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A Review of Second Half News Highlights For 1963

July

Taxes Unchanged

A school tax rate of \$29.29 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation for the 1963 school tax year for Farmington City and Township residents in the Farmington School District was officially approved by the Board of Education. It marked the third consecutive year no increase was called for in the



Ray Cranston Dies Suddenly On December 26

Funeral services were held Monday for Raymond J. Cranston, Jr. who died suddenly last Thursday, Dec. 26, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Ray, 40, came to Farmington 14 years ago from Detroit where he was born and raised and for the past ten years had successfully operated his own paint store at 3185 Ten Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road despite the serious handicap of blindness. All who did business at the Cranston Paint Store marveled at the way Ray was able to move about the store to wait on customers and conduct business despite his serious handicap.

Mr. Cranston was very interested and active in community affairs. He was a member and past president of the Farmington Lions Club.

MR. CRANSTON'S body rested at the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home here until 11 a.m. Monday morning, when funeral services were held from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia with Rev. J. Colton officiating. Interment was at Fairview Memorial Hospital in Livonia.

Left to survive are his wife, Beulah, and two children, Raymond J., III and Carol Ann, both at home. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Cranston of Detroit, and a sister, Mrs. Jane Robeck of California.



THE NEW TRUSTEE on the Farmington Township Board, Earl C. Oppenheimer (at left), is pictured above being sworn into office by Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns prior to the regular Monday night meeting of the Board, December 23. Oppenheimer was appointed to replace Peter Olaf who resigned to take an out-of-town position with his company.

school tax rate by local School Board officials.

New Twp. Bd. Trustee
Peter Olaf was sworn in as the new Farmington Township Board Trustee.

Appl. Re-Zoning
The Farmington City Council introduced an amendment for the re-zoning of a 3½-acre parcel located west of the American Legion Hall and east of the Rouge River branch as the first step in paving the way for a 143-unit apartment house development proposed for the site.

AFS Visitors Feled
The community went all out to entertain 36 foreign exchange students from 22 different countries around the world as the group spent the Fourth of July weekend in Farmington. The foreign visitors were touring the United States on an American Field Service program.

Betsford General
Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Betsford General Hospital were conducted July 6 on the 15-acre building site near Eight Mile Road and Grand River.

Building Reports
New building starts in the City of Farmington declined for the first half of 1963 over what they were for the same six-month period in 1962 while the Township showed a sharp increase in new construction.

Ribbon-Cutting
The new First Farmington Savings and Loan Association building was officially opened at formal ceremonies attended by the Mayor and other local dignitaries.

New Home Starts
Farmington Township was ranked fourth in Oakland County in the total number of new home building starts during the first half of 1963.

August

New NBD Branch
Construction on the new National Bank of Detroit Farmington Branch Center was put under way at the site on Farmington Road just north of Alta

BABSON'S REPORT

Authority's Predictions on What's Ahead for 1964

By ROGER BABSON
I am still emotionally upset as I make this forecast after the brutal assassination of President Kennedy. I, however, will try to submerge my emotions and base this forecast on the facts as I interpret them.

1. OUR NEW PRESIDENT.
I state emphatically that President Johnson may accomplish far more constructively before November 1964 than our late President would have been able to do. President Johnson understands better how to handle

Loma Drive in the Downtown Farmington business section.

Twp. Appointment
Robert C. Baxter was appointed to the Farmington Township Zoning Board.

Approve Water Bonds
The Municipal Finance Commission approved the sale of \$1,005,000 of Farmington Township water special assessment bonds.

New Subdivision
The Farmington Township Board approved the subdivision of a proposed 232-home development on a 120-acre parcel of land located east of Middlebelt Road between Ten and 11 Mile roads.

Water Project
The Farmington Township Board awarded construction contracts for a 1.8 million dollar water project.

September

New Junior High
The new East Junior High School opened its doors for the first time to students in the Farmington School District.

Step Removal
Construction was put under way on the removal of site p's.

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Twp. Bd. Passes Solicitor's Ordinance

An ordinance to regulate and control solicitors in Farmington Township was approved by the Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night, December 23.

Long under consideration by the Township Board, the new ordinance is patterned after a similar one already in effect in the City of Farmington. It requires all persons to register with the Township before peddling merchandise or soliciting in residential areas.

The ordinance is printed in its entirety elsewhere in this newspaper and will go into effect February 1.

Authority's Predictions on What's Ahead for 1964

Congress, and has the confidence of businessmen. Therefore, I am reassured as to the first ten months of 1964.

2. ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.
At the Republican convention in the summer of 1964, there will be a conflict between Goldwater and Rockefeller, and perhaps others. For this reason, Mr. Nixon may slip in and get the Republican nomination. Certainly President Johnson will secure the nomination of the Democratic Party; he is a frightened man, and knows politics. Therefore, with the Republicans nominating any one of the three leading names mentioned above, I now forecast that President Johnson will be elected President of the United States in November 1964. All of this gives me more assurance that 1964 should be a good year.

3. TAX CUT. A tax cut will be enacted sometime during the coming session of Congress and will surely be made retroactive to January 1, 1964. The tax cut should help consumer buying; it may even increase general business.

4. CIVIL RIGHTS. Some sort of a civil-rights bill will be passed by Congress during 1964. The Administration wants to please the South and hold its Democratic votes there, but the civil-rights bill now before Congress is not satisfactory to the white people of the North. Therefore, I forecast that whatever civil-rights bill is passed before the election of 1964 will be considerably watered down.

5. NEGRO PEOPLE. The Negroes will continue to make a steady march toward equality. See BABSON PREDICTIONS Column 2, Page 8B



THE CHRISTMAS SCENE fashioned by the Kristin family of Kendallwood won for them first place in the Junior Chamber of Commerce outdoor lighting and home decorating contest this year. Tom Weaver of the Jaycees (extreme right) is pictured above presenting Mrs. Peter Kristin with the trophy award as

Prizes Galore Await First Baby to be Born in 1964

A large array of wonderful gifts await the first baby to be born to a Farmington City or Township couple in 1964. There will also be some very fine gifts for the first baby's Mom and Dad.

These gifts are being offered by a number of merchants of the Farmington area who feel as we at The Enterprise do that the first infant born in the New Year should get off to an exceptionally good start.

Any married couple living in either the City or Township of Farmington is eligible to win. The prize will be born anywhere in the State of Michigan as long as the parents make their permanent home here.

Any couple may have their first baby in 1964. Your letter should be for only a couple of months or 20 years or more; it makes no difference.

All the gifts will go to the parents of the first child born after midnight, December 31. Entries must be in at the Farmington Enterprise office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 1964. Your letter should be addressed to "First Baby Contest," The Farmington Enterprise, Box 433, Farmington, Michigan. It will be necessary that the day and exact time of birth of the baby be verified by the attending physician.

A BABY born anytime during the first few days of the New Year has a good chance of winning. In the event that no new Farmington baby comes into the world by January 7, participating merchants have agreed to extend this deadline.

For complete details on the contest rules and to find out

what all the prizes being offered by the various merchants are, turn to Page 4A and 5A in this week's issue of the paper.

Parents of the first baby to be born will receive a letter of confirmation from The Enterprise so that they can claim their many fine gifts at the various business establishments. Businesses participating in the contest this year are: First Farmington Savings & P. Foods (both Farmington stores)

Monte Shon's Market
Kreese's Farmington Plaza
Bradley Rexall Drug
Modern Men's Shop
Madeline's Children's Shop
Pileland
Towp Toggery
Juliet Suburban Casual
Sids' Jewelry
Plaza Hair Fashions
Pennysway Discount Store
Phil Thomas Jewelry
The Farmington Enterprise

Discuss Use of Audio-Visual Equipment in School System

The use of audio-visual equipment in classrooms in the Farmington public school system and the ways in which this equipment can be used to better instruct children was discussed at length at the regular Board of Education meeting held last week.

A detailed report was presented to the Board by Richard Tyler of the Farmington High School staff who has charge of the audio-visual program in that building.

He outlined for Board members the ways in which various pieces of equipment can and are being used in the classrooms at the secondary grade levels and also gave his opinions with regard to how he felt greater benefits from the use of this equipment might be realized.

A COMPLETE inventory of all the audio-visual equipment which the various schools in the district now have was presented to Board members along with Tyler's report.

More training should be given teachers in the local system

not only in the mechanics of operating audio-visual equipment but also in the newer methods by which audio-visual tools can be used to help in the instructing of youngsters, Tyler felt.

Centralization of audio-visual equipment and materials which could be used by all schools in the district was suggested. Also proposed was that the audio-visual program be affiliated with the library system in the school district.

Board members seemed to be in agreement that in the not too distant future serious consideration should be given to the development of an audio-visual department within the framework of the school system's operational structure.

Sale of Buses

The sale of five used buses in the Farmington public school system's fleet for a bid price of \$1,500 was given official approval by action of the Board of Education last Monday night.

Twp. Bd. Takes Steps To Eliminate Future Drainage Problems

A resolution to require approval of on-site and off-site drainage for all new plats before their acceptance by the Farmington Township Board has been ordered drawn up and finalized by the Board.

The plats submitted to the Township Board in the future will need prior approval from the Township's firm of consulting engineers before final consideration will be given.

The new resolution was ordered at the Township Board's regular meeting Monday night, December 22, and is expected to be ready for adoption early in the new year.

ACTION ON the drainage commission was taken by the Board after Supervisor Curt Hall and Clerk Floyd Cairns had communicated with the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate, Hirm and Bogue, and were given assurances the new measure would provide for an effective means of control.

Although the drainage specifications of each subdivision plat are inspected and approved by the Oakland County Drain Commission before they can be accepted by the Township Board, each plat is considered as a separate unit and how the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate, Hirm and Bogue, may affect the surrounding area is not apparently a matter of consideration.

Spring floods which have made roads impassable and caused flooding in the basements of many Township homes can at least in part, it is felt by the Board, be due to the drainage problem resulting from a lack of uniform control over the effect surface runoff water from one plat may have on another.

Subdividers and developers will be expected to stand the cost of a topographic map showing the drainage flow of any proposed plat and the established drainage flow of the surrounding area.

THE CONSULTING engineers See TWP. DRAINAGE Column 5, Page 8A

No Decision Until April

A detailed report was made to the Board of Education last Monday night on the recent visitation made to North Farmington High by a delegation investigating the school to determine whether its standards were satisfactory to become accredited by North Central Association.

Marinus VanAmeyde, assistant superintendent in charge of personnel, made the report and expressed satisfaction with the way members of the school staff and the student body conducted themselves during the visit.

VanAmeyde pointed out that no decision on whether the high school will be accepted into North Central Association or not will be forthcoming before the middle part of April.

\$750,000 C'ville School Bond Election Jan. 7

On Tuesday, January 7, voters of the Clarenceville School District will be asked to vote on a \$750,000 bond issue to finance additional school construction proposed.

A portion of this money is needed immediately to get work started on a good sized addition to the Edgewood School, Clarenceville School officials state. At least eight kindergarten rooms and a library are called for and it is anticipated that the classrooms will be needed by no later than the start of the 1965-66 school year.

In addition to the money proposed to be spent for building and equipping the additional rooms at the Edgewood School, approval of the bond issue will also make it possible to add a swimming pool onto the high school. A pool that could be used by youth and old alike in the Clarenceville community was planned for at a later date when the money for construction of the new high school was authorized back in 1955. Supt. of Schools Louis Schmidt stated.

A SMALL portion of the \$750,000 also is planned to be used to obtain additional school property at existing school sites where it is found to be needed. No new school site purchases are planned.

Approval of the \$750,000 bond issue will require no increase in the present school tax rate, Supt. Schmidt emphasized. As in the case of all bond issues, only property owners and their spouses will be able to vote. Those in Precinct I will vote at the Junior high school and those in Precinct II at the senior high directly across the street on Middlebelt Road between 7 and 8 Mile roads.

Set Plans for Initial School Building Jobs

The Farmington Board of Education is waiting no time in moving ahead to finalize plans for the initial portion of construction to be done with money from the \$3 million bond issue approved by voters in mid-November of 1963.

Additions and improvements at several of the schools and at the district's administrative building as well as the construction of a new district maintenance building will be the first work to be done.

At its regular meeting last Monday, the Board gave its official approval on contracts with Lynn Smith & Associates and J. MacDonald Jacobs & Associates to handle the architectural work on these projects. Both architectural firms have done considerable work for the school district in the past.

A special Board session was also set for the first week in January for the purpose of establishing budgets for the architects on the numerous projects to be undertaken at the various school sites. Discussion will also be held on the various possible sites for the new maintenance building planned.

As soon as budget figures have been firmly established, Smith & Associates will begin developing designs for the new building. See TWP. BUILDING Column 2, Page 8A



WINTER FUN WAS ENJOYED by youngsters throughout the community during the holiday season which was blessed by a good snowfall. The scene above was taken as youngsters cavorted on ice skates and sleds in the area just north of the Farmington City Park along Shilwassee Avenue.