



THE NEW EAST JUNIOR HIGH School opened its doors to students in the Farmington School District last week for the first time. Principal Jerry Spinks (pictured above) welcomed nearly 700 students during the first week of classes.

New East Junior High Opens 1st. School Year

A new million dollar junior high school opened its doors for the first time to students in the Farmington School District last week, culminating the work of many months by School Board officials and School District administrators.

The Junior High School is the third junior high school in the Farmington public school system and presently has an enrollment of nearly 700 students.

THE NEW SCHOOL, located off Middlebelt Road between 10 and 11 mile roads in Farmington Township, offers students several advantages which came about through planning the building along lines to allow for adequate future expansion.

As the area being served by the school develops with more new home building, the school can be expanded by the addition of a south wing to more than double its present capacity.

Future expansion is provided for in several of the facilities

within the present building. Designers have allowed for both cafeteria and library expansion at such a time in the future when it may be required but the space now is being used by added classrooms of a special education room and a spacious gymnasium are also part of the present facility.

AN INTERESTING feature of the gymnasium is the folding door panels which allow the room to be sealed off into four sections while most other gyms are designed to meet just half that potential or most commonly are divided in two sections by the folding doors. Physical education classes can be scheduled four at a time to provide added flexibility to the regular academic class scheduling of students.

When collapsible or folding doors are pulled out from their compact housing against one of the gym walls, a large auditorium capable of seating the entire student body and faculty

with ease is ready for service. Outdoor facilities for physical education and extra-curricular activities are situated well behind the school so as to reduce the noise factor and provide a place of distraction to pupils engaged in other endeavors at the school.

A language laboratory, similar to those elsewhere in the school system, is now in operation for those students enrolled in French, Spanish or Latin courses. Ear phones provided for each student and a teacher console allows a myriad of possibilities for dividing classes into separate study groups. Any number of different language records or tapes can be channeled to as many different students by the instructor at the teaching console. The teacher can also direct help to the class as a whole or channel it to individual students, or groups of students.

Music and band rooms are situated between floors in sound-proof quarters. A large industrial arts room is well equipped and can serve both woodworking and metal working classes. The home economics department provides six student kitchens for future home makers in sewing and cooking classrooms.

The general outward appearance of the building presents a striking contrast to past designs and trends in schools with a greatly

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**Girl Battles Fire
Set by Two-Year-Old**
Karen Hicks, the teenage daughter of Farmington Township Constable Billy Hicks, this past week was credited with helping to put out a fire started by a two-year-old playing with matches in his home at 3325 E. Greenwood in the Township.

Fire broke out in the kitchen of the home and attracted Karen's attention. She notified the Township Fire Department and battled the blaze with an unidentified neighbor until firemen arrived.

The child was not injured in the fire which occurred on the afternoon of Saturday, September 7.



SIGNALING THE START of a sidewalk improvement project along Grand River Avenue in the downtown Farmington business district this past week were (L. to R.) City Engineer Frank Payke, businessman Dick Pomeroy, Gerry Grace and Carl Goers, along with City

Seek Re-zoning For More Apt. Units in City

Requests for re-zoning to permit two more apartment unit developments in the City of Farmington were filed with the Planning Commission Monday night.

One of the requests is for re-zoning of a ten-acre parcel on the east side of Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads a short distance north of the Farmington Oaks subdivision development.

The re-zoning from single family residential to R-3 (multiple family) is sought by Babcock & Lawson, Inc. to permit construction of a 150-unit cooperative apartment development, according to City Manager John Dinan.

THE SECOND request has been made by Covere Pastore who wishes to have a 1.2-acre parcel on the north side of Freedom Drive adjacent to the Glen Aquatic Swimming Club re-zoned in the same manner.

Planning proposes a small apartment development. It's plan calls for one deluxe unit of three apartments with attached garage area for auto parking. Indications were that this unit would be designed much like a large ranch-style home. A second unit plan would be of a one-story structure and contain 12 apartments.

After brief discussion on both proposals, the Planning Commission called for public hearing on both requests at their next regular meeting on Monday, October 14, at 8 p.m.

The normal procedure is for the Planning Commission to hold an initial public hearing and then make a recommendation to the Council either in favor or against such re-zoning requests. It is then up to the Council to hold a second public hearing of its own before a final decision is made.

Will Do Similar School Report

Board approval to the administrator's proposal that an annual school report very similar to the one prepared and published last year be done again this year was given at the regular Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Each year the school district is required by state law to present a financial report but many districts have in more recent years decided to broaden on this and give taxpayers a more complete report than just the dry financial data required. Special sections of papers giving a variety of school features, stories and picture illustrations are now prepared by a number of districts annually.

Last year the Farmington school system made a move in this direction by deciding on a full newspaper page of stories and pictures. The same will be done this year with the emphasis being placed on what the local district is doing to keep all children interested in school and not just having a desire to drop out before graduating.

The annual report will be published later this month in The Enterprise.

Want \$5 Million for Classrooms, Three More Mills for Operating

Voters of the Farmington School District will be asked to approve a \$5 million bond issue and two separate operating millage propositions seeking a total of 3 mills (45 per \$1,000 equalized valuation) at the special school election set earlier this year for November 18.

Official approval on the amounts to be asked for and the manner in which the propositions will be placed to a vote [was given at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Several months ago the Board and administration had determined that approval on both bond and operating millage propositions would be needed in the near future to permit a continuation of the present school program. At this time the November 18 election date was set but action was delayed in setting the amounts to be asked voter approval on until a more thorough study of needs could

be made. Board members and the administration have been meeting in special sessions for some time now to review enrollment projection figures and study operating cost needs.

Based on the enrollment projections made by the administration, it was estimated that over \$4.5 million will be needed for additional classrooms by the end of 1957. This is based on an expected enrollment increase from the present 12,884 to 16,322 by the start of the 1957-58 school year.

THE BOARD is asking for another \$378,585 for remodeling and improvements to existing buildings, \$30,000 for purchase of additional sites and site improvements and the remaining amount of slightly over \$21,000 for contingencies bringing the total to \$5 million.

Of major significance is the fact that it has been determined that approval of this \$5 million

bond issue levy will not require any increase in the present tax levy being made to satisfy the bonded indebtedness of the school district. Levies presently being made on older bond issues will be able to be reduced enough to offset the levy that will be needed if the new \$5 million bond issue is approved, school officials asserted.

One of the two operating millage propositions seeks approval on the renewal of a \$2 per \$1,000 levy which voters approved in 1959 and will expire in 1964. It is being asked that this levy be allowed to be continued through 1973.

THE SECOND proposition requests \$3 additional per \$1,000 for a ten-year period from 1954 through 1973 to satisfy ever increasing operating costs. This proportion would be the only one of the three requiring any increase in the present total school tax levy.

Board members were unanimous in their agreement on the

amount that should be asked for but there was some difference of opinion on whether the five mills to be sought for operating purposes should be split into two separate propositions. It was the feeling of members of the School Citizens Advisory Committee that the operating millage proposition should be presented to the voters as one proposal. Board President Leiland Clifford and Trustee George Nahstoll were in agreement with the committee.

Other Board members felt, however, that two separate propositions would make it clearer to the voters exactly what was being requested.

Plans are now being made for detailed presentations on the propositions and why they are felt to be needed at this time at all the schools in the district between now and election time. Presentations before other groups will also be made, it was stated.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK on Shilawassee Avenue between Nine Mile and Hawthorne progressed at a rapid pace this past week. New blacktop pavement is scheduled to be laid along

this stretch of Shilawassee which fronts onto the Shilawassee Elementary School. Many parents are escorting their children to and from school while the construction work is in progress.

Grant B. of C., Sr. Citizens Town Hall Use

Requests from the Farmington Board of Commerce and the Senior Citizens Club for use of the old Town Hall building on Grand River at Farmington Road were unanimously approved on a temporary basis by action of the Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The Board of Commerce will use the back office area of the building off the parking lot which was formerly the office of the supervisor when the Township offices were located in the building.

This office section of the building will be open on portions of certain days in the week and staffed by volunteer workers. It has been indicated, however, that meetings will also be held here.

THE SENIOR Citizens Club will use the larger portion of the lower floor of the hall for one night and one daytime meeting each month.

It was explained by Supervisor Carl Hall that best of all lights must be maintained in the building anyway and that the only extra expense would be in keeping the building cleaned up. The organizations using the building will be expected to stand the cost for this, Hall said.

This request for use prompted some rather lengthy discussion on what course the Board should follow in trying to get this site and old building cleaned up. The organizations using the building will be expected to stand the cost for this, Hall said.

The Board also approved the erection of a Board of Commerce community welcoming sign on the wall of the property which the Township owns on Grand River at Rockwell in the southeast section of the Township.

**Authorize Funds for
New School Fencing**
At previously discussed and agreed to, the Farmington Board of Education authorized necessary funds for the erection of a four-foot-high fence along the north and east boundaries of the new East Junior High School site.

Fifty feet of open area space will be retained along the south side of the new school site. Being planted near the fence line to provide a shielding

Dropout Comm Decides on Broader Study Program

This is the second in a series of articles on the activities and projects that have been undertaken by the special dropout study committee functioning in Farmington.

Nationwide focus on the school dropout problem was prompted by the formation of a local dropout study committee but it was established by local committee members at their initial meeting last November that they wanted their study work to go even beyond the dropout problem itself.

Members agreed that they wanted to broaden their study to include particular phases of the total study that had been improved program which would

**Twp. Sanitary
Landfill Case
Due to Come Up**
The controversial sanitary landfill issue will again come before the Farmington Township Board at its next regular meeting September 23.

Contractors proposing to conduct the operation on property owned by George Rebeck, 1414 Grand River, are ready to submit their request for a sanitary landfill permit for a second time after being ordered by the Township Board to provide certain additional information.

The first request made by the contractor, the Mumm Contracting Company, prompted a heated discussion on the part of the Board members in the area of the proposed sanitary fill who appeared in force at a Board meeting earlier this month in raising opposition to the proposal.

**Eliminating Duckel
Gym Glass Targets**
Glass paneling now extending around the upper portion of the gymnasium area at Duckel Junior High is going to be replaced with steel paneling that even the clearest eyes will not be able to break.

A contract was awarded to the Bowman Steel Co. Monday night by the Board of Education to install the steel panels at a total cost of \$2,700.

The Board's decision was a result of a long and heated discussion at this time since the service drive to the expressway on the east side of Orchard Lake Road is still closed. It was agreed, however, to reconsider the request at the time the service drive is opened to vehicles.

better prepare those students not intending to go on to college but planning to complete school to go out into the work world prepared after graduation. Particular interest was expressed in setting up a work study program whereby some students could work at a trade part time and attend school part time to better prepare themselves.

It was decided by the time of the second meeting of the committee in December that one of the first determinations that would have to be made was how many local businesses and industries there were in this general area where such work study programs might be available.

AT THE INITIAL meeting, Mrs. Sylvia Schwartz, a trained social worker of past years, was named chairman of the dropout study committee and Mrs. Conner Mills, secretary.

By the second meeting, sub-committees began to be formed to study particular phases of the total study that had been decided to be conducted.

Details of a special area-wide dropout conference held at Wayne University and attended by Harold Humble, principal at North Farmington High, and Vernon Fisher, School Board

member, were given at the December meeting of the group. It was Fisher who proposed the formation of a special dropout committee in Farmington to follow Board members earlier in the year.

At the December meeting a representative of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America Union was a guest speaker. He explained the journeyman training program that this union now has setup in cooperation

The first dropout study committee meeting for the current school year will be held this coming Monday evening, September 16, at 8 p.m. at the school building on Shilawassee Road between Farmington and Power roads.

Any interested citizen is invited to attend.

Guest speaker will be James Glasgow, manager of the Sears Dept. Store at Grand River and Oakman in Detroit.

with the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

A REPORT was also made by Hugh Watson, director of special education in the Farmington school system, on the visiting teachers program presently being conducted here. He explained the objective of visiting teachers as being that of making the necessary adjustment in children's environments and attitudes without a permit and a cut-off date by which contractors operating an approved landfill must accomplish sealing, grading and matching, are being drafted into the proposed ordinance by the Township Attorney.

**New Twp. Flood Plain
Controls Drafted**
The Township's proposed flood plain landfill control ordinance will come up for final approval at the Board's next regular meeting, September 23.

Two added provisions, calling for a 1,000 yard limitation on the amount of dumping possible without a permit and a cut-off date by which contractors operating an approved landfill must accomplish sealing, grading and matching, are being drafted into the proposed ordinance by the Township Attorney.