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School District Administrators Do Routine Work With IBM Computer

The beginning of the new school year is just around the corner and close to 11,000 Farmington School District pupils will begin the trek back to the classrooms following the Labor Day weekend.

School officials and administrators have been preparing since last spring for the resumption of classes this fall and thanks to a big assist from an IBM computer will have several important tasks well in hand by the time the first bell rings on Thursday, September 5.

FOR THE PAST TWO years, the Farmington School District secondary schools have taken advantage of the Data Processing Center in Cleveland, Ohio to have an IBM machine, a 7090 computer, do much of the routine work connected with school registration and class scheduling.

The IBM computer can accomplish the task of scheduling a student according to information prepared on an index card, perforated with the appropriate marks representing the student's course or subject selections. These electrodes are then matched up with the information prepared by the respective secondary school principals on

New Type Road Construction Viewed By Twp. Officials

A new type of road construction made its first appearance in the Detroit Metropolitan area last week as the West Michigan Engineering Company of Hart, Michigan laid a mile stretch of the new road on Wellington Drive in nearby Franklin Village.

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Mystery Solved; 'Bucks' Await You at Plaza

The mystery has now been solved. The method to be followed in getting the \$500 you are promised in this week's issue of the paper, fill in the blank in one of the ads and take it to one of the stores at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center.

While it may not be real cash you'll be given but "Auction Bucks" they'll still be very valuable to you in obtaining some nice merchandise at the Plaza's Auction Sale on Saturday, August 31. At the special auction sale starting at 5 p.m. there will be hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise for you to bid on and purchase with your auction bucks.

When shopping at any of the stores participating in the auction sale at the Plaza between now and August 31, you'll be awarded more auction bucks over and above your initial \$500 to use at the auction sale.

Between now and late Saturday afternoon, August 31, you should be able to accumulate a pretty good bundle of auction bucks. They'll be given at the following stores: Cunningham Dry Cleaning, Tires, Harry's Suburban Casual, Kresges, Krogers, Morris Store, Modern Men's Shop, Puxiland Children's Center, Ross Shoes, Farmington Floor Covering and the Plaza Barber Shop.

The auction merchandise is on display at the vacant store next to Ross Shoes.

Car Theft Reported By Watch Salesman

Robert Melton of 20940 Birchwood Drive in Farmington, a salesman for the U. S. Time Corporation of New York, reported a theft to Farmington City Police August 16 of a sample case containing watches that had been in his car.

He told police his car had been locked and parked in downtown Detroit earlier that day but he had missed several stores in the City before discovering the theft.

the availability of courses and subjects according to the number of class sections provided in the academic program.

SCHEDULING each student into his desired elective courses without a conflict can be done by the IBM computer at the rate of several hundred per minute.

At the new East Junior High School, which will open its doors to students for the first time this September, principal Jerry Spink processed the entire enrollment of 650 students in 25 minutes with the IBM computer.

Processing of the 25-minute scheduling of a school of the size of the East Junior High students was a re-run of cards that were rejected the first time they were fed into the giant mechanical brain at the Data Processing Center. These rejects were reduced down to just 23 after checking by the principal and the balance of the 650 index cards completely prepared and made ready for the opening of the registration during the opening days of registration at the school.

THE TASK OF scheduling students in a school of the size at Farmington Junior High, which has an enrollment of 600, would take up to four weeks of full time to complete. The first time they were fed into the IBM computer, it was only an estimate had not been for the fact Farmington Junior High DID prepare their class schedules this year in the old manner with a view to establishing a comparative idea of the advantage offered by the new IBM system. The same task could have been done by the IBM computer in just four minutes time.

The real advantage of the new IBM system is in just four minutes time.

Uphold Denial of Burning Permit

Burning up building debris and brush on the spot of a highway development may be alright when the development is first being started but not after a number of homes are up and occupied.

This was the attitude taken by the city manager and police department in recent action denying a burning permit to a developer who now has a home under construction on Shilawsee Road in Twin Valley Subdivision.

The developer came directly to the City Council Monday night to object to the burning permit denial but found all councilmen in accord with the city's administrators on this matter.

It was pointed out to him that city officials had an obligation to protect citizens from any action by developers or others that might be dangerous or result in a severe nuisance to them. This area is now substantially built up and an extensive outdoor burning cannot be allowed, the developer was told.



A FULL FLEDGED Farmington Township policeman is now on stand-by duty as a result of a recommendation made to the Township Board by Chief Irv Yakes (L) and approved at a recent Board meeting. Mrs. Birdie Ellis, who has been employed for several years by the Township Police Department as their

Objections By Councilmen To Junk Cars Boomerang On Them

Objections voiced two weeks ago by Councilmen Henry Forrester and Howard Thayer about the numerous junk cars and unsightly conditions around the Pure Oil Service Station on Grand River at Grace Street boomeranged right back into the Council's lap.

It came out shortly after the objections were made public

Seventh 1963 Highway Death Recorded Here

Farmington recorded its seventh traffic fatality of the year this week, an all-time high with still more than four months and the Labor Day and Christmas holidays ahead to extend the grim toll even higher.

The latest traffic death in the area was that of Richard Guenther, 47, of 2870 Greenfield in Berkeley, Michigan. He succumbed to injuries this week he suffered when his car hit a tree off Inkster Road Monday night, August 12.

THREE PERSONS sustained serious injuries in separate accidents this past week in Farmington Township and a number of other persons were injured less seriously in a total of five traffic mishaps on area roads.

In a collision of two cars at the Grand River and Third Street intersection Saturday morning at 12:51 a.m., August 17, a passenger in one of the cars, Donald Busch, 34, of 21628 Walbridge Street in Farmington was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, seriously injured. The driver of the car, Wolfgang E. Zober, of 21544 Power Road in Farmington, was not injured.

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radio dispatcher, is pictured above being sworn in by Township Clerk Floyd Cairns. In addition to her regular duties, Mrs. Ellis will now be able to perform the duties of a policeman on assignments calling for the feminine touch.

that most of the problem is actually being caused by the junk cars kept at the station are actually cars which have been badly damaged in auto accidents in the city or abroad on city streets and ordered hauled in by the city's public safety department.

Fred Imus, owner of the station, stated that he has been hauling these cars in at the police department's request and keeping them until they are claimed or ordered disposed of for several years now. Imus made it clear that he would be very happy to have the city provide a more suitable spot for keeping these cars.

COUNCILMEN now find themselves faced with the problem of finding a suitable site for the cars on city-owned land or continuing to allow them to be kept at the Pure Oil Station as in the past.

City Taxpaying Deadline Nears

With only a little over a week left in which to pay City Farmington tax bills without penalty there are still a fair number of bills outstanding, Treasurer Kathryn Cotter reported this week.

As of Monday, August 19, a total of \$185,896 had been collected against the total billing of \$289,884. This means there was still over \$104,000 in bills outstanding as of three days ago and, according to Mrs. Cotter, payments at that time were coming in very slow.

While this is a substantial amount yet to be collected, it is a somewhat better payment record than the record of a year ago at this same time when over \$94,000 was outstanding against a billing almost \$2,000 lower than this year's.

On any city tax bill not paid by Friday, August 30, at 5 p.m. a four per cent penalty will be added. Bills will continue to be accepted at the city hall with the penalty added along with the balance of the current year and during January and February of 1964.

Those who have still not paid by the end of February, however, will have to go directly to the county treasurer's office in Pontiac to make payment. In addition to the four per cent penalty there will be an additional charge of one half of one per cent for each month the taxes remain delinquent.

Edison Sub Station Vandalized in City

The Detroit Edison Sub Station at Orchard Lake Road and Shilawsee Avenue in the City was vandalized sometime over the weekend of August 12 and a \$75 insulator was broken which will cost an estimated \$1,000 to replace. A large window had also been broken.

Farmington City Police are investigating at the scene reported the damage had been caused by rocks thrown by the vandals.

D'town Step Removal, Access Route Purchase Gets Council Approval

Two major improvements along Grand River Avenue in the downtown Farmington business district were given the go ahead by action of the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

One of these will be the long awaited removal of the troublesome steps on the north side of Grand River west of Farmington Road and at the southwest corner of the Grand River-Farmington Road intersection. Included in this project will be the illustration of new sloping walks and asphalt surfacing of the roadway with new grades to accomplish the step elimination.

Also approved was the acquisition of a 20-foot right-of-way between the Van Pelt Store and the Himmelspach Dining Room and other adjoining small office buildings to the east. Indications are that a right-of-way will be improved to be made more useable and converted to an one-way ingress route from Grand River into the large city parking lot to the south.

In conjunction with the right-of-way acquisition, approval was also given on the rezoning from commercial to parking of a 19-foot strip abutting the furniture store building.

Actually this property has been in use for public parking and as an ingress-egress route for years even though it is privately owned land.

ACTION BY the Council came following public hearings on both the special assessment roll established by the benefiting property owners' share of the cost for the walk improvement and the proposed rezoning to the furniture store.

The cost for the walk improvement will actually be split three ways: Benefiting property owners will stand the cost of removal of old and installation of new sidewalk, the city the cost for the necessary road widening and the state highway department, the cost for the installation of the new curbing.

The special assessment cost to benefiting property owners was established at \$7 per front foot and no objections to this assessment were voiced at the public hearing.

SINCE THERE were no objections, the Council proceeded to award contracts for the engineering and surveying work that had been taken earlier. The contract for removal of the old and installation of new walks went to C. Groves Cement and Masonry Co., lowest bidder of five firms competing for \$3,681.70. Detroit Concrete Products Co. was the lowest bidder for the surveying and asphalt resurfacing and curbing work with a bid of \$13,700.

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Asks Citizens To Express Adult Ed Course Desires

A whirlwind of change is sweeping away customs, ideas, methods and convictions we all grew up with. The moon, which in but day was a favorite word in popular songs, is now a place where man will soon set foot. The problems of teenagers and older adults confound us. Machines that produce products, keep records, make telephone calls and type letters threaten jobs and make retraining necessary for millions. Men's inability to get along with himself and others is revealed by racial tensions, the Cold War, rural problems and the rising incidence of mental health problems.

THIS QUOTATION from a leading national magazine voices quite well the potential facets of a complete adult or continuing education program, commented Dick Tyler, director of the adult education program for the Farmington public schools.

He was quick to add, however, that to have a real effective adult education program it requires a large, planned and by adults. Tyler is asking the help of adult citizens here in setting up an effective program.

The adult education program in Farmington has traditionally been self supporting and it is required to have 15 students in order to hold a class. It is now necessary, therefore, that we know your preferences and ask that you check the classes below that you are interested in," Tyler said.

Tyler emphasized that checking a class proposed or expressing an interest in some other subject at this time would in no way obligate anyone to enroll in these courses. He pointed out that most classes run 12 weeks and cost \$11.

COURSES offered last term and proposed again this fall if there is enough interest are:

- CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION (BASIC METHOD)
- BRIDGE
- DRAWING - SKETCHING
- OIL PAINTING
- SEWING
- STOCKS AND BONDS
- TYPING
- UPHOLSTERY
- WATERCOLOR - PAINTING
- CASE DECORATION

Classroom proposed for the fall term, in addition to those listed above.



A BUSY PLACE THESE DAYS is either of the two book stores now open for the sale of textbooks and supplies for students preparing to resume classes in the Farmington School District. The scene above was taken from behind the counter of the book store located in the basement of the Farmington Junior High School on Thomas Street in the City. The other

book store is located in the multi-purpose room of the Bond Elementary School, 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. Both stores are open weekdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Books can also be purchased on Saturday mornings between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.