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Community College Proposals Likely on June 10 School Ballot

A community college campus less than 30 minutes away from graduates may be possible in the not too distant future.
The state legislature passed an act Saturday permitting Oakland County to vote on the establishment of a community college district for the county.

The most recent study was made by 150 community leaders in Oakland County making up a county Community College Advisory Council. Located on this Council from Farmington were Mrs. Clara Mowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Brown, Mrs. Harriet Gibson, Herbert R. Neal and Ray Sheppards.

Funeral Director Here 42 Years Dies Suddenly

Spencer J. Heeney, funeral home owner and director in Farmington for 42 years, died at his home at 237-1/2 Farmington Road last Thursday, at the age of 72.
The Heeney Funeral Home, located on Farmington Road at Oakland Avenue just north of Grand River Avenue, has been a landmark in the downtown Farmington area. Mr. Heeney performed every funeral service but one in the 42 years of his profession here. Mrs. Heeney, also a funeral director, had been

Work on New City Building On Schedule

Although it still doesn't appear that much work has been completed on the new City of Farmington combination municipal and public safety department building on Liberty Street, City Manager John Dinan gave assurance Monday that the project was moving ahead on schedule.
He expressed confidence the construction of the building would be completed by the end of August as scheduled.
Work on the partial basement and necessary plumbing work at the below ground level has now been finished and flexcrete pre-cast concrete flooring put in over the basement area, he stated.
Work on the footings for those portions of the building with no basement area underneath is expected to be finished before week's end.
City manager expressed certainty that the contractor would start erecting the outside walls of the building by the end of this coming week unless too many inclement weather days prevailed between the first part of this week and the beginning of the coming week.
The new municipal center building has been made possible at this time as a result of a Federal grant of \$200,000 which is approximately half of the total cost of the long dreamed of combination structure.
The public safety department is presently operating out of the old Town Hall building on Grand River at Farmington Road. The fire trucks are being kept in a portion of a former garage area next to the Himmelspach Dining Room-Farmington Dairy building.

Senior Citizens Club To Meet on May 10

The Senior Citizens' Social Club of Farmington will meet Friday, May 10, at 8:30 p.m. in the social room at the First Methodist Church on Grand River Avenue at Warner Street.
Beautiful colored slides will be shown by Charles Rowe and cards played and refreshments served.
All senior citizens are invited to join the group and enjoy an evening together. If you wish more information about the club call Mrs. Walter Carlin, GR. 4-7037.

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Judge Schulte's Tenure Has Spanned 4 Decades

Judge John J. Schulte, Jr., who will step down next January as Farmington's Municipal Judge to climax a career of 40 years serving on the bench, has a tenure of office which is possibly the longest any judge has ever held in Michigan.

Judge Schulte came to Farmington in 1921 during the Presidency of Warren G. Harding and was appointed Justice of the Peace for what was then the Village of Farmington. Two years later when the community was incorporated as a City, he was elected Municipal Judge. He has been the only man to hold that office since, having never lost an election.
ANY STUDY OF JUDGE Schulte's career can't help but point out the remarkable growth of the community from the time it was just one of many small Oakland County villages. The 79-year-old Judge has witnessed virtually all of the community's development and progress.
"Progress" in Farmington can in one sense be measured by the various moves the office of Municipal Judge has experienced down through the years.
First location of the Judge's court room was in the same building in which he presently has temporary quarters, the Old Town Hall. In between locations include quarters above the People's State Bank (now the present Municipal Building); offices beneath the Farmington State Bank (now a branch of National Bank of Detroit); and in the old Liberty Street, Police Station (levelled earlier this year to make way for the new Municipal Building).



WHEN THE OFFICES of the Municipal Judge were first located in the Old Liberty Street Building, Judge Schulte recalls basketball games were often held there.
SEE JUDGE SCHULTE Column 4, Page 8A



SAFETY SEAT BELTS get an inspection from Farmington City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem Sandy Brotherton (L) as Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce co-chairman of the Jaycee Seat Belt Clinic (L to R) Doug Wenderick and Bill Hanifan offer samples of the auto devices which will go on sale and be installed for motorists in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot Saturday, May 11. (See story on Page 8A.)

YMCA Membership Drive Kicked Off; Goal Is 4,000

Wednesday night of this week, the YMCA Program Development Committee of Farmington was host to a group of leaders from Farmington City and Township to outline for them plans for the development of a strong YMCA membership here.
The meeting served as a kick-off for a charter member en-

rolling issued a challenge to all those present to lend their strength and effort to this worthwhile cause. He explained that the month of May is YMCA Membership Enrollment Month and that now would be the best time for residents of Farmington to register their support of an "Y" program by joining the Farmington Area YMCA now. By joining the "Y" an individ-

ual identifies himself with a Christian-centered movement and aids in a recognized program for our youth, Habicht said.
The story of the growth of the Farmington Area "Y" to date was presented by Robert L. Williams, chairman of the Farmington YMCA Program Development Committee.
Williams presented to the group the local YMCA's steering committee members who are: Edwin C. Blumberg, Mrs. Neil Burnside, John Cotton, Carl Dahlstrom, James Geiger, Richard Habicht, Mr. and Mrs. William King, C.D. Morris, Mrs. Edgar Mossbamer, DeWayne Nutter, Mrs. Don Pratt, Mrs. Fred Ralph, Frank Reynolds, Mrs. W.E. Rogers, Marjorie VanAmeide, Glenn Tunham, Mrs. Jack VanWagoners, Rev. Charles Fox, and David Wilson.
An informative and inspirational address was made to the assembly by Fred W. Noyes, See YMCA KICK-OFF Column 5, Page 8A



RICHARD HABICHT

Another step was taken Tuesday in the long list of legal and technical details which must be finalized before actual construction work on water lines can be started to bring Detroit water into Farmington Township.
A contractual agreement between the Oakland County DPW and Detroit Water Board officials spelling out details for providing water to a substantial portion of the south and southeastern portion of the township was approved by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.
Now the agreement goes to the local Detroit Water Board for a final okay and submission to the Detroit Common Council for approval there.
This is still not the end, however. While the Michigan Finance Commission and Federal Home and Housing Finance Agency have been kept fully up to date on this proposed project, approval on the contract finally agreed to must also be approved by these two bodies.
Every effort and precaution has been taken to avoid any snags in getting the contract papers through for approval by the last three governing bodies, it was reported. Approval finally came in the form of a written rapid succession it was felt.

County Board Okays Contract On Twp. Water

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In Cobo Hall Show

The City of Farmington will be represented at the annual exhibition of New Products and Inventions to be held this year at Cobo Hall May 24, 25 and 26 in at least eight booths. Booths at the exhibition will also feature a promotion of industrial opportunities to be found in Farmington.

Special Trash Pickups Scheduled in Twp., City During Month of May

Both the township and city governmental bodies are lending strong support to the third annual community clean-up campaign sponsored by the South Farmington Civic Association which is being kicked off today, Thursday, and will continue through the entire month of May.
The Township Board and City Council have both taken official action designating May as clean-up, fix-up, paint-up month in the community and in asking that community citizens make an all-out effort to get not only their own property cleaned up but vacant property around theirs.

Surfacing of 2 Major Roads In Twp. Slated

If you're planning to do any traveling west from Farmington from now through late fall make sure to choose some other route than Eight Mile Road.
This major route of travel is scheduled to be closed off any day now from Farmington Road as far west as Haggerty Road to permit a major road improvement project to be made.
Badly potted blacktop road surfacing this total distance will be replaced with concrete paving and the roadway widened slightly with improved shoulders and better drainage ditching work being done.

The project will be closed from now through October 1 or until such time as the project is totally completed and the new roadway is suitable to be used again. A completion date before October 1 is hoped for.
Supervisor Curt Hall also reported that another major roadway improvement project has been scheduled for the township. This will be blacktop surfacing of Halstead Road from Grand River Avenue to 12 Mile Road.
This project will be done in two phases. This summer suitable gravel base will be put down and additional finishing work done to provide adequate drainage. The actual blacktopping will not be done until the summer of 1964.

Since the roads are both primary roads the work will be done with federal and state road moneys, the supervisor emphasized.

New Industries Coming to City

City Manager John Dinan reported this week that work is scheduled to get underway soon on the construction of two more new industrial plants in the city.
Both plants are to be built on Niceville Road next to the Tassie Bread Company distribution building.

The Rapid Strand Co., makers of conveyors and automated equipment is planning to build an approximately 17,000 square foot building. The manufacturing firm has its headquarters in Grand Rapids and has been leasing a building in Southfield for the operations. It plans to move here and continue from the firm's own building.
Form Seal Co. will build a little smaller plant in the 12,000 to 15,000 square foot class for manufacturing operations adjacent to the Rapid Strand plant. The company is presently conducting the operations out of a leased building in Livonia.
The city manager had no information on how many people these new firms would hire but their operations would be large enough to benefit the community greatly in improving the tax base.

The city manager also reported that two more plants are planned next to the Lockhart Manufacturing Co. plant on the north side of Eight Mile Road within the city's boundaries. The plants will be built for speculative purposes with tenants on either a leasing or buying arrangement to be sought after they are constructed.



ONE OF THE FIRST YOUNGSTERS to take advantage of the new Farmington Township Bicycle Ordinance, which provides registration and licensing service for bike owners on an optional basis, was 10-year old Joe Petersmark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petersmark of 3823 Eleven Mile Road, who is shown above receiving his registration card from Sgt. John Polder of the Township Police Department, which is in charge of the service.

3-Car Pile-up Injures Driver

A Detroit man was injured in a three-car smashup on Tuesday, April 23, at the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Grand River.
The accident occurred when John L. McFarland, 38, of Birmingham was unable to come to a stop at a red light in the east bound lane of Grand River at Eight Mile and collided into the rear of two cars stopped at the light.
Injured seriously was Anthony DiPirro, 57, of Detroit. He was taken to Redford Medical for treatment. The other two drivers escaped injury.

Announce Clinic For Polio Shots

Polio booster shots will be given at a special clinic in Farmington at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church at Power and Shawasssee Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 7 p.m.