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## Twp. Budget Up For Citizen OK This Saturday

Final preparations have now been completed for the Farmington Township Annual Meeting to be held this Saturday, April 2, at the Dunkin' Junior High School, 12 Mile Road, a short distance east of Farmington Road.

The meeting will start at 2 p.m. and is open to all residents in the township who care to attend and voice themselves on how they want the township to be run during the coming year.

The proposed township budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year will be one of the major items to be acted on at the meeting. It has already been approved by the Township Board as has the agenda for the annual meeting.

The proposed budget is based on a one mill tax allocation less 10% for delinquencies in tax payments. It calls for disbursements of \$341,495 or \$38,221.91 more than the actual budget under which the township operated during the past fiscal year, ending March 15, 1950.

(Appearing on Page 6B in this issue of The Enterprise is the complete text of the budget as well as the annual meeting agenda.)

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LAST YEAR the township was allowed only .86% of a mill for operating by the County Tax Allocation Board, the same amount it was allowed the previous year.

One of the major capital outlay expenditures called for in the proposed budget is a sum of \$24,000 for the purchase of a site for a future township hall and police station. Substantial sums under capital outlay are also specified for a fire truck and equipment, a parking lot at the Wheeler Street fire station, renovation of the Town Hall and a bookkeeping machine.

The budget shows that the township had a cash balance of \$27,151.10 as of March 15 of this year and a total of \$74,184.00 invested in U. S. Treasury notes.

Also called for in the annual meeting agenda are reports by the supervisor and treasurer, approval of a letter to the county by the township and any other matters approved for discussion presented from the floor.

It has been anticipated that no increase in the rates presently being charged for city well water will be necessary, city officials told The Enterprise this week.

THE TOTAL rate which the city would have to pay for Detroit water, as announced when first cost and operation have been made a little over a month and a half ago, was \$1.01 per 1,000 cubic feet. Although a final firm rate figure has not yet been set by Detroit, there have been indications given that this originally quoted figure will have to be increased, city officials said.

This \$1.01 rate is actually a combination of two separate rates. One is for the amount of water consumed and the other is a rate charge for bringing the water from its point of origin in the Detroit system to the point where Farmington taps in. The consumption rate is 78¢ per 1,000 cubic feet and the distribution rate 23¢ for each 1,000 cubic feet transported.

More fortunate than many other communities either using or planning to use Detroit water, the city of Farmington will not have to worry about an additional charge for storage. The city already has adequate storage facilities. Construction of a large new storage tank, having a 1,125,000 gallon capacity was completed last year. It has already been paid for and is in service now.

SINCE DETROIT figures its water rates on a cubic foot basis while the city of Farmington's is set on a per gallon basis, some mathematical computing is necessary. There are approximately 7.48 gallons in each cubic foot or 7,480 gallons in each 1,000 cubic feet of water. Therefore, the City of Farmington would pay approximately 1,301 cents per 1,000 gallons of water supplied by Detroit based on the \$1.01 total cubic foot rate.

This is the approximate rate that the city would pay and not the rate the individual consumer would pay, it should be emphasized. A sufficient amount must be added to this rate to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the water system within the city.

As was pointed out by City Manager Earl Scherffius in an earlier article in this series, maintenance expenses to keep the present city well water system in operation have been running high. The necessity of repairing and replacing old motors and pumps and the need for frequent cleaning operations because of the hardness of the well water were two of the reasons cited by him for the high maintenance costs.

CITY OFFICIALS have expressed confidence that present maintenance costs can be cut down substantially by conversion to the Detroit water supply. Elimination of the frequent cleanings now being required due to hardness of the water would result in a big savings in itself, it was pointed out. It is also felt that operational costs might be reduced some.

At the present time city water users are paying \$3.50 per quarter for the first 7,000 gallons of water consumed. This is the city's minimum charge. The rate for the next 10,000 gallons used is 20¢ per 1,000 and the rate for anything over 17,000 gallons is 18¢ per 1,000 gallons, according to City Engineer Francis Papke. These are the rates for water used only, he emphasized. Added to this is a charge of 75 percent of the bill for water used to meet obligations on the city's sewage disposal system.

The amount of water consumed by users in the city has been estimated out at an average of about 14,500 gallons per quarter, between 150 and 160 gallons a day. Using the 14,500 gallon average figure, this would mean that the average city family is presently paying \$5.00 quarterly for this water, he uses. Added

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## To Open Paving Bids on Friday

Bids for several paving projects proposed to be done this summer in the City of Farmington will be opened this Friday morning at 11 a.m., the deadline set for receiving bids from paving contractors.

Two major projects, the widening and paving of Farmington Road from Slocum to Nine Mile and from Ten Mile to Whitewater, are included among the projects.

Other projects on which bids have been asked for are the paving of State Street from Liberty to Farmington Road and the concrete paving of all streets in Alta Loma Subdivision No. 4.

The cost of the latter project is to be borne entirely by the developer of the subdivision, it was emphasized by city engineer Frank Papke.

Bids have also been taken on two small sections of paving work which is proposed to be done on a special assessment basis, by initiation of the City Council. This includes a small stretch of paving on Wilmar and another small stretch on Cass. The Council has not yet acted on these two small projects.

Engineer Papke's disclosed Tuesday that seven or eight bids had already been received and that he was expecting there would be more before the Friday deadline.

## JC Musicales Big Success

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce's 13th annual musicale production, "Runnin' Wild," was a roaring success.

Repeating the carefree life of the roaring 20's in a Chicago speak-easy, the production was staged last Friday and Saturday at the Farmington Junior High gymnasium. Approximately 2200 turned out to see this fast moving musicale featuring a wide variety of songs and musical numbers of that era.

Indications were that all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the production, presented by the talented members of the Jaycees and the Jaycee Auxiliary.

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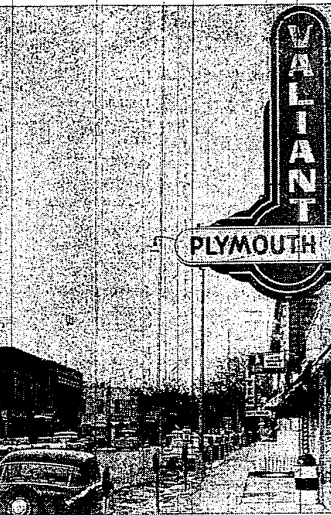
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## C'ville Schools Broken Into

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TO ALLOW stick-out signs such as those shown in this photo to remain up or to force the owners to take them down is the question now being pondered by the Farmington City Council. Several businessmen contend that signs such as these are needed to attract business. Those advocating that they be hauled down claim they detract from the beauty of the business area and are likely to be dangerous.

## Review Preliminary High School Plans

Preliminary plans for the new North Farmington combination high-senior high school were presented to the Board of Education Monday night by Architect Linn Smith.

Smith went over details of the plans with the Board, pointing out many of the features to be included in the building. These were worked out by him in conjunction with a special Farmington school system teacher-administration building committee and the School Citizens Advisory sub-committee.

HE REFERRED to them as being pretty much "open-ended" plans, which would permit future expansion with ease as required. Additions could be made in just about any direction in the future, he commented.

The original unit as proposed by Smith, would be approximately 75,000 square feet of floor space and house up to 750 pupils. The main section of the building would be of two story construction with the second story having 11 regular academic classrooms. There would be 15 additional lower level classrooms not including the gymnasium, kitchen or office and clinic.

The building is so designed to permit expansion to accommodate between 1500 to 1800 students as demands require it, Smith commented.

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## Proposed School Budget Runs Over \$3 Million

### Road Problem Serious; Some Roads Closed

The community's annual spring problem with roads is back again.

Warm weather which finally came to us during the past week brought with it a considerable amount of water on melting snow. It also resulted in thawing of ground near the surface while the earth underneath remains frozen.

Because of a lack of snow during the cold winter months, the ground froze exceptionally deep. As a result of the frozen ground below, the water on top now has no place to go. Township Supervisor Curt Hall explained.

THE COUNTY has predicted that this will be one of the worst springs on roads that has been experienced during the past seven or eight years. Hall lamented. Trucks have already been placed on several major roads throughout the community, it was indicated.

Reports have been received that some roads are already impassable while on others extreme difficulty is being experienced in getting through on them.

One of the major roads in the township reported as being in very bad shape is 13 Mile west of Orchard Lake Road extending as far west as Drake Road.

Heavy rains, which could and probably will be coming shortly, could make the road situation even worse.

If this is any consolation, the problem is not only a local one. The Oakland County road department is being swamped with calls from areas throughout the county, it was reported.

### Science Teachers Visit at C'ville

Yesterday, March 30, the Clarenceville High School science department played host to the Oakland County Science Teachers' Association.

New science rooms and equipment were shown to the teachers. The OCSTA is comprised of most of the secondary school science instructors in schools in the county.

### Overlooks Blinker

The two passengers in a car driven by Roberts Block of Detroit were injured when he car collided with one driven by William Carlson of Novi at the Middlebelt-Grand River intersection when Mrs. Block failed to observe a blinker.

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A \$3,028,785 proposed school operating budget for the 1950-51 school year was unanimously approved by the Farmington Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Prepared by Supt. G. V. Harrison and his administrative staff, the various sections of this detailed budget have been under study for some time by members of the School Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee finance sub-committee. The budget was submitted to Board members in its entirety for study two weeks ago.

Approval came following a short discussion period during which two or three proposed minor changes were made.

This tentative operating budget runs \$439,310 higher than the budget under which the schools are being operated during this current school year.

"An increase of \$439,310 is requested to meet the requirements for additional personnel and teaching supplies and equipment demanded by an estimated increased enrollment of 708 students (359 elementary and 349 high school), the superintendent commented on its budgetary page of the bulky document.

Substantial regular salary increments as well as some improvements in salary schedules for all personnel were also cited by Supt. Harrison as reasons for needing additional operating funds.

A MAJOR portion of the total budget is earmarked for instructional needs including teachers' and supervisors' salaries, salaries for clerical help at the various schools and for several other miscellaneous instructional expenses ranging from teaching supplies to adult education expenses. The expenditure specified for instructional purposes runs \$2,317,823 (or 77 per cent of the total). This is an increase of more than \$200,000 over the current expenditures in this category.

The "increase for teachers' and consultants' salaries alone runs up to just under \$30,000. The next largest expenditure in the proposed budget is for school plant operations. A sum of \$389,100 has been estimated for various school plant maintenance and fixed charges for the entire \$68,000 has been allocated.

Two of the biggest expenses in school plant operation are fuel for which \$70,000 has been called for in the proposed budget, and lights and power for which \$20,000 has been estimated to be needed.

The money to satisfy these proposed budget needs will have to come primarily from two sources — local property taxes and state sources. A total of \$1,947,142 (or around 48 per cent) is being called for from

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## Stray Dogs Will Be Shot

One of the principle areas where dog-packs seem to be forming is around the schools throughout the community. Township Supervisor Curt Hall stated Tuesday.

"These dogs are apparently following youngsters from their homes to school and then forming into packs while the children are in their classrooms, Hall reasoned. He urged parents to cooperate in keeping their dogs tied up so as not to let them follow the children away from home.

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## New School to Be Similar to Longacre

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