

## A Review of Last Half News Highlights in 1962

### July

**First Water Hearing**  
The public hearing on the necessity for providing water facilities in seven proposed special assessment districts in Farmington Township drew a crowd of nearly 40 residents while the Board received objections from four persons in attendance.

**Oppose Expansion**  
Approximately 30 owners of homes in the vicinity of the Flamingo Trailer Court on Middlebrook Road north of Nine Mile Road attended the Farmington Township Zoning Board meeting to protest the proposed expansion of the trailer park.

**School Tax Rate**  
A 1962 School Tax rate running 84 cents per \$1000 equalized valuation higher than last year's rate has been approved by the Farmington Board of Education.

**Building Activity**  
Greater commercial building activity, accounted for a more than doubling in the valuation of new building started in the City of Farmington during the first six months of 1962 over the same period in 1961.

**Community College**  
One of three sites proposed for the Oakland County community college system is to be located in the Farmington - Novi area, according to a plan under final phases of study by the community college study committee.

**School Plans**  
The Farmington Board of Education spent nearly two hours going over details of suggestions raised by the citizens' advisory building subcommittee before giving its vote of approval to architects to go out for bids on the new East Junior High School.

**Glen Aquatic Club**  
The Farmington Glen Aquatic Club pool was opened to its members upon the completion of construction work at the site located north of Freedom Drive in Alta Loma Subdivision.

**New Principals**  
Derry Dustin has been appointed principal of the O. E. DuRoi Junior High School and Charles E. Murray has been stated for principal of the Farmington Junior High School. Both positions were made possible by elevations of the former principals to other administrative posts in the Farmington School District.

**Ground Breaking**  
Official ground breaking ceremonies for the new \$300,000 First Farmington Savings and Loan Association building were held at the site just east of the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center.

### City Provides Two Ice Rinks

This winter the City of Farmington is providing two skating rinks for the general public's use and both are now in use. City Manager John Dinan reported Monday.

The larger of the two is the skating area at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Shawwassee which has been in use for several years now.

This year for the first time additional facilities for skaters are also being provided at the tennis court in the city park proper. Lighting has now been installed and the entire tennis court area flooded, Dinan said.

ENTERPRISING YOUNGSTERS have found a way for the old abandoned Farmington Road right-of-way just north of Shawwassee Street

### August

**Little Interest**  
Both City and Township officials are predicting a very light turnout of voters in the Primary election due to a general lack of interest shown to date.

**DPW Building**  
Work is slated to get under way on the City's new Department of Public Works and Water Department building to be erected on a site just west of Farmington Road on Nine Mile Road.

**Millage Proposal**  
The special proposition on the Township Ballot asking voters to approve a tax levy of up to \$1 per \$1000 valuation for the next several years to bring water and sewer facilities to the major industrial zones areas carried by a vote of 1140 to 844 in the August Primary Election.

**Romney Visit**  
Republican gubernatorial candidate George Romney staged an hour-long tour stopover in Farmington and was enthusiastically greeted by residents August 11.

**Activity Center**  
An appropriation of approximately \$2,500 out of the City's recreation fund to permit the development of the tennis court area of the City park into an area of diversified activities for young and old alike has been approved by the City Council.

**City Appointment**  
Richard Habicht, proprietor of White House Valet in Downtown Farmington and a resident at 34665 Brittany Drive

## Directory of Organizations Being Compiled

A 1963 directory of organizations in the Farmington area is now being compiled by the Farmington School Citizens Advisory Committee. It was announced this week by Wade Brown, committee chairman.

The directory will list Farmington area organizations, their 1963 officers, the times and places of meetings, statements as to the purposes of each organization and regularly occurring projects sponsored by each.

The committee has felt for some time that such a roster would be an invaluable aid to all Farmington area citizens as well as a great benefit to the organizations themselves, Brown said.

HE EXPRESSED hope that all organizations would cooperate and respond with the information desired to be included in the directory so that it can be assembled as soon as possible.

Lloyd Smith, chairman of the public relations sub-committee for the committee, is working with the group named to assemble the directory. He asks that persons heading up organizations either call or send a letter to him as soon as possible giving phone numbers and addresses of officials as well as the times and places of meetings for their organizations. Mail this information to him at 28511 Brookdale, Farmington or call him at GR 4-2431.

A prompt response is asked to insure publication of the directory early this year - 1963.

in the Township, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the City's economic committee by the City Council.

**Fluoride Program**  
Final details on the tooth decay prevention program through fluoride treatments to be offered children in the Farmington public schools have now been worked out by officials of the special committee set up through the Council of Parent Teacher Associations.

### September

**Town-House Plans**  
Approval of preliminary plans for a 38-unit town-house type of multiple family development proposed east of Grove Street on the south side of Grand River in the Downtown Farmington business district has been given by the City Council.

**New Water District**  
The Farmington Township Board approved a resolution reducing the size of the proposed District 1 special assessment water district following a public hearing on the planned change.

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## Deadline for Paying Taxes Drawing Near

Only a little over two weeks now remain to get real property taxes paid and less than a month to get business establishments to get their personal property tax bills settled up without penalty.

Reports from Township Treasurer Elise Avery and City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter reveal that they still have a lot of tax bills out.

Business establishments which do not have their personal property taxes paid by January 10 are subject to have their establishments closed down. Real property tax bills must be paid by Saturday, January 19, or a four percent penalty will be added.

**REAL PROPERTY** taxes will continue to be accepted by the local clerks through the balance of January and during the month of February with the 4 percent additional charge. At the end of February, however, it will be necessary for all who have still not paid their taxes to make payment at the county treasurer's office in Pontiac.

An additional penalty of one-half of one percent will be added by the county treasurer for each month or part of a month that bills are outstanding after the end of February. As a special service to taxpayers, Treasurer Elise Avery has announced that her office in the Township Hall will be open on Saturday, January 19, for the purpose of handling last minute taxpayers who want to avoid the penalty charge.

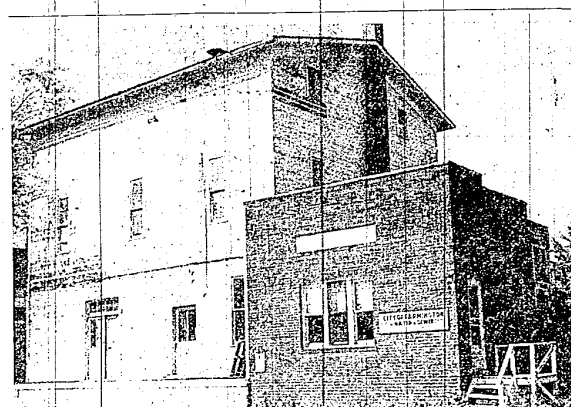
Both treasurers pointed out that while they have a lot of bills still out a substantial portion of the amount of outstanding bills are being paid by mortgage companies out of escrow funds. They expressed confidence that these companies would have payments made prior to the deadline date without penalty.

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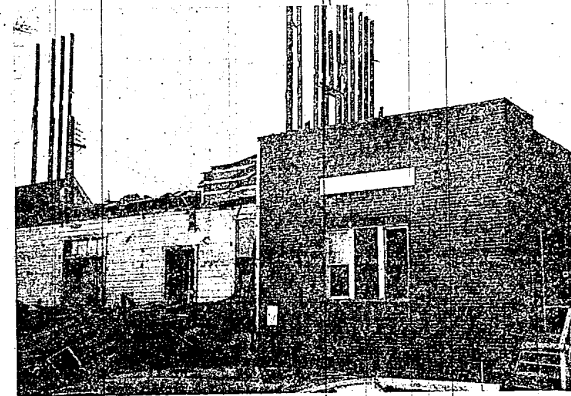
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# Contests For Most Offices On GOP Ticket in February Primary



THIS IS HOW THE FARMINGTON MILLS' BUILDING USED TO LOOK.



THIS IS HOW THE BUILDING LOOKED AFTER DEMOLITION BEGAN. (See Page 8A)

## Farmington's Old Mill Now is Just a Memory

The old Farmington Mills building is now just a memory in Farmington. After 75 years as a familiar landmark, the building has given way to progress and was razed to provide additional off-street parking for Downtown Farmington shopping.

There was no hue and cry from residents as the old timbers were torn under by the Diamond Wrecking Company of Detroit. There was no movement to save the creating two-story structure from its doom which was actually sealed more than five years ago when the City purchased the property from the Gilmeister family to temporarily house the Department of Public Works.

THE OLD MILL ceased to operate as a business shortly after the death of Louis Gilmeister in 1937. Since it was built in 1888 it had remained in the Gilmeister family.

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for seeds and feeds of all kinds in addition to the milling service which they gained. AT ONE TIME "Peerless Flour" was seen on every grocer's shelf in Farmington, produced by the mill along with such items as egg washes, milk mashees, scratch feeds and oyster shells.

When Farmington became a City back in 1928 the Mill was still a booming industry but the handwriting was on the wall and it gradually came to depend more on the retail trade of its products and less on the

needs of the dwindling number of area farmers whose land gave way to the growth of residential building. Few active farms remain today amidst the community which at one time was virtually all farmland.

Only the old Farmington Mills' photo, "Quality First-Service Always," has weathered the test of time. Although probably not original, the sign is unlikely to pass into disuse by present-day businessmen as did the old mill itself, closing a colorful chapter in Farmington's history.

## Set Hearing Date for Twp. Zoning Ordinance Changes

Public hearings on two important changes in Farmington Township's zoning ordinance have now been scheduled before the Township Zoning Board for Thursday, January 24.

One of these proposed changes calls for the establishment of Expressway Service Districts where practical in areas where the other calls for changes in building requirements in certain sections to permit a unit type of housing development where single family residential development in the present form is no longer practical.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of expressway service districts in some areas is proposed in an effort to provide for servicing the needs of auto traffic at interchange areas of expressways and to provide facilities. Yet, it is also designed to make restrictions which would prevent undue congestion on feeder roads and to protect adjacent property in other zones from adverse influences of traf-

fic and a poor type of business development. Requirements call for plans for each building to be located in one of these proposed new expressway service districts. First be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval. Provisions also specify that at least 10 feet wide access be provided between such areas and abutting residential property or that permanent masonry walls five feet high be put up and maintained.

THE CHANGES in building requirements to permit a unit type of housing in some sections are designed to allow for the new "cluster type" of housing developments now gaining acceptance nationwide. It is proposed that this type of housing be allowed only in areas where single family home development is not practical.

Complete details on the proposed zoning ordinance changes appear in two separate public hearing notice advertisements appearing elsewhere in this week's issue of The Enterprise.

## Democratic Candidates Will All Go Unopposed

There will be contests on the Republican ticket in the February Primary Election in Farmington Township for all but two of the major offices to be filled out all Democratic ticket candidates will go unopposed.

The two Republican incumbent candidates who will go unopposed in the biennial spring primary on February 13 will be incumbent treasurer Elise P. Avery and incumbent clerk Floyd Cairns.

Due to the fact that no Democratic candidate filed for the clerk's position, Cairns is assured re-election in the April General Election. Mrs. Avery will have opposition, however. Mrs. Marie T. Mutschall of 23339 Westmoreland has filed as a candidate for the treasurer's position on the Democratic ticket.

Seeking the Republican nomination for the key office of supervisor against incumbent Curtis Hall of 32391 Brachbury will be Raymond J. Cranston who lives and operates a paint store at 21185 Ten Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road.

THERE ARE five candidates seeking nomination as GOP candidates for the two seats on the Board of Trustees to be filled. One of these candidates is incumbent Arthur S. Bassette of 25701 Thirteen Mile Road. Incumbent Raymond Wilcox is not seeking re-election.

The other candidates for Board of Trustee nomination are William P. Fisher of 23339 Westmoreland who has been a member of the Township Board of Review, Byron D. Walter of 23314 Greyhorne, Martin E. Gluckstein of 22477 Quaker Valley and George Rogers of 21250 Goldsmith.

Seeking the justice of the peace nomination on the Republican ticket will be incumbent Robert H. Nelson of 23417 Hawberry, Edwin R. Ogelsby of 30920 Minglewood and Paul E. Pringle of 22477 Quaker Valley. Nelson had indicated earlier that he would not be seeking re-election.

STILL BEING for four positions is constable to be filled. The candidates are Alvin Gula, 21831 Kendallwood Drive; Hugh Owen, 35550 Thirteen Mile Road; Robert Forcette, 31631 Grand River; William L. Scott, 28391 Wellington; Ralph Ewert, 26755 Ridgeway. See CANDIDATES Column 2, Page 8A

INVESTIGATION has now been started on the possible use of the lower level of the old Tool and Mill building on Grand River and Farmington Road which was recently vacated by Township officials for this purpose, Dinan said.

The matter has not been brought before the Council for discussion, Dinan pointed out. He expressed the feeling, however, that he thought this would be a good place for these temporary facilities.

## 3 Special Ed Rooms Okayed

The Oakland County Board of Education voted Thursday, Dec. 27, to underwrite the construction of three special education rooms in the Farmington School District at a cost of \$33,130.60.

The three rooms, two at the new Highwood Elementary School, and one at East Junior High School, will be used for students with emotional and behavioral problems.

Dr. Paul Thamy, County Director of Special Education, defines these children as too poorly adjusted to function in the regular classroom. Similar programs are being operated in Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Hazel Park and Warren, Mich.

Farmington School District will conduct and maintain special education programs in these rooms for a period of five years. Furnishings, cost of operation and teacher salaries will be paid by the county under state special education provisions. The contract stipulates that Farmington accept non-resident special education pupils as assigned by the County Board of Education without financial charge.

The two rooms and half the building corridor at Highwood School, now under construction at 30175 Highwood, cost \$22,780. The room and half the building corridor at East Junior High School, now being built at 25000 Middlebrook, cost \$10,350.

## Pupil Drop-Outs Topic Jan. 10

On Thursday evening, January 10, Dr. George Myers of Michigan State University will speak about the problem of troublesome school students dropping out of school, the causes for these drop-outs and possible cures.

An expert in this subject area, he has not only done a great amount of research on this matter but also written a book about the problem. Dr. Myers has been active on special committees set up by the Michigan department of public instruction to study this matter and is serving as a consultant at this time.

Dr. Myers' talk will be part of the program for a round table about the Farmington School Citizens Advisory Committee to be held in the Farmington Senior High cafeteria.

All interested citizens of the community are invited to attend this meeting to hear Dr. Myers and ask him questions.

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## Senior Citizens Meeting Jan. 11

All older citizens in the community are invited to the next regular Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington meeting to be held Friday, Jan. 11, in the social room downstairs at First Methodist Church on Grand River at Warner Street.

Featured on the program starting at 7:45 p.m. will be two color films on space travel. There will be card playing and refreshments served during the social period time following the movies.

Additional information about this local club may be obtained by calling Mrs. Walter Carlin at GR 4-6077.

in the City. As can be seen above, the old Mc-Gee Mill road is now a natural for kids to slide down with sleds.