

## Bids For New School Come in \$20,000 High

Bids for the new Highmeadow elementary school, next to the old school, were opened today. The bid for the new school, which is to be located between 12 and 13 mile roads about a half mile west of Middlebelt, came in over \$20,000 above the architects' cost estimate. Excluding the cost for two special education rooms which the school district will be reimbursed for by the county, the bid total from the low bidder, the architects' cost estimate, runs slightly over \$40,000. The architects' cost estimate for construction of the building which is to be located between 12 and 13 mile roads about a half mile west of Middlebelt was \$20,000.

After reviewing the bids following the bid opening at a special meeting last Thursday night, the Board instructed the architects to come up with some recommendations for cutting costs to bring them in line with their estimate for the job.

A SUBSTANTIAL portion of the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night was devoted to discussion on proposed changes which were recommended by the architects to bring the cost down to their estimate. Nearly all of the changes proposed in materials and methods of construction were relatively minor in nature but not all were felt by the Board to be desirable.

One cost cutting proposal Board members objected to was the elimination of enclosed storm drains outside the building as specified. They felt that allowing storm water to run off the building directly onto the ground would very likely cause serious erosion problems which would require costly corrective steps later. A couple of other changes proposed by the architect were also questioned. During discussion two or three reasons were cited as to why the costs came in higher than the architects' estimate made some months back. One was that a water seeping sys-

tem had been found to be necessary due to the hardness of the water from the well drilled at the site. Another was the additional cost which is required to extend a sanitary sewer line a long distance to the nearest main in that area and still another the added cost involved to provide toilet and heating facilities to accommodate a six room addition called for at a later date.

NO ACTION was taken on the architects' recommendations. The Board decided instead to give the administration an opportunity to review the proposed changes with maintenance personnel and have a special meeting tonight, Thursday, to review the proposed changes.

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## Twp. Hearings Move Smoothly Amid Flurry

Residents jammed the Township Offices on Monday evening, October 8, to hear the deadline for voter registration and forced the Township Board to convene the first portion of their regularly scheduled meeting in the adjacent office of Township Supervisor Curt Hall.

The Board Trustees ringed the small office side-by-side with residents who appeared in connection with public hearings scheduled for 8 p.m. on the proposed Old Farm Colony sewer arm and laterals. The reduced meeting quarters were also to accommodate everyone since only five residents appeared to voice questions at the two public hearings.

THERE WERE NO objections raised to the estimated costs of the two proposals. The sewer arm will cost property owners in Old Farm Colony an estimated \$176.95 per benefit and the laterals for the subdivision will cost an additional \$1,395.46 per benefit, according to estimates from Pete and Hirm, the consulting engineers.

One benefit constitutes the area of land owned on which development could be realized for an additional home site based on existing zoning ordinances. If a property owner's land can accommodate more home sites than he presently has developed then the special assessment will reflect the cost of a corresponding number of benefits.

The public hearing on cost estimates in the proposed Holly Hill Subdivision was conducted from the regular Township Board meeting hall at 9 p.m. after the room had been cleared of late voter registrants.

Although more residents from Holly Hill showed up than did Old Farm Colony residents, the 9 p.m. hearing lasted no longer with the Board indicating administrative action would be taken on all three of the projects.



VOTER REGISTRATION closed with a flurry on Monday, October 8, as residents from both the City and the Township combined to push the number of eligible voters on the rolls up by about 1700 since the August Primary. City Clerk Quintin showed after registering Joe F. Lapham of 32361 Maribeach for the General Election November 6.

## Heavy Sign-Up of New Voters Here

Based on the heavy number of new voter registrations which have been taken by the City and Township during the past couple of months there can be little doubt that interest in the coming Nov. 6 election is running high locally.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reported Tuesday that his office had handled the heaviest number of new registrations in many years in the past few weeks. City Clerk Rita Quinn also reported that voter registrations were exceptionally heavy.

As usual, a large number of citizens waited until Monday, the last day for registering to vote, to get their names on the rolls. As a result there were long lines at the clerks' windows in both the Township Hall and City Hall throughout most of the day and early evening.

ON MONDAY Clerk Cairns signed up a total of 489 new voters to boost the total number of new registrations taken between the date of the primary election and Oct. 8 to 1,200 or more.

This will hike the total number of registered voters in the Township to approximately 13,600, Cairns said.

On the last day for registering Mrs. Quinn's office signed up 271 new voters and around 210 others between the date of the primary election and Monday.

She estimated that the number of registered voters in the City now stands at around 3,800.

Hire 2 Teachers, Two Others Resign

The appointment of two new teachers and the resignation of two others was approved by the Board of Education Monday night.

Karen Friess, 22, a graduate of Hillsdale College was appointed as a third grade teacher at the Wooddale School and Mrs. Lillian Kahl, 38, a Wisconsin State College graduate, as a first grade teacher at the Ten Mile School.

Resigning are Mrs. Sandra Burwitz and Mrs. Carol Pirie.

## Language Dept. Change Hinges on Aid Received

If the Farmington School District is successful in getting the amount of Federal grant assistance it expects, it can under the National Defense Education Act (NDEA), language laboratories will soon be set up in all the secondary schools of the district.

The new method of teaching foreign languages now being advocated puts the emphasis on the actual speaking of the language rather than on writing and grammar. Books and papers are losing ground to recordings, tape recordings, earphones and other similar equipment.

THE PLAN now being proposed is to set up seven such language laboratories in the local district with two being established in each of the senior highs and one in each of the junior highs including the new East Junior High now under construction.

It has been estimated that the total cost for starting such a program would run about \$35,000. The administration feels that the district should qualify for Federal aid through the NDEA to offset half or more of this cost.

The NDEA is designed to help school districts improve their educational programs in the areas of science, mathematics and foreign languages. During the past two years the local district has received substantial assistance under this act but has placed emphasis on using most of the money to improve the science and mathematics curriculums in the district.

AT ITS regular meeting Monday night the Board of Education approved a go ahead on the filing of an application for NDEA assistance for this program. A Board decision on putting the program into operation will be delayed, however, until it is actually determined what amount of Federal aid will be granted.

It was indicated that if approval is received before the end of this year, the laboratories would probably be able to be set up for use during the second semester of the current school year.

## Two Re-Zoning Hearings Set

At its last regular meeting, the Township Zoning Board set Thursday, Oct. 25, as the date for public hearings on two proposed zoning changes.

One of these is a request for re-zoning of a 16½ acre parcel on the west side of Orchard Lake Road just south of 14 Mile Road. The re-zoning is being requested to permit the establishment of a dealership around and a large motel unit at this location as well as providing the parking area that would be needed for such business operations as this.

The property at this location is presently zoned R-1 for one family residential development. The other hearing will be on the proposed re-zoning of six lots on the west side of Middlebelt Road just north of Astor St. from R-4 (residential) to parking.

The zoning change request here has been made by Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkpatrick, owner of Kirk's Market, just south of Astor on Middlebelt.

## Spend \$755 for Barbed Wiring

An expenditure of \$755 for the installation of barbed wire strands on the regular fencing around the athletic fields at both Farmington High, a North Farmington High, was authorized by the School Board Monday night.

The Crown Fence Co. was awarded the contract for the job being the firm submitting the lowest bid.

This additional fencing was recommended earlier in an effort to help reduce the cases of vandalism and malicious destruction of property that have been occurring.

## Mighty Big Bill

Expenditures totaling over \$600,000 were approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night. The bills for the new high school, the new elementary school, and the new junior high school, were approved by the Board.

## Plan Special School Election Programs At All Schools

Informational programs on the special school operating millage proposal to be voted on in the Farmington School District Dec. 10 are now being scheduled.

Plans call for presentations to be made by members of the Board of Education and administrative staff at all the schools in the district between now and

the election date, it was disclosed at the Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Voters will be asked on Dec. 10 to approve the renewal of a 5 mill (\$5 per \$1,000) special operating millage levy which has been in effect for the past five years but will be expiring at the end of the current tax year. Co-

operation of this special levy for an additional 10 year period will be requested.

DETAILED will be given with regard to why it is felt this special millage levy must be continued and what adverse effects might result from the renewal of this special levy would have on operations of the school system in the future. Question and answer periods will be provided so that citizens have an opportunity to get any questions which they might have with regard to present operation practices answered.

Presentations have already been made at the Eagle and Alameda Schools.

Other programs which have been scheduled to date are:

Ten Mile School - Monday, Oct. 15.  
Curt Road School - Wed., Oct. 17.  
Longacre School - Thurs., Oct. 18.  
Wooddale School - Mon., Oct. 22.

Flanders School - Thurs., Nov. 15 (The presentation will be made in conjunction with an open house and a dedication ceremony being planned at this new school on that date).

The dates for presentations at the various other schools in the district will be announced at a later date and will be published as soon as they become available.

## Ask Start to Get Path from X-ray Bridge

Work on the construction of the 11½ expressway overpass northwest of the Beechey School has now been started. Trustees Herbert Neal informed fellow members of the Farmington Board of Education Monday night.

It was his feeling that it would not be very long before the bridge will be done and recommended that immediate steps be taken to provide a suitable walkway from the overpass to the school.

A BLACKTOP walk is already under way. The school around the Trinity Episcopal Church property. The state highway department has agreed to provide a gravel pathway eastward along the side of the expressway from the overpass some 200 to 300 feet but it will be the school district's responsibility to provide a connecting path between that point and the present walkway extending from the school grounds.

The administration was instructed to proceed in clearing up all details with regard to right-of-way for the walkway and to get estimates on the cost of clearing a path and putting in a satisfactory slag or gravel base for walking.

IT WAS AGREED that it would be desirable to consider getting this path which will extend a distance of between 300 and 400 feet topped with this fall.

A decision on whether or not to blacktop the walkway or leave it as a gravel path will be delayed until next spring.

Youngsters living north of the expressway in the vicinity of where the overpass will go are presently being bused to the Beechey School.

## New Director's Post Created

Board of Education approval was given the administration Monday night to proceed in taking applications for a new combined part-time position of director of adult education and the summer school program for the Farmington public schools.

Actually the Board has already established a part-time summer school director arrangement but will now add the duties of director of the adult education program to the job description.

It was indicated that a teacher on the regular staff would probably be hired to handle the work over and above his or her regular teaching duties.

The appointment will be made effective January 1. A salary of \$1,500 annually has been set.



THE CITY'S LATEST SIDEWALK project is taking shape fast and it suits Farmington Junior High School students (L to R) Larry and Pamela Ciampa and Robert Schaefer just fine as they head down a freshly laid strip along the east side of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads.

## Home Building Up in City & Twp.

Residential building activity increased markedly in Farmington Township during the third quarter ending September 30 over what it was in the same three-month period a year ago. The number of residential building permits issued by the City during the corresponding two periods shows an increase of just three permits, but valuation on the 28 permits were more than double what it was in the 1961 third quarter.

From August 1 through September 30 this year the Township issued a total of 90 residential building permits at a total valuation of \$900,020 compared to only 60 permits in the third quarter of 1961 with a total valuation of \$164,700.

THE TOWNSHIP issued three commercial building permits during the three-month period as compared with two that were issued in the third quarter last year. Valuation on the three commercial buildings this third quarter totaled \$57,000 while the two permits issued in the third quarter of 1961 totaled \$46,000.

A total of 38 permits were issued by the Township for building additions and alterations in this year's third quarter valued at a total of \$285,775. 29 garage permits were issued during the three months at a value of \$56,660 in the Township.

THE 26 RESIDENTIAL building permits issued by the City during the three-month period ended September 30 reached a total valuation of \$423,000 while 23 permits in the third quarter of 1961 totaled just \$184,440 in valuation.

No commercial building permits were issued by the City in this year's third quarter while two were issued in the third quarter of 1961 at a valuation of \$71,000.

Permits issued for building additions and alterations on the city lot in the vicinity of a valuation of \$19,470. There were five commercial addition permits issued during the quarter at a valuation of \$10,225 and four other special permits at a valuation of \$101,400. 14 garage permits were issued during the quarter totalling \$13,740 in valuation.

DURING THE FIRST half of this year a total of nine special building permits were issued at a total valuation of \$1,385,840, two commercial

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## 12 Mile-Middlebelt Traffic Signal Up

The Farmington Township Police Department announced this week that the traffic signal approved by the Michigan State Highway Department and the Oakland County Road Commission for the 12 Mile and Middlebelt intersection earlier this year is now in operation.

The stop-and-go traffic signal was put into operation Tuesday afternoon, October 9, and will be in effect full time according to Township Police.



CITY OFFICIALS TURNED OUT in force for the ground breaking ceremonies on the site of the new Chesley Industries Plant in Farmington last week. President of the firm which manufactures supermarket and display equipment, Robert G. Chesley, turned the first spadeful of dirt over to J. R. Chesley, Councilman Henry Forrest and Hugo Peterson, builder Bob