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## Gala United Fund Drive Kick-Off Set For Thursday

### Radio, Television Stars To Highlight Program

Farmington's 1954 United Fund and Community Chest Campaign will get off to a booming start Thursday evening with a star-studded kick-off program scheduled for 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington High School auditorium.

Radio and television star Hub Maxwell will act as Master of Ceremonies for the gala program, which will feature top local talent. TV's Michigan Barn Dancers, with Phil Granda as their leader, will also be on hand to entertain, along with the Farmington High School band. Don McGrook, assistant general manager of WWJ and WWJ-TV, is chairman of the entertainment committee. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

THE ANNUAL United Fund and Community Chest Drive will officially open Friday morning, October 8, when volunteer solicitors begin their door-to-door canvass of the city and township.

The goal of the 1954 campaign has been set at \$24,457. Omar Sanderson, Campaign Chairman, has announced that every dollar will be made to reach the goal as early as possible. The organization of the drive has now been completed from the area captains down to the individual solicitors.

Letters have been mailed in advance to all industrial and business concerns in the community urging them to support the 1954 campaign.

A special appeal is being made to all Farmington residents to give at least a portion of their contribution at home. Officials explain that this is essential if the needs of the Farmington and Clarenceville Recreation Commission are to be met.

## CITY BEGINS WORK ON ZONING APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

Formal application is now being drafted by city attorneys to the State Supreme Court in regard to an appeal of the Circuit Court decision in the case of Jobe L. Pare vs. the City Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Inspector.

Paul A. Pare, City Attorney, announced Tuesday that he formally entered on the records of the Oakland County Circuit Court Monday. The city has 20 days in which to file an appeal with the State Supreme Court. Pare stated that a "Leave to Appeal Application" is now being drafted for presentation to the State Supreme Court.

## AROUND THE BLOCK

### SONKBIDGE TIPPED

... on the bucket last Sunday, or maybe we should say the barrel, from the amount of moisture that was pouring around. The wet stuff not only flooded the river, streets, sidewalks, and yards, but it found its way into plenty of basements, too. It seems a little ironical that only a few months ago the headlines proclaimed that Farmington was without water and that emergency measures were being taken to meet the situation. Last Sunday the situation was exactly the opposite, but it was equally as serious for a good many people. It is hoped that it will never be a happy memory. But then, it gives us something new to talk about after we have relaxed our tired muscles and caught up on our lost sleep.

### WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US

... this Friday evening for a trip through The Farmington Enterprise and a sip of coffee accompanied by a cookie or two. We're throwing open all the doors in observance of National Newspaper Week and you are invited to walk in. We will be very happy to take you on a tour of our plant and show you just how your newspaper is put together each week. Most of the members of the staff will be on hand to demonstrate and explain. So, function and fun in one visit this Friday between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. We will be mighty happy to have you stop in.

### THE ENTERTAINMENT CUT

... that is why the total figures are high. In addition to the regular schedule of sports and club activities, two special events are on the agenda which are bound to attract plenty of attention. The first comes on Thursday evening, October 7, in the form of a radio and television star-studded kick-off of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Drive. The program will be held in the Farmington High School gym beginning at 8:00 p.m. The second attraction will come Saturday evening when the Farmington Students Club presents a series of radio and adventure programs featuring "Singapore Joe" Fisher, noted photographer and lecturer. So fill out that date book right now and help yourself to a couple of evenings of real enjoyment.

### STEPPING OFF

... on the right foot is mighty important anytime but it's especially true where voting is concerned. The new registration figures are particularly encouraging. If they are any indication of things to come, November 2 is going to be a mighty bright and mighty busy day. Let's hope it works out that way!

## A Customer For A Blue Daisy



Offering his small contribution for the purchase of a daisy during the Farmington Blue Star Mothers' annual Blue Daisy Days sale is young Joseph A. Hagstrom. He is shown above making the purchase from Mrs. M. Schaefer in front of the Kroger Store Friday afternoon. Over \$200 was collected by the local Blue Daisy Days during the two-day sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help servicemen confined to veterans hospitals and their families.

## NET OVER \$500 IN ANNUAL BLUE DAISY SALE

Over \$500 was collected by the members of the Blue Star Mothers of Farmington during the annual Blue Daisy Days held last Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Blue Star Mothers to provide clothing, food and medical help for servicemen confined to veterans hospitals and their families. Officials stated that all of the funds are used by the Farmington chapter in Michigan. This is the largest collection made to date during the Annual Blue Daisy Days.

Members of the Blue Star Mothers were stationed at various locations during the two-day sale. All contributors received a Blue Daisy in recognition of their donation.

## COUNCIL, PLANNING GROUP TO DISCUSS ZONING REVISION

A second joint meeting between the City Council and the City Planning Commission will be held Monday evening, October 11, for the purpose of continuing a study on the proposed revision of the City Zoning Ordinance.

The first joint meeting was held Wednesday, September 22, at which time several minor changes were made in the proposed ordinance. The second meeting on September 22 was devoted to the suggested zoning map. Copies of the revision were mailed to all residents.

## Methodists Plan Church Expansion

After many months of serious study, the official board of the First Methodist Church of Farmington has authorized a Building Fund Committee headed by Charles Giesbreuer to proceed immediately with plans for raising funds for church expansion.

The phenomenal growth of this community has created a serious crowding and inadequacy in the educational and fellowship facilities of the church. The first step in the expansion program will be the creation of an improvement fund to make some alterations to the present building as well as to clear the present parking area to make way for additional educational facilities. It is hoped to build a new parsonage on a site recently acquired as a gracious gift from the late Mrs. J. H. Smith.

## Church Fund Committee Plans Drive

Members of the newly-formed Building Fund Committee of the First Methodist Church of Farmington met to review plans for raising funds to finance a church expansion program. The present parsonage site to make way for additional educational facilities is included in the expansion plan. Members of the committee (left to right) back row, Rev. Russell Sursow, Roy Miller, Leiland Clifford and Edward Ayres; front row, George Nall, Charles Giesbreuer, chairman, James Prender and Edward Smith. Russell Ellis and Paul Calkins are not pictured.

## Farmington Boy Killed In Auto Crash On 14 Mile

### Three Other Youths Injured In Accident

Kendeth A. Hagstrom of 20625 Moran was killed Saturday afternoon in an automobile accident on Fourteen Mile Road east of Farmington Road.

Three other Farmington youths involved in the accident received lacerations and contusions about the body and head but were not injured critically. They were Fred McCracken, 19719 Ten Mile, driver of the car; Robert Harris of 25237 Orchard Lake Road; and Roy Willis of 32327 Eleven Mile at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday on Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

According to Irving Yakes, township police officer, Hawdon was pulling back to the right side of the road after having passed another car when the wheel of his car apparently locked. The auto skidded and rolled over several times, coming to rest at the roadside. All four boys were thrown from the car, with Hagstrom being pinned underneath.

The car, which Hawdon had recently purchased, was traveling east on Fourteen Mile about a quarter mile east of Farmington Road when the accident occurred before 4 p.m.

Hagstrom, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hagstrom, died of internal injuries received in the accident. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday from the Spencer J. Heeney Funeral Home, with interment in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

## Committee Studies Sewage Proposal

A five-man committee has been appointed to complete legal procedures for the possible establishment of a sewer treatment system in the northeast section of the township.

The committee was selected during a special meeting held last Wednesday afternoon at the Oakland County Court House in Pontiac. Representatives of the Farmington and West Bloomfield Township Boards, the County Drain Commissioner, the Franklin Construction Company, the Franklin Knolls Improvement Association, and other subdivision groups were present at the meeting.

Ernest Blanchard, Farmington Township Supervisor, and Hiland Thatcher, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor, agreed to proceed with the drafting of a resolution, to be presented to the respective Township Boards, and the County Drain Board, at the next meeting.

## RECREATION GROUP PLANS DANCES AT CLARENCEVILLE

Plans are now being completed by the Clarenceville Recreation Commission for a series of square dance programs to be held Monday evenings at the Clarenceville High School gymnasium.

The first dance has been scheduled for Monday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. Other dances will be held on November 1, November 15 and December 6. Fred Bailey will serve as emcee.

Both beginning and experienced square dancers are invited to take part in the program.

## Jaycees Schedule Fall Roundup

Community minded young men of the Farmington area, interested in civic betterment and leadership training, are cordially invited to the Annual Jaycee Fall Roundup to be held Monday, October 18, at the Universalist Church.

All young men between the ages of 21 and 35 are welcome to attend and meet members of the organization. The evening program will begin at 8:00 o'clock. Entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be served following the program designed to inform the guests of the purpose and activities of the Jaycees.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Robert Clark, president; Bridges, secretary, at Farmington 3030; or Bill Conroy, membership chairman, at Farmington 2517-7.

## TEENAGE TALENT SHOW TO BE HELD IN NOVI OCT. 29

A Teenage Talent Show, sponsored by the Novi Board of Commerce, will be held Friday, October 29, for all teenagers from the Novi, Farmington, Northville, Walled Lake, South Lyon, New Hudson, Plymouth and Milford areas.

Big prizes will be awarded. For further details regarding nights for auditioning, rules for entering and the time and place of the show, see the advertisement which will appear in next week's edition of The Enterprise.

## School Board Lets Building Contracts For Three New Elementary Schools

### Another New Registration Added



City and township officials were swamped the latter part of last week and Monday of this week prior to the Monday vote registration deadline. A total of 620 new registrations were added to the township rolls and 195 in the city during the registration period. Pictured above registering Friday afternoon at the Township office is Cyril R. Gingrich of Haggerty Road, Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, assists with the registration.

## Take Action On Bids For Farmington High School Gymnasium Addition

Contracts for construction work on three new elementary schools and a portion of the high school addition to be built in the Farmington District were awarded Thursday evening at a special meeting of the Board of Education.

The general contract for construction of all three elementary schools was awarded to the Wallace Construction Company, Farmington, Michigan, at a bid price of \$44,450. The contract will cover general construction as well as electrical and mechanical work. The kitchen equipment contract for the three elementary schools was awarded to Ithoads Company, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana, at a bid price of \$21,000.

In drafting the plans, a 12 classroom school is to be built on Gill Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads. The other schools include a 16 classroom building at Tupek and Shawwaes and a 14 classroom building at Alhambra and Fourteen Mile Roads. All three units will be constructed along the same basic design. Eberle M. Smith, Associated School Architects, drafted the plans and specifications for the three projects.

SEVERAL CONTRACTS were awarded for the new gymnasium-classroom addition to be constructed on the northeast corner of the new high school building. W. J. Rowatt Company, Detroit, was awarded the substantial contract at a bid price of \$60,695. The electrical contract for the addition was awarded to the Jones Electrical Shop, Inc., Ferndale, at a bid price of \$21,965.

Action on the awarding of the general contract for the addition was delayed by the Board pending further information of the two lowest-bidders, Ellis Construction Company and Lerner-Lindon Company. O. E. Dunckel, 1933 Work on the gymnasium-classroom addition is expected to be awarded within the next few days.

Officials announced that letters had been mailed to the various successful bidders advising them of the Board's action. Dunckel stated that the work on the three elementary schools is expected to begin as soon as possible. The schools are expected to be ready for occupancy by September of 1955. Work on the gymnasium-classroom addition will probably begin shortly after the elementary school construction gets under way.

## Engineer To Meet With Township On Water Problem

### Plan Talk On Proposed New Water System

As a result of a general discussion of the township water problem held Friday afternoon, Edwin H. Pate, engineer, has agreed to meet with the Township Board to review the situation.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, and Fred Westlake, Board Trustee, met with Pate Friday afternoon in Detroit to outline the problem. After a two-hour discussion, Pate offered to visit the township and discuss the matter with the Board. Maps of the area involved in the proposed water district were used during the discussion. Blanchard stated that no conclusions were reached regarding the proposed system, other than the agreement by Pate to meet with the Board.

THE SUPERVISOR indicated that there was an excellent possibility that Pate and Hiram engineers would be employed by the Board to conduct a ground survey of the proposed water district and draft preliminary plans for the system. However, before the Township Board will have to take formal action employing the engineering firm, it is expected that information on the Board action will be announced (Continued on Page 8A)

## Let Bond Contract At Clarenceville

A contract for the purchase of \$350,000 in school construction bonds was awarded to Siler and Company, during a special meeting of the Clarenceville School Board held last Thursday evening.

The contract was awarded subject to the approval of the school board attorneys. Siler and Company was the lower bidder with a net interest cost of \$92,125. The bid included a premium of \$47.33 and the following interest rates: 1955-60, 3 1/2%; 1961-68, 3 1/4%; 1969, 2 3/4%; and 1970, 1 1/2%. A total of five bids were submitted at the special meeting.

Officials stated that arrangements are now being completed for the printing of the bonds. No one has been set for the receipt of bond sale money from Siler and Company. However, the funds are expected to be available as (Continued on Page 8A)

## HEAVY RAIN STORM SUNDAY FLOODS YARDS, BASEMENTS

The Farmington area was heavily drenched Sunday evening in one of the heaviest rain and electrical storms to hit southern Michigan in many years.

The City Public Works Department, as well as the City Manager, worked throughout the night answering emergency calls resulting from flooded streets and basements. Public Works crews continued basement pumping operations throughout most of Monday.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the storm was completely flooded at several points.

## Travelog: "South Africa"

## "Singapore Joe" Fisher To Open 1954-55 Travel Series Saturday

"Singapore Joe" Fisher, international renegade traveler and lecturer, will open the 1954-55 World Travel and Adventure Series this Saturday, October 9, beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Farmington High School gymnasium on Thomas Street.

Carl Wheaton, past president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, stated that arrangements for the grand opening of the second annual series of programs. It is expected that this year's travel series, sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis Club, will attract a record audience.

Fisher will arrive in Farmington Saturday afternoon to set his equipment for the lecture film in "South Africa". Singapore Joe, twice a millionaire in Far East ventures, has appeared before the Maharajahs of India, the King of Queen of England and many other celebrated personages. He was called back for 14 different Detroit World Adventure Series.

In his "South Africa" story, Fisher brings to his audience dramatic revelations of the crucial situations in the Dark Continent.

## City Drafts Plans For Water Main

L. N. Hayden, engineer, has been contacted by the city to proceed with the drafting of plans for a water main to connect the new wells, located south of the city, with the present city system.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the new 10-inch main will run from the well site along with the Grand River and Grand River East, then north along the east side of Gill Road to Grand River. The main will then follow along the south side of Grand River to the water reservoir. Tennant explained that the new main would be connected at Gill Road and Oakdale as well as several other locations.

According to the plans, the eastern section of the city will be serviced first by this main with the water then going into the reservoir. Because of the size of the mains and location, this section of the city has experienced particular difficulty during recent dry spells. The channeling of this new source of water into the east (Continued on Page 8A)

## TOTAL ENROLLMENT CLIMBS TO 3,536 AT FARMINGTON

Total classroom enrollment in the Farmington Township Schools reached the 3,536 mark last Friday for a new all-time record.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel announced that the 1954-55 enrollment is 2,115 are enrolled in the elementary grades while 1,118 are registered in the junior-high school. The enrollment figures will form the basis for future funds to be received from the State.

The original estimate on enrollment for the 1954-55 year was 3,500 students.

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