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## Set Registration Schedule for Jr.-Sr. High Pupils

Registration for junior and senior high students will begin August 30 and continue through September 3.

School offices will be open Monday through Friday for registration from 9 a.m. till 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Resignation Of Rev. Eddy Now Official

Formal announcement of Rev. Robert Eddy's letter of resignation as chairman of the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee was disclosed to the Township Supervisor in a letter from Vice Chairman Hugh Watson dated Thursday, August 12.

A portion of the letter to Supervisor Hall read as follows: "We have received a letter of resignation from one of our officers, Mr. Robert M. Eddy, chairman, which will be presented to the committee (Youth Guidance Committee) at its September meeting. This office will be filled at the regular November election."

REV. EDDY, pastor of the Universal-Unitarian Church has become a highly controversial figure not only locally but over a widespread area because of his views regarding sexual relationships among teenagers.

At a recent Township Board meeting a group of citizens led by Leo Muehler demanded the ousting of Rev. Eddy as the guidance committee chairman. The Township Board's decision was to withhold an annual \$1,200 township contribution to the Youth Guidance Committee until the problem could be resolved.

Included along with the letter from Watson was a list of the names and addresses of all the present members of the Youth Guidance Committee which township officials had requested.

No indication was given in the letter why the committee had decided to wait until the November election.

## Twp. Planners Get More Apt. Requests

The regular monthly meeting of the Township Planning Commission comes up next Thursday evening, August 25. Two public hearings and several preliminary reviews of zoning requests will be held.

A public hearing is scheduled on the reclassification of all property in the RC-Multiple Family Residential District classification. The RC district has been changed to three districts, each one having a different number of units per acre. The classifications are RC-1, seven units per acre; RC-2, ten units per acre; and RC-3, 14 units per acre.

The properties affected are proposed to be rezoned from RC to the following: Kendallwood Convalescent Home, RC-1; Hunters Ridge, RC-2; Chiswick Hospital property, RC-1; Detroit Baptist Manor, RC-2; Botsford General Hospital, RC-1; Botsford Inn, RC-3; Independence Green, RC-3. Smoke

Senior High students, grades 10-11-12, living south of Eleven Mile Rd. will register at Farmington Senior High School, 32000 Shiawassee. Students in grades 10-11-12 living north of Eleven Mile Rd. will register at North Farmington High School, 32900 Thirteen Mile Rd.

The only exception to these boundaries is for 11th grade students who live north of Eleven Mile and were assigned to Farmington Senior High as 10th grade students in 1964.

The boundary line between Farmington Junior High School and Dunckel Jr. High School is Eleven Mile Road from Haggerty to Orchard Lake Rd. Students living north of this line will attend Dunckel Junior High School and students living south of this line will attend East Junior High School.

THE GENERAL boundary line between East Junior High and Dunckel is Orchard Lake Road with the exception that elementary students living on Day and an official holiday.

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## Next Council Meet Sept. 7

The next regular meeting of the Farmington City Council will be on Tuesday, September 7, instead of the first Monday in September which is Labor Day and an official holiday.

Action setting the meeting date one day later was taken at the regular Council meeting on Monday night of this week.

This was also set as the date for the official public hearing on the proposed rezoning of property for off-street parking just east of the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home on Farmington Road at Oakland and the technicality of changing the zoning of the property where the funeral home now is from residential to residential and office zoning.

A hearing on this rezoning has already been held before the Planning Commission and recommended for approval. An official hearing before the Council must still be held, however.

ler's property north of the Botsford Hospital, RC-3, and the Kendallwood Corporation property, RC-2.

THE OTHER public hearing concerns rezoning 2.73 acres at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads from RA-1, Residential to O, Office.

The property at the northeast corner of Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road will be under discussion again. It was proposed at the July 22 meeting that a Wrigley Supermarket and other businesses be located on this corner. The request met with opposition from residents of Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairway subdivisions and other individuals living in the area.

School officials are now confident that at least the classroom portion will be ready for occupancy when school starts. This view of the new school was taken looking north towards Ten Mile Road.

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Like Detroit officials and officials of other area communities, Farmington city officials are deeply concerned about the havoc being raised by the dreaded Dutch elm disease.

The matter was discussed at some length at the regular City Council meeting Monday night. It was generally agreed that the only hope would be to continue to cut down diseased trees on city property as quickly

as possible and to wage a stepped-up effort to force people with diseased trees on their own property to get them cut down.

CITY MANAGER John Dinan pointed out that the city has the right to go onto private property and cut down trees and bill the owners for the work if they do not get the trees removed themselves within a reasonable time after being notified. He emphasized the fact, however, that a serious

problem exists in getting qualified personnel to do the work. The city manager pointed out that the Dutch elm disease till this year has been exceptionally heavy. The city has only about 500 good sized elm trees left, he commented. The Michigan Department of Agriculture earlier this summer tagged and marked 75 of them for removal and 43 have already been cut down. The remaining 30 should be down within the next three weeks, the manager said. Ap-

proximately 200 trees were tagged as unhealthy in the entire city.

INFORMATION presently being published that a type of chemical has been developed to inoculate trees against the disease was dispelled by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in a letter to the city.

"There is presently no known authorized treatment for elm trees infected with Dutch elm disease," the agricultural department letter stated.

The Department of Agriculture said that a review of their records over the past 15 years showed that Shiawassee Road had conducted a good sanitation program along with a complete spray program and prompt removal of diseased trees have had good results.

Those without such programs have lost from 10 to 30 of their trees per year, they said.

The city manager pointed out that the City of Farmington has conducted a spraying program for the past eight out of nine years. He emphasized, however, that Farmington Township has not had such a program and that a consistent approach in preventing this disease from spreading has thus not been possible.

DURING discussion, Councilman Hugo Peterson stated that he and neighbor both had good elm trees on their property and that he attributed this to a great extent to a consistent program of regular weekly watering for long periods. He added that they have not only had their trees sprayed but also used a solution of Epsom salt and lime to treat their trees.

Richard Duncan, a member of the planning commission present at the meeting, pointed out that the experience at the University of Illinois and in the surrounding area had been drastic and that all elm trees had been lost to the disease despite "vigorous efforts and experiments to save them."

Councilmen and the city manager did not feel that the city should give up in its battle to save as many of the present trees as possible, a more concentrated effort to get diseased trees on private property cut down was called for by the councilmen instead.

There was some feeling expressed, nonetheless, that a type of tree other than the elm tree should be considered seriously.



THE OPENING of the book store in the school district is a signal to parents and students alike that it's time to start getting ready for back to school again. School personnel and student helpers at East Junior High are shown above as they were busily engaged this past week in uncrating books for the opening of the Farmington public school system's stores today, Wednesday,

August 18. The main book store is at Farmington Junior High. Other stores having the same books and supplies are also maintained in the gymnasium at Farmington Junior High, at Dunckel Junior High on 12 Mile Road and East Junior High on Middlebelt Road. Regular store hours are from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays.

## Supervisor, Citizens Air Clarenceville Problems

A group of eight or nine citizens from the southeastern section of Farmington Township met with Supervisor Curt Hall on Tuesday night of last week to discuss problems of blight, poor road conditions, zoning violations which they feel exist at some homes and other problems in their neighborhood.

The area is the Clarenceville section of Farmington Township bounded by Eight Mile Road on the south, Shiawassee on the north, Inkster Road on the east and to nearly Middlebelt Road on the west.

It was brought out during the early part of the discussion by Supervisor Curt Hall that some of the problems stemmed from the fact that this older neighborhood in the township was developed before Farmington Township actually had a zoning ordinance. Few building restrictions were imposed, he explained, and for this reason sub-standard roads and some improper building practices were allowed.

JOHN BEHRENS, Norm Hunt and Douglas MacArthur were the principal speakers in the group in attendance at the specially called meeting. The group Behrens was probably the most outspoken in criticizing the present township administration for not taking

steps to correct problem situations in the area.

Sewage disposal and drainage problems that have plagued the area were a major concern and blamed for a lot of the poor road conditions that prevail in the area.

The supervisor pointed out to the group that steps were now being taken to get an adequate sewerage disposal system into the area and that hearings on the special assessment improvement would likely be

held in either late September or early October.

It was generally agreed that an adequate sanitary sewage disposal system would also help indirectly to correct some of the blight conditions. Owners of property who will be paying for this improvement by special assessment will have more reason to spruce up their property and buildings to get full value out of rentals or homes, Hall said.

Hunt seemed to feel that "lack of communications" with township officials over problems which arose in that neighborhood was the cause for bad conditions not getting corrected sooner than they were.

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## Wading Pool Not Favored At This Time

Absent from Monday night's regular City Council meeting, Councilman John Allen submitted a letter suggesting that consideration be given to a 40 by 50 foot community wading pool for use by city youngsters.

A pool of modern design with adequate filtering equipment and one that would be supervised was suggested by Allen. The cost estimate for the wading pool he proposed for consideration ran about \$9,500. Other councilmen were in general agreement that no action on the suggestion would be taken at this time.

It was pointed out during discussion that the city once had a wading pool in the city park and that it was very unsatisfactory and recently had been filled with sand. They agreed, however, that it was not properly constructed and that part of the problem was the fact that it was not supervised.

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton was of the opinion that no action on any facility of this kind should be considered until the city finalizes on what kind of a part-time recreational director it will be hiring.

It was pointed out during discussion that the city planners are currently studying regulations in connection with portable private pools and will likely be making revisions to the city's present pool regulations. It was agreed that this matter should also be resolved first.

## Announce New School Hours

The Farmington Public Schools will have new starting and closing hours for the 1965-66 school year. It was announced this week. Students will attend classes during the following hours:

Elementary schools, 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.; junior high schools, 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and senior high schools, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## River Study Meet Sept. 1

The Water Resources Committee of Michigan has given notice that it will hold a meeting at the Farmington Township Hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 1, for the purpose of reviewing its latest study and findings regarding the clearing out of the Rouge River branch that runs through Farmington Township.

Members from the staff of the Detroit Corps of Engineers of the U.S. Government will be present at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of giving their report and answering questions.

## Council Agrees to Study Private Road Take Over

Discussed at some length at the regular City Council meeting Monday night was a joint request from the Farmington Board of Education and Our Lady of Sorrows Church that the city take over a private road owned jointly by them.

The roadway is the drive that extends from Shiawassee Road to Ten Mile midway between Power and Farmington roads separating the church's property on the east and the public school system's property on the west.

This roadway was installed and has been maintained jointly by the school district and the church for the past several years.

THE REQUEST was greeted with mixed reactions by councilmen Monday night and a number of questions were raised before the final decision was made to table action on the request until a more thorough study of this roadway's usage by the general public can be conducted.

Some councilmen had serious reservations as to how much this road was used by the general public as a thoroughfare other than by personnel going to and from the school district administration building and parents taking their children to the Ten Mile and Our Lady of Sorrows schools. Considerable concern was also expressed.

pressed by Councilman Hugo Peterson and Howard Thayer with regard to the cost that would be involved for the city in maintaining this road.

City Manager John Dinan pointed out that if the city took over the road it would receive state weight and gas tax monies for maintenance and esti-

mated the amount to be approximately \$400 per year.

SCHOOL district and church officials agreed to put the road in good repair before turning it over to the city and have already met with the city engineer to work out the details.

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## Paving Plans Go On, Despite Objection

The City Council took action Monday night authorizing the city manager to proceed with plans for the establishment of a special assessment district for the concrete paving of Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road east to the I-96 Expressway.

This was the decision despite the fact that a letter of objection to being assessed for a portion of the cost of paving this stretch of road has already been filed by the American Screw Products Co. which owns all the property on the south side of this roadway.

Since this is a county road, the plan calls for the county to stand 50 per cent of the cost, the city-at-large 25 per cent and the benefiting property owners the remaining 25 per cent.

On this, formula the city-at-large cost for concrete would run approximately \$5,000 with the benefiting property owners paying an equal amount of which American Screw Products would be expected to pay one-half.

AMERICAN Screw Products officials' main objection to being assessed for this improvement was that this stretch of road very little and that the improvement would be primarily for the benefit of the general public.

Public hearings on the proposed special assessment improvement will be necessary before any work can be started and American Screw Products officials will have an opportunity to voice their official objection at that time.

## City DPW to Get Uniforms

Snappy uniforms for City of Farmington department of public works and water department personnel will be provided by the city but not until next spring.

The Council Monday night authorized an expenditure of up to \$240 to obtain these uniforms for employees to be worn from April through October after hearing a report from City Manager John Dinan that numerous other area communities provide uniforms for their public works personnel.

Each of the 12 regular employees will receive three uniforms which it will be up to them to keep cleaned and in good repair.

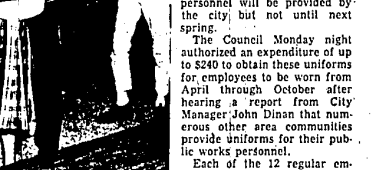
Councilman John Allen who made the suggestion that uniforms be obtained for employees as a part of a city sharpening on program was not present at Monday night's meeting to comment on the action taken.



THE NEW LARKSHIRE Elementary School, under construction in the Stone Creek Farms Subdivision (west of Middlebelt Road and south of Ten Mile Road), appears well along towards completion. Last month's progress report indicated that the building might not be completed in time for



FOR FIVE HOURS at City Hall last Saturday, driver education students and their parents, like those pictured above, took part in a mass licensing of students who successfully completed the summer driver education course at Farmington High. Led by the City Public Safety Dept. and Allen Jodry, head of the school driver education program, 270 students were given their written exam-



inations by Sgt. Robert Deadman and Officer Dorothy Ligin at the school several days before. On Saturday, with four officers giving road tests, one typing, one giving eye tests and one operating the camera, 107 students received new operators' licenses and 150 completing the course, who were under 16 years of age, received permits allowing them to drive with their parents.