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CITY SETS DEADLINE ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAVING PETITIONS

Vote Registration Hits Record Peak As October 8 Deadline Draws Near

City and Township Offices To Remain Open
Til 8 P.M. Friday And Monday For Final Rush

Farmington City and Township Clerks are preparing for the expected last minute rush of new vote registrations as the Monday, October 8 deadline draws near.

Both the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building and the Township Clerk's office in the Town Hall will be open on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Citizens, who are not already registered, must sign before 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8 in order to be eligible to vote in the November General Election.

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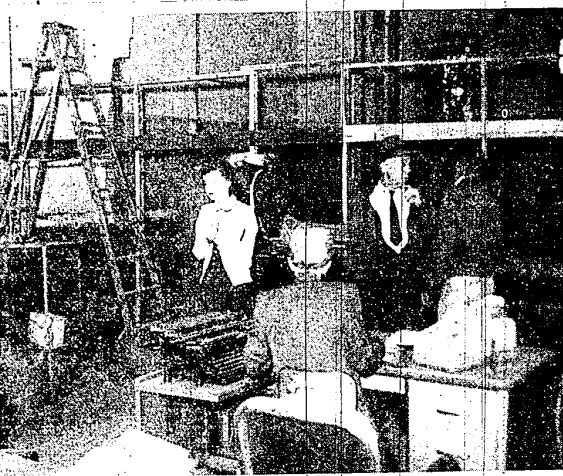
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BUSINESS AS USUAL is the order of the day at the Township office in spite of the extensive alterations to the main portion of the Town Hall. Desks, typewriters and files have been temporarily set up in the large hall while workmen proceed with the lowering of the floor and ceiling at the west end of the building where the old Township offices were located. When completed the entire ground floor will be on one level, thus providing more space for office facilities as well as for public meetings. It will also aid greatly to the efficiency of Township office operations.

Committee Prepares Final Figures For 1956 United Fund Drive Quota

Expect Slight Increase In Goal Of Annual Campaign Scheduled To Open October 15

The quota for the 1956 Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Campaign is expected to be set this week, Roger Walker, chairman, announced Tuesday.

Members of the budgets and admissions committee of the Farmington organization have completed their work and are now compiling the final figures for the drive. The quota will include Farmington's share of the State and County United Fund budget as well as the local Community Chest agency funds. Because of the need for increased appropriations, particularly by Community Chest organizations, this year's quota is expected to be slightly higher than last year.

Walker stated that the Farmington campaign will open on Monday, October 15, and will continue through Tuesday, November 6. Efforts are now being made to arrange a special kick-off breakfast on October 15 to open the 1956 drive. Plans are also being developed for a community-wide publicity program designed to inform the public on the objectives of the campaign as well as to encourage contributions.

IN THE MEANTIME work is progressing on the organization of the various committees. Every effort is being made to secure sufficient volunteer workers so that the drive should be adequately covered during the drive.

City Plans Annual Fall Clean-Up

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced this week that the Annual Fall Clean-Up will be held throughout the month of October.

The entire city will be covered during the special pick-up, with collections scheduled on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during October. The special service is in addition to the regular weekly garbage and rubbish collection. Residents are requested to not mix their regular trash and garbage with the special pick-up.

All leaves must be placed in containers, and yard trimmings such as branches should be tied in bundles for ease of handling. Officials emphasized that the regular weekly collection consists of garbage, tin cans and other rubbish of a similar nature that can be placed in containers. Paper, if stacked and tied in bundles, is picked up on the first Monday of each month throughout the year. The special clean-up collection is designed to take off debris other than that which is handled during the regular collections.

Farmington Man Fatally Injured In U.S. 16 Crash

Child Struck By Car
On Middlebelt Friday

Ballard Sexton, 33, of 32210 Hull Avenue, Farmington, was fatally injured early Sunday morning when the car in which he was traveling alone ran off U.S. 16 near Beck Road in Novi Township and crashed into a tree.

Police said he was found dead when the accident was discovered around 2 a.m. He apparently lay for some time at the wheel of the car.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from the Thayer Funeral Home. Interment took place in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Left to survive him besides his wife are two daughters, Ellen Fay and Charlotte, and two sons, Lonza and Richie. He also leaves his father and four brothers, all of Kentucky, to survive.

Late Friday afternoon young Charles McNeil, 7, of 22655 Colgate Street, was injured when he ran into the path of an auto on Middlebelt Road just north of Nine Mile Road. He was taken to Reformed Receiving Hospital for treatment of lacerations to the right cheek and injuries to his teeth and mouth.

According to police, young McNeil, attempting to cross from the east to the west side of Middlebelt Road, apparently ran behind a northbound vehicle and directly into the path of a car operated by Howard Alexander of Livonia, proceeding south on the main highway.

Fires Damage Township Homes

Five, apparently caused by an inside heater, resulted in severe damage to the home of Don McLeod, 32436 Tarreyton, Friday morning.

According to Roy Bell, chief of Farmington Fire Station No. 2, the blaze was first reported at approximately 10:30 a.m. Because of the intense heat and smoke, a call was immediately placed for extra equipment from Fire Station No. 3, under Chief Ray Geary. The two departments were at the scene for four and one-half hours. Bell stated that the fire was so intense in the basement of the one-story ranch home that firemen had difficulty in getting to the source of the fire.

The new rescue air pack masks were used by the firemen to remove some of the furniture and personal belongings from the house before portions of the floor collapsed into the basement. Bell estimated the damage to the home and furnishings at approximately \$20,000.

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Form New Policy To Insure Early Start On 1957 Street Program

A new policy on the filing of petitions for special assessment paving work, including the setting of a deadline date, was approved by the Council at its regular meeting Monday evening.

Upon the recommendation of Earl Scherffius, City Manager, the Council set March 1, 1957, as the final date for filing of petitions on paving work to be done next summer. The manager emphasized that, in accordance with previous policy, the petitions will generally be considered in the order in which they are received.

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AROUND THE BLOCK

BURNING LEAVES ... are a sure sign that fall is here again. While city officials have nothing against this symbol of the new season, they are requesting that residents refrain from burning leaves in the street. There are several good reasons for this request. In the first place the concentrated heat from such a fire can damage the road surface. A pile of leaves along the side of the road also makes a wonderful spot for a car to get stuck in. So, if you have some leaf burning to do, pick out a spot somewhere in your yard. It will be a lot safer that way and you will save the city and yourself a lot of trouble and expense.

THE LAST ROUNDOUP ... of eligible electors is now underway as the vote registration deadline draws near. Scattered throughout this week's issue are reminders that next Monday, October 8 is the final day of registration. For the past month, the Enterprise has been conducting a registration program. As of this week a record number of new registrations have been added in both the city and township. We sincerely hope that our efforts have contributed something to the cause. We also hope that between now and 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, those of you who are not already qualified, will get your name in the book. A lot of space has been devoted to this campaign during recent weeks, and while it may have been boring to some, we feel that it has been justified. So, for the last time, if you aren't registered, do it today! Be a full-time citizen of your community.

A NEW FEATURE ... is being introduced on Page 6B of this week's Enterprise. It consists of a full page devoted to church and religious activities in the Farmington community. This page is symbolic of the growth and development of the Farmington area. Because of the tremendous increase in the number of churches we have found it advisable to devote more space to this important phase of our community life. We hope that through this means we can provide more information about our churches and their organizations as well as emphasize the importance of spiritual guidance in our everyday activities.

OFFER NEW ADULT DRIVER CLASSES AT CLARENCEVILLE

Registrations are now being taken for adult citizen training classes in the Clarenceville School District, Stanley Irish, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

The classes will be offered every week day from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Persons interested in enrolling are requested to contact the Board of Education office at GR 43474. The first class begins this week and additional sessions will be set up as soon as there are sufficient applicants.

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TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
May Register at the Town Hall
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS . . . 8,098
Increase of 400
During Past Week

CITY RESIDENTS
May Register at the Municipal Building . . . Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS . . . 2,613
Increase of 121
During Past Week

HELP THESE FIGURES GROW
REGISTER BEFORE MONDAY, OCT. 8!