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641 Seniors to be Graduated From FHS and NFHS Next Week

Commencement and Baccalaureate exercises at both Farmington and North Farmington high schools will be held next week as a total of 641 seniors will receive their diplomas in the Farmington Public Schools system.

The first occasion for seniors to don their caps and gowns will come this Friday afternoon, June 11, as both schools hold swingout exercises. The swingout program is traditionally the time at which honor students are recognized at Farmington High School and the Keith Johnson Memorial Award is presented to the outstanding citizen in the FHS graduating class. 340 seniors are due to be graduated at FHS.

THE BACCALAUREATE programs at each school will be held Sunday evening, June 13.

The speaker at Farmington High School's Baccalaureate program will be the well known educator and lecturer Don H. Lonie who will speak on the subject, "Things I Have Been Taught." An Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree was conferred on Mr. Lonie by Bob Jones University of Greenville, South Carolina for his contribution to the moral and religious training of the youth of the nation. Since leaving Wheaton College he has devoted his life to alerting young people to the problems of the day and especially to their problems. He has spoken to over 3,000 high school assemblies in 45 states and five provinces of Canada. Twice he has toured England, Scotland and Wales speaking to students there. The FHS Baccalaureate program will begin at 8 p.m. this Sunday.

THE FARMINGTON High School Commencement program which will be held this Thursday evening, June 17, beginning at 8 p.m. will have as its main speaker Dr. Lester W. Anderson, Professor of Education at the University of Michigan. Dr. Anderson began his career at U of M in 1952. Prior to this, he was on the staff at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona from 1950-52. In addition, Dr. Anderson has been a high school teacher of science, an athletic coach, high school principal and a counselor. During World War II, he was a T.N.T. chemist and also served in the Medical Corps of the U.S Army.

During the period 1952-62, he served as a Consultant in the Bureau of School Services and was Chairman of the Michigan State Committee of the North Central Association from 1955 to 1962. In this capacity, Dr. Anderson has worked with approximately 400 high schools in Michigan. In 1957, he served as a consultant to the U.S. Army in the development of high schools for dependents of military personnel in Italy and Germany.

Professor Anderson is the author of numerous articles in

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Lester Anderson

John Tirrell

9-Member Beautifying Grp. Picked

A nine-member beautification committee has now been appointed by the Farmington City Council. Official action on appointments was taken at the regular meeting of councilmen on Monday night of this week, June 7.

The purpose of this committee will be to study and make recommendations to the council on programs and projects that can be undertaken to clean-up unsightly conditions, make beautifying improvements in other locations and generally make the city a cleaner and more attractive community.

WHEN THE decision was made to appoint such a committee earlier it was determined that representatives from various areas of the community should be appointed to serve and subdivision associations and service organizations were therefore invited to suggest representatives.

John Dinan gave a report on the names suggested to him and after brief discussion the appointments were made.

Architect John Allen will serve as the council's representative on the nine-member committee.

OTHERS appointed to serve on the committee were: Russ Milliken, 34145 Conroy Court, Alta Loma Subdivision; George V. Strelcsuk, 21269 Birchwood, Farmington Meadows; Mrs. Ruth Trombley, Bel-Aire Subdivision; Robert Witt, 31528

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Special Ed. Tax Proposal; B. of E. Election Monday

Voters of both the Farmington and Clarenceville school districts are being urged to go to the polls this coming Monday, June 14, for the annual school elections.

Voters of both districts have the important Oakland County Special Education millage increase proposition to ballot on as well as to select candidates for their boards of education.

The present tax levy for special education training programs offered throughout Oakland County in the public schools including programs in the Farmington and Clarenceville systems is 50 cents per $1,000 state equalized valuation. Officials of the Oakland County Board of Education have determined that additional moneys will be needed if special education training is to be afforded all children in the county in need of this training in the future.

Being sought is a 50 cent per $1,000 valuation increase for a total levy for the ever expanding special education program of $1 per $1,000 state equalized valuation.

THE PROPOSITION will ask specifically as follows: "Shall the one-half (1/2) mill limitation on the annual property tax heretofore approved by the school electors of the Intermediate School District of Oakland County, Michigan, successor to the School District of Oakland County, Michigan, for the education of handicapped children be increased by one-half (1/2) mill?"

In addition to this special education proposition voters of the Farmington School District will have two school board seats to fill with a field of four candidates running. The candidates are incumbent Herbert R. Neal, Sylvia Schwartz, Joe T. Collier and John Douglas Cojeen. (Biographical data on all four of these candidates as well as their comments on local school matters appear on Page 1-B in this week's issue of The Enterprise.)

Both seats are for four year terms.

In the Clarenceville Distriet there are also four candidates running but with only one seat on the board of education to be filled. The seat is for a four year term and the candidates are: Fred Bailey, Alfred B. Forman, Edward P. May and Dorothy M. Alttama.

THERE ARE four voting precincts in the Farmington District and the polling places are: Pct. 1—Farmington Junior High; Pct. 2—Dunckel Junior High; Pct. 3—Eagle Elementary School; and Pct. 4—Middlebelt Elementary School. Voters are urged to make absolutely certain what precinct they vote in before Monday and not to get the school polling places confused with the polling places they go for other elections. Check with the board of education offices if you are not sure of your voting place.

The Clarenceville District has only two precincts. Those in Pct. 1 vote at the Clarenceville Junior High School and those in Pct. 2 at the Clarenceville High School.

A LIGHT vote is being predicted in both districts despite the fact that an important proposition is to be decided and the fact that it is very important to get the best possible people on the local boards of education.

In last year's annual school elections when the important community college proposition was on the ballot and there were also candidates to be selected a voter turnout of less than 12 per cent was recorded in the Farmington School District and less than 10 per cent in the Clarenceville District.

WARREN MACKENZIE, assistant principal at North Farmington High School, is pictured above looking over the progress on the new addition at the school. MacKenzie is in one of the rooms which will be equipped with folding doors to allow the joining of two class groups for special lecture programs and other visual and audio studies appropriate in the teaching of the classes. A relatively new concept in school building design, two classes of 30 students will be able to, from time to time, take advantage of a single presentation with the simple folding back of the separating divider wall.

Compromise on Tax Allocation For Schools, Twp.

In its final decision made on Monday of this week on the amount of allocation to allow each of the governing bodies this year, the Oakland County Tax Allocation Board arrived at a compromise solution for Farmington Township and the Farmington School District.

The preliminary rate out of the 15 mills allowed without special voter approval as set by the equalization board the latter part of May, cut the Farmington School District 4 mills and awarded an increase for Farmington Township by the same amount.

Strong protest to this initial action by the allocation board was registered by Supt. G. V. Harrison and the Board of Education since it would have meant a loss in revenue to the school district of just under $45,000 this year.

INSTEAD OF the 1.4 mills or $1.40 per $1,000 equalized valuation that it was initially determined by the allocation board to let Farmington Township levy in taxes, the amount the township will now be allowed to levy will be $1.20 per $1,000 or 20 cents per $1,000 more than was allowed the township last year.

The school district will be allowed to levy $8.50 per $1,000 in Farmington City and Township in addition to another $13 per $1,000 equalized valuation as approved by local voters over the past years.

In that small portion of the school district located in West Bloomfield Township, however, the local school system was allowed only $.30 per $1,000 out of the $15 maximum levy allowed without special voter approval. West Bloomfield Township which was permitted a 1.4 mill tax levy last year will be allowed to levy the same amount of taxes again this year.

COMMENTING on the compromise decision of the allocation board on Tuesday of this week, Supt. Harrison stated that while he was not happy with the $22,000 to $23,000 loss to the school district he felt it was the best possible solution that could be reached under existing legislation. Harrison expressed confidence that steps will be taken soon to correct the variable millage problem that now prevails.

An increase in the allowable tax levy yearly with a set and constant split to the county, townships and school districts

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Terms of 5 In City Posts Due to Expire

City Manager John Dinan reminded councilmen at their regular meeting Monday night that the terms of office of three members of the City Planning Commission and two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals expire as of the end of June this year.

Councilmen decided to delay action on any appointments until their next regular meeting, in order to provide time for a check to be made to determine whether the incumbents would be interested in serving for new terms if re-appointed and also to consider other possible candidates for these positions.

On the Planning Commission the terms of office of Carl Benke, Fred Ziebert and William Burke are about to expire. On the Zoning Board of Appeals it's the terms of office of Delos Hamlin and Wilbur Brotherton. Since the city charter stipulates that the mayor must be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Brotherton is an automatic reappointment.

G. Harrison Elected To County Post

Gerald V. Harrison, superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools was elected chairman of the Oakland County School Superintendents at their regular monthly meeting June 2.

Mr. Harrison has served the Farmington School since 1946 when he was named principal of the then-combined junior and senior high school. In 1956 he was appointed assistant superintendent and in 1957 became superintendent.

Previous to these administrative duties, he taught mathematics in Ferndale and at the Detroit Institute of Technology and was a high school principal in Northville.

MR. HARRISON IS A graduate of the University of Michigan, holding both a bachelor's and master's degree. He has completed further graduate study at U-M and Wayne State University.

Throughout his career he has been active in many capacities in professional organizations at the local, county, state and national levels.

In the community, Mr. Harrison has served as president of the Farmington Exchange Club and chairman of the official board of the First Methodist Church. He is presently a member of the Farmington Township Industrial Development Commission and the Oakland County Board of Community Mental Health Services.

Strong Objection Results in Delay on Parking Lot Project

Township Supervisor Curt Hall was in a strange role before the Farmington City Council Monday night. Normally on the receiving end of questions and objections on proposed special assessment improvement projects in his position as township head, he was on the delivery end this time.

Formerly in the automobile business in the city and owner of the building and property presently occupied by Pioneer Oldsmobile on the north side of Grand River, Hall appeared before the city councilmen to object to the proposed special assessment placed on his property. A special assessment district has been established to provide for additional blacktopped off-street parking area for the commercial buildings on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road and the hearing on cost estimates was Monday night.

HALL TERMED the method of spreading the special assessment as totally unfair to him.

He stated that he was not opposed to the special assessment improvement but that he did not feel his property should be included in the project since he already provides a sufficient amount of off-street parking spaces on his property adjacent to the auto dealership building.

Hall said that his building only takes up 14,000 square feet of space and that there is 16,000 square feet of open space left for parking area which can accommodate 53 cars. He indicated the likelihood that the automobile dealership would soon be out of this location and that his building would be converted into of-

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Peel To Moderate Vietnam Debate

The Farmington Community Forum's debate on Vietnam to be held tomorow evening, Thursday, June 10, will again have as moderator Mr. Lee Peel, Farmington High journalism teacher.

Taking the negative position on the debate will be John Weis, associate professor of history at Wayne State University; and Sherwin T. Wine, Rabbi of Birmingham Temple will take the affirmative position.

The Forum is to be held at the Farmington Universalist-Unitarian Church on Warner Street, just north of Grand River, at 8 p.m. The debate will be followed by an open floor discussion period after which refreshments will be served.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the Book Corner in the Downtown Farmington Center.

"Miss Farmington" To Be Selected

A "Miss Farmington" will be selected at the Farmington Founders Festival this summer it was announced this week by the Farmington Board of Commerce.

All organizations and service clubs are being asked to submit the name of their entry for the contest which will be held during the Festival which is July 29, 30, and 31.

Inquiries regarding the contest or the Festival may be directed to Mrs. Barbara Benya at the Board of Commerce office, 474-3440, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE FORMER HOME of the Farmington Elks, B.P.O.E. 1968, is pictured above in the early stages of demolition. The Elks, who purchased the building from the Grace family who built it in 1905, now occupy the old City Municipal Building just three doors west on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.

Give Cab Firm 90 Days to Find Building

The City Council took official action at its meeting Monday night, June 7, granting the Farmington Cab Co. permission to operate in the city without a permanent cab stand location for a period of up to 90 days but no longer.

Approval on bond plates to permit this second cab company to operate in the city along with the Checker Cab Co. of Livonia was given recently with the stipulation that a permanent taxi-cab stand be obtained from which to operate.

A spokesman for the cab company present at Monday night's meeting stated that the cab firm has been trying diligently to obtain a suitable building in a well located spot in the city from which to operate but has been unsuccessful in doing so up to this time. He stated that the company would continue its efforts and asked that anyone knowing of a suitable building contact the cab firm at once.

College Tax to be With City Billing

The one mill tax levy which voters of Oakland County authorized earlier for the establishment and operations of a county community college district will be levied along with city tax bills going out this summer.

Farmington Township voters will get a break, however, and won't have the levy made against them until the winter tax billing is made in December.

IN THE TOWNSHIP only one tax billing is made and this comes in the winter and includes school, county and township taxes. City taxpayers pay only their school and county taxes in the winter with the city taxes being billed during the summer.

It was pointed out by Kathryn Cotter, city treasurer, that law permits the officials of the college district to determine with which tax billing they want the special college district levy made.

Since city taxes are levied on assessed valuation while the special college district tax will be levied on the equalized valuation it is necessary to compute each levy separately, Mrs. Cotter explained. She commented that some city treasurers were going to lump the regular city and college district tax together on their billings but she was not in order to avoid confusion in the minds of those receiving bills.

IT IS IMPORTANT that taxpayers understand that the city tax rate of $11.50 per $1,000 assessed valuation is the same as in previous years and that the additional levy and higher total tax bill they will be getting is because of the one-mill voted increase for the college district, she commented.

City Manager John Dinan indicated that tax billing for property owners would run approximately $1.14 per $1,000 assessed valuation since the tax is computed on equalized valuation.

The matter came in for some rather lengthy discussion at the regular City Council meeting Monday night and councilmen expressed extreme unhappiness with having to include this with the city billing. They approved a formal resolution authorizing the spread and collection of the community college district taxes at the same time as the city billing, however, after being told by both the city manager and city attorney that the city really had little choice in the matter.

OK Model Race Car Tracks in Bel-Aire

The City Zoning Board of Appeals took action at its meeting on Wednesday night of last week approving the opening of a miniature model racing car establishment in the building formerly occupied by Bel-Aire 5 and 10 in the Bel-Aire Shopping Center.

A zoning variance was granted to William Van Ness and James Deacon to permit the electronic race tracks in the building. They will also sell model cars and equipment at their establishment to be known as Miniature Grand Prix.

See Special Teenage Ads

In this week's edition of The Enterprise on Page 11B you will find a list of "Work Wanted" ads placed by a number of ambitious boys and girls in the Farmington area. These teenagers are ready to work for you and waiting to hear from you.

Look over the list carefully and see if you can use some of the services these young people are offering to perform. If you have no need for help at the present time, why not clip out this ad section and keep it as a handy reference for the times when you may have some work for one of these ambitious teenagers.

These classified "Work Wanted" ads run free of charge for the young boys and girls of the community as a public service of the Farmington Enterprise.

City Commends JCs, Paraders

A formal resolution was adopted by the City Council Monday night, June 7, commending Ralph Parrin, past president of the Farmington JCs, for his accomplishment in being selected as one of the five top Jaycee heads in the entire state of Michigan.

The resolution also praises members of the Jaycee organization in general for their accomplishments as one of the leading Jaycee chapters in the state.

At the suggestion of Ed Balden, manager of the Farmington Center Corporation, the councilmen also passed a motion commending the American Legion, V.F.W. and other groups that participated in the Memorial Day parade for the fine job they did this year. Merchants in the Downtown Farmington Center were high in their praise on the fine parade staged and the large number who turned out for the ceremonies, Balden said.

To Seek Bids On City Gas

The city will now go out for competive bids on the gasoline it uses in the various city vehicles as a result of action taken by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Councilmen approved City Manager John Dinan's recommendation to do this in an effort to save money on the price per gallon. Purchases have been made from the Standard Oil Co. at a price of 12.5 cents a gallon up until this time while a large storage tank was being paid for. Now the pay-off on the tank has been completed, the city manager stated.

He estimated that the city uses approximately 5,000 gallons of gas every six weeks and that a savings of as much as a cent per gallon might be possible.