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**A SPECIAL APPEAL** to all residents in the City of Farmington was issued last Wednesday evening to refrain from any further outside use of water. Immediate action was deemed necessary when the supply of water dropped three feet in a 15-minute period with all three pumps operating. A specially equipped sound

## City Establishes Tighter Controls On Usage Of Outside Water

Reduce Sprinkling Schedule to One Hour In Effort To Maintain Reserve Water Supply

A new emergency schedule on the use of outside water in the City was put into effect last Thursday morning in an effort to protect the limited supply and pressure now available.

## Five Injured In Auto Accidents On Area Roads

Drivers Lose Control In Three Instances

Five persons were injured last week in four separate auto mishaps in Farmington and the surrounding area. Three of the four accidents resulted when drivers lost control of their autos.

## Board To Open Bids On Botsford School Addition

Sealed bids on the construction of a new seven-room addition to the Botsford Elementary School sound truck was pressed into service will be opened and read by the purchase room.

## Let First Contract For US-16 Project

The initial contract for the Brighton Farmington Expressway project, covering the construction of a bridge at Twelve Mile and Beck Roads, has been awarded, according to Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner.

## School Enrollment Plans Announced

Registration of pre-school youngsters in the Farmington Township School District will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 14 and 15, Miss Mildred Ely, elementary coordinator, announced this week.

## Township Zoning Hearing Planned

Leo Kelly, chairman of the Farmington Township Zoning Board, announced this week that a public hearing will be held Thursday evening, September 1, at the southwest corner of Orchard Lake and Fourteen Mile Road from Residential IV to Commercial. The parcel, which is rectangular in shape, includes 611 feet on the west side of Orchard Lake Road and 300 feet on the south side of Fourteen Mile Road.

## State Condemns Diseased Elm Trees In City

A total of 15 cases of Dutch Elm Disease have been identified in the City as a result of a recent survey conducted by the State Department of Agriculture, officials announced this week.

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## Authorize Drilling Two New Wells At School Sites

Operations Started At Gill Site Tuesday

Drilling operations have begun on another water well at the site of the Gill Road School and authorization was granted for the drilling of a new well at the Middlebush School by (the Farmington Township School Board at a regular meeting Monday evening.

A special report to the Board by Douglas Hummel, Board trustee, based on a study of the matter with a well drilling expert, indicated that another well should be drilled at the Gill site. Drilling operations were started Tuesday morning. A tie-in with the new well or with a well drilled earlier, capable of an approximate yield of seven gallons per minute, which ever proves to be the best producer, was authorized by the Board. It was also suggested that a tie-in to both wells might be made if the yield of the second well proves little better than the first.

A SHALLOW well, a type used by many area residents in immediate area, was recommended for use only as a last resort. A special chloride treatment system, requiring a great deal of additional maintenance and expense, would be required by the State if a shallow well is used. It was disclosed by a representative from the school architect's office.

Another well will be made to find a more adequate water supply at the Middlebush School as soon as drilling operations are completed at the Gill Road School. Three wells have been tried at the site, neither proving capable of handling the school's needs.

## Bell System Offers Distance Dialing

Farmington one and two party telephone users will be able to dial direct to some 24 million telephones in eleven states as well as to more than 80 other Michigan communities, including Detroit and five Ontario points, after 2:01 a.m. August 21, according to Robert D. Maurer, area manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Maurer said all Farmington telephone numbers will be changed at the time the new service begins. Farmington numbers will be Greenleaf, followed by five figures.

Among major cities to be dialed direct are New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Baltimore, San Francisco, Milwaukee, New Haven (Conn.), Newark, Washington, D. C., Sacramento, and Oakland.

Key to the Direct Distance Dialing plan is a large electronic hand dial, according to Maurer. This machine automatically searches for the desired number.

## Township Construction Up Record Number Of Building Permits Issued In July

A record number of 161 building permits were issued in Farmington Township during the month of July at an estimated value of \$2,194,275.

Of this total number, 119 permits were granted for construction of one-family dwelling units at a total value of \$1,989,800. Twenty permits were granted for construction of garages, 18 for making additions to existing buildings, two for building pump houses, one for the construction of a church annex for the building of a warehouse.

The number of permits issued in July for residences is over half as many as were issued for the first six months of the current year. According to a report from the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, 200 permits were granted in the township for new home construction between January 1 and June 30 of this year.

The report indicated that Farmington Township was one of 11 counties of government in Oakland County which issued 200 or more permits during the first six months of the year. The largest number of permits for residences were issued by Waterford Township. A total of 587 were issued by that governmental unit during the six month period for existing subdivisions throughout the Township.

# Township Planning Board Recommends Surfacing Of New Subdivision Roads



**HOT DOGS** and a variety of other foods and refreshments proved to be the biggest attraction for youngsters of the town and Junior League baseball teams at a picnic held for them last Saturday at the City Park. After strenuous participation in a variety of field games, including races and ball throwing contests, the boys possessed healthy appetites and had

little trouble in consuming large quantities of the food prepared for them. Shown above is one boy getting the finishing touches on his picnic plate while others can be seen in the background waiting in line for their turn to be served. In the afternoon, boys in the Junior League were treated to a free matinee movie at the Civic Theatre.

## City, Township Appoint Committee To Study Proposal For New Library

Plan To Request Formation Of Joint Library District Under Provisions Of New State Law

A three-man committee has been selected by the City Council and the Township Board to secure additional information on the proposed construction of a new library for the Farmington community.

The committee was appointed during a joint session of the Council and Board held last Wednesday evening in the Farmington Town Hall. In addition to the gathering of information, the Committee was directed to contact the State Librarian with the view of establishing a library district in the Farmington area. The committee consists of Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner; V. O. Bates, City Council representative; and Samuel Kosmowski, Friends of the Library representative.

Immediately following the opening of the joint session, James Tennant, City Manager, was selected as chairman of the meeting. Highlights of the original special committee report were read by Edward Roseman, Chairman. The committee has recommended that a new library building be constructed between Grand River and Shawanawee just east of an extension of Wilmarth in the city. The property is a part of the Clinton Wilber Estate which has been willed to the City. The balance of the project would be financed from funds available through the Wilber and the Ruth Curdick Estates. It has also been recommended that a 3/8 mill tax be levied in the City and Township for the continued maintenance and operation of the library facilities.

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## Propose Blacktop Roads In Future Platted Areas

A formal resolution was submitted to the Township Board Tuesday evening by the newly organized Planning Board recommending that blacktop roads be required in all future subdivisions in the Township.

The resolution was presented to the Board by Harvey S. Freeman, secretary of the Planning Board, with the request that it be acted upon as quickly as possible. The Board moved to accept the resolution and to place it on file for further study and consideration. The resolution provides that whenever any land in the Township shall be platted into lots and said platted areas shall be approved by the County Road Commission for approval, that the proprietors thereof be required to build any new streets in said plat or file sufficient surety to insure said construction.

According to the resolution, the minimum requirements would provide adequate grade drainage, base construction and surface with 20 feet of Bituminous Aggregate two inches in thickness according to Michigan State Highway Department Specifications, Class F, all subject to approval of the Commission.

## Anti-Polio Shots Being Offered Through Friday

Only 297 Inoculated At Royal Oak Thursday

A report from the South Oakland County Health Center in Royal Oak disclosed that only 297 youngsters from the Farmington and Clarenceville area received their second anti-polio inoculations at the Royal Oak clinic last Thursday morning.

Approximately 1,100 first and second grade youngsters from the area were eligible to receive the inoculations. The poor turn-out was believed to have been due largely to the fact that information on the clinic was not received in time for publication in the area or for notices to be sent to parents by school officials.

ELIGIBLE youngsters from the community are being offered shots at the clinic at 2401 Fourth Street, the corner of State Street in Royal Oak daily this week. It is hoped that a much higher percentage will be inoculated and thus protected from the crippling disease of polio. The clinic, which is open from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., will accept youngsters from this area through Friday, August 12. All parents of first and second grade children who have not yet had their children inoculated are urged to take them to the clinic at once. Anyone in doubt as to whether or not their child is eligible for a shot or who has any other questions about the inoculation program should call Lincoln 1-3100.

## Draft Unit Costs On Sewer Project

Preliminary estimates on the proportionate cost of the Farmington Interceptor Sewer to each of the participating governmental units were tentatively made at a meeting of the Interceptor Committee held Thursday afternoon at the Farmington Municipal Building.

James Tennant, chairman of the committee, stated that the estimates will serve as the basis for an exact formula which will be presented for approval at a committee meeting to be held August 25 at the Waterford Township Hall. The chairman added that the preliminary estimates consist of rough percentages of the total actual cost figures. The committee is now in the process of working out the exact figures which will be made public at the August 25 meeting.

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**THAT RUSHING NOISE**... was not a flight of jets breaking the sound barrier, but the combined sighs of relief exhaled by thousands of Farmington residents as a result of the break in the torrid heat wave. Just about everybody has been talking about the weather and "nobody wants to do anything about it." Probably the happiest individual in Farmington right now is Floyd Sallow, superintendent of the City's Public Works Department. For the first time in several weeks, he is able to take his eyes off the water gauges down at the pump house, and direct his attention to other problems. Regardless of what the weather has in store, "the happy man" we hope to see continue to get out on the right side of the bed, because he has an awful lot of admirers right now... and he should keep it that way.

**AS A POST SCRIPT**... to last week's polo inoculation story and in answer to numerous phone calls we have received regarding the clinic. The Enterprise is this week publishing additional information on the program. The story is based on facts received from the South Oakland County Health Center in Royal Oak, where the inoculations are being given. This is the first direct information received from the Center regarding the current program. In spite of the limited time element involved, last week's polo story was published in the hope that it would be of service to some parents. We hope that the current information will be of greater benefit and that more residents will have an opportunity to take advantage of the program being offered.

**SEVERAL NEW CHANGES**... have taken place during the past few days in the Farmington business district which don't exactly show to the passer-by. The Council chambers in the Municipal Building have been repainted and an attractive wallpaper has been applied. Additional space is being added at Bob McCallan's Barber Shop on the north side of Grand River, just east of Green's Cleaners. Room is being made available for five additional chairs, as well as all of the necessary facilities. Couple the with the number of new business places going up throughout the area and you have a pretty good picture of the progress being made in this growing community of ours.

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The second proposal involves the rezoning of a parcel on the southwest corner of Twelve Mile and Farmington Road from Residential IV to Commercial. This piece of land would extend 800 feet along the south side of Twelve Mile Road and 600 feet along the west side of Farmington Road.