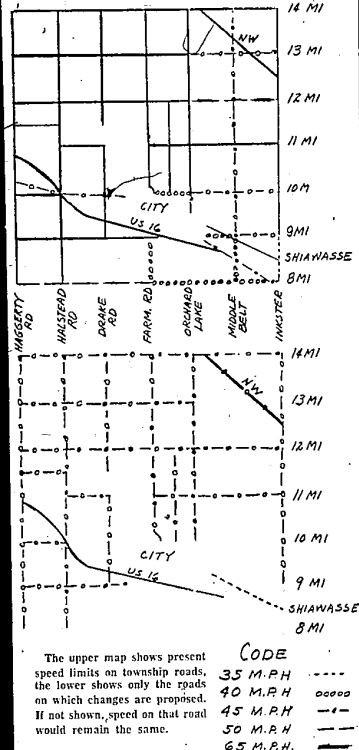


# Petition Requests Speed Limit Cut



The upper map shows present speed limits on township roads, the lower shows only the roads on which changes are proposed. If not shown, speed on that road would remain the same.

A petition prepared by Staman Acres Civic Ass'n for reduction of township speed limits is directed at the Oakland County Commission, and the proposed changes in highway speed limits which are shown in map 2 above. The safety of children is the main reason for my recommendation. Generally the reduction for a large portion of the township would be from 55 to 45 miles per hour, but there are some other changes included.

**THE PETITION** asks the county road commission to reduce speed limits on primary and secondary roads as indicated on the maps included as part of the petition. Also included is a statement by Township Police Chief Irving Yakes, as follows:

"BASED ON my knowledge of Farmington Township resulting from eight years with the police and on my studies of data provided by the National Safety Council, I have recommended the following changes in highway speed limits which are shown in map 2 above. The safety of children is the main reason for my recommendation. The cost of the required enforcement would be added to the Oakland County Road Commission. Our Township Police now maintain two patrol cars on the roads, and the State Police enforce enforcement would be adequate, in my opinion."

Chief Yakes emphasized that in most cases police have no right to stop a driver doing 65 miles per hour on most township highways, unless lower speed limits have been authorized and posted.

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## C'ville School Enrollment Up To Above 2350

An increase of approximately 100 in last year's enrollment is expected this September at Clarenceville Public Schools, compared with last September. This would put total enrollment at over 2,350 pupils.

Sup't Louis E. Schmidt says they expect 130 more in the elementary classes, about 30 more in junior high, and 65 additional in senior high school.

Enrollment of pupils who had moved into the district since last June, or who had attended last year but have not registered, has been held this week, and should be completed at the high school office prior to August 15.

Kindergarten pupils not previously enrolled should be registered next Thursday morning, Sept. 4. Law requires a birth certificate. All kindergarten pupils attend school Friday, Sept. 5, at the assigned morning or afternoon session.

Elementary school Thursday, Sept. 4, the same as at Farmington, except for kindergarten children noted above. Pupils will enroll in the morning and be dismissed before noon. Regular classes begin Friday, Sept. 5, with classes all day, lunch and meals will be available starting Monday, Sept. 8, when cafeterias will open.

In SENIOR HIGH, second year French has been added in the language department. Other class offerings remain the same. Less time for noon recess and reduced playground problems and accidents. The same time schedules as last year will again be followed.

Registration: 8:10 a.m., 3 p.m. Sr. High: 8:55 a.m., 2:25 p.m. Elementary: 8:40 a.m., 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten morning: 8:30-11:10. Kindergarten afternoon: 12:30-2:30.

**BOOKS FOR** the first through sixth grades will be sold in the elementary buildings; seventh and eighth grades in the junior high school and ninth through eleventh in senior high. This Thursday and Friday the book store hours are 19:00 to 11:30 a.m.

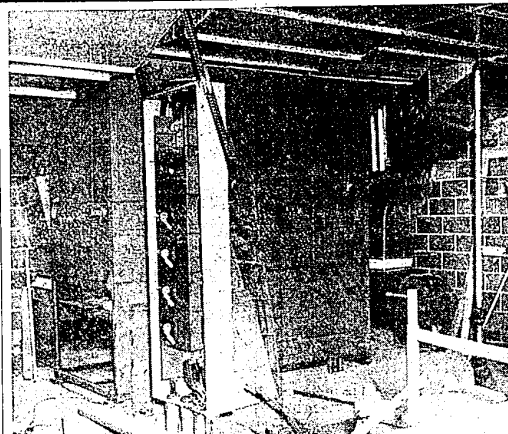
The Botsford Mothers' Club will serve a luncheon in the Clarenceville High cafeteria Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 14, at 12:30 p.m. School personnel and the public are invited. Cost will be \$1.

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## Three Petitions Circulated In Twp. by Subdivision League

Circulation of three petitions by the Township League of Subdivision Associations started this week at the request of several member associations, it was announced by Robert H. Nelson, League president.

**ONE PETITION** calls for much stronger action than has been taken in the past against operators of gravel and dump pits, existing and potential. This is detailed in a separate story.

Circulation of this petition was asked by the Springbrook Civic Ass'n, which also submitted a petition against the 1 1/2 Mile proposed expressway, and requesting an alternate route extension of Northwestern Highway to Fenton.

**STAMAN ACRES Civic Ass'n** asked League circulation of a petition for reduced speed limits throughout the township, which is outlined in another story.

The petitions were distributed to all League delegates for circulation in their respective subdivisions. L. W. Bates, League secretary, announced he still has a good supply, and any delegate desiring additional petitions may contact him or Mrs. Beal at 2449 Broadview (GR 4398).

**PETITIONS** will be available there to township residents who do not live in a League subdivision, but who desire to circulate petitions in their neighborhood.

The petition against the proposed 1 1/2 Mile expressway includes a sheet of explanatory material from the League. Petitions are being circulated against the proposed expressway coming into the township at all, and alternates which would move the expressway either north or south. The League was asked, says Mr. Nelson, to find an alternate which every subdivision could support.

**A COMMITTEE** was assigned this task, also listing of the pros and cons. This group recommended the extension of Northwestern as the alternate.

Advantages of the 1 1/2 Mile expressway were listed as: (1) if accessible, it would help township people reach downtown Detroit more rapidly; (2) people coming from the city would not have to use the expressway; (3) would eliminate some holiday traffic on Grand River; (4) if Northwestern were improved, it would provide an expressway from Grand River to Northwestern.

**DISADVANTAGES** include: (1) it would take a lot of Grand River traffic off the highway which now can't handle present traffic; (2) how can it help Grand River when this is now a proposed expressway?; (3) forests now cut through natural forests now used by college students for study; (4) would be continual noise and dirt from this week, thus not available for comment.

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## Bates Remarks Are Challenged

Remarks last week by City Councilman V. O. Bates on possible annexation of township areas to the city were challenged Tuesday night by Elsie Avery of the township board.

She charged he must have a very short memory. He dismissed an intended petition against the city's proposed expressway, and attempts in the area now proposed for the City of Farmington Woods.

Mrs. Avery said that on the evening of April 20, 1958, following a public meeting at the senior high school sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bates stood outside and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Avery and Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns.

She said that Mr. Bates then and there made the statement that the City of Farmington had plans to annex the entire township within three to five years, but that possibly it might take a little longer.

Mrs. Avery repeated this statement to other groups.

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## Expect Increase of Over 800 In Farmington School Enrollment

An estimated increase of over 800 students is expected in the Farmington Public School system with the start of classes for all grades next Thursday, September 4.

Expected total enrollment has been set at 6,822. Enrollment at the start of school last fall was 5,987.

Enrollment the elementary level (grades 1 thru 6) has been estimated at 4,617 or 500 higher than a year ago. Anticipated enrollment at the secondary level (grades 7 thru 12) is being figured at 2,205 or around 200 more than last year. Approximately 930 will be enrolled in senior high and the remainder of the two junior highs.

**DESPITE** the fact that total enrollment will be up, kindergarten enrollment will be down slightly, school officials pointed out. This is the first time in several years that this has been the case. This year's kindergarten enrollment will be 781 or 13 less than the enrollment of 794 last year. The enrollment at the start of classes last fall.

Classes for the elementary grades will start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 2:30 p.m.

Morning kindergarten classes will start at the same time and run until 11 a.m. Classes for kindergarten continue in afternoon sessions will start at 12 noon for those schools where the youngsters walk. Those where they are transported, however, will not start until 12:15 p.m., school officials emphasized. Afternoon kindergarten youngsters who walk will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. and those transported at 2:45 p.m.

**ON THURSDAY** and Friday, September 4 and 5, elementary and kindergarten classes will be dismissed 15 minutes earlier than usual in order to allow the youngsters time to become familiarized with the return bus system.

Classes at Dunclek Jr. High will run from 8 a.m. to 3:12 p.m. and at Farmington Jr. High from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Senior High students will start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 2:30 p.m.

## O.L.S. to Enroll 1,200 Students

Classes at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, Power Road between Shawassee and Ten Mile, will open next Thursday morning, September 4, the same as the public schools.

Over 1,200 students will be enrolled in the Catholic school, Father Thomas Behan, pastor, disclosed Wednesday. A total of 850 will be enrolled in the elementary grades, and another 350 or more in the high school.

Last year, the first year that a full four year high school program was offered with the addition of the 12th grade, approximately 300 were enrolled in the four upper grades. The elementary enrollment is the same. Cramped facilities at the grade school level have made it impossible to accommodate more students, it was indicated.

The school year will be opened officially with a High Mass to be said at 9 a.m. for all students. Following the Mass, students will go to their respective classes, and my session will be conducted Thursday with regular full day sessions beginning Friday.

## Bagwell and Brown in Area

Paul Bagwell and Don Brown, Republican candidates for governor and Lt. Governor, had a busy and interesting time in the Farmington area Tuesday.

The pair arrived at 9 a.m. and made a "Main Street" tour, talking with many people.

Later they went to Oak Park where luncheon guests at the Hazel Park Rotary club and several other afternoon events.

Tuesday evening they attended a picnic at Avon Park sponsored by the Republican Women's Federation of Oakland County, and the Lincoln Club, of which Wendell Brown, 29921 Ardmore, Farmington, is president.

## We're Not Mad

Farmington isn't mad at Ford, appearances to the contrary.

Last Thursday a small naval training vessel named "Farmington" ran into the big ore carrier Henry Ford II. Did it hit? It came to both nothing serious. The accident happened on the Detroit river.

Perhaps the city officials should ask the navy to be a little more judicious as to what boat the Farmington happens to hit.

## Star Cutter to Get Twp. Help

Norman Lawton will be invited to attend the meeting tonight of the Township Planning Board, to discuss his request for rezoning part of the property near the Star Cutter plant. It has been turned down twice earlier.

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## Contract Let For Paving of 12 Mile Road

A contract has been let for paving 12 Mile Road between Haggerly and Orchard Lake roads.

The state highway department took bids and last week announced awards for a large number of projects. The Farmington township work was included in the group for county secondary work, so it is really a project of the county road commission.

The contract went to Julius Porath & Son Co. of Detroit, low bidder at \$379,209. Completion date is Nov. 15, this year. This is the firm which did paving in the city this summer.

The project includes four miles of grading, drainage and concrete pavement. The work will consist of that being done by Oakland Asphalt Paving Co. on Farmington Road, which is to be blacktopped between 10 Mile and 12 Mile Roads.

When these two projects are completed there will be an excellent route into Farmington from the heavily populated north portion of the township.

## Sentenced for Bar Holdup in Detroit

Edward L. Wysocki of Farmington was sentenced to 18 months to 20 years in Jackson State Prison for the \$700 holdup of the Chez Paree Bar at 15788 Schaefer, Detroit, in June.

He was charged with assault with intent to rob while armed. Police said he beat the bartender with a beer bottle.