

Graduating 378 From Area's 3 High Schools

A total of 378 are being graduated this year from the three high schools in the Farmington area.

Farmington High's graduating class numbers 186, a drop of 34 from a year ago. Clarenceville's graduating class of 120 is 32 students larger than the graduating class of a year ago and Our Lady of Sorrows class of 72 is 18 students larger.

Seniors from one of the schools, Our Lady of Sorrows, have already completed graduation exercises and received their diplomas. This is the Catholic school's third graduating class. Exercises of the other two will be held this coming week.

Baccalaureate Mass at Sorrows was at 8:30 Sunday morning, June 5 with Communion exercises the same afternoon at 4 p.m. Commencement speaker was Rev. Donald Walker of St. Mary's of Redford. Detroit Monsignor Thomas Behan, Our Lady of Sorrows pastor, awarded diplomas.

CATHOLIC high school graduates of Farmington, Clarenceville, Springfield and Livonia/Bentley high schools will attend Mass in a body this Sunday, June 12, at 8:30 p.m. for the first time in their city and gown. Presentation of scholarship awards and the Keith Johnson award and recognition of high students will highlight the program.

A tea will be held for the graduates and their parents immediately following the program.

BACCALAUREATE services will be held in the Farmington High gymnasium Sunday at 8 p.m.

The procession will be played by the high school band with

Orchard Street Zoning Settled

The question of whether to re-zone or leave zoned the same the properties on the south side of Orchard Street was resolved by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Although developed residentially, the land on this side of the street is zoned commercial and it was agreed by the council to leave it that way in view of the fact that land owners have indicated this is the way they want it.

The matter first came up for discussion over a year ago, shortly after plans for commercial development across the street were announced.

Residents objected vigorously when this was indicated and they were asked to share part of the cost for the parking lot and re-development project to be undertaken.

During public hearings and Council action, it followed councilmen wanted to believe that residents wanted their property rezoned to residential.

In later meetings, however, residents and their attorney, Bert Herzog, voiced strong objections to any rezoning of this side of the street. The matter was dragged but for some time while a complete review of the zoning here was made by the planning department, consultants and individual members of the Council.

C'ville Plans New Ball Field

At the June 3 meeting of the Clarenceville Board of Education permission was granted to build the new ball field on the site behind the Junior High and because of the necessity to keep this area locked up when not in use it was decided to make the change at this time.

The new field has been under consideration for some time now according to School officials. Due to possible construction of the new school building behind the Junior High and because of the necessity to keep this area locked up when not in use it was decided to make the change at this time.

Major alterations are being made to the field to comply with the ordinance.

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Safety Dept. Officers Will Get Pay Raise

Members of the Farmington City Department of Public Safety will get at least a small increase in pay this year as a result of action taken by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Called for in the city operating budget which was approved the middle of May was money for the hiring of an additional clerk for the safety department.

Strong objections were voiced by officials of the Farmington Police Officers Association about the fact that no pay raises were specified for them in the new budget. It was their feeling, as well as that of some councilmen, that raises for safety officers should be given even if it meant foregoing the hiring of an additional clerk at this time.

Councilmen agreed to consider this proposal at the time they approved the budget. Unanimous approval was given at Monday night's meeting to Trustee Howard Thayer's motion that such action be taken.

It was agreed that the raises should go only to the officers on the force and not the clerks, but there was some uncertainty about how it should be apportioned.

Since the raises cannot be put into effect until July, it was agreed to delay action on this matter until the next regular Council meeting.

Parking Lot to Get Blacktop

City Council approval was given Monday night to an expenditure of \$2,137 for the asphalt surfacing of the small downtown parking area located on the south side of Grand River between Mac's to \$5.00 store and Harris Homestead House.

This parking area, which can accommodate between 40 and 50 cars, was made available late last year when the old apartment house located there was razed. It was agreed at that time to delay surfacing and let the area compact well. It has been used for parking since late last fall on a limited basis.

The sum authorized for this work was the amount asked for by the Detroit Concrete Products Company.

Some questions were raised by councilmen as to whether the job was the lowest bidder, water drainage problem here and as to whether the present base was adequate for blacktop surfacing.

City Manager Earl Scherffius said the Council had the option of not doing it or expending any difficulties on either of these matters. The manager was instructed to proceed in entering into a contract and setting up a schedule for the work.

City Stands Firm on Stick-Out Sign Policy

The City Council made it plain Monday night that it was not intending to make exceptions to its newly adopted ordinance governing the location of stick-out signs in the city.

A new sign was recently put up by the Lavanay Sign Co. in front of Bel-Aire Drugs in the Bel-Aire Shopping Center. Although the same size as a previous sign and placed on an existing pole, city officials ordered the sign taken down because of its being in violation of the sign ordinance.

Although well back from the roadway itself, the sign extends more than 12 inches onto the road right-of-way. It was explained, Under the city's newly adopted policy, old stick-out signs in violation of the ordinance are being permitted to stay up. But, it is stipulated that new signs or signs on which major alterations are being made will be required to comply with the ordinance on this at a later date.

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TOWNSHIP CLERK Floyd Cairns on the left and Supervisor Curt Hall, right, get some pointers from Station 4 Fire Chief Paul Button on the mechanical functions of the new fire truck recently purchased by the Township. The new vehicle is a GMC with a 702 cu. in. motor. The V-12 engine develops 456 ft. lbs. of torque at 1400 rpm. It will draft water from a height of 12' and the 750 gal. per minute volume pump will supply high pressure hoses to full capacity while keeping reserve tanks filled. The truck will carry 1,000' of 2½" hose or 400' of high pressure hose. A rescuator and Scott air packs are carried. Cost of the fully equipped vehicle is close to \$25,000.

Residents Voice Objections to Eight Mile-Halsted Sewer Arm

Residents presently living in the area to be served by the proposed Eight Mile-Halsted arm to the Farmington Interceptor Sewer System have voiced strong objections to the project.

These objections were first voiced publicly at a public hearing held last week at the Oakdale County Department of Public Works offices in Pontiac. Because of the opposition voiced, action on approval of proceeding with necessary steps to get the arm under construction were delayed. June 14 was tentatively set as the date for making a final decision.

A HEARING held on the proposed Kendallwood Arm met with no opposition and the DPW is proceeding to take steps necessary for the sale of bonds with which to finance the project.

A petition has now been drawn up by residents in the area to be served by the proposed Eight Mile-Halsted Arm indicating their opposition and the reasons for it.

The petition contains the signatures of 60 or more residents presently residing in the area. Charges were made in the petition that "procedures used in the institution of this project were most undemocratic."

It was also charged that residents in this area had not been appraised of the facts in connection with the proposed project. It is also charged that no further steps be taken to put the sewer arm under construction.

The closing statement in the petition reads: "We feel you should be compelled to abide by the wishes of the majority."

"I Still Want Dick," Says Dick

Dick Norwalk, Village of Wood Creek Farms road administrator, has entered each of the Village's last three monthly meetings with one thought in mind—to resign.

However, Council members on each occasion have persuaded their road man to stick it. At this present time Norwalk has agreed to stay on only until Councilmen Kreider and Ambrose can find a replacement.

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School Elections Monday; 18 Candidates Running

This coming Monday, June 13, is school election day in both Farmington and Clarenceville. With a good field of candidates competing for seats on the boards of education in both school districts, hopes are high that there will be a good turnout of voters at the polls. School officials and other interested parties are looking back at last year's record with a rather sickening feeling. Less than 8% of those qualified to vote cast ballots in the Farmington school election and an even smaller percentage in Clarenceville.

Candidates Will Speak Tonight

Nine candidates will be competing for three seats on the Farmington School Board. Voting for one three year term seat to be filled will be Barbara M. Brown and Calvin F. Oppenheuser. Candidates for the two new Board seats, both for four year terms, are George G. Young, Richard H. Peters, George A. Nahstoll, Jr., Mary L. McCracken, Albert E. Katt, George W. Duke, Jr., and John J. Green.

A SPECIAL proposition will appear on the ballot. It will ask voters to approve the fixing of annual salaries for all school board members at \$300. Presently board members are receiving \$150 per year.

The forum is being sponsored jointly by the American Association of University Women, the Farmington Education Association and the Farmington Township Learning Community Associations. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to express his or her views at this time.

Following brief talks by each of the candidates, questions from the floor will be answered.

School Addition Contracts Let

Work will be getting under way soon on a six classroom undergraduate addition at the Wooddale elementary school in Section 10 in the township. Bids for the work were taken at a special Board of Education meeting last week and contracts awarded contingent on an investigation and approval of the selected contractors by the architect.

Total cost for the entire project came to \$91,420. This figure is up to a square foot cost of \$12.17.

The general contract was conditionally awarded to the Gordon B. Hall & Sons Company at a bid price of \$66,150. This was the lowest of 13 bids submitted.

Eight bids were received for the mechanical work with the lowest being that of H. C. Ben. The bid price was \$18,400. Leslie L. Johnson's bid of \$6,870 was low for electrical work. Six others bid on this phase of the job.

Like Farmington, the Clarenceville district will have a special proposition regarding pay for board of education

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City Road Work Almost Done

The city's 1960 paving program is now nearing completion. All the concrete work remaining to be done as of Tuesday, according to a report from City Manager Earl Scherffius, is the laying of the second half of Cloverdale Street.

Within a week to ten days a coat of asphalt will be put on the old surface of Farmington Road from Slocum to Nine Mile to bring the old road level up to the same level as the new concrete.

Major projects completed in this year's road improvement program were the widening of Farmington Road from Shawassee to Ten Mile and the widening of Farmington Road from Slocum to Nine Mile. The laying of concrete on State Street from Farmington Road to Junior High School and city's 38th large road is a special assessment project also completed.

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A NEW SIGN was erected last week on the large area now under re-development in the Downtown Farmington business district. Included on the sign is a large architect's rendering showing the proposed location of stores and parking area in the