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## EXPECT LIGHT VOTE IN SPRING ELECTION MONDAY

### Voters To Elect City And Township Officers As Well As State Officials

A moderate to light vote is expected in the Biennial Spring Election to be held in the Farmington area next Monday, April 4, and township officials predicted this week.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day, April 4. Township electors will vote at the following regular precincts: Precinct One, Town Hall; Precinct Two, Clarenceville Fire Hall; Precinct Three, Middlebelt School; and Precinct Four, Bond School. City voters will cast their ballots at the Town Hall.

Principal interest in the local election centers around the City Council race. A total of seven candidates are seeking election to three seats on the Council. According to the City Charter, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected for terms of four years each; while the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will be elected for a term of two years.

The candidates for the City Council are: W. O. Bates, William L. Burke, Paul S. Collins, Harvey E. Chapman, Francis A. Nicholls, James M. Norrigan, and Sylvester J. Phoenix. Tracy Conroy, Acting Mayor, is not seeking re-election.

SEVERAL CONTESTS are shaping up in the election of township officials as a result of a rejected drive by the Farmington Democratic Club in behalf of specific write-in candidates. Since only Republican candidates were nominated in the primary election on county ballots, voters were expected in the township race. However, the Democratic Club announced Monday that five write-in candidates had been accepted for review. The Republicans included: Herbert Workman for Supervisor; Charles Polys, Louis Morris and Lawrence Benson for Trustees; and Carl Stiegel for Board of Review. The Republican candidates for these offices are: Ernest Blanchard, Supervisor; Elsie Avery, Ward Edge, Thimothy J. Phoenix, and Fred Westlake, Trustees; and Joseph DeHartro, Board of Review. The other Republican candidates are unopposed.

Both city and township voters will also elect various party candidates for state offices. The following are expected to be elected: (Continued on Page 8A)

### City To Proceed With Improved Street Lighting

#### Subdivisions, Business Area To Get New Lights

A contract is expected to be completed this week between the City of Farmington and the Detroit Edison Company for the improvement of street lighting both in the central business district and a number of residential sections.

The Council Monday evening authorized the City Manager to proceed with the initial phase of the master street lighting program. This phase will include the installation of new street lights throughout the main business section as well as additional lights in the Floral Park, Bell Aire, Warner Farms and Alta Loma Subdivisions. James T. Keenan, City Manager, stated that the program will add approximately \$1,300 to the present street lighting cost in the city.

THE CITY will walk for the installation of new type lighting fixtures along both sides of Grand River from Cass to Grove Streets and on both sides of Farmington Road from Thores Street to just north of the Post Office Building. The fixtures will consist of 30-foot ornamental posts with side arm and cut glass 10,000 lumen lamps. According to Detroit Edison Company engineers, the new fixtures will increase the light at the sidewalk and street level by 200% over the present system. (Continued on Page 8A)

### Okays Drafting Of Final School Addition Plans

#### Architect To Prepare Botsford Specifications

The starting salary schedule of teachers in the Clarenceville School District was increased by action of the Board of Education at a regular meeting held Thursday evening.

According to the motion, starting teachers with a four year degree will receive \$2,700, while starting teachers with master's degrees will receive \$3,200 for the school year 1955-56. The motion also provides that corresponding increases be made for starting teachers having less than a bachelor's degree, and provides a maximum of \$5,150 for teachers with a four year degree and \$5,250 for teachers with a master's degree.

Eberle Smith Associates, architects, were authorized by the Board to proceed with the development of plans for a proposed addition to the Botsford Elementary School. Stewart Kissinger, representing Eberle Smith, presented a tentative sketch of the seven-classroom addition at the meeting Thursday evening. The sketch will form the basis for detailed plans. (Continued on Page 8A)

### Number Of Roads Still Impassable

Muddy, impassable roads continue to be a common sight in both the city and township, and a major problem to numerous residents. On many area roads, services have been disrupted and countless residents have found it necessary to park their cars on main highways and walk to and from their homes.

Main roads which have been especially hard hit include Glen Road, Springbrook and Elvion Mile Road near Powers, school of Forest street, Hall and Alameda. The Council has been authorized to seek the aid of any intervention agency as prescribed on Grand River.

Officials stated that the revision will become effective immediately following publication in the city as soon as signs have been erected. (Continued on Page 8A)

### PLAN NEW DRIVER TRAINING SESSION AT CLARENCEVILLE

The fourth session of the current Clarenceville Adult Education Driver Training Program will begin on Monday, April 18, Stanley Irish, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

Persons interested in the driver training program are requested to contact the program coordinator, instructor and information. Actual schedules of days and hours will be set up following the registration. (Continued on Page 8A)

### Seek Court Action On City Pollution

City officials have been notified by the State Water Resources Commission that a hearing will be held within the next few weeks before Circuit Judge H. Russell Holland regarding possible court action to abate pollution in the city in connection with the city in the Rouge River.

The city is presently under court order to establish some type of sewer treatment. According to the order, the city was given until March 1, 1955, to let contracts for the construction of a sewage treatment system. The Water Resources Commission has directed the Attorney General's office to institute action for the hearing.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that Loring Oeming, Commission official, notified the city of the pending court hearing on Friday. Tennant added that the progress of the proposed Farmington interceptor would probably be discussed at the hearing. The interceptor, which would connect the Farmington system to the City of Detroit sewer network, is now being planned by engineers.

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### Special Education Unit To Be Built In School District

#### School Board Signs County's Contract

At a special meeting Monday evening, the Farmington Township School Board approved a proposed contractual agreement authorizing the construction of a four-room special education section in the school district.

The several education buildings will be constructed adjacent to the new elementary school now being built at Middlebelt and Fourteen Mile Road. It will be staffed and equipped to handle slow, orthopedic and mentally handicapped youngsters. Students from outside the Farmington district as well as resident youngsters will receive special education in the school.

In signing the contract, the local School Board became the first school governing body in the county to do so, the action to authorize the construction of special education facilities in a district. William Emerson, superintendent of Oakland County Schools, stated, "Emerson appeared before the Board to present the county's proposed agreement for setting up the special education program in this district."

Expenses for constructing, equipping and maintaining the unit here will be borne by the county. The project will be financed by provisions of special legislation on the part of the county. Stipulated increases in pay for a number of administrative and supervisory employees were authorized. Pay increases for janitors and cafeteria help were also provided.

A special committee was named by the Board to study the proposed contract. (Continued on Page 8A)

### Council Establishes 'No Parking' Zones Along Grand River In City

#### Revise Traffic Ordinance To Provide Restricted Areas Near Intersections With Side Streets

Final action was taken by the City Council Monday evening establishing a "no parking" zone on both sides of Grand River in the vicinity of residential street intersections as well as on the north side of Grand River from Powers east to Violet.

The new restrictions are included in an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance which was unanimously approved by the Council. The supplement to the ordinance was introduced a month ago and pending further study. Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the Council reduced the "no parking" zone on the south side of Grand River in the vicinity of residential intersections from 75 feet on the west and 50 feet on the east to 50 feet on the west and 20 feet on the east. On the north side of Grand River the distances are just reversed.

The resolution also establishes a "no parking" zone on both sides of Mayfield from Grand River south to Slocum and within 30 feet of the side of any intersection except as prescribed on Grand River.

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### Jaycee Flag Day Set For Saturday

Saturday, April 2, has been proclaimed "Jaycee Flag Day" in the City of Farmington by order of Acting Mayor Tracy Conroy in observance of the special anniversary of American flags under the sponsorship of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In the proclamation, Acting Mayor Conroy urges all citizens of Michigan to support this patriotic program and to fly the American flag at every opportunity, especially on National Flag Holidays. The Jaycees have selected a slogan for the program, "A Flag For Every Home."

On Saturday, members of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will make a house to house canvass of the city selling flags. The units consist of a regulation 3 foot by 5 foot, colorfast cotton American flag plus a matching retail shopping survey aimed at supplying data helpful to the county's growth and prosperity.

Phil Thomas, president of the Farmington Area Merchants Association, is one of the committee members. The representatives, one from each county elementary school attendance area, were called together by County Planner Norman R. Hedden to work with the planning commission, school superintendents, and the University of Michigan on the project.

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### UNESCO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

The State Committee for UNESCO will sponsor a second meeting in Farmington this Thursday evening, March 31, in the library of the new high school building for the purpose of explaining their gift coupon plan.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., will be conducted by James Read, assistant superintendent of the Farmington Schools. Mrs. Arvil Anderson, chairwoman of the State Education Committee for UNESCO, will be present to explain the plan and show films on the work being done by the United Nations Organization in countries throughout the world.

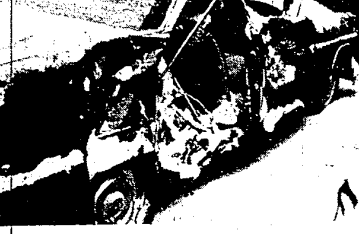
Representatives from all civic and service organizations as well as interested individuals are invited to take part in the meeting.

### Farmington Included Plan To Conduct Retail Shopping Survey In County

A 15-man committee, including a member from the Farmington area, was organized last week in the Oakland County Office Building as the first step toward conducting a retail shopping survey aimed at supplying data helpful to the county's growth and prosperity.

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### THREE PERSONS were injured, one fatally, in a two-car collision in which the car shown above was involved at the intersection of Orchard Lake and Twelve Mile Road last Friday.

Mrs. Margaret A. Orler, 42, of Livonia, who was thrown from the car above driven by her husband.

### Woman Killed In Auto Accident At Orchard Lake-12 Mile Corner

#### Mother And Daughter Also Injured In Two-Car Crash Friday At Dangerous Intersection

Injuries suffered in an automobile accident at Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake Road shortly before 3 p.m. last Friday proved fatal to Mrs. Ruth Orler of Livonia.

Mrs. Orler, 56, died at the scene of the accident. She was taken to Rosford Hospital where an autopsy was performed. The cause of death was determined to be from a hemorrhage.

Also injured in the collision were Mrs. Olga Cirko, 27, of 30676 Locust, Farmington, driver of the second car involved in the crash, and her 3 1/2 year old daughter.

Mrs. Cirko and her daughter suffered bruises and lacerations about both legs and her daughter received bruises about the head. They were taken to Rosford Hospital where first aid treatment was administered. Mrs. Orler escaped uninjured.

STATE POLICE reports disclosed that Mrs. Orler's husband was driving west on Twelve Mile Road, failed to heed both a stop sign and red blinker light at the dangerous intersection. The car was struck broadside by the car driven by Mrs. Cirko, traveling south in Orchard Lake Road. According to testimony by R. E. Blus of 22510 Colgate, a witness at the scene of the crash, Orler made no attempt to slow down at the intersection, apparently not seeing either the stop sign or the blinker.

The Orlers made their home at 28321 Plymouth Road. Six year old Shelby J. Spinks (Continued on Page 8A)

### FARMINGTON DRAWS UNION CITY FOR MAYOR EXCHANGE

The Mayor of Farmington will exchange posts with the Village President of Union City as part of the celebration of the second annual Michigan Week on Monday, May 16, officials were advised this week.

Union City is located in Branch County and has a population of approximately 1,543. A letter from Mayor Glenn Allen, Jr., of Kalamazoo, chairman of the Mayor Exchange, advising officials of the program, was read before the Council Monday evening. Action on the matter was delayed pending the reorganization of the new Council following the April 4 election.

### AROUND THE BLOCK

SO MANY WORDS... have been expanded lately on the subject of the weather that it's hard to dream up new adjectives to describe the situation. Old Man Winter really roared back into the picture over the week end, bringing with him plenty of snow and cold. However, as we write these words, the sun is shining and there is a real feeling of spring in the air. Maybe it's here to stay and then again maybe it isn't. We're not going to make any rash predictions, since they have a way of bouncing back at you about as soon as you make them. So about all we can do is to the confusion at this point is that spring is coming... don't know just when, but it's coming.

### RECMO... has been floating around to the effect that city voters will not be able to use the Town Hall as a voting precinct next Monday, April 4. City officials stated emphatically Tuesday that the rumor is false. The Town Hall will be used, as usual, by city voters. The rumor apparently comes from the fact that four new officers will be installed in the main portion of the Town Hall for by the township. However, the offices will not be erected for several weeks. So, once again, there is no need to be troubled by the rumor. City voters will mark their ballots at the Town Hall as usual.

SINCE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT... of the election, don't forget to visit the polls next Monday, whether you live in the city or township. Everybody will be voting, or at least we hope they will. Not only are local officials to be elected, but we hope they will. We're not only interested in action on four important state amendments. So there's plenty at stake on April 4 and you are the main cogs in the big wheel. Don't let yourself or your community down! Come rain, sleet, snow or hail, get out and vote next Monday. It is vital part of the job of keeping our democracy strong. Nobody else can do it for you... it's up to you!



SPRING OFFICIALLY arrived on March 21 but the weathering apparently mislaid his calendar. The abundant quantities of snow and cold weather he sent over the past week end clearly indicates this. Young James Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wagon Cox, Jr., of 384235 Shawanawac, was determined to use it, no snow out for spring activities and was handily brought in by the state officers. This picture of him was snapped Saturday morning as he trudged along in the snow, pulling his little brother, David, in the wagon behind him.