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Clarenceville Voters Approve School Building Program At Special Election

New \$350,000 Classroom Expansion Plan Receives Large Majority In Light Vote

Clarenceville voters, at a special election Monday, approved two propositions authorizing the Board of Education to proceed with a \$350,000 school building expansion program.

Only 216 voters turned out for the special election which, according to election officials, represents less than 10% of the registered electors of the district. On the proposal requesting permission to borrow the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new school building, the vote was: Yes, 175 — No, 22.

The proposal involving a request for permission to increase the tax limitation by six mills for a period of 20 years to pay the principal and interest on the bond issue was approved by a vote of 154 to 28.

Board To Receive Road Rebuilding Bids Tuesday

Plan Road Rebuilding Program In Township

Bids for the drainage and reconstruction of roads in Farmington Township are expected to be filed with the Board at its regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

July 27, Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated this week. The bids are being submitted at the request of Blanchard, who was appointed by the Board to secure cost estimates on the road conditions. A survey of road conditions has been conducted throughout the township by the Board, officials of the County Road Commission, and private contractors. The bids will be based on the findings of the survey.

Three Injured In Accidents Sunday

Two three-car collisions on U. S. 16 west of Farmington Sunday resulted in personal injuries to three persons.

The first crash occurred at Drake Road shortly before 10:00 a.m. Sunday and the second near Gill Road around 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

Injured in the first collision was Beverly Seymour of Dearborn, who suffered lacerations to the body. Elsie Binkley of Wayne pulled out into the traffic with a second vehicle coming behind slowing up to avoid hitting her. The third car, driven by Raymond Seymour, was unable to stop and crashed into the second, which was in turn driven into the Binkley auto.

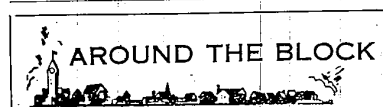
The crash near Gill Road resulted when two vehicles slipped to the left on U. S. 16 and were hit from behind by a third car driven by Patricia Kolisch. According to police reports, the Kolisch auto was apparently traveling too fast to stop in time to avoid the crash.

Patricia Kolisch suffered injuries to the face and Joseph Kolisch, a passenger in the car, suffered lacerations to the scalp.

TEACHING STAFF COMPLETE AT CLARENCEVILLE

All vacancies in the Clarenceville School District teaching staff for the coming year have been filled by the Board of Education.

Dr. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week. Contracts for the final positions were signed last week, bringing the personnel to full capacity. Ten of the 12 replacements, or 16 new teachers will join the staff in September. This includes eight teachers in the elementary grades and eight in the junior high school. Because of budget limitations, three less teachers are being employed in the grades than was originally planned.



AROUND THE BLOCK

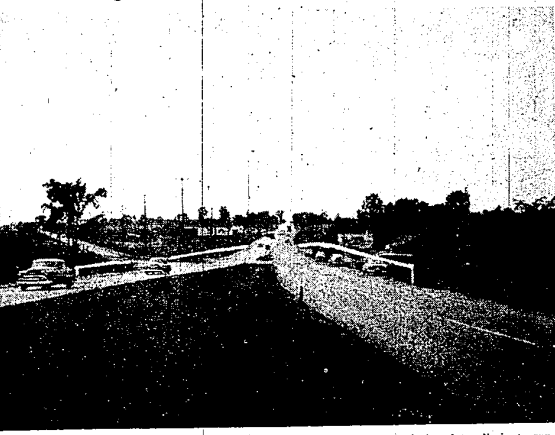
IT'S NOT STARTLING . . . but the continued jam-up on Grand River every week-end is definitely high on the street corner conversation list. We don't know where the ever-increasing flow of traffic is coming from or just where it is going. There have been plenty of line-ups on Grand River in the past, but they have been confined primarily to Sundays and holidays. Now the big parade starts about Thursday and continues through the week-end. The same scene week in and week out only points out the urgent need for quick action in the widening and opening of the Cut-Out to both east and west bound traffic. We understand they are working on it, but that's all the information we have.

HERE'S HOPE . . . that the turn-out at the election polls in Clarenceville on Monday is not an indication of things to come. Less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district bothered to go to the polls for the special vote. This is discouraging enough in itself, but the thought of another light vote in less than two weeks is downright alarming. That seems to be a likely prospect unless a spark is ignited before the August 3 Primary Election. The fact that a statewide vote is to be held should be a spark enough. But couple with that the nomination to be made plus the question of a new county court house, and the spark should be a real flame. Let's hope so!

A LITTLE . . . brightening up has been going on around the main corner of the business section with the remodeling of the Grand Cab Company of River. New wallpaper has been added at the cafe office on Grand Street. The new cafe, which is now open, has a new modern prescription counter has been installed at the Oak Pharmacy along with new shelf fixtures. It may be quite a long time to spring . . . but the point-up, brighten-up and freshen-up campaign seems to be in full swing regardless of the weather or the season.

WAKING OUT OF BED . . . at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, jumping into some clothes and taking off on a dead run for the fire station isn't much fun, even when it's necessary, but when it's a false alarm the firemen get hotter than a five alarm blaze, and we can't exactly blame them. That was the situation early Tuesday morning when the Clarenceville volunteer firemen were routed out of bed to check down a reported fire on Bank Street. When they arrived on the scene there was nothing except some "who doo!" stories. Remember, it costs you money every time that fire engine goes out, and besides, these volunteers have to work for a living and they don't appreciate being hauled out in the middle of the night to answer a false alarm. Would You?

No Parking Zone To Ease Congestion On U. S. 16



The Farmington Township Board last week approved the establishment of a parking control zone on the U. S. 16 right-of-way in the vicinity of the Ten Mile Road intersection, shown at the left of the photo. The white lines show the approximate location of the no parking area, which extends 1,000 feet east and 1,000 feet west of the intersection on both sides of Grand River. The zone is designed to eliminate congestion along this portion of the highway which is one of the most dangerous in the Farmington area. A complete text of the traffic ordinance appears on page 48 of this issue. The regulation will take effect August 21, 30 days following the date of publication.

Predict Light Vote In August 3 Primary Election

Interest in the coming biennial Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, August 3, is continuing to run light, township and city officials stated this week.

30 new registrations were recorded in the township and 25 in the city during the registration period which closed July 6. Officials stated that the light registration plus the small number of inquiries that have been received to date regarding the election would indicate that a comparatively small vote can be expected.

Court House Proposal To Appear On Ballot

Farmington area voters will nominate candidates from the various political parties for national, state, and county offices.

A SPECIAL election will also be held on August 3 throughout Oakland and County to determine whether or not a new Court House is to be constructed in the City of Pontiac. Voters will be asked to authorize a levy of 1-20th of 1% (one per \$1,000) of assessed valuation of county property to pay the principal and interest on bonds not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the project. They will also be requested to approve the securing of a bond issue to finance the construction. All qualified electors may vote on the tax levy question but only property owners may vote on the bond issue proposal.

Novi School Board Elects Officers

James D. Mitchell was re-elected president of the Novi School District Board of Education at the annual organization meeting held last Thursday evening at the Novi school.

Jack Crawford was re-elected treasurer and Mrs. Louis A. Larson was elected secretary to replace the organization of the Board. The newly elected officers will take over their duties immediately.

UNITED FUND PLANS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING JULY 26

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Center will be held next Monday evening, July 26, for the purpose of discussing affiliation with the Oakland Township organization.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Harrison, 25585 Whittington.

Vote Set For August 3

Qualified approval of a proposal for a new county court house and office building, to be voted on by Oakland County on August 3, has been given by the Oakland Citizens League, after a study of the proposal.

Oakland Citizens League Gives Qualified Approval Of Proposed New County Office Building In Pontiac

The non-partisan citizens group, after studying reports by two allied organizations, Civic Research, Inc., of Pontiac, and the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, both of whom examined ballot proposals, are asked to authorize. The qualification came in the nature of a cautionary warning against over-expansion. Necessary for the construction appears well substantiated, the League said.

Twirlers Take Training Seriously

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New Full-Time City Engineer Employed By Council As Assistant To Manager

Construction Date Expected To Take Over Building Inspection Duties In Near Future

The Farmington City Council, at a regular meeting held Monday evening, approved the hiring of Xobert Rutalsky as city engineer and assistant to James Tennant, City Manager.

Rutalsky will work with Tennant and L. N. Hayden, registered engineer, who will be retained on a limited basis. The new city engineer is a graduate of Lawrence Institute and has had practical experience in various municipalities in the metropolitan area. Rutalsky, who lives in Roseville at the present time, is married and has two children. It is expected that he will eventually take over the duties of building inspector in addition to serving as engineer and assistant to the City Manager. He will take over his new duties Monday morning.

Sewage Disposal Plans Delayed Pending State OK

The Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of a Buick Century four-door sedan police car from the Jim Burns agency to replace the oldest two-year-old car now in the fleet. The cost of the bid was \$2,162.46 less the turn-in value of the present car.

City Waits Approval Of Ground Lay-Out

City officials announced this week that the preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed sewer disposal plant are still being delayed pending approval by the State of the ground layout.

The layout was filed with the Michigan Department of Health about six weeks ago by William Hearn, sanitary engineer employed by the city for the development of the sanitation system. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that details on the plans and specifications can not be completed until the layout has been approved.

Appreciation Day Set For Friday

The first Appreciation Day award, sponsored by the Farmington Merchants Association, will be presented at this Friday evening, July 23, at 7:45 p.m. in the Town Hall.

A total of 30 merchants in the Farmington area are participating in the Appreciation Day program. Coupons for the awards may be secured with the purchase of merchandise from the stores of participating merchants. One award will be given out each Friday evening for the next 25 weeks. Persons must be present at the Appreciation Day program in order to receive the award.

NAME MRS. HUBERT WELCOMES WAGON HOSTESS IN AREA

Mrs. Dawson Hubert has just returned from New York where she completed a special training course qualifying her for the position of Welcome Wagon Hostess in the Farmington community.

The Welcome Wagon program is expected to start in Farmington at about the same time that the course was completed. Mrs. Hubert, who lives at 23415 Warner, is one of the 1,000 hostesses who are making approximately a million calls annually (Continued on Page 5A)

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Local All-Stars Edged In Series

The Farmington All-Star baseball team fared well in tough Little League World Series competition last week, taking their opening game against Lincoln Park, 5-3, and putting up a stiff fight against a strong Hamtramck club before losing out.

Following a last minute change in plans which cancelled a scheduled contest between Farmington and the Birmingham Americans, the local All-Stars were moved to (Continued on Page 5A)

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