

## \$350,000 Nursing Home Proposed

### Township Bd. Upholds Zoning Bd.; Denies Re-zoning Appeals

Members of the Farmington Township Board at their meeting Monday night stood solidly behind the recent actions of the zoning board in rejecting re-zoning requests in two separate township areas.

An appeal was made by the proponents for a change in zoning on a portion of the 13.2 acre triangular parcel bounded by 13 Mile, Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road to allow some multiple housing which the zoning board rejected. Another was made by the Shell Oil Company on the rejection by the Zoning Board of their request for permission to erect a service station at the southwest corner of Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Road.

In both cases, those seeking the re-zoning were hopeful that the members of the Township Board might review their zoning change requests and override the action of the Zoning Board members. Township Board members made it clear that they were satisfied with the actions of their Zoning Board members, working in conjunction with the township's planning consultants, by voting unanimously in both cases to uphold the re-zoning rejection decisions that had been made.

PAUL TURNER, representative for the Shell Oil Co. present at the meeting, stated that he could see no reason for not allowing the gas station at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Road in view of the fact that all the other corners of this whole area, he commented.

It was expressed by Joseph See TWP, UPHOLDS Page 10-A

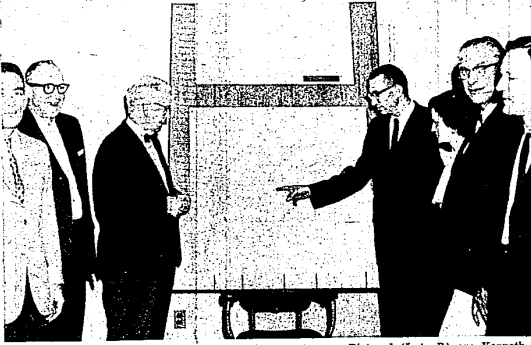
### Three Sewer Hearings Set In Township

Public hearings are scheduled on three special assessment sanitary sewer improvement projects in Farmington Township within the next two weeks.

Two of these three hearings are scheduled for next week.

The first will be for the Park Hill district project and will be on individual cost estimates for owners of property on Park Hill from Orchard Lake Road to 12 Mile and on 12 Mile Road from Orchard Lake to the W. line of Lot 35.

This hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday, May 20, but was moved up to Tuesday, May 18, at 8 p.m., because of a date conflict, according to Supervisor Curt Hall.



MEMBERS OF THE CITY Zoning Board of Appeals are pictured above with the proponents for the Oak Hill Nursing Home at the May 5 meeting of the architect for the \$350,000 project proposed on the southeast corner of Gill Road and Grand River Avenue. Pictured (L to R) are Kenneth Maahs, Howard Thayer, Bayard dew Tupper, Dr. Edwin Blumberg, Mrs. Maahs, Hamlin and Sandy Brotherton. Dr. Blumberg and Mr. and Mrs. Maahs are partners in the venture.

### Planned on Site at Grand River, Gill Rd.

The Farmington City Zoning Board of Appeals is expected to decide at their June 2 meeting whether to allow plans to proceed for the building and establishment of a 60-bed nursing home on Grand River Avenue between Gill Road and Pickett Avenue.

Dr. Edwin Blumberg presented plans for the proposed Oak Hill Nursing Home at the May 5 meeting of the Board of Appeals but City Manager John Dinaia stated the Board would not be in a position to make a ruling on the proposal until after publication of the recently approved zoning ordinance for the City.

DR. BLUMBERG is a part owner in the proposed nursing home along with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Maahs who presently operate the Pines Nursing Home on Gill Road in the City. Residents from the neighborhood in which the nursing home is proposed also appeared at the May 5 meeting to ask questions and air objections.

Dr. Blumberg, a resident of Farmington who maintains offices on Ten Mile Road and is on the staff of Hotford General Hospital, told the Board of Appeals that the proposed nursing home would cost an estimated \$350,000 to construct. It would be of all brick, one-story construction and would have a total of about 40 employees to staff the operation. Dr. Blumberg would serve as medical director and Mr. and Mrs. Maahs, who have operated the Pines Nursing Home in the City, for nearly five years, would also make their home in Farmington, would serve as the administrators. The Maahs' would also continue to operate their present business on Gill Road.

PENDING APPROVAL of the Board of Appeals, the proposed nursing home is expected to be under construction within six weeks and is scheduled for completion late this year or early in 1966. Farmington architect John Allen designed the building and grounds of the nursing home which will be completely fenced in and will have a garden area and other landscaped features around the boundaries.

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### Trash Quantity Hampers Pickups

The overwhelming response to "Clean-Up" week in the Township brought forth such quantities of junk and unusables that the special trash pick-up program has been slowed down, according to Supervisor Curtis Hall.

Hall said that the trucks will be working all this week, again on Saturday, and probably won't get everything picked up before next Monday or Tuesday. He asked that residents be patient and said that everything will be picked up.

### Auto Club Launches 1965 Safe Driving Campaign

The Automobile Club of Michigan received strong support from officials of the City and Township of Farmington as they launched their "Bring 'Em Back Alive" safe driving campaign which will run through Labor Day in an attempt to cut down on accidents.

The Farmington Township Board passed a resolution at its regular meeting May 10 endorsing the Auto Club's \$100,000 campaign to reduce traffic fatalities.

THE RESOLUTION, which is expected to be adopted by the Farmington City Council at its regular meeting Monday night, May 17, commends the Auto Club for its public spirited highway safety campaign and pledges to lend efforts to help make the program a success.

"The Automobile Club of Michigan," Farmington AAA Branch Manager C. A. Spencer explains, "has always been a strong advocate of safety and its efforts in this field over many years through its driver education, safety patrol, boy programs and traffic safety engineering activities. We also intend to cooperate fully with the Vehicle Safety-Check program planned in this community on June 4 and 5 in the interests of promoting greater safety consciousness on the part of motorists and making the highways safer for travel."

Mr. Spencer added that, in connection with the current safety campaign now under way, the Auto Club has continued to follow the practice of avoiding so-called "scare tactics" when dealing with the subject of traffic safety in favor of the direct, positive "Bring 'Em Back Alive" campaign approach.

### On Millage For Special Ed.

Members of the Farmington Board of Education and school administrators have been making a number of presentations to groups regarding the millage increase being asked for special education in the June 14 annual school election.

Four such presentations are scheduled for next Monday evening, May 17, at Ten Mile PTA, East Junior High School, Flanders PTA and the Business and Professional Women's club. Another appointment to speak on the millage question is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, at Alameda PTA.

OFFICERS REQUESTED are coming in daily according to Supt. Gerald V. Harrison, and anyone wishing to hear more about the question may request information regarding presentations planned or may request a speaker by contacting the office of the superintendent.

Oakland County voters will be asked to approve a half-mill tax increase for support of classrooms and programs for handicapped children.

THE HEARING is slated to be held at either the William Grace or Edgewood schools located in that section of the township.

The necessity hearing for those properties in the Grand River Arm District located west of Middlebelt has already been held and the property owners were in almost unanimous agreement that the improvement was needed, Supervisor Hall commented.

A reminder was issued from both the City of Farmington and Farmington Township clerks' offices this week that the final date for registering to vote in the June 14 Farmington School election would be this coming Monday, May 17, at 5 p.m.

Only those persons not presently registered as voters in the district need be concerned.

Application for registration should be made at the clerk's offices in either the city or township where you live. Registrations cannot be handled at the board of education offices.

At the June 14 election voters will have two candidates to select for the board of education.

### Sat. Is Final Sign-Up Day

The Farmington Board of Education at a regular meeting on May 10 approved eight textbook changes and one addition, all for secondary schools.

Approved for the 1965-66 school year were "Civics for Americans" by Clark Gruenewald, Edmondson, and Douglas, a ninth grade social studies book; a newer edition of "Retail Merchandising" by Wingate & Welner, for the commercial department; "Using Good English" 7 and 8 by Ferris et al; a series in Spanish I, II and III, published by Holt; and "Living Latin," the third year of Latin has not previously been offered.

WHEN STUDY COMMITTEES desire a change in textbooks, as many as 50 publishers may be contacted. The schools receive sample copies for study and even galley proofs of books not yet printed. No sales people are contacted—only publishers.

Every teacher who will use the proposed books must study them and sign a report as do the principals of the schools affected. Before a book is recommended, the committee must confer in the selection, then the department, and finally the total staff.

When a change in textbooks is desired, the request must be in before October of the year previous to the year the study will begin. The study itself may take two or more years.

The administration already has requests for studies to be in 1968 and 1967 according to Marinus VanAmeyde, superintendent of instruction.

### B. of E. Agrees To Vacation Of Powers Road

The Farmington Board of Education at a regular meeting on May 10 approved an agreement with the Oakland Community College regarding vacation of a portion of Powers Road.

The agreement states in part that "the School District is willing to consent to the vacation of a portion of Powers Road, provided that the College provides access to the pedestrian overpass over I-96."

THE COLLEGE is agreeable to providing the access and the agreement states, "That in the event a portion of Powers Road is vacated the College shall thereafter furnish and keep available a pedestrian walkway upon its property... to enable persons attending the Farmington Public Schools suitable ingress and egress... to the pedestrian overpass over I-96."

A petition is pending with the Oakland County Road Commission for vacation of Powers Road from the east-west quarter line in section 15 to the I-96 expressway.

### Comprehensive School Census Launched Here

The annual May school census required by law has a new look in Farmington this year. It's more than a headcount of next year's school age children. In addition to seeking information for local needs, the census will include a survey of the vocational and technical needs of every household in the district.

The vocational-technical study is county-wide, according to Mrs. Sadie Miller, child accountant for Farmington Public Schools. Because of this survey, the entire school census will be taken this year for the first time on data processing forms. They will be identified by official plastic badges bearing their signatures. Mrs. Miller and administrative assistant Byron Oliver have conducted two workshop sessions to train the census takers.

Dogs are a census taker's biggest problem. Dog owners have been asked to keep their dogs confined and controlled during the 20-day census period which has just begun. Animals roaming in packs tend to be more aggressive and injure census takers in the process.

Local questions being asked include: the number of children in each household, from newborn through age 19; verification of each child's name, birthdate and school he attends; and what special education needs might exist in each household.

COUNTY SURVEY questions will be on a separate card that will not indicate the respondent's name or address. Questions are: Page 10-A See CENSUS

### Approve New Textbooks For Secondary Schools

THE deadline for filing petitions by those seeking election to the office of Trustee of the Farmington Board of Education is this Saturday, May 15, at 4 p.m.

Two four-year terms are expiring this year, those of Patricia Dates and Herbert Neal. Mrs. Dates, who has served on the board for eight years, stated that she will not be a candidate; but Herbert Neal has filed his petitions for re-election. Other petitions are in the process of being checked.

The number of signatures needed is now not more than one per cent nor less than a four per cent of the votes cast in the last election, and in no case less than 20 signatures.

### Deadline For Filing Saturday, May 15

Supervisor Curt Hall stated that he would discuss this matter with the township's engineers and report back at the next regular meeting.

If favorable bids are received then work is expected to be able to be under way on these projects within a few days after the contract has been awarded.

### City Budget Review Thurs.

City of Farmington residents having questions to raise about any portion of the proposed 1965-66 fiscal year's operating budget as proposed are reminded that the official public hearing will be held this Thursday evening, May 13, at 8 p.m. at the municipal building on Liberty Street.

The proposed budget calls for no increase in the present city tax rate of \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation which has been the tax rate for the past three or four years now.

If city officials follow the same procedure as they have in past years, any changes found necessary in the budget as proposed will be made immediately following the public hearing and final approval on the budget will be called for at the regular Council meeting on this coming Monday evening, May 17.

The budget as proposed to cover the fiscal year from July 1, 1965 through June 30, 1966 calls for a general fund expenditure of \$534,203 and a water and sewer fund expenditure of \$222,937.11. The water and sewer budget is satisfied in total from water and sewer rates and money collected for tap-ins.

### Opperthauser Seeks Control Of Water Flow

Trustee Earl Opperthauser raised a question at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night with regard to what might be done to make better provisions for ponding areas and water flow controls where there are streams or tributaries running through or near an area about to be developed.

It was his feeling that there would be some real value in having engineering studies made of the new development plans and provisions called for to get better control of surface water flow not only in the area to be developed but in areas further down stream. Some of the flooding problems that have resulted in other areas in the township might have been able to be avoided if this procedure were followed, Opperthauser commented.

Supervisor Curt Hall stated that he would discuss this matter with the township's engineers and report back at the next regular meeting.

### To Open Bids On Six Sewer Jobs Friday

Farmington Township has now set out for construction bids on six special assessment sanitary sewer construction projects with the bid opening set for this Friday, May 14, at 10 a.m.

The subdivisions for which bids on the sanitary sewer systems are being taken are Regal, Thirteen Hills, Maahs, Heather Hills, Meadowbrook Heights, Meadowbrook Hills, Fairgreens Hills, Golf Lake Hills and Coventry. Public hearings were held earlier for the special assessment sewer improvement projects for each of these areas and approval of the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission received to proceed.

### 16th Elementary School Proposed

At a regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education on May 10, Lloyd Smith was appointed as architect for the sixteenth elementary school which will be built either in section one or in section two of the township.

The school site in section one, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads and Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads, is 12 acres located at the south end of Rock Ridge Road, almost in the center of the section. The section four site, bounded by Farmington, Thirteen Mile, Drake and Fourteen Mile roads, is 11 acres and is also located almost in the center of the section.

The board authorized administrators to establish a budget for the school and to appoint Arthur Gillespie to do topographical surveys of the two sites.



OFFICIALS FROM THE CITY and Township of Farmington joined solidly behind the Automobile Club of Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive" safe driving campaign which is being launched today (May 12) throughout the state. Pictured above are (L to R) C. A. Spencer, Manager of the Farmington Branch of the AAA; Howard A. Baizaire, Assistant Manager at Farmington AAA; Farmington City Director of Public Safety, Chief Maurice D. Foltz; Farmington Township Chief of Police Irving H. Yakes; Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall; and Farmington City Manager John Dinaia. Posters and banners are being circulated by the Auto Club in a \$100,000 campaign to cut down on accidents between now and the Labor Day weekend. Bumper decals and signs are also being made available by the AAA. A safety-check program planned in Farmington June 4 and 5.



CENSUS TAKERS go to school to learn the intricacies of the new census forms. Information gained will guide the local school district in its building and program needs and will help determine the direction of county vocational-technical study. Conducting the workshop were (standing from left) administrative assistant Byron Oliver and child accountant Mrs. Sadie Miller.