

March Of Dimes Officers Meet Foundation President



Members of the Southwest Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis discuss plans for the 1954 March of Dimes with Basil O'Connor, second from the right National President, during a recent regional meeting in Toledo, Ohio. The annual March of Dimes Drive officially opened last Saturday throughout the Farmington area. Pictured left to right are: Mrs. Vern Hawley, Charleneville chairman, Mrs. Francis Bennett, Farmington chairman, Mrs. Ed Miller, Oakland County chairman, O'Connor, and Mrs. James Lillis, Southwest Oakland County chairman.

Distribution Of Special Canisters Opens 1954 March Of Dimes Drive

Approximately 200 "Test Tube" Coin Collectors Placed In Business Places Throughout Area

Approximately 200 March of Dimes "test tube" canisters were distributed to stores and business places throughout the Farmington City and Township area on Saturday, officially opening the 1954 polo campaign. George Wehring, Jr., chairman of the distribution, stated that the canisters were picked up Saturday morning at the Municipal Building by volunteer workers and circulated immediately. The canisters will collect the canisters from the various business places at the close of the drive on January 31.

NEW RED CROSS MOBILE CORPS DIRECTOR NEEDED

Mrs. Parrol Weber is resigning as chairman of the Farmington branch of the Red Cross Mobile Corps. It was announced this week that efforts are now being made to secure a new chairman to fill the vacancy. Anyone interested in volunteering their services are requested to call Mrs. Weber at Farmington 1659 after 4:00 p.m.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE RUSH MAY BE OVER... The Farmington City and Township... The installation of the new water supply... The new Westbrook School... The Westbrook School... The Westbrook School... The Westbrook School...

LOOK FOR THE "TEST TUBE"

in your favorite store and fill it with dimes and dollars so that the progressive battle against polio can continue. What may well be the final assault against this terrible disease is now under way. Tremendous advances in the fight against polio have already been made and we are on the brink of even greater accomplishments. Your contributions dropped in the special "Test Tube" through the Farmington area will mean the difference between sickness and costly delay. "Give More in '54" is not just a slogan of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, it's a very real and urgent necessity. Thousands of people are alive and healthy today because we gave it. Thousands more will have a chance to live tomorrow if we keep on giving. Help now! Join the March of Dimes.

THE LAST REMNANTS

of Christmas have almost faded from the Farmington scene. The store windows, with their Santa Claus figures, bells and tinsel, have been transformed back to everyday life again. The Christmas tree, holly wreath and bright colored candles have been tossed aside and forgotten for another year. Even some of the toys are already broken or at least patched for the time being. And what is the saddest sight of the season? Maybe it is the removal of the evergreen, candy canes and Santa Claus decorations from the business section on Monday. Or maybe it is just that we have finally worked our way out to the light again and realize for the first time that another Christmas is behind us.

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

is about to be launched in the Farmington area which deserves plenty of serious thought. The Community Appeal phase of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund Campaign will officially open next Monday. It is the next few weeks a volunteer worker will stop at your home to explain the St. Mary Hospital program and ask you to contribute. The construction of a 120-bed general hospital is a major undertaking even when five communities are working together. But the need is tremendous... and the reward is great. So listen to the volunteer worker's story... give it serious consideration... and do your part in this humanitarian campaign.

Two Candidates Seek Election To State Legislature

Vacancy To Be Filled At Special Election

Two candidates, one from each of the political parties, have secured the nomination for the vacant Oakland County Third Representative District election, officials announced this week. The election has been called by Governor Williams to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Howard R. Estes. The deadline for the filing of nominating petitions has been set for this Thursday, January 7. Two additional candidates filed prior to the deadline a primary election will not be required. Governor Williams has set January 21 as the date for a primary election to be held on the same day.

CONCURRING TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, THE SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PRESENT THIRD DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDES FARMINGTON, CHARLENEVILLE, BLOOMFIELD, TROY, LYONS AND NOVI TOWNSHIPS.

The district which elected Estes to his present term of office, there were no changes about the District boundaries, because of the fact that the Third District was recently reappointed by action of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

THE TWO CANDIDATES WHO HAVE TAKEN OUT NOMINATING PETITIONS THIS FAR ARE RICHARD VAN DUSEN, BIRMINGHAM REPUBLICAN, AND MARVIN KUSCHINSKY, TROY TOWNSHIP DEMOCRAT. VAN DUSEN IS FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE BIRMINGHAM REPUBLICAN CLUB AND SON OF THE LATE BRUCE B. VAN DUSEN, BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSIONER. KUSCHINSKY WAS FORMER JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND DEPUTY SHERIFF IN SAGINAW COUNTY.

First Aid Classes To Start Tuesday

A comprehensive first aid course, sponsored by the Farmington Civil Defense Council and conducted by the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, is being offered to residents of the Farmington area beginning Tuesday. The classes will be conducted at the American Legion Home and will run for a period of ten weeks. Two hours of instruction will be given during each class period. Mrs. Stella Strey, chairman of the Welfare and Housing Commission of the Farmington Civil Defense Council, is conducting the classes. The classes are open to all persons in the community interested in self defense work, or in first aid training. Mrs. Stella Strey, chairman of the Welfare and Housing Commission of the Farmington Civil Defense Council, is conducting the classes. The classes are open to all persons in the community interested in self defense work, or in first aid training.

PAY OFF \$45,000 SCHOOL NOTE AT CLARENCEVILLE

The Clarenceville School District has paid the \$45,000 note which was negotiated several months ago with the National Bank of Detroit. Officials stated that the note has been paid four months ahead of the due date, thus saving about \$400 in interest. The money was borrowed in anticipation of state aid receipts. The Board authorized payment of the note at its last regular meeting. Sufficient money has been received by the district from the loan to take care of the \$45,000 loan as well as current operating expenses.

Farmington School District To Cooperate In New County-Wide Program To Ease Teacher Shortage

The Farmington Township School District, along with other districts throughout Oakland County, is cooperating in a new and intensified teacher preparation program being organized by Wayne University in cooperation with local superintendents of schools. It provides an opportunity to complete required courses and in-school directed teaching during the spring and summer months in order to qualify persons for teaching positions in September, Dunckel stated. The classroom program will be concentrated in Pontiac but practical instruction in teaching will be given. The program will be offered in the various school systems of the county. "During the past year the local schools have received several calls for prospective teachers and principals, but who do not meet the state requirements for teacher certification," Dunckel stated. "It is believed that the program being planned by the University will provide otherwise qualified persons with college backgrounds who possess basic teaching qualifications, the ability to learn contemporary teaching methods, and who are sincerely interested in the education of children." Courses will be open to individuals who have three or more years of college work but who have not completed the professional preparation needed for employment in the field. The intensive program to be worked out by Wayne educators and local superintendents, calls for both daytime and evening work, starting February 8 and continuing through June 21. The program will be followed by a summer session to begin on June 21. During the spring semester, prospective teachers will attend a workshop on teaching methods and themes, colloquies in teaching and curriculum, problems in social studies, history and philosophy of education and daily opportunities to do actual teaching in a local school under the supervision of an experienced teacher. The summer session as now planned will concentrate on courses in child psychology and literature materials in elementary schools. Since the majority of participants in the initial program is to be limited, persons interested in joining the group should obtain and turn in applications as soon as possible. The blank forms may be secured from local school officials, the Oakland County School Superintendent, or Wayne University.

School Board Offers Recommendations On Proposed Building Construction

Rushing Business Officials Report High Tax Return

In spite of the Christmas time drain on the family budget, township and city officials reported unusually high returns on 1953 school and county tax statements. Kathryn Carter, City Treasurer, reported Monday that approximately 34% of the total tax statements have been paid to date. There is \$55,174 of the total \$164,031 tax bill. City taxpayers have until January 19 to pay their winter statements without penalty. All taxes paid between January 19 and March 1 will be charged 4% interest. After March 1, taxes must be paid at the Oakland County Treasurer's office in Pontiac. Clayton Goetz, Township Treasurer, stated Monday that collections are running well ahead of schedule compared to previous years. He added that approximately 1% of the total tax statements had been received up to Monday evening. Taxpayers in the township have until February 27 to pay their winter county and school taxes without penalty. The due date was moved back to February by action of the Township Board.

Council Assured Of Bids On City Property Sale

The Council has been assured of at least two sealed bids in connection with the sale of \$8 acres of city-owned property between the Grand River Cut-Off and Nine Mile Roads, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week. He issued an invitation as well as advertisements were mailed out earlier in the week. Sealed bids on the sale of the property will be opened and read by the Council at its next regular meeting on January 18. The deadline on receipt of proposals has been set for 4:00 p.m. on January 18. Tennant stated that several parties have indicated an interest in the property and he announced their intention to submit bids. The sale notices provide that the property may be purchased in whole or in part. The Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Five Proposals Outlined At Special Meeting Of Board Monday Night

The Farmington Township school Board decided at a special meeting held Monday evening to discuss several proposals which should be included in the proposed school construction program. The Board has, for the past several weeks, studied various construction methods with an eye toward economy so that the greatest possible number of classrooms could be added to the district and at the same time include what the Board considers desirable features. The Board began its study of possible construction methods at a meeting of the Citizens' School Advisory Council, which was held at the home of Eberle Smith Associates, architectural firm which has done other construction work in the district, was present at the meeting to discuss several methods by which construction at less expense than had been quoted. A representative of the firm stated that the school Board decided at a special meeting held Monday evening to discuss several proposals which should be included in the proposed school construction program.

Expect Township Action On New Zoning Changes

The Farmington Township Board is expected to take action on a new resolution of intention to change the Township Zoning Ordinance at the next regular meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday evening, January 12. Action on the resolution was taken at the last meeting of the Board, but because of details in preparation and publication date, the resolution will have to be re-introduced. The proposed ordinance involves a parcel of property on Middlebelt Road north of Ten Mile Road. The Board is recommending that the zoning be changed from Residential to Light Industrial in order to conform with existing use. FINAL ACTION may be taken by the Board on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance affecting a parcel of property on Middlebelt Road north of Ten Mile Road. The zoning Board has recommended that the property be changed from Commercial to Light Industrial. The Board has recommended that the zoning be changed from Residential to Light Industrial in order to conform with existing use.

House To House Phase Of St. Mary Hospital Drive To Start Monday

Teams of volunteer workers prepare to open major part of campaign in five communities. The door-to-door campaign for funds in behalf of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund will begin next Monday, January 11, in the communities of Farmington, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Reform, according to Mrs. Louis Nolan, chairman of the Farmington Community Appeal Committee.

Adult Typing Class Needs Students

Five more registrants are needed for the Farmington Adult Education typing class if the course is to be continued, James Read, assistant superintendent, announced Tuesday. A total of 12 registrants is required before a class can be conducted. Read added that the next meeting of the group will be held Monday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the new Westbrook School. Persons interested in enrolling for the adult typing course are requested to contact Read at Farmington 1220 as soon as possible. Considerable interest has been shown in a possible machine blueprint reading class, Read stated. A teacher is available for this course and space will be provided at the new high school if there is a sufficient number of applicants. At least 12 applications have been received, the first class session will be started. Citizens interested in the blueprint reading course are urged to call Farmington 1220.

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Group To Discuss Commercial Plan

Plans on the possible expansion of commercial facilities in the city will be the main topic of discussion at the next regular meeting of the City Planning Commission to be held Wednesday, January 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the City Building on Liberty Street. A proposed layout for commercial development along the Grand River Cut-Off and South Farmington Road will be presented to the Commission by Malcolm Williams, Planning Consultant. Representatives of the various public utilities have been invited to attend the meeting. A special film, sponsored by the General Electric Corporation, showing various methods of waste disposal and water treatment will be shown to the Commission. The film features the type of sewerage disposal planned by the city.

THREE FIRES CAUSE SLIGHT DAMAGE MONDAY

Farmington City firemen were called out on three separate fires on Monday. There were no injuries and damage was minor in each of the cases. One fire took place in the log cabin building on Grand River just east of Maple Street and one took place in another apartment block of the log building. One fire was started in a folding deck chair and was caused by an electric heater. The third call was made at approximately 9:30 Monday night on one of the streets in the city. The cause of the fire was caused by wood material being placed too close to the chimney.

UNIVERSALISTS TO INSTALL NEW MINISTER SUNDAY

The Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will be formally installed as minister of the Farmington Universalist Church at the regular morning service on Sunday, January 10. Dr. Frank D. Adams, minister emeritus of the church, will preach the sermon and conduct the installation service. The Rev. Morley R. Hurlbert of Lansing, Michigan.

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