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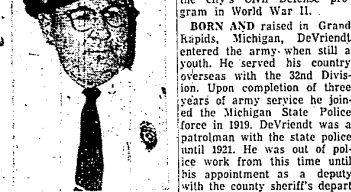
Joe DeVriendt Is City Chief

This is the first in a series of articles introducing you to members of the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety and the Farmington Township Police Department.

The City of Farmington Enforcement Association, on the Department of Public Safety is headed by Joseph G. DeVriendt, Jr. and a panel moderator in charge of an integrated police and fire-fighting force consisting of 13 men and two women clerks.

DeVriendt has been active in police work in this area for the past 29 years.

Back in 1930, when this area was still very rural and undeveloped, DeVriendt was named Deputy Chief of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.



The area assigned to him included not only all of Farmington township but Southfield, Novi and South Lyon townships as well. DeVriendt held this position until 1941 when he began police work with the City of Farmington. He has served the city continuously since this time.

DIRECTOR DeVriendt is a member of the International Michigan and Southeastern Michigan Police Chiefs' associations. He is first vice president of the Oakland County Law

C'ville Schools Set Up Single Book Store

The Clarenceville public schools, located in both Farmington and Livonia, Michigan, are now set up in a central book-store, announced L. V. Knowlton, administrative assistant to the Clarenceville school superintendent.

Located in the new Clarenceville high school building, on the west side of Middlebelt Rd. the central book-store replaces six individual book-stores. In the past each school in the Clarenceville system has been serviced by its own book-store. The consolidation is being brought about as a convenience to parents who may have children in two or more of the schools in the system.

The central book-store will open Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:30 and from 1 to 3 each of these days. A charge catalogue will be available to students to determine which textbooks are required for what classes.

City Asks Quigley To Stop Nuisances

The problem of light industry adjoining residential property became a more pressing one this week for Quigley Machine Products, 20956 Grand River. But that problem is not new for Grand River Avenue, which abounds in such locations.

After receiving petitions, reports, and making personal studies, council members Monday instructed City Manager Earl Scherffius to write a letter to Quigley asking that Quigley must do, and to demand an answer on compliance within three days.

MOST of the things, councilmen felt, could be done almost immediately. From a strictly legal standpoint, there is a little doubt that all could be enforced by the city.

Now Being Read by 4,622 Families or 64% of the Families in the Farmington Area

Schools Complete Plans for Opening September 10

New C'ville Pupils Urged To Enroll Now

Students returning to Clarenceville's senior high school this fall will find their class schedules already made out as a result of last spring's pre-registration program, announced Max A. Millard, Clarenceville senior high principal.

The pre-registration, held at the end of the 1958-59 school year, made provisions for returning pupils who will fall into either grades 9-12, Millard said.

However, new students planning to attend Clarenceville high school in the fall are still unregistered. As a convenience to both themselves and to school officials, these new students are urged to register now before the school year gets underway. Classes begin Sept. 10.

This registration may be accomplished weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Clarenceville senior high principal's office. Millard urged that parents of new students, telephone the Clarenceville senior high school for further information.

Although actual classes at CHS will not begin until Sept. 10, students will report to the school on New C'ville, Column 5

A & W Stand Too Noisy, Say Residents

City residents in the vicinity of Grand River and Hawthorne streets have been angered over the actions of teen-agers patronizing the A & W Root Beer stand, which faces Grand River in their neighborhood.

Monday night they filed an official complaint by petition to the city council. They charged that the teen-agers at the root beer stand make considerable noise by playing a public address system.

The petitioners also claimed that the youths are drinking alcoholic beverages and using nearby homes as public comfort stations.

A total of 15 residents signed the petition which was sent to the council with a request for immediate action. It asked that the owner erect a fence around his stand to help cut down the noise and that pick-up trucks littered trash left by customers.

In discussion by the council members, it was noted that the owner had also complained to the city police about the teen-agers' actions.

Kendallwood Pool Opened

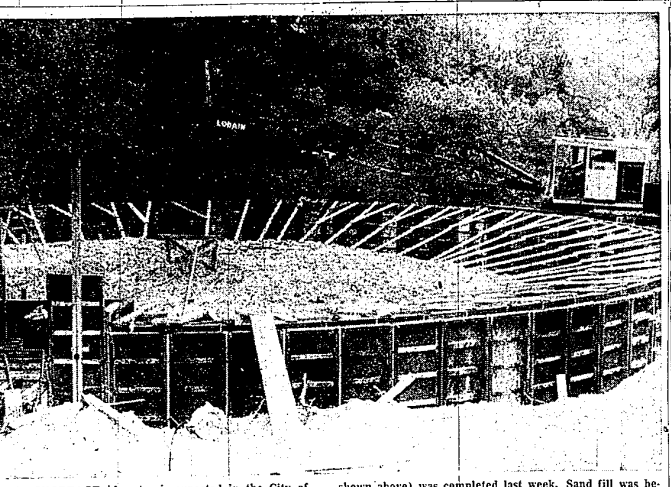
The Kendallwood Swimming Club has officially opened its pool to use by members Saturday afternoon. The pool was opened earlier this week.

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NO SHORTAGE of water is expected in the City of Farmington next summer. Work is moving ahead rapidly on the new million gallon storage tank adjacent to the old storage tank having a 250,000 gallon capacity. Pouring of concrete footings for the tank (inside the circular forms shown above) was completed last week. Sand fill was being brought in the early part of this week. By the last of this week steel sheeting for the tank should start going into place. City Manager Earl Scherffius stated.

Start Farmington Jr., Sr. High Registering Monday

Final registration of junior and senior high school students will be attending the Farmington public schools this fall will begin Monday, August 24, and continue through Friday, September 4.

Junior and senior high offices will be open for registration from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and 1 to 4 Monday through Friday.

Osteopaths to Construct State Office in City

If rezoning can be completed quickly, it's likely a large administration building for the Michigan Ass'n of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons will be started this fall in Farmington city.

In anticipation the organization has already applied for a building permit.

THE LAND involved is north of the expressway and north of Freedom Road (the old outfall), and west of the new Cloverdale elementary school. It is now zoned multiple dwelling and the city is asked to zone it as local commercial. A frontage of 300 feet is involved.

This zoning is for an office building, devoted entirely to the administration of the statewide organization. It's felt the building would blend well with the surrounding area, and not add a great deal of extra traffic. The building itself would cost about \$100,000.

The association officers are committed to getting the project started and under contract before October when their terms expire, and are eager to go ahead.

LAST THURSDAY the rezoning request was brought before the regular meeting of the city planning commission, which recommended approval. The same evening a special council meeting was held, and a public hearing was set up for the zoning change.

The hearing is next Monday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the city hall. The council will hear any objections or support at this time.

Plan Commission OK's Fiscal Study

The city planning commission at its regular meeting last Thursday gave its approval to a proposal for a fiscal study involving the city and township, and recommended to the city council that it would be valuable for city officials.

The study would be made by Michigan State personnel under a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, with the township and city sharing proportionately in a local cost of \$7,500.

The commission rejected for a second time a request by Ralph Hanfield to rezone from R-1, R-2 and C-2 land at the southeast corner of Grand River and Gill Road.

On Sunday, August 23, special police collections will also be taken up between movies at the Civic Theater.

It was indicated that women are still needed in both the door-to-door and in the door-to-door campaign. Those in the township who would like to help are asked to call Polly Scherffius, GR 4-4228, and those in the city, Mrs. Katherine Salley, GR 4-5316.

Money raised in the local campaign will be used to help several polio victims in Oakland County still receiving assistance from the County Chapter of the NFIP.

Wheeler Station Is Looking Different

The township's Wheeler street fire-police station is being renovated and is looking different. The exterior wood work was done.

C'ville Hopes To Borrow \$250,000

The Clarenceville board of education intends to borrow \$250,000 as soon as possible, using anticipated 1959-60 financial statements from the State as collateral.

The money will be used for operating costs during the initial months of the forthcoming school year. It will be repaid, when permission is granted to do so, by issuing bonds.

Clarenceville's board approved the move at its regular meeting last Thursday evening.

REQUESTS for permission to borrow this money have been made to the Municipal Finance Commission and the Department of Public Instruction.

Previously, only the Municipal Finance Commission had this authority.

When approval is granted, bids will be requested on the notes.

IN OTHER action, the Clarenceville board of education members approved the redemption of \$10,000 worth of building, site and equipment bonds issued in 1952. With a maturity date of June 1, 1969, and bonds are being redeemed nearly 16 months ahead of time at a saving of 4 per cent interest.

The salary contract for Edith Trainor, mathematics teacher, was approved by the board for the forthcoming school year.

Parking Plan Advisory Group Will Be Named

A resolution to prepare an advisory committee to study the special assessment roll against downtown property for the \$270,000 special assessment district to provide increased free parking facilities was passed by the city council Monday night.

It was accompanied by a decision to appoint a special advisory committee to study the plan in its entirety, and to make recommendations to the council as the project goes through its various stages.

THIS PLAN is the most practical anyone has come up with yet after lengthy study, but councilmen are willing to improve any part of the plan if improvements can be found.

Moreover, the plan can be modified in just about any way at about any stage of progress.

THERE WAS considerable discussion about the size and duties of such a committee, but it was agreed three would be most practical. No names were mentioned, but it was indicated there were a few men being considered.

The council will hold a special meeting next Monday night, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m., primarily as a hearing on a zoning change requested. However, it's probable naming of this committee will also be done then.

UNDER THE resolution passed last Monday the city assessor is instructed to prepare a tax roll showing exact assessments against each affected property owner in the downtown business district. It does not affect residential property except in a few instances where it is used as commercial.

When the special tax roll is prepared the next step would be a public hearing on it. After this stage changes could be made in the project.

Charged With House Break-in

J. L. Gregory of 22023 Plainfield, Redford in Oakland County Circuit Court on a charge of daytime breaking and entering into a Farmington township home.

Trial has been set for Monday, August 24.

It is alleged that Gregory broke into the Richard Bame home at 20788 Parker the first part of this month. A movie camera, a box containing a quantity of change, an automatic pistol and a small radio were reported stolen.

Farmington township police picked Gregory up for questioning after Mr. Bame informed them that he had told Gregory he and his family were going to take a trip to Columbus, Ohio. The break-in occurred while the Bames were on this trip. Gregory was working for Bame at this time.

Four Injured In Auto Crash

Four persons were injured last Thursday noon when a pickup truck and an automobile collided on Eight Mile just east of Purlingbrook at the southern edge of Farmington.

All four were rushed to Redford receiving hospital for treatment.

The pickup truck, driven by Eugene Nogel, 51, of 20278 Parker, Livonia, was traveling north on Eight Mile. Mrs. Carolyn J. Yanecko, 39, of Detroit was driving east. The truck apparently came over into Mrs. Yanecko's lane.

Mrs. Yanecko told police that the truck made a left turn in front of her. She did not have time to stop.

Police to Get Two New Cars

Farmington city police will be cruising city streets in two new patrol cars shortly.

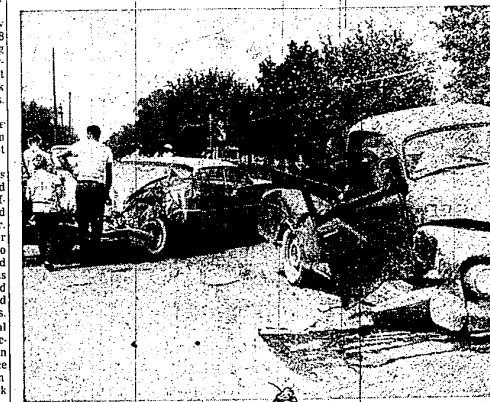
This was evident when the city council voted unanimously Monday evening to trade in a couple of the present patrol cars on two 1959 models.

At a cost of \$3,145, plus the two trade ins, the city will buy a pair of new Fords from Berling-McClugh's, Inc., local auto dealer. The two old police cruisers, one a 1957 model and the other a 1953, both have nearly 70,000 miles on them.

City Manager Earl Scherffius told council members that both will soon need expensive repairs.

Consideration was given to waiting until the 1960 models were available, but this was put aside in view of the delay involved.

The city had asked 12 auto agencies to bid on the transaction. Only two bids were received. Berling-McClugh's was the low bid.



ALL FOUR people riding in these two vehicles last Thursday noon were rushed to the hospital for treatment of severe injuries. The smash-up took place on the Livonia side of Eight Mile road, just east of Purlingbrook in Livonia.

Persistence Yields Water

If you live in one of the "dry areas" in Farmington township, persistence may be the answer to getting a sufficient supply of water.

This is the word given by Mrs. Joan Moslanko of 22428 Randall Street.

She reported this week that they now have a good supply of water for all the family needs as a result of such determination. During the entire seven years the family has lived here, the water supply has been short, sometimes dangerously so. Mrs. Moslanko reported.

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