

ONCE AGAIN . . . township residents will hash over the proposed Zoning Ordinance. And in view of activities following the last meeting, we wouldn't be a bit surprised to see even more of the township's residents present at the meeting to be held immediately after the 8 o'clock session. Certainly is surprising, the amount of interest developing in the ordinance. Especially from folks who were indifferent to the idea of regulating land use in the township. Indifferent, that is, until something moved in next door which happened to be a \$50,000 house. And it was the value of their homes, or rendered the place unfit for habitation. We expect to see a lot of those folks Tuesday night at the Town Hall.

MAYBE it's a little too late for inspiration prior to your annual vacation, but we can show you some records in the way of big fish that have been caught today. We can say with some authority that the biggest fish ever taken was a whale shark, some 35 feet long. This fish (no — it was a mammal but this was a shark) had a waistline of some 15 feet and tipped the scales at 36,593 pounds. It was taken by harpoon by a Captain Charles Thompson off Knight's Key, Florida. But when it comes to Michigan fish, maybe you'll be inspired to go after the big ones when we tell you the record for trout. There was an 80 pound lake trout taken up at Mackinac Island in '73, and a 31 pound rainbow has been pulled with a hook from the Rainbow River. We are willing to wager anything that these records won't be equalled regardless of how much of a lather you whip the An Sable into with your fly rod. But it's inspiring to the bent pin and cane pole type fisherman.

GUESS THERE . . . were some unhappy picnickers last Sunday afternoon when the fire department took off after a grass fire. The picnickers were slightly stuck in the middle of things until three firemen put the fire out. It wasn't an easy job and it took about two acres of grass to do the job. Guess it spoiled the picnic that day. But remember that during this hot weather, your cigarette butt tossed out the window of your car may do as much damage. The weeds are pretty dry and don't require much ignition to commence a hearty blaze.

TIMBER . . . was the mighty shout up North Farmington Road last week as workmen pulled, sawed and chopped down the giant elm in front of Heene's Funeral Home. Just about that time we gave up any ambition to become a tree trimmer. We like trees very much — don't have a thing against them, but we want to stay on the ground and admire them. The removal of the tree has certainly changed the scene but it apparently had outlasted its usefulness to the point of being dangerous — so it had to go. In fact, that seems to be the case with a number of our trees, according to the list received by the City Council. So before too long there will probably be some wide open spaces where trees once stood. What a story these oldtimers could tell, if they could speak.

THAT BIG DAY . . . is not very far off for the youngsters of the Farmington and Clarenceville areas. No, we aren't talking about school again, not that. We are talking about the annual boat trip to Bob-Lo that is scheduled for next Wednesday. It seems to be very much in the conversation of the younger set of the community and it isn't very hard to understand why. A few years ago, but not too many to dim our memory, we made a similar trip and it was really something pretty good. There is going to be plenty of entertainment and lots of fun and we know everyone, including the lucky parents who are going to make the trip, will have a wonderful time.

ANOTHER CALL . . . came into the office last week about deer. They seem to be running all over the place. This time the call came from Haggerty and 13 Mile Road where one of our residents spotted a couple of deer. We had two separate reports last week before deer being seen in the Orchard Lake and Nine Mile sections of the township. Either we have a lot of deer or a couple are really making tracks. It is sort nice to have reports like this anyway, as long as it is deer and not a grizzly bear or bobcat or something wildlike.

EVERYTHING IS QUIET . . . on Grand River again but it probably won't be for long. No — traffic hasn't stopped or anything, but the barricades along the curbs are down and that scarce parking space isn't quite so scarce. Most of the new curbs were completed as the first step in the State Highway Department's re-surfacing program. The next job will be the pouring of the actual road surface. It may cause a bit of trouble for a few weeks but that new smooth and comfortable will really pay for itself. In fact, we probably won't know the main stress when the job is done, but it will be enjoyable to get acquainted again.

### Plan New Courses At Clarenceville

A number of new courses are being added to the 1954-55 Clarenceville High School curriculum. Max Miller, high school principal, announced this week.

The new classes will begin this September with the opening of the new school year. Max Miller stated that a number of the courses have been specifically requested by the student body. He added that the introduction of the courses is another step in the expansion of the Clarenceville High School program.

New courses to be offered include General Science for freshmen students; two semesters of speech, introductory Art, Shop Sketching and Mechanical Drawing. Miller explained that the General Science course was previously offered but was dropped because of the lack of time and experienced teaching personnel for the subject. The first semester of Speech will deal with the mechanics of speech and the second semester will cover specialized speech. Introductory Art will cover basic lettering, sketching and some painting. Shop Sketching is an introductory course for the new Mechanical Drawing class.

### Farmington Road Project Awaits State Action

Resurfacing Farmington Road from Grand River to Eight Mile is now awaiting State Highway Commission action. The project is the Oakland County Road Commission said Tuesday.

The project has received a Federal Aid project number which insures that material will be available. The State Highway Commission will put the project up for bid. The road is expected to be resurfaced before winter.

Some planning has also been done toward the ultimate resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from 14 Mile to Grand River, Belknap said.

### SUMMER BAND REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY

Summer band classes will open here at the Farmington Band House on Monday, Monday, July 26, with instruction at students at three areas of the School District.

Registration will be held Monday at the Farmington Band House from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Band area students will register on Monday at 1:00 p.m. at Bond School. Registration of Noble area students will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Noble School. Lloyd Smith is the director of the program.

Several Farmington twirling squads are attending the Wayne University Baton Twirling contest this summer and will bring their talents into play at the football games this fall. Lee Barthel, drum major; Jane Granger and Carol Morris are twirling batons. The twirling squads will display new routines learned during the summer course conducted by the Sisters Majorettes.

Beginning and advance students will be given instruction in instrumental music during the summer band classes. The six weeks course will be given at the Farmington Band House, the Bond School and the Noble School.

### FORM EMERGENCY POLIO GROUP AT CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Margaret Allen has been named chairman of the Clarenceville Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It was announced following an organizational meeting of the group last Wednesday.

Other officers include Mrs. Frances Billing, secretary; Mrs. Rose Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Belknap, a ways and means committee chairman; Mrs. Lily Grode, publicity; Mrs. Max Miller, education; and Mrs. Mary Lane, inter-communal relations.

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## CITY DECLARES INTENT TO BUILD SEWAGE DISPOSAL UNIT

### Getting Ready For Blacktop



Curbs along Grand River were rapidly being replaced last week in preparation for the new surface Grand River Avenue is to receive from Farmington Road to Detroit. The Cooke Construction Company, contractors for the resurfacing project, replaced curbs in Farmington City last week in anticipation of starting the blacktop project. Most of the curbs are now finished.

### Proposed Zoning Code For Township Gets Second Public Hearing Tuesday

#### Second Of Three Meetings Planned

Township residents will air their views toward the proposed Township Zoning Ordinance Tuesday when the second of a series of open discussion meetings is held. Purpose of the meetings is to tailor the code to suit the township residents prior to its enactment.

Edward Moesman, chairman of the Zoning Board which prepared and published the code, said Monday the Board had decided to hold the last meeting on August 21. However, Moesman had previously stated the hearings would continue as long as public interest warrants.

The Board has acted to exclude areas to have 500 square feet at the first floor level and a cubic content of 7,500 cubic feet. Residents are also being prepared by the Board for presentation Tuesday, July 24, at the 8 p.m. meeting, a new ratio of square foot area to cubic foot content required in each Residence Area is expected to be announced.

Current terms of the code require homes in the Residence 1 area to have 500 square feet at the first floor level and a cubic content of 7,500 cubic feet. Residents are also being prepared by the Board for presentation Tuesday, July 24, at the 8 p.m. meeting, a new ratio of square foot area to cubic foot content required in each Residence Area is expected to be announced.

### Wednesday Is Kids' Day

### Annual Bob-Lo Boat Trip Expected To Attract Record Attendance

Janet Wheaton, counselor at the Noble School playground, will act as Master Ceremonies for the annual Bob-Lo Boat Trip, scheduled for next Wednesday, July 25.

The show will be held in the ball room on the Island at 4:00 p.m. with a record participation expected. All students making the trip are being asked to participate in the amateur show. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Pat Patrick, former queen of the Coldwater Fishermen's Festival, will sing several songs and lead the community singing.

The Annual Boat Trip is sponsored by the music and recreation departments of the various school areas. Recreation directors and playground supervisors from the various areas will accompany the youngsters on the trip. In addition to the amateur show there will be activities aboard ship. There are also a great many recreational facilities on the Island for the youngsters to enjoy.

### Two Injured In Sunday Wreck

Two people were injured in a traffic accident last Sunday in "one of the quietest" week ends police have seen this summer. Injured Sunday were Sherwood Hargraves, 14, and Allen Walsh, 15, both of Detroit.

The two students were riding in an automobile driven by George D. Walsh, 16, of Detroit. The Walsh car was struck by a car driven by Robert T. Irwin of Pontiac which collided at 3 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Grand River and Middlebelt Road.

The Irwin car, traveling south on Middlebelt Road, received \$250 damage to the right rear side. The front end of the Walsh car was damaged to the extent of \$350.

Both boys were taken to the Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Walsh was summoned to appear before Judge Charles Layton, civilian defense for operating a motor vehicle on an instruction permit while not accompanied by a licensed driver.

### Action Expected Tuesday On School Bond Sale

#### Request State Approval For Sale Of Bonds

Action is expected to be taken Tuesday by the Michigan Finance Commission on the application of the Farmington Township School District for permission to sell \$1,750,000 in bonds for the new school building program.

If the application is approved, action will be taken immediately by the School Board on the sale of the first series of bonds. Approval must be given by the State before the sale of the bonds can be started. The Board has tentatively approved the form for the advertising for bids on the bonds.

Last week the Board approved a resolution calling for the sale of the bonds in two series, provided permission is given by the Michigan Finance Commission. The first series will cover the sale of \$900,000 in bonds immediately with the second series of \$850,000 in bonds to be sold at a later date.

### BOB BURTCH NAMED NEW FALCON CAGE COACH FOR '51

Robert Burtch, assistant Falcon coach, has been named varsity basketball coach at Farmington High School, Gerald Harrison, high school principal, announced this week.

Burtch replaces Robert Hutton, who resigned last week to take the varsity basketball coaching position at Rosamond High School. Burtch has been junior varsity basketball coach at Farmington for the past three years. He will continue to serve as junior varsity football and basketball coach. As reserve basketball coach, Burtch's team compiled a record of 41 wins against 9 losses during the three years.

### SECOND APPLICATION

An application is also being filed by the School District with the National Education Association for a Washington representative to be in charge of controlled materials. Superintendent O. E. Duckett stated that the application is required where a school is concerned. The application requests authority to commence building and also allotment of controlled materials.

Duckett stated that detailed plans on the Bond School addition have been completed by the school architect. He added that plans are nearly completed on the Middlebelt School addition and work is progressing on the new elementary school to be built on the 10 Mile Road site.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT TURNS IN SIX MONTHS RECORD

Farmington police recovered all but \$32.30 of a total of \$215.05 stolen in five breaking and entering cases in the six month period from January 1 to July 15, 1951, covered by the Department's general report.

The report also shows nine auto thefts resulted in nine recoveries. A total of 13 attempted auto thefts were foiled.

The report also shows that during the period, there were 54 accidents with four injuries to the city, two attempted suicides, 25 simple larcenies, nine grand larcenies, one robbery armed, two burglaries, and 149 burglaries left unlocated.

A total of 108 arrests were made, plus 10 for other departments. Other 18 apprehensions were made as a result of the crimes listed in the report.

### Local Soap Box Derby Entry Gets To 9th Heat

Robert R. Melvin, Farmington's lone entry in the Annual Soap Box Derby, held last week end at River Rouge Park, was nosed out in the ninth heat of the classic.

Robert, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Melvin, 2102 Orchard Lake Road, took first place in the 25th heat to qualify for the later competition.

### Civilian Defense Organization To Get \$200 Fund

#### World War II Money To Be Transferred

Action was being taken to make available funds for civilian defense in the Farmington area. It was announced Monday by Delos Hamlin, temporary city manager.

The action concerns the transfer of approximately \$200 from the former civilian defense organization, set up during World War II. The money is a carry-over from the program conducted during the last war. The transfer is being made through Frank Steele, the treasurer of the former civilian defense organization and Earl Vivier, newly appointed treasurer.

Charles Layton, civilian defense director of the Farmington area, indicated that there is a possibility that local funds may be matched by the Federal Government. Up to the present time the civilian defense committee has been operating without funds. Some money is needed to purchase postage equipment and supplies.

State Milroy has been appointed as Welfare Director on the committee, to replace Layton, who has taken over the directorship of the organization.

Victor Blacklee, the first director of the program, resigned several months ago because of the press of business. In addition to Milroy and Vivier, other members of the committee, include Joseph (Continued on Page Ten)

### Direct Engineer To Prepare Plans For Plant To Be Built In 1953

The City Council Monday evening approved a resolution of intention to construct a sewage disposal plant by December of 1953 and directed the City Attorney to draft the formal resolution immediately.

Action by the city resulted from a conference with the State regarding the extension of sewer lines to new homestead developments in the city. A stop order on the extension of sewage in the city was issued by the State several years ago. However, the state agreed to issue sewer extension permits if the City Council would agree to construct a sewage treatment plant by the end of 1953.

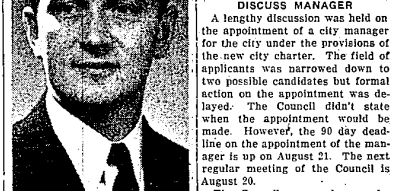
It was pointed out that a sewage disposal plant is vitally necessary to the future expansion of the city. The Council pointed out that the city has a choice of either standing still or taking action to meet the demands of the growing community.

The resolution stipulates that the city shall, on or before December 1, 1953, submit to the Water Resources Commission detailed plans and specifications for the construction of a sewage disposal plant. The city will also inform the Commission of the method of financing the project.

### DISCUSS MANAGER

A lengthy discussion was held on the appointment of a city manager for the city under the provisions of the new city charter. The field of applicants was narrowed down to two possible candidates but formal action on the appointment was delayed. The Council didn't state when the appointment would be made. However, the 90 day deadline on the appointment of the manager is up on August 21. The next regular meeting of the Council is August 20.

The Council approved a resolution authorizing two hour parking on South Farmington Road from State Street south to Orchard Street. The resolution also establishes one hour parking on State Street from Farmington Road west to Liberty. The parking restriction will be in effect during the day and up to 6:00 in the afternoon. The Council also designated the north side of State Street from Farmington Road to the alley as a no parking hospital area. This section is alongside the clinic at State and Farmington Road.



REV. DAVID H. LOWE

The new pastor of the Farmington Baptist Church, Rev. David H. Lowe, has officially taken over his duties.

He comes to Farmington from Bunker Hill, Indiana, where he was minister at the First Baptist Church. Prior to going to Bunker Hill, he served in a number of Baptist churches in Indiana and Michigan. He is a graduate of Marion College and Butler University.

Rev. Lowe is a veteran of World War II, having spent five years in the Army Air Force. The Rev. and Mrs. Lowe and their three children, Dee Ann, 1; Phillip, 2; Rex, two months, are now living in the pastor's home at 23935 Farmington Road.

Rev. Lowe replaces former pastor Fred B. Fisher, who resigned his pulpit last winter because of ill health. Rev. Fisher and his wife are at present living in Florida.

The Domes family of Lakeway has just returned from a 2000 mile auto trip through ten states.

### Municipal Building In New Dress



### Youngsters To Get More Swimming

Continuing warm weather won't mean discontent for hundreds of youngsters taking part in Farmington's recreation program — they are in for four days of swimming next week.

Two trips will be needed Friday to take the youngsters to the Crystal Pool for swimming. The bus will leave Bond School at 12, Farmington at 12:15. On the second trip, the bus leaves William Grace at 1 p.m. and Noble at 1:15. The first trip back to the playgrounds will be made at 4 p.m. and the second at 4:30.

The playgrounds will also remain open for regular playground activity during the usual hours of 10 to 12 and 2 to 5.

Monday's schedule will be the same as Friday's. On Tuesday, Farmington takes its second week of Red Cross swimming instruction at Kent Lake. They leave at 10 a.m. At the other playgrounds, normal playground activities will be held.

A trip to Willow Run Airport and through the Kaiser-Fraser automobile plant is in store for 20 (Continued on Page Ten)

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