

Comm. College Proposal Vote Likely June 8

The County Board of Education is expected to act today, Thursday, Feb. 13, on the recommendation of a citizens committee to place a three part proposition for a community college on the June 8 ballot.

Meeting last week, the Community College Citizen Committee unanimously endorsed the June vote.

The ballot proposition includes establishment of the college, levy of a one mill tax for its support and election of a six-man board of trustees. All three parts must pass or the entire issue fails.

DECREASE OF THE tax levy caused the college question to fall in a 1963 election. The tax question last 19,165 to 17,425, while the college was approved by a similar margin.

Mrs. George Mosher of Birmingham, COCO vice-chairman, said community college speakers would have support to local school tax issues in districts having millage or bond questions on the same ballot.

A favorable vote in June would permit collection of first taxes for the two-year institution in December and allow the possibility of first classes in September, 1965.

A WORKSHOP set for tonight, Thursday, February 12, at Pierce Junior High School, 6145 Hatcher, Waterford Township, will be the third training session for speakers. Seventy persons attended the previous workshops.

Four copies of "Catalyst of a Community," a film showing the need for and growth of community colleges in Michigan, are available for loan to clubs and other organizations. Slides and other visual aids are available in preparation to accompany speakers' presentations.

Business License Deadline Is Monday

The deadline for business establishments operating in the City of Farmington to renew their operating licenses for 1964 is Monday, Feb. 17, and warning notices are now being sent out, City Clerk Trena Quinn reported Tuesday.

Those who have not renewed their business licenses before Tuesday, Feb. 17, will be subject to a heavy penalty under terms of the Farmington Code. Violators can be fined up to \$500 or be jailed for up to 90 days for refusing to obtain the required operating license for their line of business and paying the established fee.



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14 Area Youths Linked To Burglaries in City

Farmington City Police uncovered today a group of 14 local youths in connection with their involvement in a series of breaking and entering into buildings and homes which have occurred in the past 18 months have been cleared up by admissions from the culprits and recovery of loot.

Described by Farmington City Police Chief Maurice D. Foltz as "not a juvenile delinquency" but a complex and involved case which found the youths, ranging in age from 13 to 17 years of age, linked together through the tracking of stolen goods where in some cases loot changed hands as many as five times.

ALL 14 YOUTHS are released to the custody of their parents with juvenile court action pending further investigation.

Sgt. William Garden and Sgt. Jay Harrison of the City Police

Dept. were credited by Chief Foltz with breaking the case wide open through extensive investigation efforts involving many extra hours of police work.

Some of the loot recovered included more than 100 keys to locks on buildings and homes throughout the community. Police theorize that much of what was taken by the youths in their break-ins was never even reported missing by the owners since no visible signs of forced entry were made in the numerous cases involving the stolen keys. The keys were obtained by the youths in various ways and traded back and forth among those committing the burglaries.

Some members of the 14 involved in the thefts have also been linked to thousands of dollars worth of malicious destruction of property, ranging from broken windows and doors to extensive damage to cars.

See 14 YOUTHS Column 4, Page 8A

Set Up Budget On \$2 1/2 Million Const. Program

A detailed budget for the expenditure of moneys from the \$2 1/2 million new school construction bond issue approved by Farmington School District voters in November of last year has been developed by the school district's administrative staff.

The budget figures were turned over to members of the Board of Education for use as a guide in proceeding with the various new construction projects proposed.

The bulk of the money will be spent for additions and improvements to existing school buildings.

REDUCTION of only one new grade school is called for, although unexpected heavy enrollment increases in any particular area might alter that figure. While no definite location for the new school has been set, a site already owned by the school district south of Ten Mile and east of Mitchell Road looks like the best bet at this time.

It is a building which is not expected to be needed before the fall of 1965. A budget figure of \$400,000 has been set for this new grade school.

THE SCHOOLS where additions and improvements are planned and the tentative budget figures set for each job are as follows:

Gill School	\$194,140
Bond School	\$290,500
Middlebelt	\$185,000
North Farm High	\$383,000
East Junior High	\$580,000
Farm. Junior High	\$ 5,310
Dunckel Jr. High	\$ 10,660
Farm. Senior High	\$0,000
Total	\$1,648,610

The budget for an addition to the present administration building has been set at \$55,000 and for the new maintenance building to go under construction soon on Ten Mile Road \$1,000,000.

See CONST. BUDGET Column 5, Page 8A

Okay Blacktop Walk On Easement Desired

In an effort to find a more direct and safer route for children living on Bridgeman Street to get to the Gill Road School, Farmington school officials have been negotiating for a walking easement across private property to the school grounds.

Board of Education members were informed Monday night that the owner of the private property they have been seeking a ten-foot easement from is agreeable but wants at least a three-foot-wide blacktop walkway provided on the easement.

The Board voted to provide funds for this blacktopped walkway requested.

City, Elks Air Terms of Swap

City officials and officials of the Farmington Elks Lodge are negotiating terms of a swap of the old city hall building for a new building on Grand River Avenue downtown.

While no definite action was decided on, city and Elks officials did agree that appraisals should be obtained on the land and buildings involved at each site.

According to City Manager John Dignan, councilmen made it clear that they did not feel the present Elks Lodge building had any value and that any exchange would have to be considered primarily on the basis of land involved. Councilmen stated that they wanted control of the city hall building to be put to and also wanted first option to obtain the building when and if the Elks decided to move to another location, Dignan said.

The proposal made by Elks officials prior to the joint meeting that the city consider selling them some of the property which the city owns off Farmington Road near Freedom Drive was not acceptable to members of the council, Dignan insisted.

No definite time was set for another meeting.

Twp. Board Sets Special Election For More Police & Fire Tax Funds

"We've waited long enough," said Township Supervisor Curt Hall Monday night at the regular Farmington Township Board meeting. "We can't delay any longer in seeking added millage for our police and fire protection in the township."

The board took action Monday night setting Monday, March 18, as the date for a special election asking township voters to approve a 2 mill tax to be used to beef up the police and fire departments.

IF APPROVED by the voters, Supervisor Hall said it would mean that an immediate addition of seven full time officers could be added to the present township police force. It was the assurance that some 40 persons in attendance at Monday night's board meeting were seeking in the wake of mounting traffic fatalities on area roads a 2 mill tax to be used to beef up the police and fire departments.

The expected \$70,000 to \$80,000 which could be raised by the proposed 2 mill tax would also provide the township with funds to acquire building sites and equipment for the fire department.

The concern of most in attendance at the Monday night meeting centered around the lack of a walkway along Middlebelt Road near the new East Junior High School resulting in many youngsters walking to and from school along the shoulders of that heavily traveled highway.

KIMBERLEY residents from the subdivision, located just to the north of the school, requested the board to seek a reduction of the speed limit, and the erection of traffic warning signs as well as the construction of a walkway for the students. Aldo Vagozzi of 26193 Kiltaran in Kimberley was the spokesman for the residents.

The May 11 election was promised full support by those in attendance who questioned the board as to why it was so long in coming.

Supervisor Hall answered that it has been the board's intention for more than a year to seek added millage for police and fire protection and that the board had hoped funds might be made available to the township under the new State Constitution which could be applied for this purpose.

IT WAS ALSO pointed out by Supervisor Hall that special elections staged during the past 18 months have always presented a problem to the Board which has strived to avoid asking the voters to approve added millage in the face of a school bond or millage issue.

The board has felt asking for increased millage at the same time as a school district voter or could endanger either or both proposals. At the present time, there are no plans for a school district election although the township has a community college's scheduled to come up in June of this year.

When asked by Vagozzi if the community college issue might attract voters to the township's supervisor to seek added millage, Supervisor Hall answered that June 4 would be the last time when the Township could stage a special election while other governing bodies are not limited to any deadline in holding elections.

TOM NOLAN, president of the Forrest Park Homeowners Association, asked Supervisor

See TWP. ELECTION Column 3, Page 8A

Twp. Calls Meeting March 3rd To Explore Traffic Problems

Farmington Township residents will be offered a full explanation of regulations and requirements of changing traffic control measures on primary roads on Tuesday evening, March 3, at 8 p.m. when Robert Osogood of the Oakland County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police will be in attendance at an open meeting in the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School on 12 1/2 Mile Road.

The special meeting with the two key representatives of the controlling agencies which regulate highway traffic speed limits, signing and lighting on township roads was set up by Township Supervisor Curt Hall at the request of residents from Westbrooke and Kimberley subdivisions.

IT IS HOPED by the Board that all interested citizens in the community attend the March 3 meeting, which will deal specifically with what conditions are and what problems might exist on area roads.

The Oakland County Road Commission is the governing body which has control over establishing traffic devices on all of the township's primary roads and most of the subdivision roads. It also is the agency which controls whatever maintenance or road repairs are called for in the township.

SGT. SIMONEAU represents the agency which establishes the Michigan Motor Traffic Vehicle Code, the law which the Oakland County Road Commission follows in determining their policies. The State Police cooperate with the county in conducting highway surveys and appraisals of traffic conditions.

Since the Farmington Township Board will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m. at the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School, it is recommended that interested citizens call the township office at 485-1111 for more information.

See TRAFFIC MEET Column 1, Page 7A

To Develop Vocational Training School Program

The initial step in the establishment of a broader vocational training educational program in the Farmington public school system was taken Monday night at the regular meeting of the board of education.

Hiring of a special counselor to develop a program that will attract and help boys and girls who will be going out into the work world immediately after leaving high school, on an arrangement proposed by the administration, was officially approved by the Board.

The objective will be to develop a program whereby some students will be able to attend school on a part-time basis and get actual on-the-job vocational training in a field best suited to them, the balance of the school day. The development of such a program in the Farmington school system was recommended to school officials by a committee made up of interested citizens, school teachers and administrators following an exhaustive study made by them extending over more than a year's time.

THE PLAN recommended by the administration and approved by the Board calls for the appointment of a counselor immediately in order to begin developing the proposed program. The hope is that a teacher presently on the staff can be found to handle the job for the balance of the current school year and be retained in the job on a half-time basis.

See VOCATIONAL Column 4, Page 8A

Auto Accident Claims Local Father of Two

A Farmington City resident was killed early Saturday morning, February 8, in a two-car collision at Farmington Road and Eight Mile Road in Livonia.

Robert Templeton, 48, of 3181 LeLaine in Farmington died in St. Mary Hospital from injuries received in the accident. Married and the father of two daughters, Templeton was driving alone going north on Farmington Road.

The driver of the other car, Mrs. Virginia Martin, 48, of 34792 Field Road in Farmington Township, was driving alone east on Eight Mile Road at the time of the collision. She was treated and released from St. Mary Hospital.

Both cars were driven to the northeast corner of the intersection after impact. Livonia Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Office Building Also Opposed

If a majority of the homeowners of Alta Loma Subdivision have anything to say about it, an approximately triangular parcel of land to the south of their subdivision off Freedom Drive west of Farmington Road will never be developed for anything but single family homes.

They made this clear to city planning officials Monday night at a public hearing on a request that the parcel be rezoned for single family homes. The rezoning was requested by the subdivision's representative, Attorney Michael Hartzel. The homeowners contended that this property was zoned for single family homes when they bought in Alta Loma and they feel that any other type of building, no matter how attractive from an architectural standpoint would devalue their property.

They initially requested a change in zoning on this parcel. See AGAIN PROPOSE Column 4, Page 8A

NFH Accredited By U. of Mich.

Official notification was received by officials of North Farmington High School, the latter part of last week informing them that the school has been accredited by the National Association of Schools. Official notification of acceptance by this association is not expected until sometime in April.

MARK BROTHERHOOD WEEK

FHS Hosts Over 50 Foreign Pupils

Saturday marked the end of Farmington School's 1964 Brotherhood Week celebration. This activity is sponsored by the Farmington High School Exchange Club whose chairman is Thomas Peace and President is Carol Lawshe.

Many foreign languages could be heard in the Farmington High School library last Friday morning as more than 50 foreign exchange students from all parts of this area gathered to be hosted by local brothers and sisters here, members of the Farmington High Exchange Club, for the weekend. Student representatives from several different foreign countries met here before leaving for their regular homes while in the United States in other parts of Michigan.

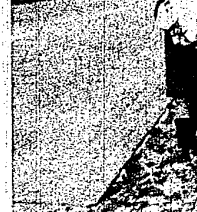
Friday evening the Exchange Club hosted these students to the Farmington-Waterford home basketball game and to the dime dance afterwards. Following the game there was a get-together party at the home of Miriam Gordon, a club member.

Plans had been made to go tobogganing on Saturday, however, the weather was uncooperative.

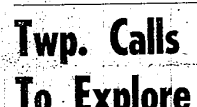
Many of the students and the families they stayed with made other plans or just got together for a few quiet hours before it was time for the luncheon which was arranged through the help of Farmington Junior High School officials and students. After the luncheon the Exchange Club members and their guests were again invited to a get-together at the home of another student.



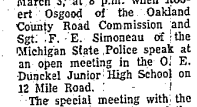
WHAT STEPS might be taken to provide safer routes of travel for boys and girls who must walk along Middlebelt Road to get to and from the new East Junior High School and the Middlebelt grade school, is a matter that has been under consideration for some time now. Efforts are being made to obtain right-of-ways and provide gravel walkways inside the ditches along this main artery road. As can be seen in this photo, the students bunch up into groups in going to and from school and some get dangerously close to the main roadway which is traveled at high rates of speed.



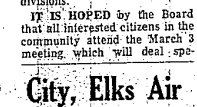
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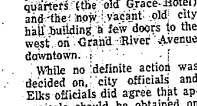
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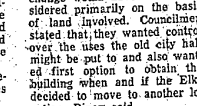
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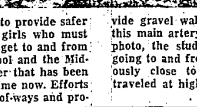
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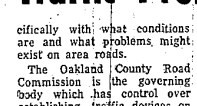
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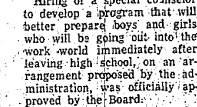
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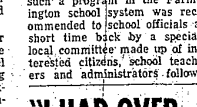
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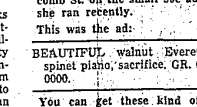
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