

American Legion Award Winners



Four Clarencville students were recently presented with American Legion awards by James Nourjian, past commander of Groves-Walker Post of Farmington. Seated, left to right, are Kay Mann and Sharon Moreland. Gary Guy, the third winner, looks on as the girls examine the certificate of award. Medals were also presented to the students for their scholarship, citizenship and leadership. John Ferris, the fourth award winner, was attending his class picnic when the picture was taken.

Driver's License Bureau To Move To City Hall

Change Of Location To Take Effect Monday

Effective Monday, June 22, the Farmington Driver's License Bureau will be moved from the present Fire Hall Building to the City Hall, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week. Tenant stated that the Bureau was being moved back to the Municipal Building to allow space for the enlargement of the Court Rooms. The present Justice Court will change over to a Municipal Court effective July 4 in accordance with the City Charter. The Driver's License Bureau will occupy the section on the east side of the Municipal Building. This is the same location the bureau occupied previously before moving to the Fire Hall Building.

AT THE SAME time work will begin on the alteration and decorating of the court rooms. The room where the Driver's License Bureau is now located will be turned into a jury room. An asphalt floor will be installed in both the court and jury rooms. The judge's bench and witness box will be enclosed and a rail will be constructed to separate the spectators' section from the court area. New furniture will also be installed and the rooms will be re-painted.

Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., will be installed as Municipal Judge on July 4, the date when the court goes into effect. Max Hulst will be installed as Associate Municipal Judge.

Zoning Meeting Attracts Audience

Approximately 75 persons attended the public hearing on proposed amendments to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance held Tuesday evening at the Farmington Town Hall.

Five amendments to the Zoning ordinance are being considered by the Zoning Board. Recommendations on the proposals are expected to be made in the next few days to the Township Board, who will take final action.

The largest amount of discussion centered around the proposal to bring the Schroeder Road area under the provisions of the zoning ordinance. A number of persons living in the area west of the road objected to being zoned. Some objection was voiced by those residents living on Schroeder Road to being zoned in Residential Four.

A considerable time was spent in discussion of the zoning ordinance. (Continued on Page Ten)

OPTIMIST CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Clarencville Optimist Club installed new officers for the year 1953-54 at a special inaugural banquet held Wednesday evening at Hugel's Redford Inn.

Fred Leonard, L. Governor of the Northeast Zone of Michigan and former president of the Southfield Optimist Club, installed the following new officers: Dr. Van Housen, president; Vernon Hawley, vice-president; Fred Bailey, vice-president; and Ralph Stanbury, treasurer. Charles Berry, Robert Cleveland and C. L. Cook were installed as trustees for terms of two years each and John Hoffman, trustee for one year.

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Eye Flint

Set Civil Defense Meet Thursday

A series of tornadoes in Michigan and several severe electric storms in Farmington have caused a revival of the Civil Defense organization.

Charles Layton, Farmington civil defense director, announced Monday that a committee meeting will be held this Thursday evening at the American Legion Memorial Home. Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the formation of an active civil defense organization.

Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt has been named chairman of a committee of five members from the American Legion to assist in the program. In addition, the Legion has offered the facilities of the Memorial Home for civil defense activities, including storage of necessary supplies and a place of meeting.

Layton stated that a public meeting will be held in the next few weeks to open a regular training program. The date of the meeting and other details will be arranged at the committee meeting Thursday.

Library Group To Meet June 24

Mrs. Loretta D. Fyan, the Michigan state librarian, will speak at the Farmington Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, on the subject "New Libraries in Michigan." She will discuss means of financing libraries with a view to explaining how Farmington's pressing library needs might be solved.

Next Wednesday's meeting is planned and arranged by the Farmington Friends of the Library, Inc., and is the fourth of a series designed to acquaint the community with the possibilities for enlarging library services here.

The organization's program calls for an increased annual appropriation of \$2,000 in 1951-52 to \$5,000 in 1953-54, an increase in the number of hours of library service weekly from 29 to 36 and the addition of a second trained librarian.

Other speakers in this series have been Mrs. Fannie S. Noonan, director of state aid to public libraries; Ralph Ulveling, the Detroit librarian; and Walter K. Ray, Wayne County librarian.

New Richardson Store Opens Fri.

The Grand Opening of the new Richardson Appliance and Heating store, 32623 Grand River near Maple, will be held Thursday and Friday, at Richardson announced this week.

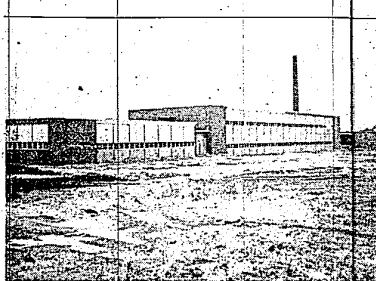
The cement block building with brick and stone front is 20 feet by 60 feet and is especially constructed for an appliance business. It contains the latest type of modern lighting and acoustical material.

At Richardson, who lives at 28378 Parkville, has been a resident of Farmington for five years. He started in the appliance and heating business in 1947 at Farmington and opened a store in Romulus in 1950 on Grand River near Nine Mile Road.

Featured at the Grand Opening will be Ironrite, Whirlpool, Philips, Radd, Sevel, Carrier, and Bryant Gas Heating. The various appliances will be on display.

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City Takes Action On Sewer Problem In Southwest Section



FARMINGTON'S NEW

High school building is in the final stages of completion with moving day set for the middle of next month. The exterior of the building has been completed and finishing work has been started on the inside of the school. Approximately four weeks will be required to put the building ready for furniture and equipment and an additional two or three weeks will be needed to clean up the odds and ends.

Plan To Move Into New Farmington High School Building Next Month

Expect To Have Interior Work Completed In Time For Delivery Of New Equipment

The new Farmington High School on Shawansee Street is expected to be ready for moving operations about the middle of July, O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, announced this week.

Dunkel stated that the contractor, H. B. Culbertson, informed school officials this week that movement of furniture and equipment into the new building could be started in about four weeks. Another two or three weeks following that day will be required to finish up the final details of construction.

Work on the new building was delayed for several weeks due to a strike of painters and carpenters. However, they returned to work last week.

The exterior of the building is complete, with the exception of a few minor details, has been completed for some time. THE EQUIPMENT for the new school is expected to be moved in as early as possible. Most of the furniture and equipment will be new. However, some will be moved from the present high school building. Dunkel stated that he had been assured by various companies that they will have the purchased equipment ready for delivery by the middle of next month.

The new high school building will contain 22 classrooms, plus library, study hall, homecoming rooms, shops, music room and kitchen.

Well Baby Clinic Planned By BPW

The Farmington Business and Professional Women's Club has completed plans to sponsor a preschool well baby clinic, which has been scheduled to begin July 15.

Thereafter, the clinic will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the basement of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in Farmington.

Miss Helen Folkola, Farmington Township School Nurse, will have charge of the clinic. Further information on registration will be announced soon.

Free physical examinations for preschool children will be offered at the clinic as well as a series of immunization shots. The shots will be given by the Michigan State Health Department.

Planning for the clinic was done by the Health and Safety Committee of the BPW Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Elsie Tulip. Other present plans the clinic will run indefinitely.

CITY TO CONTRACT FOR REGULAR RUBBISH PICK-UP

Arrangements are being made between the city and Gus McCready for the collection of rubbish as well as garbage, city officials announced this week.

McCready now picks up garbage in the city on a contract basis. He has offered to handle the rubbish pick-up also at a cost comparable to what the city is paying for regular employment for labor alone. This would release the public works crew to do other needed work in the city.

The Council agreed to try out the arrangement on a 60-day trial period.

Delay Future Development Pending Re-Construction Of Alta Loma Sewer

The City Council Monday evening directed the City Manager to arrange at once for an engineering survey of the sewer conditions in the southwest section of the city and to present a report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

James Tennant, Manager, stated that he would contact L. N. Hayden, City Engineer, immediately to begin the survey. The Alta Loma Street sewer is the main one involved in the study. However, it also affects several conditions on Liberty, State and Wilmarth Streets at the present time, the sewers on the lower end of the line are insufficient in size to take off the water.

Mayor Kenn Loomis stated that action must be taken at once to correct the drainage problem in this section. Considerable damage was reported by home owners on Alta Loma during the recent storms. The Mayor added no additional subdivisions should be added in the southwest area until the sewer situation has been corrected.

The Council also ordered that no further building permits will be issued in the Warner Farms Subdivision until a complete plat has been submitted to the Council showing the size and location of all lots in the entire development. According to the Council, such a plat has been requested on several occasions, but as yet it has not been received. They emphasized that such a plat is essential to the future planning of the city.

Red Cross Opens Drive To Aid Tornado Victims

City Provides Storage Space For Clothing

Arrangements have been made by the Farmington Chapter of the Red Cross for the collection of clothing and money for Flint tornado disaster victims, Mrs. Mel Stevens, co-chairman, announced this week.

The City of Farmington is cooperating in the campaign by furnishing a room on the second floor of the Municipal Building for the storing of clothing. Mrs. Stevens stated that the arrangement for the space was made through Mayor Kenn Loomis and City Manager James Tennant. Persons who have clothing are requested to take it to the second floor of the Municipal Building. The room will be open during the day. Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt is chairman of the clothing collection.

MONEY for victims of the Flint disaster should be forwarded to Mrs. Mel Stevens, 30755 Grand River, Farmington, Michigan. Checks should be made out to the "American Red Cross" and should be marked "Flint Disaster Fund". Mrs. Stevens and Charles Stuart are co-chairmen of the Farmington campaign with Bayard Tupper heading up the Clarencville drive. The Farmington Lumber Company and the Smith-Tupper Lumber Company have offered the services of their trucks in the campaign.

City Planning Commission Hires Consultant

Malcolm Waring Hired To Assist In Planning

The Farmington City Planning Commission last Wednesday evening approved a motion to retain Malcolm F. Waring as planning consultant for the year 1953-54.

Waring will be retained as a consultant at a cost of \$60 per month. He will meet with the Commission at all regular meetings and whenever else he is needed. Waring will advise the Commission on all immediate planning problems, as well as assist in the drafting of necessary maps, amendments to ordinances and other detailed work.

The new planning consultant is presently engaged in planning work for the cities of East Detroit, Lincoln, Trenton and Plymouth as well as a number of townships.

OAKLAND LIONS TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS JUNE 18

Jack George will be installed as president of the Oakland Lions Club at a special banquet to be held Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Rosemond Hills.

Other officers to be installed include: Al Vandell, first vice-president; James Vandell, second vice-president; John Alex, third vice-president; Marshall E. Taylor, secretary; and Joseph Deniese, treasurer. Don Kinsler will be installed as Lion Tamer and Jack Brown as Tail Twister. Members of the Board of Directors to be installed include Peter Bowers, Ralph Baumgartner, Jack Owens, Thomas Langan and Leonard Gorman, past president.

Weekly field trips are to be taken each Friday, starting with a trip to the Detroit Zoo on Friday, June 26. All boys 16 to 20 years of age are invited to participate in the field trips.

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Registration Day Recreation Commission To Open Summer Playgrounds Monday

Monday, June 22, will be registration day at both the Farmington and Clarencville playgrounds as the annual summer recreation programs officially get under way.

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission announces that registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at each of the four playground areas, Farmington, Noble, Bond and William Grace Schools. Since participation in various phases of the program will require parental permission, all children are requested to visit the playgrounds on Monday to register.

Each playground will be open two days a week during the six weeks program. Farmington and Noble will be open Monday and Wednesday.

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Bids On Orchard Lake Rd. Project To Be Let June 24

Road To Be Resurfaced From 11 To 14 Mile

Sealed proposals on the widening and resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Fourteen Mile Road south to Eleven Mile Road will be opened by the State Highway Department on Wednesday, June 24.

According to the State Highway Department specifications, the project cover 2,450 sq. ft. of grading and drainage structures, six foot concrete base course widening and 22 foot bituminous concrete surface course. Sealed bids for the construction of this project will be received from contractors having 1953 State Highway Department prequalifications. Proposals will be accepted up to 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 213 South Capital Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. Proposals may be mailed to the Contract.

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REPORT VANDALISM AT NEW SCHOOL IN CLARENCVILLE

Clarencville school officials reported this week that vandals have caused some damage to the exterior of the new "Botsford Elementary School in Livonia.

The damage was reported as minor although some repair work has been necessary. Most of the damage has been confined to breaking out of mortar on the walls of the building.

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AROUND THE BLOCK

IT WAS PLEASING... to see the large turn-out of residents at the public hearing on proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. Not only did a sizeable crowd show up but they participated in the discussion as well. As a result of their comments and objections, the Zoning Board is now in a much better position to make recommendations to the Township Board. While the zoning hearing was going on at the Town Hall, the City Council was meeting at the Municipal Building. Again a fairly good sized group of residents was in attendance. More and more citizens are turning out for local government meetings, mostly to listen and see what is going on. We think this is an encouraging sign that residents of the Farmington area are taking a new and more active interest in their community. We hope it keeps up!

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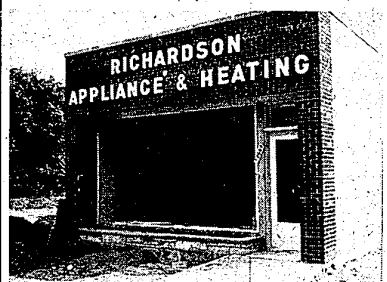
has settled and the debris has been hauled away, a new and bigger job is ahead for the survivors of the Flint disaster... the job of rebuilding. But because the headlines are gone is no sign that they have been forgotten. A drive to collect clothing and money for the tornado victims is now under way in the Farmington area. We are confident that the room on the second floor of the Municipal Building, designated for the storage of needed clothing, will be filled to the rafters in no time. We are confident, too, that Farmington residents will give generously of their money to aid these unfortunate people. Just put yourself in their place for a moment and then act accordingly.

THIS ISN'T A SUBJECT...

we particularly enjoy dwelling upon... but we feel we must. In the past several months, or even longer, there has been an ever-increasing number of young boys and girls involved in drinking and petty theft cases. Because of their ages little specific publicity has been given to the instances. However, this does not lessen in any way the seriousness of the situation. Every effort is being made through the schools, the recreation programs, the Little League and Little-Bigger League to provide wholesome activities for our youngsters. It isn't smart to get into trouble. If it isn't smart to have a blot on your record, it only leads to serious consequences later on. You think you can beat it, but you can't. Nor is all the fault with the boys and girls. Parents and children alike must share in the responsibility of good citizenship. We don't become men and women by age alone.

GRAND OPENINGS...

are thicker than molasses this week end in the Farmington area, which is no saying that no one should go home empty-handed. Richardson Appliance and Heating is planning a busy time at the new store on Grand River near Maple this Friday and Saturday and Phil Thomas will have the welcome mat out at his new jewelry store on South Farmington Road across from the Consumers Power office on Friday. So if you are going to be in the city either Friday or Saturday plan to spend a few minutes at both Richardson Appliance and Thomas Jewellers.



This is the new headquarters of Richardson Appliance and Heating, 32623 Grand River near Maple, which will hold its Grand Opening this Friday and Saturday. All of the well known appliance and heating manufacturers represented by Richardson will participate in the opening celebration. There will be demonstrations of all of the latest appliances at the grand opening and gifts will be presented to everyone who visits the new store.

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