

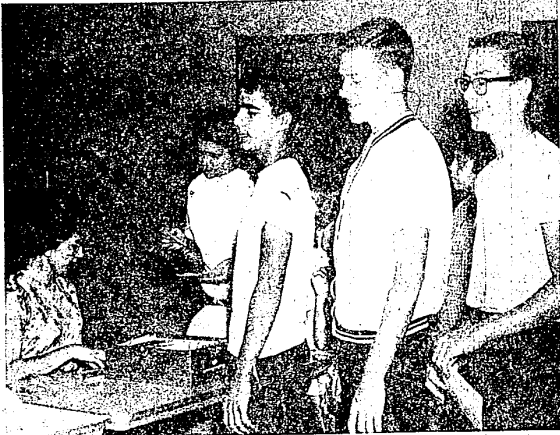
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SCHOOL REGISTRATION opened last week for students in the Farmington School District. The boys pictured above killed two birds with one stone as they also received their physical examinations the same day at North Farmington High School, Thursday, August 22.

## School Starts For 16,500 In Four Area School Systems Next Week

School bells will be ringing next week calling approximately 16,500 boys and girls in the Farmington area to their schools for the start of another school year.

### New Household Finance Corp. Office Opened

On Tuesday, August 27, Household Finance Corporation opened a new installment cash loan office in Farmington. This marks the 41st office to be established in Michigan. HFC officials termed it at the start of a program to make the company's broad services available to all residents here. The new HFC office is located in the new unit of stores in the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center closest to Grand River Avenue at 31624 Grand River.

### Outline Adult Ed Program

Plans are now being made for a substantially expanded adult education program in the Farmington public school system this fall. A total of 16 courses in a variety of subject areas are planned by Dick Tyler, adult education director, and he is quick to add that courses in any other subjects will be given if enough interest is shown by citizens. Enrollments by mail are now being accepted and a special enrollment period for those wishing to enroll in person has been set for Wednesday and Thursday, September 11 and 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Farmington High School. Classes will start on Monday, September 16. Complete details on registration form and descriptions of each of the courses proposed appear on Page 2A in this week's issue of The Enterprise.

public school system where an enrollment of 11,500 pupils is expected. If this pre-school enrollment estimate is correct, it will mean an enrollment in excess of approximately 850 over the starting school year enrollment of a year ago.

### NFHS to Print Own Student Newspaper

North Farmington High will start printing its own student newspaper this year in a similar manner to Farmington Senior High. Type will be set by The Farmington Enterprise but the actual printing will be done by the journalism students at the school. An expenditure of \$575 for the purchase of a small job printing press to print the paper with was authorized by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

**THE PEOPLE OF  
FARMINGTON  
WELCOME YOU**

### Improvements At Some School Bldgs. Proposed

Remodeling and improvement projects at the Bond, Middlebelt and Gill schools in the Farmington public school system as well as construction of a maintenance building for the district and expansion of the service and administration building are now under consideration by the Board of Education. The projects have been proposed as a part of the total package of expansion and improvements which the board will ask voter approval on at a special bond issue election already scheduled for November of this year.

While the Board and administrative staff determined earlier that it would be necessary to go to the taxpayers this year to seek approval on bond issue and operating millage proposals, the exact amounts to be asked for have not as yet been established. A determination is expected very shortly now, however.

### Dem. Chairman To Speak Here Next Wednesday

The chairman of Michigan's Democratic party, Zolton Ferency, will be in Farmington next Wednesday, Sept. 4, to address the regular meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the community room at National Bank, Ten Mile at Orchard Lake Road. Harold Spiecke, chairman of the Farmington Democratic Club, said Ferency's appearance opens the organization's fall schedule of meetings which will feature the appearance of top political leaders. He said plans are underway to invite Senator Philip Hart, Congressman Neil Stacher, former Governor John B. Swainson and other elected officials. Spiecke said the Farmington Democrats were especially pleased to have invited Ferency at the opening of the Farmington Democratic delegates gave overwhelming support to Ferency's bid for the chairmanship at last February's state convention.

### Earlier Copy Will Be Needed

Labor Day coming up on Monday will take one key day out of our normal schedule in getting the newspaper out to you as usual on Thursday morning. Because of this it will be necessary for us to set early deadlines on certain types of copy. Correspondent's columns and all social, personal and club items as well as other general news items will have to be in our office on Saturday in order to assure publication in the Thursday, September 5, issue. The deadline for display advertising will be noon Thursday as usual but we would urge that as many as possible try to have their copy ready by Saturday. Advertising requiring complicated layout work will not be accepted on Tuesday. Classified advertising will be accepted as usual until 10 a.m. Wednesday but again we urge that as many as possible try to get their ads in by noon Saturday to assure proper handling. Your help to us in getting out a paper during this "short week" will be greatly appreciated.

## Township Board Awards Contracts For \$1.8 Million Water Project

Construction contracts totaling 1,762,562 were awarded by the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting Monday evening, August 26, for a water supply system to serve seven special assessment districts.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns presented construction bid tabulations from 11 contractors, as prepared by the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate, Hira and Bogue, in cooperation with the Oakland County Department of Public

Works, to the Board members shortly after the meeting opened at 8 p.m. Monday night. THE BOARD took action, following the recommendation of Pate, Hira and Bogue and the County DPW, to award the contracts to the low bidders, subject to the sale of the bonds approved by the Municipal Finance Commission earlier this month.

The construction bids were let in A, B, C, D, E and F sections to cover the work in each of the seven special assessment

water districts (1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 11). The original cost estimate of the project was substantially higher than were the construction bids tabulated by the consulting engineers. In all but one of the districts bids came in lower than the original cost estimates, which were originally set at 2,600,000 for the entire project.

Water district 11, which had slightly higher bids than the original cost estimate, still was within the ten per cent margin

allowed for acceptance of the low bidder. A TOTAL OF ten contractors submitted bids on either all or portions of contracts in sections A, B, C and D while five contractors bid on either "all or a portion" of the section E and F contracts. The Coolidge Excavating Co. got two of the largest contracts, one totaling \$205,153.05 (low bid on section B) and the other totaling \$232,083.45 (low bid on section F).

The two other companies awarded contracts, also each successfully bid low on two sections of the water supply system contracts. The Utilities Excavating Co. was awarded the section A contract with their low bid of \$225,000 and the section B contract with their low bid of \$350,341.80.

CONTRACTS FOR sections C and D were awarded to the Sinaola Construction Co. which submitted bids of \$171,470.10 and \$271,473.70, respectively. They will begin work immediately upon the sale of the bonds which will be advertised and awarded to the low bidders next month. The bonds are guaranteed by the Federal Government which has agreed to purchase them if private concerns fail to bid low enough on interest and coupon rate charges.

Known as Water and Supply System Project A, the Township's capital improvement program is the largest single venture ever undertaken at the local government level and will eliminate more than ten years of preparation and planning. Petitions to establish the special assessment districts which will provide the funds necessary to retire the bonds for the construction of the lateral water lines were circulated as early as 1955. Public hearings on the cost estimates and necessity of the project were staged by the Township Board in 1951 and repeated in 1952. The Township Board confirmed the rolls of the special

### Centers Offer Big Activities

A wide variety of activities for young and old alike in the area is in store for this Friday and Saturday through the courtesy of the business establishments in Farmington. The largest shopping centers. On Friday afternoon there will be a special children's matinee at the Civic Theatre in downtown Farmington with tickets available at nearly all the Downtown Center stores for just 5 cents. For additional details see the "Business News" section included with this week's issue of the paper.

Saturday afternoon 5 p.m. a big auction will be held at the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center with a variety of fine merchandise offered for you to bid on with the "barnum sales" you have been and can still receive from stores in the Plaza. The coupon from last week's bonus books to you when you bring it to the auction sale. On Saturday evening the Downtown Farmington Merchants are sponsoring a free square dance. The dance will start at 9 p.m. and continue on into the night until even the heartiest are exhausted.

### Another Joint Meet For Officials Slated

A joint meeting of Farmington School District and City of Farmington and Farmington Township officials is now being planned for Monday, September 30. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss common problems to all three of the local governing bodies. At the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night it was decided that Supt. G. V. Harrison and Board President Leland Gillette should arrange a meeting shortly with city and township officials to work out an agenda for this forthcoming joint meeting.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS reviewed the progress at Highmeadow this past week with an eye to determining whether the new elementary school would be ready for pupils by the time school begins next week. Highmeadow principal

Donald Hosler (L), Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison and administrative assistant Byron Oliver (standing) were all smiles after checking the final phase of construction work.

### Service Drive Repairs Await OLS Approval

Revised plans for drainage improvements and road repairs on the service drive running from Ten Mile to Shiawassee Road between Farmington School District and Our Lady of Sorrows Church property have now been worked out.

Due to poor drainage the Shickstopper roadway is presently in very bad condition. The major improvement that was initially called for was one which Our Lady of Sorrows church officials determined would be too costly for them to share half the cost on at this time.

For this reason revised plans were developed in an effort to cut costs and still get satisfactory repairs made. Details of the revised plan were reviewed by the Board of Education and representatives from the church with the contractor at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The cost for the project as now proposed has been reduced to \$6,853 most of which would be spent to take care of needed drainage work and road patching.

See SERVICE DRIVE Column 7, Page 3A

### New Grade School Will Be Open On Schedule

The new Highmeadow Elementary School will be opened on Thursday, September 5, as scheduled, the Farmington Board of Education announced Monday night.

It was pointed out that although some special service facilities will not be completed by this date, sufficient work will be done in the classrooms to conduct regular class schedules. Children assigned to this new building are to proceed directly to the classrooms indicated on the last report cards they received last year.

The new grade school contains two kindergartens, 12 regular classrooms and two special education rooms as well as a library, administration unit, multi-purpose room, kitchen and cafeteria. All rooms, except one kindergarten room, will be occupied by children presently registered and assigned to this building, school officials stated.

THIS NEW grade school has several design and structural drainage work all designed to better implement the educational program, it was stated. The

changes and modifications cited were:

1. Exterior glass has been reduced considerably resulting in improved light control, greater ease in conducting audio-visual education activities, and reduced heat loss.
2. Television conduit has been installed with outlets in each classroom in anticipation of future wide-spread use of TV as an educational media.
3. Aluminum pan ceiling tile was installed in lieu of conventional.

See NEW SCHOOL Column 4, Page 3A

### Going Out for Bids on Three School Projects

Plans and specifications for substantial remodeling work proposed in the kitchen area at the Eagle School and for needed roof repairs at both the Longacre and Farmington Junior High Schools were approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night. The Board authorized the administration to proceed with the advertisements for bids and set Monday, September 9, at 8 p.m. as the date and time for opening and reviewing bids on all three of these improvement projects.

Plans to go ahead with the elimination of the glassed-in area around the upper portion of the Junior High and in favor of replacement with steel panel units were also authorized. The administration was instructed to have plans and specifications drawn up for Board approval before the project is let out for bids.

During the past couple of years many of the glass sections have been broken out and difficulty in obtaining replacement glass of the same style has been encountered. The administration had reported earlier that it did not feel this glass in the gym area was very beneficial, and since maintenance costs were exceptionally high, replacement with metal panels would be preferred.

### Twp. Swimming Pool Fences Reviewed at Bd. Meeting

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall informed the Board at their regular meeting Monday night, August 26, that his office had received a request from a citizen to review the regulations controlling fences around swimming pools.

Supervisor Hall said it was the first time in his four and a half years of office that a request had been filed to raise the four-foot height requirement of fences surrounding private pools. Considerable discussion greeted the introduction of the subject and several reasons were advanced by Board members and the Township Attorney Joseph A. Brennan as to why the regulation could not or should not be changed.

IT WAS POINTED out by Brennan that any move on the

Township Board's part to raise the height requirement on such fences would immediately come into conflict with already existing deed restrictions in subdivisions where the height of fences is restricted to a maximum of four feet.

Trustee Thomas Duke went further and pointed out the fact that Farmington Subdivision does not allow homeowners to construct fences of any kind, other than the present four-foot fence required around swimming pools.

See SWIM POOLS Column 3, Page 3A