buchanan apparently did not see Murphy's auto, stopped on Middlebelt to make a left hand turn, in time to avoid hitting it because of the heavy fog. The accident occurred at 2:40 a.m.

Charles Taylor of Wyandotte, a passenger in Murphy's car, suffered internal injuries and Lori Buchanan, lacations about the arm. Both were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

Two Cheloygon teenagers were injured Friday night around 9 p.m. when the car in which they were traveling with Ralph Fiebig of Birmingham went out of control and ran into a tree. The accident occurred on 12 Mile Road about a half-mile west of Drake Road.

James Tegge, 18, suffered a dislocated shoulder and Wayne Greene, 17, a fractured right hand and possible skull fracture. They were treated at Redford Receiving Hospital.

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## WORK UNDERWAY ON STREET PAVING PROJECT IN CITY

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, reported this week that construction work has been started on the special assessment paving projects in the Floral Park section of the City.

Workmen began Monday on the excavating of the three streets to be paved this summer. The streets include the paving of Lilac from Grand River to Shawnessee; Floral Street from Grand River to Elm and Hawthorne Street from Shawnessee to a point 200 feet south of Elm. Lilac and Floral are to be paved with a concrete surface while a blacktop surface will be applied to Hawthorne.

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## Work On City-Wide Re-Appraisal Program To Begin Immediately

A contract has been awarded by the City Council to the firm of Blaska and Garian for the appraisal of all real and personal property in the City at a bid price of \$11,000.

The contract was awarded at a special meeting of the Council held Thursday evening at the Municipal Court Room. A total of four proposals were submitted at the meeting, with the Blaska and Garian bid being the lowest. Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that the re-appraisal work is expected to begin immediately. It is anticipated that the project will require approximately six months to complete.

As a result, the re-appraisal program should be finished in time for special public hearings prior to the annual sessions of the Board of Review.

Scherffius stated that the purpose of the program was to obtain an equalization of like property values. The project will also provide an up-to-date appraisal of present property in the City. Officials emphasized that the firm does not assess property but merely appraises it. The actual assessment value is still governed by the City.

**IN A LETTER** submitted to the Council at its special meeting Thursday evening, G. Goddard Smith requested that his previously submitted resignation as a member of the District Library Board be withdrawn. Smith also asked the Council to delay action on the resignation of Howard Thayer, as a member of the Library Board, pending further discussions. Smith stated that he was withdrawing his resignation with the understanding that a revised agreement will be drafted without delay permitting the establishment of new library facilities and the expansion of the City-Township library program.

The Council was authorized by the Council to obtain an independent appraisal of the Farmington Mill property, located on State Street west of Farmington Road, with the view toward possible purchase of site. It was pointed out that the property could be used temporarily by the Public Works Department for storage and offices and would provide a site for a future municipal center.

Approval was granted on a request from the Township Veterans Cab Company for issuance of two more bond plates permitting the use of two additional tax cabs in the City.

Authorization was also granted for the payment of \$17,301.60 to the Northeast Construction Company for installation of storm sewers on Floral, Lilac and Hawthorne Streets in the Floral Park section of the City. Officials stated that the payment represents an 80 per cent partial payment. Scherffius stated that the project has been completed, except for some minor work. The balance will be paid to the Northeast Construction Company upon completion of all details and upon final approval by the City Engineer.

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## AROUND THE BLOCK

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## ASSESSMENT PETITIONS

are now being circulated in the southern and south-eastern sections of the Township in connection with the proposed water system to serve the area. The petitions, which will be used to support a portion of the financing of the system, must bear the signatures of owners of at least 51 per cent of the land involved in each special assessment district. The area has been divided into seven special assessment districts for the purpose of circulating the petitions. The overall section, as shown on the map, generally extends from Gill Road on the west to Inkster Road on the east and from Eight Mile on the south to Ten Mile on the North, excluding the City of Farmington. Two additional areas are also included west of Gill Road between Eight Mile and Bridgman and west of Middlebelt Road between Ten Mile and Edgemoor.

## ASSESSMENT