

Township Sets Up Water Restrictions In Clarenceville

Ban Watering Of Lawns
During Specified Hours

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved a resolution prohibiting the watering of lawns during specific hours in Section 36 of the township, effective June 10.

Action on the resolution was taken at the request of the Detroit Water Commission, which supplies water for the section. Under the provisions of the resolution persons are requested to refrain from watering lawns from Friday from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. The resolution will remain in effect until September 5, 1953.

The Board approved the appointment of Allen C. Jable as Justice of the Peace in the township to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Harry Shafter. Jable's appointment is effective immediately and will run until (Continued on Page Eight)

STUDENTS RECEIVE WAYNE U. MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Two Clarenceville High School seniors have been awarded music scholarships to Wayne University. It was announced this week by the Wayne Music Department.

The scholarship winners are Richard Gault and Donald Knapp. Both students, graduating Thursday from Clarenceville High School, will enter Wayne University in September.

The University also announced the awarding of scholarships to Clarenceville students for the Wayne Summer Band Clinic. The scholarships are sponsored by the Clarenceville Band Boosters Mothers' Club. The following students will participate in the summer clinic: Catherine Barnes, Mary Lou Barnes, Virginia Ben. (Continued on Page Eight)

Heads Teachers



MRS. WARREN PICHE

Mrs. Warren Piche, seventh grade English and social studies instructor at Farmington for the past two years, has been elected president of the newly-formed Farmington District of Michigan Education Association.

Other officers elected by the teachers of the township were: Mr. Don Howell, vice-president; Mr. Ronald C. Jackson, secretary; and Miss Helen Thomas, treasurer.

Mr. Howell has taught five (Continued on Page Five)

Propose Enlarging City Park Area

Expansion of the property and facilities of the present City Park will be proposed by James Tennant, City Manager, at the regular meeting of the City Council to be held next Monday evening.

Tennant stated Tuesday that he would include on the Council agenda a suggestion that the city purchase the property south of the present park and adjacent to the river for expansion of facilities. The property concerned is located west of the frontage on (Continued on Page Five)

FARMINGTON SCHOOL VOTERS APPROVE TAX INCREASE

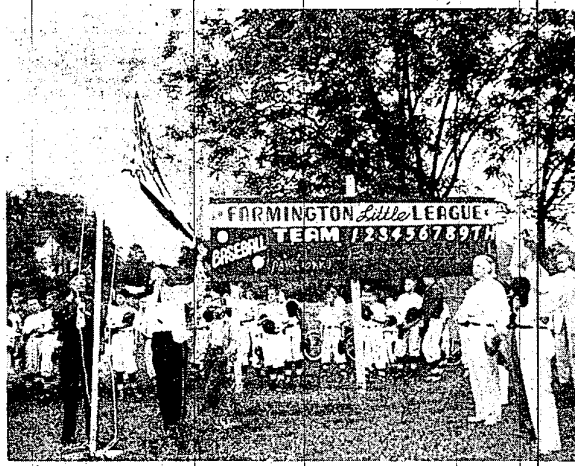
Bell Telephone To Request Rate Increases

Boosts Would Affect
Farmington Users

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company has asked for a general rate increase throughout its territory which would boost charges for residence service about three cents per line in the Farmington area.

In its application to the Public Service Commission at Lansing, the Bell Company also asked that individual-line local business service rates be raised five cents per day. The company asked for no increase in long distance rates. Under the proposed schedule for Farmington residence service the present individual line extended service would be increased from \$4.25 per month to \$5.15 per month and the local from \$3.25 to \$4.15 per month. Two-party line extended would be increased from \$3.50 per month to \$4.40 and local from \$3.00 to \$3.60 per month. Four party and rural lines would be increased from \$2.50 to \$3.20. Business service rates in Farmington are as follows under the proposed schedule: Individual line extended service would be increased from \$8.25 to \$10.75 per month with local from \$6.75 to \$8.25. Two-party line local would be increased from \$5.75 to \$6.75 per month and rural line local from \$4.75 to \$5.25.

THE PROPOSED rate increase (Continued on Page Eight)



RAIN OR NOT the annual flag-raising ceremony opening the Farmington Little League and Little-Bigger League baseball season went off on schedule last Saturday at the City Park. Players of both leagues, officials, members of the Groves - Walker Post American Legion and the Farmington High School band participated in the flag-raising ceremonies. Pictured at the extreme right is Harvey Chapman, president of the Little League; at his right, the flag-raising is James W. Piche, president of the Little-Bigger League; and on his right is Ken Loomis, Mayor of Farmington. Two members of the Groves - Walker Post American Legion, are raising the flag. A light rain was falling when the picture was taken. (For more details on the League, see the Sports page.)

Graduation To Be Held Thursday At Farmington And Clarenceville

Dr. Sponberg To Address Farmington Seniors,
Clarenceville Graduates To Hear Dr. Lichtwardt

A total of 151 seniors at Farmington and Clarenceville will close their high school careers Thursday evening with the Annual Commencement Exercises to be held at the respective schools.

Farmington's graduation exercises are scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Their diplomas from Wendell Brown, president, and Samuel Turner, secretary, of the Board of Education. Rev. Carl Schultz of the Church, will give the invocation address by Dorothy Cant. Vocal music will be furnished by the choir under the direction of J. W. Henderson.

Superintendent O. E. Duncel will introduce the Commencement speaker, Dr. Harold E. Sponberg, Assistant Director of Placement at Michigan State College. The subject of Dr. Sponberg's address will be "The Educated Heart". Colleen Morris will give the President's address. Presentation of the Class of 1953 will be made by G. V. Harrison, high school principal.

The Clarenceville Commencement Exercises will be held Thursday evening at the high school. (Continued on Page Eight)

Four Injured In Auto Accident On Grand River

Youths Seriously Hurt
When Car Strikes Tree

Four teen-agers are in Mt. Carmel Hospital this week as a result of injuries received in an accident on Grand River near MacArthur on Friday, June 5, at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Those hospitalized were: Jackie Robertson, 17, driver of the car, of 8035 Pine in Taylor Center; Joanne May, 15, of 14315 West Point in Wyandotte; Margaret Oxford, 14, of 14348 West Point in Wyandotte; and Martha Dowd, 15, of 14472 Pine in Taylor Center. All three girls were passengers in the car driven by Robertson.

A formal statement as to the cause of the accident has not been taken due to the condition of the victims.

According to Redford Township Police the car driven by Robertson was traveling east on Grand River when it crashed into a tree on the island. The Redford Township Police handled the accident while several members of the State Police from the Redford Post handled traffic Saturday.

All four of the youths involved in the accident are students at Southwestern High School.

Further investigation of the mishap will be conducted.

Ray Fendt Resigns School Board Post

Principal matter of business at the regular School Board meeting Monday evening was that of filling the School Board Trustees vacancy created by the resignation of Raymond Fendt.

Upon recommendation by Board Treasurer Bayard Tupper, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of A. Farley Thompson to serve out the term until the school election in June, 1954. Fendt's term would have expired at that time.

Fendt's resignation came at a time when it was impossible to be included in Monday's School Election.

In other Board action, it was decided that letters of commendation would be sent to Mr. Lloyd Smith and his debate group and to Mr. J. W. Henderson and his music groups for the fine showings made by those organizations during the school year. Another letter of appreciation and acceptance of some \$250 left by the senior class of 1953 to the school was ruled in order by the Board. (Continued on Page Eight)

Legion Essay Winners Sweep District Contest

All six winners in the Farmington American Legion Auxiliary essay contest, held during March, won places in the District contest. Mrs. Basil Milnehead, American Legion chairman, announced this week.

This is the first time that all six of the district prizes have been won by Farmington students. The 14th District of the Legion Auxiliary covers all of Oakland County.

The essays for this year's contest are entitled: "What Our Flag Means To Me". Winners in the Senior Group of the District Contest are: first, Wayne Blackley; second, Gerald Perry; third, 21233 Flanders; and third, June Grinager, 21355 Holly Hill. The winners in the Junior Group of the District Contest are: first, Karen Senoh, 24123 Oak Hill; second, Pamela Chapman, 33624 Hillcrest; and third, Sally Henry, 23231 Prospect.

Light Vote Recorded In Annual School District Elections Monday

One of the lightest votes in the history of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts was recorded Monday in the Annual School Elections.

Only 378 votes were cast in the Farmington District out of a registration of about 6,000. In Clarenceville only 68 ballots were marked out of a total of approximately 3,500 voters. The Farmington vote represents about 6% while the Clarenceville vote was only about 2%.

The main issue in the Farmington election was the millage increase proposal which was approved by a vote of 267 to 111. Under the proposal the School District is authorized to increase the tax levy by \$4.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value from \$19.50 to \$24.00.

ONLY TWO candidates were entered in the Clarenceville School Board election. Robert Rickert polled the highest number of votes held at 8:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. A motion was made and approved setting the total School Board salaries at \$550, the same as last year. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

Nine persons attended the Clarenceville-School-District Annual Meeting which was called to order at 8:15 p.m. in the high school building. The total School Board salaries were set at \$1,500, the same amount as last year. Richard Priebe, retiring member of the Board, was presented with a Certificate of Service for his work in the interest of the Clarenceville School District. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Township Zoning Hearing Set For Monday Night

Five Proposed Changes
Under Consideration

A public hearing on the five proposed amendments to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance will be held Monday evening, June 15, at 8:00 in the Farmington Town Hall.

Leo Kelly, chairman of the Township Zoning Board, will be in charge of the hearing, which is being called to give township residents an opportunity to express their views on the proposed changes. The other members of the Board are expected to be present also, as well as some members of the Township Board.

THE HEARING is being held in accordance with the State Law which requires that public meetings be called on proposed amendments to zoning laws. Kelly stated that all persons in the township are invited and encouraged to attend and express their views. The chairman added that comments offered at the hearing will have a direct bearing on the record. (Continued on Page Eight)

Playgrounds Open June 22 At Cville

Registration for the Clarenceville Recreation Commission summer playground program will be held Monday, June 22, at the Clarenceville High School and the Edgewood Elementary School.

The registration period will be from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at both schools. Youngsters are requested to register at the school nearest their home. All boys and girls interested in participating in the summer program are urged to register on June 22.

The summer program will run for eight weeks and will include activities for both younger and older children. In addition to the regular playground activities at the Clarenceville High School and Edgewood School, a series of trips is being planned. These include visits to Bob-Lob Island, the Detroit Zoo and Grand Old Village. The regular swimming program at Kent Lake will be conducted again this year, as well as the arts and crafts activities. There will also be organized baseball for the older boys.

The music program, which is a part of the summer program, will feature instrumental instruction along with baton twirling. A schedule will be set up immediately following the registration for individual instruction.

ANNOUNCE PLANS TO HIKE POST OFFICE BOX RATES

The Farmington Post Office announced this week that effective July 1, the rental rate on post office boxes will be increased.

Charles Habermehl, Acting Farmington Postmaster, stated that the directive had just been received from the Postmaster General's office in Washington. According to the new schedule the present 75¢ per quarter boxes will be increased to \$1.00. The present \$1.00 boxes will be increased to \$1.50 and the \$1.50 boxes will be increased to \$2.25.

The Post Office Department has stated in the announcement that patrons be advised that the basic schedule now in effect has not been changed since 1937 and that the increased charges are being made to conform with the increased cost of providing equipment and maintaining the service.

A total of ten persons attended the Annual Meeting of the Farmington Township School District held at 8:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. A motion was made and approved setting the total School Board salaries at \$550, the same as last year. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

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Band Uniform Fund Over Top

The Farmington High School band uniform drive has gone over the top, according to final figures released this week by the special committee of the Farmington P. T. A., sponsors of the campaign.

A total of \$2,846 was collected in the drive. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$2,500. A number of organizations as well as individuals contributed to the campaign. Included in the organizations are the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Town Club and Exchange Club. Arrowsmith Tool Company was responsible for putting the drive over the top. Their contribution of \$500 swelled the total to \$2,846.

The committee held a special meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Carl Matz to arrange for the purchase of the uniforms. Representatives of various companies were present at the meeting to display sample uniforms. The uniforms will be ordered as soon as possible for delivery this week. The committee also expressed appreciation to the drive is due to the excellent cooperation and help given by the people of the Farmington area. The committee added that they are deeply grateful to all who supported the campaign.

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AROUND THE BLOCK

WE DON'T SEEM . . . to be able to write this column any more without some mention of the weather, but the way it has been going, we can't ignore it, either. For example, the town and the weather had a lot to do with the two events that Farmington had been looking forward to for a long time. One was the opening of the Little League and Little-Bigger League baseball season. Although part of the program was completed, it was without the help of the weatherman. The second important event was the pilgrimage to Farmington gardens. In spite of the rain about 70 persons made the tour on Saturday, while on Sunday, which was just about perfect, approximately 350 joined the pilgrimage. It just goes to show you what can and does happen when the weatherman smiles. Do you get the point, Mr. Weatherman.

AN INTERESTING . . . comparison came to light last Monday which is very revealing and at the same time disturbing. Monday was election day in the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts. On the other hand, Monday was the day when the national election in Italy was announced. In Farmington and Clarenceville less than 4% of the registered voters took the trouble to cast their ballots while in Italy a 90.6% vote was recorded. In many ways the comparison does not give a true picture. In Farmington and Clarenceville there were no contests for Board members and only one proposal while in Italy a major decision was at stake. But the tremendous difference in the number of votes cast can not be ignored. Contest or not, these are our schools and it is up to all of us to serve notice that we are interested in what is going on. An alert and active electorate is the keystone of progressive government.

THIS THURSDAY . . . marks a milestone in the lives of 151 seniors of the Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools. It denotes the close of one phase of education and the beginning of another, for the process of learning never ends. Some will go on to more specialized fields of education while others will go directly to the task of making a livelihood. But regardless of the path that is followed, new responsibilities and challenges will have to be assumed. This is a vital part of the program of continuing education, a part of the process of improving society and the individual. There is much progress yet to be made and many heights to be scaled. We have confidence in these young men and women as we have confidence in the future of this country, for they are one and the same. We congratulate them on the completion of their high school education and wish them well in their drive toward the goals that lie ahead.

THE BIG QUESTION . . . being asked these days is "When are they going to get the traffic lights installed at Grand River and Middlebelt Roads?" A partial answer was given Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Township Board. The order for the installation has been issued by the county and the State Highway Department is to install them. Just when the installation will be made is still indefinite. We hope, and we know a lot of others hope, that it will not be too long. The heavy flow of summer traffic is here and will continue to be here come a number of serious accidents as well as many near-misses at the busy intersection. Thus we have a partial answer to the big question, let's hope it is given a final answer before any more serious accidents result.

Mighty Wind Topples Mighty Elm



A strong, twisting wind that struck Farmington late Friday afternoon buckled this huge elm tree at the side of the Ralph Bunfield home, 34219 Grand River near Gill Road. The tree is about 30 inches in diameter and approximately 80 feet high. The storm downed a number of trees along Grand River, as well as power and telephone lines. Traffic had to be re-routed on Grand River west of Farmington Road for several hours until the lines and debris could be removed from the highway.