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A Review of First Half News Highlights in 1962

January

Quigley Expansion Denied - Barraged with strong protests from some 15 residential homeowners in the vicinity of Quigley Manufacturing Co. plant on Grand River & Luce Street, the Farmington City Council rejected a proposed plan for the expansion of the plant at its present location following a stormy hearing Monday night.

New Bank Formed - A group of local men, Thomas A. Duke, Edward B. Emery, William M. Skillman, Louis Levin, and William H. Hazen, J. Carroll, William Conroy, Charles Ghesquier, Wilbur Davis and Norman Lawton, have announced the formation of a new local banking institution to be known as the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington.

Twp. Hall Site Deal - The Farmington Township Board settled on a \$1000 brokerage fee plus \$12 in expenses for the payment for the Billie Realty Company's service in obtaining the building site for the proposed new Township Hall at Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile.

Grade School Site - The next new elementary school to be put under construction in the Farmington School District will be located on an already purchased site approximately one-half mile west of Middlebelt Road between 12 and 13 Mile Roads.

New School - Principal At a special session on Monday night, the Farmington Board of Education, approved the appointment of Frank Delewsky as a principal in the Farmington School System.

Building Activity - Residential building activity in Farmington Township dropped off nearly one-third of what it was a year ago, according to the figures just released on the 1961 totals. However, residential building activity in the City of Farmington increased slightly during the same period.

Outstanding Man of the Year - Robert (Boyd) Baker has been named Farmington's Outstanding Young Man of 1961 by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

New Junior High School - The next junior high school to be put under construction in the Farmington School District will be located on a site just east of Middlebelt Road between Ten and 11 Mile Roads.

Township Collection Fee - A new millage proposal will be offered to the voters for approval by the Farmington Township Board this August in an effort to obtain funds for maintaining the Township Police Department. A one percent collection fee that has been added to tax bills for that

purpose has raised objections in some quarters.

February

Named to GOP Posts - Mrs. C. E. (Isabelle) Haynes of 23475 Leisure Lane has taken over two high positions at the County and State level of the Republican Women's Club.

Former Publisher - James M. Tazg, publisher of the Alma Record and former publisher of the Farmington Enterprise, has been elected president of the Michigan Press Association.

Seek Reopening for Hospital - Action was taken by the Township Zoning Board last Thursday night recommending approval of rezoning land north of Boisford Inn for a hospital site.

March of Dimes Drive - Volunteer workers marching in extremely cold weather succeeded last week in collecting more than \$4000 in the Farmington March of Dimes campaign.

Police Chief Honored - Farmington City Police Chief Joseph G. DeVriendt was honored by City officials at a special open house celebration this week commemorating his 20 years of service in local law enforcement work.

Say "No" to Lighted Field - The Farmington Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night against a proposal for a lighted athletic field at Farmington Senior High School.

School Budget Proposed - A proposed school operating budget of \$1,045,143 for the 1963-64 school year was turned over to the Board of Education prepared by Superintendent of the Farmington District Schools G. V. Harrison.

Against Detroit Income Tax - The Farmington City Council went on record officially this week as being strongly opposed to the plan by the City of Detroit to enact a City income tax that would be imposed on non-residents who work there.

March

Seek Millage Pledge - The Farmington Township Board passed a resolution to place before the voters in the August Primary Election a small millage pledge in order to bring sewer and water facilities into the Township's Industrial Park area.

First Federal Savings - Ground breaking ceremonies were held this week for the new First Federal Savings and Loan Association branch office in Farmington.

Landfill Operation Begins - A sanitary fill operation began this week at property owned by Mrs. Emma Keller

at Grand River and Middlebelt. Approve Summer School Plans - Plans have now been laid to initiate a summer school training program in the Farmington public school system.

Preliminary sketches for the new East Junior High School planned on a site east of Middlebelt between Ten and 11 Mile Roads have been approved by the Board of Education. They call for a two-story structure designed to handle some 750 students.

Fluoridation Petition - A petition has been filed with the Farmington City Council strongly urging councilmen to pass a motion supporting fluoridation of City water and forward a report of the action to the Detroit Common Council.

Urban Renewal Plan - The City Plan Commission has submitted a report to City Manager John Dinan outlining their renewed efforts to have the federal government reconsider an urban renewal program downtown for Farmington's southeast quadrant.

Township Zoning Upheld - Farmington Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan this week reported the Township's new zoning classification passed its first court test. Brennan said Oakland County Circuit Court ruled in the Township's favor in a fight to determine whether or not an increase in the lot size requirements in the new zoning classification were legal.

April

Proposed City Budget - A proposed operating budget for the City of Farmington for the 1963-64 fiscal year running over \$41,000 higher than the current year's budget but entailing no increase in the present City tax rate was turned over to the members of the Council Monday night.

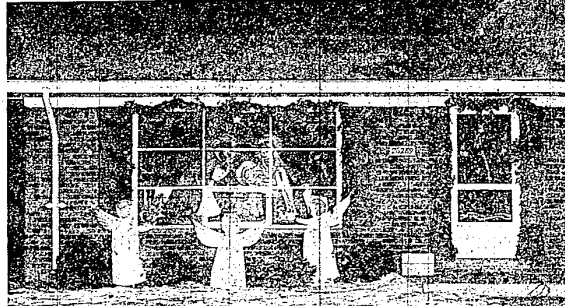
Council Favors Fluoridation - On a split vote, a motion was passed by the City Council Monday night recommending that the City of Detroit consider favorably the fluoridation of its water supply.

New Professional Building - Ground was broken this week for a new building in Farmington to house the offices of professional men in the medical field. The center will be erected just east of the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center.

Recreation Commission - The Farmington Area Recreation Commission has recommended that a proposal to establish a year-round recreation program be put to the voters for consideration.

Named Assn. Principal - Warren D. MacKenzie has been appointed Assistant Principal.

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THE NATIVITY SCENE shown above at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tournaud, 26283 Greythorne Trail in Kimberley Subdivision, captured the first place trophy awarded by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce in this annual Christmas lighting contest. This year's theme, "Let's Put Christ Back Into Christmas," produced 21 homes with related decorations that were judged by the Jaycees.

Prizes Galore Await First Baby to be Born in 1963

A large array of wonderful gifts await the first baby to be born to a Farmington City or Township couple in 1963. There will also be some very nice gifts for the first baby's Mom and Dad.

These gifts are being offered by Farmington area merchants who want to see the first infant born in the New Year get off to an exceptionally good start.

Any family living in either the City or Township of Farmington is eligible to win. The baby may be born anywhere in the State of Michigan as long as the parents make their permanent home here. You may have lived here for only a couple of months on 29 or 30 years; it makes no difference.

All the gifts will go to the parents of the first child born after midnight, December 31.

ENTRIES MUST be in at the Farmington Enterprise office by 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 1963. Your letter should be addressed to "First Baby Contest," The Farmington Enterprise, Box 655, Farmington, Michigan. It will be necessary that the baby's day and time of birth be verified by the attending physician.

A baby born anytime during the first few days of the New Year has a 2,000 chance of winning, in the event that no new Farmington baby comes into the world by January 8, participating merchants have agreed to extend the deadline.

For complete details on the contest rules and to find out what all the prizes being offered by the various merchants are turn to Page 6A and 6B in this week's issue of the paper.

PARENTS of the first baby to be born will receive a letter of confirmation from The Enterprise so that they can claim their fine gifts at the various local business establishments.

Here is a list of the merchants participating in the contest this year:

- Farmington Savings & Loan
- Farmington Plaza Hair Fashions.
- Camelot Bakery
- Conroy's Market
- Ross Shoes
- Kresge's
- Pill Thomas Jewelry
- Pixieland
- Bradley Rexall Drug
- Sed's 5c & 10c
- Farmington Center Florist
- A & P Super Market
- Pennywise Discount Store
- Art Van Furniture
- Towne Toggery
- Modern Men's
- Bel-Crest Studio
- Danish Casual Furniture
- Maddeline's Children's Shop
- Robertson Hardware
- The Farmington Enterprise

BABSON'S REPORT Authority's Predictions on What's Ahead for 1963

An internationally recognized authority on business matters is Roger W. Babson who has gained an enviable reputation over the past several years for his success in business and financial forecasting. The following is his official business and financial forecast for 1963.

BUSINESS - EMPLOYMENT

The business situation will vary with different industries, and hence with different cities.

Some defense centers will boom; steel cities will still find the going tough... but better than a year ago. Considering the high level of the past ten years it will not be surprising for 1963 to show a moderate decline in business. If so it should come in the second or third quarter, with recovery in the fourth quarter, followed by a good 1964.

Disposable personal income will remain high. With increased savings, deposits and little change in the cost-of-living, the public should continue to spend freely, especially if merchants maintain their advertising outlays.

Inventories will remain about the same during 1963. But government spending will increase over \$3 billion - largely on defense - and \$2 billion on new roads. Whether manufacturers will hike their expenditures for new machinery in 1963 in view of the depreciation tax credit, I would not now forecast.

All this means that business and employment for your city - See BABSON'S REPORT Column 2, Page 7A

Distribute Over 200 Baskets to Needy of Area

Over the weekend prior to Christmas more than 200 Good-fellow baskets were distributed to approximately 160 less fortunate families of Farmington City and Township. Goodfellow drive co-chairman Dick Habicht reported Wednesday.

In addition to this there was approximately \$2,000 worth of clothing checks given out and another \$1,000 worth of food checks to supplement the gifts.

Other aid was also given to families in need including delivery of fuel to some who could not buy enough to keep their homes sufficiently warm.

IN ONE OF the most successful Goodfellow fund raising campaigns conducted in recent years, the Goodfellows went over the top in reaching their goal of raising \$3,500. Separate collections of canned goods and toys were also reported to be exceptionally good this year.

It was quickly added, however, that all the money and items collected were used since this was a year when the number of families in need was higher than in previous years.

Activities Chairmen For March of Dimes Campaign Announced

The names of committee chairmen who will be in charge of the various activities to be conducted during the 1963 March of Dimes fund raising campaign in Farmington City and Township during the month of January were announced this week by Edwin R. Oglesby, local attorney in charge of the drive here this year.

Chris John Yuill of 23700 Cass Ave. has again been named chairman of the Mothers March for the City area. In the Township the Mothers March chairman will be Mrs. Norman Dicks of 30408 Shiawassee Road.

Still A Lot of Tax Bills Out, Clerks Report

As of the first of the week there were still an awful lot of tax bills yet to be paid, according to reports from the offices of both the city and township clerks.

Township Treasurer Ellis E. Avery reported that her office had collected only about \$270,000 against a total tax billings of \$2,923,824. Bills have only been out for a couple of weeks now, Mrs. Avery pointed out, and she indicated that she expected payments would start coming in much faster right after the first of the year.

CITY CLERK Mrs. Kathryn Cotter reported a much better percentage of collection to date but still has a long way to go toward her total school and county tax billing of \$624,425. She reported a total collection as of the first of the week of about \$270,000 which figures out to a little under one-third of the total billing.

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Business owners are reminded that personal property taxes must be paid by January 10. If not paid by this date, the property is subject to seizure to satisfy payment under terms of the See TAX COLLECTION Column 6, Page 8A

Time to Renew City Licenses

City of Farmington retail business establishments are reminded that it is again time to get their operating licenses renewed for another year.

Notices have now gone out to all known existing commercial establishments advising them that renewal time is again at hand, Clerk Trena Quinn reports. The license cost, which varies depending on the type of business being conducted, has been specified on these notices, she said.

All new business firms which have established in the city during the past year but have not received notices of what their license fee will be are asked to contact the city clerk's office immediately. Any other business firm which has not received a notice is also asked to do so.

Payments can be made directly to the clerk anytime during regular office hours or can be handled by mail. When remitting by mail you are asked to include a note specifying what the payment is for.

Firms which have suspended retail operations during 1962 are asked to notify Clerk Quinn immediately so that they will not be recorded as being in default on renewing their license for the new year.

Names to Be Pulled From City Poll Books

Notices were sent out the early part of December to all of those persons who are registered voters in the City of Farmington but have not voted in the last four years.

Clerk Trena Quinn reminded Monday that unless these notices of suspension of registration are properly filled out and returned to her by January 6 the names will be taken off the poll registration books. Anyone who has received such a notice and knows that the party whose name appears on the card is no longer a qualified voter here is asked to make this fact known to the clerk.

Early Deadline Again Needed

Those having either news or advertising which they wish to appear in the January 3 issue of The Farmington Enterprise are reminded that early copy will again be needed because of the Tuesday, Jan. 1, holiday.

The same as last week, the earlier copy is submitted the better chance it will have of being used.

The absolute deadline for all news copy will be 12 noon Monday with correspondents submitting regular subdivision columns expected to have them in no later than 4 p.m. Saturday.

The deadline for display advertising will be 4 p.m. Saturday and the deadline for all classified advertising at 12 noon on Monday.

After this week we will return to normal deadlines again.



THE NEW QUARTERS for the Farmington Township Board meetings in the recently completed office building at Orchard Lake and 11 Mile Roads is a big improvement over the old Twp. Hall site. Pictured around the familiar Board table in an informal session after the first meeting in the new building are (L. to R.) Treasurer Elise Avery, Trustee Thomas A. Duke, recording secretary Mrs. Betty Cook, Clerk Floyd Cairns, supervisor Curt Hall, Trustee Ray Wilcox, Attorney Joseph T. Brennan, Trustee Floyd Jaye and Trustee Arthur Bassett. (See additional pictures of the new Township Hall on Page 7A.)



SANTA CLAUS LOOKED ON 10 year old Jinny Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Kent of 33135 Cloverdale, turned over the winning person's name which she picked out of the many entered in the Downtown Farmington Association's \$1,000 bill giveaway contest, to witness, Mrs. Rufino Salinas of 17821 Mayfield in Livonia. The lucky winner was Mrs. Will Hoff of 29436 Oakley Street in Livonia, who entered the contest while shopping at the Farmington Hobby Shop.