

Board To Discuss Future School Program Monday

Plan To File Report With Citizens' Group

Consideration of future problems facing the growing Farmington Township School District will be one of the principal subjects discussed at the regular meeting of the School Board next Monday evening.

As a result of the discussion, the Board will draft an outline of proposed needs to be presented to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for study. The meeting of the Advisory Committee has been tentatively set for Monday, October 26.

Superintendent O. E. Dunkel stated that the tremendous growth of the district as well as the anticipated future enrollment make it necessary to begin at once on a new planning program. The superintendent added that half day sessions in the early elementary grades will be necessary beginning in September of 1954.

THE BOARD is expected to discuss the entire matter of future enrollment, classroom loads, financial status and anticipated needs. From this discussion a proposal will be drafted outlining the expected requirements of the district. This proposal will then be forwarded to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for discussion, suggestions and recommendations. The Committee will then advise the School Board in the formation of a future plan for necessary expansion of the system.

In addition to the proposal from the board, the committee will be furnished with facts and figures on the present enrollment and facilities as well as the expected growth of the district.

CITY ON LOOK-OUT FOR PARKING METER JAMMERS

City police are on the look-out for persons who are making a practice of jimmeying parking meters.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that various notices have been sent out to jam the meters. He added that the police have located the areas where the violations are occurring and are checking them carefully. Several reports have been received from persons who have observed the meters being jimmied.

According to the parking meter ordinance it is unlawful to tamper with or damage the meters. Violators are subject to fine or imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court.

65 Years Old Enterprise Adds Birthday Candle

The Farmington Enterprise is sporting 65 candles on its birthday cake this week.

With this issue Farmington's home community newspaper begins its 66th year of continuous operation. Started in 1888 by Edgar R. Bloomer as "A permanent Journal of progress," The Enterprise has grown from a five column, four page paper to the present eight column 16 page paper. Down through the years, The Enterprise has served as the information and service center of the community.

Since its beginning, The Enterprise has shown a steady growth both in size and stature. It is one of the oldest continuous publications in the Farmington area, having seen and recorded the great transition of the community from a small rural section of a growing metropolitan center.

The hard work and diligent effort of the publishers in the past have insured the future of The Enterprise. As a new year is launched, we pledge ourselves to the continuing effort of serving the Farmington community better.

City Sewage Case In Court Friday

Final plans have been completed by the city in preparation for its appearance in Oakland County Circuit Court Friday as defendant against the State Water Resources Commission concerning the sewage problem.

Paul Pare, City Attorney, will represent Farmington in the case. An answer to the Bill of Complaint was filed by the city several months ago. The court action is expected to clear the way for the construction of the proposed sewage disposal plant.

The State is seeking a decree requiring the city to abate pollution of the Rouge River and to abide by the directives of the State Water Resources Commission. (Continued on Page Six)

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE OCTOBER 15, 16 FOR INSTITUTE

A Teachers' Institute will be held at the Birmingham High School on Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16.

School will not be held in Farmington on these two days — most of the teaching staff will be in attendance at the meetings.

The meetings are held for the purpose of instruction and enlightenment in new teaching techniques, administration procedures and treatment of school problems.

AROUND THE BLOCK

OLD MAN WINTER

Support for a brief visit during the week, just to get things lined up for the coming season. At least we hope the visit is brief because things are not quite ready for the annual call. In fact, the signs for storm windows, insulation, auto heaters and fur coats are just beginning to pop up in store windows. And the thing that makes us feel the old man won't talk. He just breezed in on a dark cloud and made himself felt. We did notice, however, that he wasn't carrying a suitcase, which is somewhat encouraging at least.

MONDAY'S ELECTION

Is the big election in Farmington area this week, with lots of pro and con being kicked around now that the balloting is over. It is always amazing to us how quiet things can be before an election and how noisy it can get after the votes have been counted. From our observations, however, the after-election pretty closely follow the actual results of the election. A lot of work was expended in an effort to stir up interest in the hunting ban question and, based on previous records, it was time well spent. Although only about one-fifth of the registered voters in the township went to the polls, it was a fairly good turnout for a special election.

THEY'RE KNOCKING

down doors, sliding furniture around and plugging up holes in the wall over at the police station these days, but it isn't anything to get excited about. Everything is being done in a cool and organized manner. It's part of a continuing program of airation and repair. The door leading to the cell, the Sun moved, the work space enlarged and the customer counter moved forward. In addition, the floor of the jail section is being tiled to match the rest of the office area. The changes are being made to add to the convenience and efficiency of the Department.

SEVERAL REMINDERS

have been dropped here and there in recent weeks regarding the visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank to Farmington on Monday, October 10. In fact, you will find a story elsewhere on this page telling of the progress of the registration. It shouldn't be necessary to remind you of the importance of this program. Blood is urgently needed and you, your friends and neighbors are the ones who can supply the need. During the past year alone many Farmington people have benefited from the Farmington credit bank. It would not have been possible without your support. So register today... give a pint of blood on October 10 and help save a life.

VOTERS APPROVE TOWNSHIP HUNTING BAN PROPOSAL

Five Cars Damaged In Grand River Accident



This is what happens when one moving car meets four parked cars. It took place last Friday evening on Grand River near Brookdale. Although no one was injured in the accident, considerable property damage resulted. The accident occurred when a car driven by Leonard G. Freidrich of 3000 Grand River, while driving west on Grand River, plowed into four cars parked along the north

side of the street. The parked car most severely damaged in the accident was owned by L. H. Gschwendner, 10605 Irvington, Detroit. Freidrich pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and is being held in lieu of a \$200 cash bond. Hearing has been set for Friday morning in Municipal Court.

City To Conduct Provisions Of New Driver License Survey On Street Law Now In Effect At Bureau

Designed To Reduce Rise In Auto Accidents

As a result of an increased number of traffic accidents involving vehicles in various sections of the city, officials have begun a survey of conditions in an effort to correct any hazards.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that a study of existing street lighting along Grand River will be made, particularly from the Nine Mile Road west to the main business district. Tennant stated that he will consult with the Detroit Edison Company on various means of improving the present lighting.

Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt (Continued on Page Six)

POLICE HUNT CAR WHICH STRUCK CYCLIST MONDAY

Farmington City Police are seeking the identity of a motorist who struck Charles Mundy of Brookdale while riding his bicycle at Brookdale and Nine Mile Road early Monday morning.

Mundy, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mundy of 25287 Brook Road, received bruises after having been struck by the rear fender of the passing car.

He was not able to give a description of the vehicle.

School Enrollment Starts Leveling Off After Reaching Record Heights

Enrollment in the schools of the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts have begun to level off at record heights, officials stated this week.

At the close of September both school districts had equalled or passed their original registration estimates. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of Farmington Township School District, reported that 3,001 students were enrolled in all grades as of Friday, October 2. Officials had estimated that the enrollment would reach 3,000.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District, stated that 1,833 students were registered in the entire district at the close of school last week. Dunkel added that 2,099 students are enrolled in the elementary grades, kindergarten through sixth. The junior-senior high school registration now stands at 1,602. This represents an increase of 335 students over the same period a year ago. Dunkel stated that of the 335 increase, 274 are in the elementary grades and 61 in the junior-senior high school.

Expiration Coincides With Driver's Birthday

All drivers in the Farmington area are being advised this week to pay particular attention to the expiration dates on their driver's licenses.

A new law, which takes effect this month, changes the renewal time for virtually every Michigan driver. The basic idea of the new legislation, which is expected to greatly reduce loss of life and property from traffic accidents, is to make sure that all people who hold licenses are qualified drivers. It sets up strict testing for new applicants and provides for a central file at Lansing where all violations and accidents will be marked on driver records.

It also provides that henceforth, licenses will expire at three year intervals on the date of the driver's birthday. Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, head of the Farmington Driver's License Bureau, stated that it may take several years for all aspects of the new law to become effective, but that the expiration provisions will be complied with immediately.

CHANGING to the new system will save some people more than three years under their present licenses, while others will have less. The rule works like this: Your license expires on your birthday in the same year that is already marked for expiration. (Continued on Page Six)

Blood Bank Hits 95 Registrations

Registrations for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank continue to rise. Mrs. Fred Lenz, registration chairman, announced Tuesday.

The blood bank will visit Farmington on Monday, October 12. Facilities will be set up at the Town Hall and will be open from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Lenz stated that every effort is being made to secure as many donors as possible. Last May a total of 117 pints of blood were secured during the visit of the blood bank.

Free transportation to and from the bank will be furnished by the committee. Persons who desire transportation are requested to note it when they register. A special nursery will also be set up in the Town Hall to take care of the children of donors.

Persons may register at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank or at the booth in the Farmington Post Office. Registrations are also being accepted at the Farmington Township office and at the Farmington Enterprise.

SCHOOL RECEIVES APPROVAL TO BORROW \$50,000

Permission has been granted to the Farmington Township School District for the borrowing of \$50,000 for general purposes. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent, stated Tuesday.

The request for permission was approved by the Municipal Finance Commission last week. According to Dunkel the district has \$236,000 coming in State Aid during the year 1953-54.

Action will be taken at once to secure the \$50,000. The board approved a resolution at its last meeting to borrow the money, subject to the approval of the Municipal Finance Commission. Dunkel stated that the money will be needed in October to meet current operational expenses, particularly teachers' salaries.

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Report On Zoning Changes To Be Filed Next Week

Township To Receive Board Recommendation

Recommendations on three proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance are expected to be filed with the Township Board next week. Leo Kelly, chairman, announced Tuesday.

A public hearing on the proposed changes was held Wednesday evening at the Farmington Town Hall. Township residents affected by the proposals were given an opportunity to express their opinions at the meeting. Kelly stated that the recommendations will be based on the opinions voiced at the hearing as well as the study made by the Zoning Board.

Final action on the proposed amendments must be decided by the Farmington Township Board. The Zoning Board can only make recommendations based on studies and hearings. It is possible that the Township Board may take action at its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 13. THE THREE proposed amendments affect property in separate sections of the township. One proposal would include the Schroeder Farms Subdivision, located in the northwest section of the township, in the zoning ordinance as Residential Zone III. The subdivision is zoned at the present time. The second proposed amendment would include all property in Section 28 abutting on the Grand River, off the basis of Drake and Gill Roads as Residential Zone IV. This property is also zoned at the present time. The third proposal would rezone Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, Farmington Little Farm, on Nine Mile and Farmington Roads, from Residential II to Light Industrial.

Extend Time Limit On Completion Of Westbrook School

Contractor Granted 30-Day Extension

A 30-day extension of time has been granted to the Smith - Andrews Construction Company for the completion of the Westbrook School according to a resolution approved by the Clarenceville School Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

The extension was granted subject to the approval of the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the Federal Government. The motion stated that because of conditions beyond the control of the contractor the extension was being granted. The conditions causing the inability to establish a grade for the road and school property and the inability of the District to obtain water sufficient for operation purposes.

THE BOARD also approved a motion authorizing the superintendent to make provisions for the hauling of water to the Westbrook School in sufficient quantities to supply the heating system. Arrangements are now being made to transport water in (Continued on Page Six)

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR ANNUAL UNITED FUND DRIVE

The budget committee of the Farmington United Fund is now meeting to review the requests of various organizations preparatory to the opening of the annual fund-raising campaign.

Members of the budget committee include: Edward Moesman, chairman, Fred Searle and Tracy Conroy. The quotas for the various organizations will be added to the United Fund Budget and the campaign pool. The local organizations make up the Farmington Community Chest, which is a part of the annual United Fund Drive.

The United Fund allocation for the Farmington area has been set at \$14,174.95, which is 16.16% of the county total. This figure was approved by the Board of the United Fund of Michigan, of which Farmington is a part. The county figure must be approved by the Farmington United Fund Board before it is official.

Issue Carries By 2 To 1 Majority In Special Election Monday

The establishment of a hunting ban in Farmington Township was approved by a better than 2 to 1 majority in the special election held Monday.

A total of 1,162 votes were cast in the election with 786 favoring the ban and 357 opposing it. According to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, the total vote represents about 12% of the actual number of registered voters in the township. However, this is considered a fairly good vote for a special election.

Precinct Three, located at the Middlebelt School, recorded the highest total vote with 405 ballots cast. Precinct Four, at the Bond School, was second with 275 votes, with 210 and Precinct One, located at the Clarenceville area, was next with 210.

At the Town Hall, was last with 167 ballots cast. The breakdown of voting by precincts was as follows:

	Yes	No
Precinct One	121	46
Precinct Two	158	58
Precinct Three	286	119
Precinct Four	215	159

All four precincts used voting machines for the election. THE NEW LAW will take effect immediately throughout the township. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated following receipt of the returns. The certification of the election was completed Tuesday. According to the provisions of the new law hunting with firearms is now prohibited within the boundaries of Farmington Township. Violators will be subject to fine or imprisonment or both as the court sees fit.

A bill to establish the hunting ban in Farmington Township was approved by both the House and Senate during last session of the State Legislature and signed by Governor Williams. However, the bill provided that the pro-hunter, traveler and hunter, was not to be approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting before it could officially become law.

The Reverend Leroy Lord of the Orchard Methodist Church will mark the anniversary of his 45th year in the ministry on Sunday, October 11.

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PLANNING GROUP TO HEAR PROGRESS REPORT WEDNESDAY

A report on the progress of the master plan for the City of Farmington will be presented to the Planning Commission at its next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 11.

Malcolm Waring, planning consultant, will be present at the meeting to discuss the development of the plan. Members of the Land Use Committee are expected to have a preliminary report ready on their study of the abridged edition of the B. O. C. A. Building Code. The Commission is considering the recommendation of the building code for adoption by the city. (Continued on Page Six)

Clarenceville Opens Driver Training

Clarenceville High School students get a briefing on the operation of the new driver training car which was delivered to the District last week. Pictured left to right are: Carl Kallala, District clerk, Clarenceville High School, Clarenceville, Kenneth Brown, instructor, seated in the car, and Anthony Marra, instructor. The car is equipped with dual foot controls for instruction purposes. It was presented to the District through the courtesy of C. Owens, Ford Dealer, and the Livonia Police Department.