

# The Farmington Enterprise

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## 5 Burglaries In Twp. & City

Five separate incidents of breaking and entering occurred this past week in Farmington City and Township and in only one of the cases did the subjects fail to get any loot.

Hit hardest was Ace Hardware, 2885 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Township, which reported missing an estimated \$1,200 in paint and paint supplies and over \$100 in other merchandise on February 22. The thieves entered the building through a broken window in a rear storage area and broke out the window on an inside partition to get into the front of the store.

BOTH THE PERALTA Music Studio in the Township's Westbrook Shopping Center and the Montgomery Wards Store in the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center in the City had large plate glass windows broken and merchandise stolen last weekend.

An estimated \$1,700 worth of guitars, amplifiers, tape recorders were stolen from the Peralta Music Studio, \$278 damage to the front window was also reported. A 17-inch TV set on display for \$29 at Wards was apparently all that was taken in that burglary. The TV set was in a front display window and removed after the thieves broke the glass.

WHITE HOUSE VALET, 32315 Grand River Avenue in the

## To Purchase

### Six New Buses

The purchase of a 36-passenger Ward school bus body for \$2,475 and five 66-passenger Ward bodies at \$2,715 each was approved by the Farmington Board of Education on February 23.

Authorization was also given to solicit bids for six chassis to accommodate the bodies and for two van-type vehicles for special education pupil transportation. Supt. Gerald Harrison said that transportation is being provided for approximately 40 orthopedic students, about one-third of whom are wheelchair bound.

Board members asked that the administration investigate the possibility of obtaining vans with ramps to accommodate the wheelchair students.

City, reported \$104 in cash taken from a cash register and another \$20 taken from a desk drawer in a burglary which occurred sometime last Friday night or early Saturday morning. Keys taken from the office were used to open dryer machines and remove an unknown amount of coins. Entry into the building was gained through a rear window.

In the only burglary attempt that foiled thieves, the Knights of Columbus Hall, St. Francis Council No. 401, at 21900 Middlebelt Road in the Township was broken into Feb. 24 but the safe proved too tough. The burglars used an acetylene torch in an unsuccessful bid to open the K of C safe.

## Set Budget, Plans For 2 Buildings

The Farmington Board of Education, at a meeting on February 28, approved preliminary plans for a fourth Junior High school and for additions to the Administration Building.

The fourth Junior High, to be located in section 33 on a site east of Gill School, will contain 27 to 28 teaching stations and accommodate 800 students. It is so designed that it can be expanded to take care of an enrollment of 1400 if needed in the future.

Construction costs for the 79,700 sq. ft. building will be approximately \$1,625,000 or \$19 per foot. Site development is budgeted at \$50,000 or less, and equipment needed will amount to about \$85,000 making a total budget of just under \$1,800,000 which was approved by the Board.

PLANS CALL FOR completion of the building by the beginning of the 1967 school year.

The major addition planned for the Administration Building is a wing to be constructed at the east end of the building at right angles to the present building. At the west end of the building a small addition for a data processing center is planned. A budget of \$184,000 was approved for these additions.



MRS. GEORGE ROMNEY was honored at the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington's Seventh Annual Membership Tea held Monday afternoon in the Independence Green Clubhouse Ballroom in Farmington Township, Grand River Avenue at Halsted Road. Mrs. Romney is pictured above with (L to R, seated) Mrs. Wendell Hills of Ann Arbor, President of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan; Mrs. Paul

Robertson, President of the Oakland County Council of Republican Women's Clubs; and Mrs. Zar Reaser of Farmington, President of the Republican Women's Organization of Farmington; and (right standing) Mrs. Howard Warner, daughter-in-law of Farmington's Fred M. Warner who served as Governor of Michigan for three terms in the early 1900's.

## Introduce New Idea In One-Family Homes

An entirely new concept in single-family housing for Farmington was introduced to the

### Deny Apts. For Colony Park

A request for zoning to permit apartments at the southwest corner of Thirteen Mile and Farmington Roads was denied by the Township Planning Commission at their meeting of February 24.

Owners and developers of Colony Park Subdivision south of Thirteen Mile and west of Farmington Road had wished to erect apartments on the corner.

Members of the commission said they saw no need for apartments in that location and acted unanimously to deny.

Township Planning Commission at their regular meeting on February 24. The new idea, a three-section, planned unit development proposed to be constructed on 77 acres at the corner of Eleven Mile and Inkster Roads.

Planning and designing consultants, Crane and Gorwic Associates presented plans for the proposed Camelot Courts Subdivision. Plans call for an apartment area at the corner, cluster housing surrounding it, and separate single-family homes around the cluster housing.

All parts of the development were planned with open spaces as required by the planned unit development ordinance.

Mr. Crane stated that the design of the entire subdivision and the cluster homes in particular is the first of its kind anywhere. The entire subdivision was planned with single-family homes on cul-de-sacs, he said, to provide maximum safety for residents by reducing through traffic.

THE CLUSTER HOUSING interested members of the Commission. Grouped in clusters of three units, each unit has eight, single-family homes arranged in a circle, with each two story home attached to the neighboring one by a one story garage.

Each home has its own walkway, See CLUSTER HOMES Page 6A

## 2 New Precincts Planned for Twp

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns announced this week a revision of the Township's 12 voting precincts which will add at least two new precincts and change several polling places for voters.

In one change that will add a new precinct, Precinct 5 which is bounded by Nine Mile, Middlebelt, Inkster and Grand River will be split to form a new precinct, No. 13, with all residents living north of Shawwassee Avenue becoming part of the new precinct. All residents living south of Shawwassee will remain in Precinct 5.

IN ANOTHER scheduled precinct split, Precinct 6, bounded by 11 Mile, 9 Mile, Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, will be divided to form Precinct 14.

All residents living in the area bounded by 10 Mile, 9 Mile, Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt Road will remain in Precinct 6 and will continue to vote at the Shawwassee School. All voters living in the area bounded by 11 Mile, 10 Mile, Power Road and Middlebelt will become part of the new Precinct 14 and are scheduled to vote in the East Junior High School.

Clerk Cairns also made tentative changes in the polling places of two existing precincts. Precinct 8 which formerly voted at the William Grace Elementary School is now scheduled to vote at the Middlebelt Elementary School. Precinct 3

voters who formerly voted at the Middlebelt School are now scheduled to vote at Highmeadow Elementary School.

Precinct 1 in the southwest corner of the Township is also expected to come in for revision after further study.

## Save The Twp Group Meets To Organize

The organizational meeting of the Committee for the Preservation of Farmington Township, Inc. was staged last night, Tuesday, March 1, in the City National Bank building at Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington and approximately 50 persons in attendance lent at least their tacit support with the promise every effort would be extended to inform them of the issues involved in the current incorporation movement.

Wendell Brown, Farmington attorney, said the newly organized group would file incorporation papers this week with the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization aimed at preserving the "dignity, serenity, beauty and culture of Farmington Township."

Members to the organization's board of directors were named and it was emphasized if and when a voting date in the incorporation of Farmington Township was set every effort would be extended to defeat the issue at the polls.

### Incorporation Meeting Monday

The next meeting of the Farmington Township Pre-Incorporation Study Committee is scheduled for next Monday evening, March 7. The meeting, to begin at 8 p.m., will be held at Longacre School of 4180 Arundel Street just east of Gill Road.

## A Chance To Express Views On Legislation

For those citizens who don't get around to writing their congressmen, the Enterprise this week is providing an opportunity to express their views easily and quickly.

Just turn to page 3A of this week's Enterprise and you will find a handy questionnaire submitted by State Representative Raymond Baker, 64th District. All you have to do is clip it out, mark x's in the yes and no spaces and mail it to Rep. Baker.

Commented Baker, "Soon the legislature will be faced with making final decisions on many important issues affecting all Michigan residents. I always welcome and appreciate hearing from citizens in my district."

## DEADLINE MAR. 31

### 'Medicare Alert' Reminds Sr. Citizens

Operation Medicare Alert which is part of the Office of Economic Opportunity began its survey of Area No. 5 to locate those senior citizens who have not yet enrolled for benefits provided by that program. The deadline for signing up is March 31, and those who fail to do so will not have another opportunity to register until October, 1967. Mrs. Eva Ross is the captain of the local effort, and the office is located in the

Knights of Columbus Hall at 21900 Middlebelt.

This voluntary program is in addition to the basic free Medicare which automatically covers those 65 and over. For a \$3-a-month investment senior citizens will be reimbursed for 80 per cent of medical service wherever administered. It is estimated that such a package—hospitalization plus voluntary medical coverage—would cost \$18 a month under a private insurance plan.

MRS. ROSS IS being assisted in this survey by a staff of 10 aides; but since the time is so short and the list of eligible citizens so long, she could use as much volunteer help in making the numerous reminder calls as she can muster. Areas involved besides Farmington are Walled Lake, Milford, Commerce, Waterford, Highland, Holly, Rose, Groveland, Springfield, and South Lyon.

Those already involved in the alert are: Marie Aldrich, Mrs. Lillian Berger, Walter Berger, Buster Goedert, Mrs. Pearl Marks, Mrs. Emma Hodge, Mrs. Mabel Shewell, Mrs. Edith Tyler, Mrs. Pauline Van Camp, and Robert Lee. Anyone who can offer some additional help with these calls is urged to call 474-2080.

### Citizens File For Homestead Tax Easement

This week marks the end of the time for senior citizens in the City of Farmington to file for the Homestead Tax Exemption. So far, 73 people have done so. In the Township, the deadline has been extended to March 15, and 275 have been in to file their claims.

Those eligible to apply must be 65, must have resided in Michigan for 7 years, and have a total income of less than \$2000 per year. They are then eligible for \$200 exemption as state equalized.

When filing, applicants should be sure to bring proof of age such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, an affidavit from Social Security, a family Bible, or an insurance policy. They should also have proof of home ownership such as a deed or mortgage.

### Set Pub. Hearing On Party Store

A public hearing on rezoning to permit construction of a party store on Shawwassee between Purdie and Colgate streets was set for April 28, by the Township Planning Commission at their February 24 meeting.

### Issue 2,350 Dog Licenses

The Farmington Township office of Treasurer Mrs. Elsie Avery was swamped on Monday with an estimated 500 residents rushed to get dog licenses before the boost in price March 1.

It was by far the greatest last-minute-rush for dog licenses in the Township's history and brought a total of 2,350 the number of dog licenses issued for 1966 which set another all-time high. The run on licenses Monday completely drained the Township's supply and Oakland County, experiencing the same requests for more from other townships, is also temporarily out of stock.

### Plan Beard Growing Contest For 1966 Founders' Festival

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Winona Woods, General Manager of the Enterprise, has made plans to re-open its program this Saturday. The program will run for ten weeks and is held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

### City Recreation Continues Program

Youngsters in and about the City of Farmington will be able to continue their pursuit of fun and relaxation at Cloverdale Elementary School since it has been announced that the City Recreation Department has made plans to re-open its program this Saturday. The program will run for ten weeks and is held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.



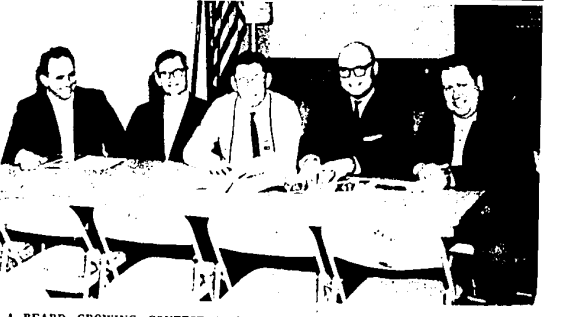
THE MILITARY HONOR GUARD presents arms in salute as the flag-draped casket of Sgt. John W. Groover, the first Farmington soldier to be killed in Viet Nam fighting, is

carried from the Thayer Funeral Home to go en route to Our Lady of Sorrows Church for a funeral service held last Saturday morning.



THE FUNERAL PROCESSION through downtown Farmington's Grand River Avenue drew the attention of persons waiting in line to purchase license plates from the local Secretary of State's office. The funeral director's lead car is followed by the two military personnel vans which

carried the honor guard and the pallbearers. It was a cold and overcast morning. The Farmington Jaycees were up early to place the flags along the Grand River route of the funeral procession. (For other pictures see Page 2A.)



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opens April 2, and some of the prizes offered include \$200 worth of U.S. Savings Bonds. Pictured above talking over details of the contest are (L to R) Mrs. M. J. Zinski, Al Darin, Joe Brodie, all representing the Farmington Elks; and Thomas F. Isley and Donald R. Stewart of the Farmington Enterprise.

### JOE BRODIE, Secretary of the Farmington Elks, announced the Elks will shortly challenge all other clubs a nd organizations in Farmington to a separate contest to see which group can get the greatest number of its active members to participate in the beard growing.

The Farmington Enterprise will donate a traveling trophy to the Elks to be awarded the organization having the greatest participation in the Beard Growing Contest.

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