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TRAGEDY MARRED THE OPENING OF Little League action in the North Farmington - West Bloomfield Baseball for Boys organization as a carload of youngsters returning from last Saturday afternoon's activities were injured as the car in which they

were riding collided with a truck at the intersection of 13 Mile Road and Farmington Road. Unidentified citizens are pictured above comforting the injured before ambulances arrived. A total of six children were injured in the crash along with three adults.

Six Children Injured In Car - Truck Accident

In a tragic aftermath to last Saturday's opening of the Little League baseball season in North Farmington, six youngsters returning home from ceremonies at Bond Elementary School were rushed to Botsford General Hospital for treatment of serious injuries they suffered when a truck collided into the car in which they were riding at the intersection of 13 Mile Road and Farmington Road.

The Babcock children injured in the crash were Steve, 9, Karlin, 7, David, 11, Nancy, 6, and Mark, 3. Mrs. Babcock and Coley suffered minor injuries. Tom Scott, 10, of 30151 Ravenscroft home from the opening day games at Bond School when a truck driven by Gerald W. Coley, 32, of 9025 Merriman in Livonia ran the

Twp. Supervisor Hall Proposes Merit System

A merit system for Township employees was discussed by the Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night, May 23, and trustees indicated an interest in the possible adoption of such a plan pending further study.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall proposed the merit system after first explaining to the Board a similar plan is expected to be adopted there will be no change except that the pickup will begin about 7 a.m.

Trash Pickup Slated May 31

Theodore E. DeBaene, Director of Public Services for the City of Farmington, announced this week that since Memorial Day falls on a Monday this year, the regular "Last Monday of the Month" pickup for the City of Farmington will be postponed the next day, Tuesday, May 31.

For the weekly garbage and rubbish pickup on Monday, there will be no change except that the pickup will begin about 7 a.m.

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Twp. Planners Set Agenda For Thursday

At their May 26 meeting the Farmington Township Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the rezoning of Lots 55 through 66 on Shrewsbury Rd. east and west of Purdue St. from RA-4 to O-1 (office classification). The purpose is to permit an office building for executive administration, professional, accounting, writing, clerical, stenographic, drafting, and sales uses. Phoenix Mechanical Contractor is the requesting party, and A. C. Kahri the applicant. Property owners are Adolph, Elsie, and Margaret Demmer.

'No Pact, No Work' Is Teachers' Threat

Mrs. Marvel Eberly, president of the Farmington Education Association, presented a list of resolutions prepared by that group to the Board of Education at their meeting May 23. The resolutions contained the threat that unless a satisfactory master contract is negotiated by June 10, association teachers will not report to work next September.

not progressed beyond the first two articles of the contract. THE RESOLUTIONS are as follows: 1. The FEA membership directs the executive board to appear at the Farmington Board of Education meeting to night to request that a specified number of hours a week and specific time be given to the negotiating team, and further directs that if the contract is not completed and ratified by June 10, that negotiations be suspended until September 1, and that the teachers will not report for work in September without a master contract.

in on negotiation meetings until a contract is settled. 3. The FEA goes on public record as opposing the issuance of any kind of contract or acceptance notice to Farmington teachers until negotiations are completed. Further, we will not honor by signing or returning any notice or contract until we ratify a master agreement.

as public educators support the philosophy of the best possible education for each child. We will not accept second best! BOARD PRESIDENT Leland G. Clifford accepted the resolutions, and indicated that he would turn them over to school superintendent Gerald Harrison to be considered before the next meeting for negotiations.

More than 150 supporting members crowded the meeting room and entrance as they read the document to the board. The resolutions were formulated at an earlier meeting that day at North Farmington High School at which Gene Sylvester, chairman of the negotiating committee, and Doug Cooper, spokesman, said that, in his opinion, negotiations had the school administrators had

2. The FEA membership further directs the executive board to state that an MEA representative or a lawyer will sit

4. The FEA negotiating team has been instructed not to return any salary proposal to this group until they have a commitment for a maximum salary at the masters degree level of more than \$10,000 and proportionate commitments of salary on the other steps of the salary scale in 10 years.

Commenting on the accusation that because of its high teacher turnover Farmington is known as a "training district" Harrison said that of course there is a tremendous amount of new hiring done due to the mushrooming growth of the area but those who leave job find jobs with higher pay can be numbered under ten per cent of the total service terminations.

City Planners Meet, Discuss Parking Woes

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The Planners took up consideration of ways to solve the parking problem caused by the banning of parking on Grand River Avenue in the downtown Farmington centers as well as plans to provide off-street parking for the businesses along Grand River Avenue between Violet and Hawthorne streets. Their recommendations are scheduled to be received by the City Council at their next regular meeting on June 6.



MARVEL EBERLY, president of Farmington Education Association, reads a list of five resolutions to the members of the Board

of Education and some administrative representatives. The FEA seeks a completed master contract by June 10.

Good Samaritan Gives Assistance

When Mrs. Frank Pronger came upon the scene of Farmington's gruesome collision last Saturday in which a station wagon load of children was hit

stop sign at 13 Mile on Farmington Road and collided with the car. The Babcock children injured in the crash were Steve, 9, Karlin, 7, David, 11, Nancy, 6, and Mark, 3. Mrs. Babcock and Coley suffered minor injuries. Tom Scott, 10, of 30151 Ravenscroft home from the opening day games at Bond School when a truck driven by Gerald W. Coley, 32, of 9025 Merriman in Livonia ran the

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Memorial Day Parade To be the Biggest Yet

Veterans' organizations of Farmington Township and the City announced that the Memorial Day activities on May 30 feature the largest parade in the history of the community and perhaps the greatest ceremonies in the State of Michigan.

The parade will be held in the City of Farmington and is scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. with an Air Force National Guard passover of RF-84 jets from the 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing based at Inkster.

Air Station, "Sailor of the Year" from Cadillac, Michigan. Farmington veterans scheduled to participate include Lt. Col. George Witman and Spanish-American War veteran Clarence Beidolf, member of the Farmington VFW Post 4033. Competing ROTC unit formed. See MEMORIAL DAY Page 8A

Explains Financing Of Auditoriums, Pools

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles prepared by the Farmington Jaycees explaining the proposal for pools and auditoriums which faces the voters of the Farmington School District June 13.)

By JOHN BAILEY
If the house you own in the Farmington School District has a market value of \$20,000, the proposal for operation of pools and auditoriums on the June 13 school ballot will cost you about \$8 more a year in taxes. You couldn't buy a pool membership in a private swimming club for less than the cost of building neighboring public facilities and come out ahead on the gas at this figure.

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Enterprise To Observe Memorial Day

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The deadline for display advertisements to be placed in the full coverage section of the newspaper will remain the same - Saturday at noon, but the deadline for placing display advertisements will be 10 a.m. Wednesday. The deadline for placing classified advertisements will be 10 a.m. Wednesday. News copy will be accepted until noon Tuesday.

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Taking the Spotlight

This week in the Farmington Founders' Festival Beard Growing Contest (FFBGC) is Joe DeVriendt of 2205 Violet Street in Farmington. Joe (pictured at right) sports one of the fullest beards in town and brings to mind the late, great Ernest Hemingway.

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The Farmington Township Police Officers Association

The Association are staging a dance for area teenagers this Saturday night, May 28, at the R of C Hall in Farmington. Two bands will be provided for swingers from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.

SINCE OVER 150 ERRORS have been cited in the four new math texts being used by the elementary schools (a conservative estimate) could it be possible that our primitive method of arriving at four by adding two and two could have something to recommend it after all?

Farmington High School Pole Vaulter

Joe Short set a new State Record with a leap of 14 feet, 5 inches. Turn to page 2-A of this issue for a complete picture story on the FIS athlete.

James Cavanaugh, the new appointee to the Planning Commission, sat in on his first Commission meeting Monday night. He is the replacement for Richard Duncan who resigned last month.



DETROIT'S MAYOR CAVANAGH helped Farmington kick-off the 1966 Founders' Festival at the Board of Commerce dinner last Wednesday evening, May 18, at the Farmington High School. Cavanaugh delivered the main address and is pictured above with other officials in attendance at the dinner (L to R)

Don Stewart, Program Chairman

Don Stewart, program chairman; Farmington City Councilman Ralph Yoder; Delos Hamlin, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors; Cavanaugh; Bill Bowman, President of the Farmington Board of Commerce; and Mayor Sandy Brotherton of the City of Farmington.

Construction costs would be met by the sale of bonds. The debt service tax on the bond issue would be extended over a period of approximately ten years and the debt service rate would not be increased.

Pools and auditoriums, which will be available to the entire community at three locations if the issue is approved, will cost a total of \$3,000,000 to construct. Each pool would be regulation size - 75 feet by 45 feet - and would include the necessary locker and shower facilities. Construction costs for a pool at each of the existing high schools would be \$600,000. The three pools would total \$1,800,000.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS for three 800-seat auditoriums in the same school buildings would total \$1,200,000. Both pools and auditoriums would cost \$3,000,000 and the cost of building them would be financed by the selling of bonds. The taxpayer is to decide whether or not this bond issue will be authorized.

The voter must bear in mind