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Farmington Twp. Fourth In County Home Starts

For the first half of 1963 Farmington Township ranked fourth in all of Oakland County in new residential housing unit starts, according to a report released by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

During the first half of 1963 Farmington Township issued 246 permits for new housing units compared to 172 for the same six-month period in 1962. Of the 172 permits issued in 1962, 100 were for new home building activity in Farmington Township and 72 were for new home building activity in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Bd. of Commerce Starts Big Push For Membership

All through Farmington Township issued more permits during the first six months of this year than for the same period of last year other communities in the entire Detroit area moved up to drop Farmington Township from its position as the second highest in the county.

The Detroit Region in the Detroit Area Regional Planning Commission report includes all of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and portions of Monroe

Doubt School Can Be Ready

Concern was expressed by members of the Farmington Board of Education Monday night whether contractors would be able to meet the schedule set by the architect for completion of the new Highwood elementary school in time for the opening of classes this fall.

The schedule calls for construction work to be far enough along so that equipment can be moved in and classrooms ready to receive students on Monday, September 1, in reviewing the architect's schedule individual Board members questioned, however, whether all the work proposed to be completed within given periods of time would be possible.

To Start 9 Mile Paving Project

The paving of Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road to Gill Road is scheduled to get underway the first part of this coming week, according to John Dinan reported Tuesday.

It was pointed out to the Board that some problems are already being encountered due to the fact that equipment for this new school is coming in and being stored at other schools in the district.

To Open First Section of I-96 In Twp. July 29

More than five miles of the new I-96 Expressway which traverses Farmington Township between 11 and 12 Mile roads will be opened July 29. It was revealed this week by the Township Supervisor's office.

The 5.4-mile section is part of the Detroit-East-West Metropolitan Freeway and stretches from just west of Haggerty Road to Orchard Lake Road. Later this year, an additional 2.5 miles from Orchard Lake Road to Northwestern Highway will be opened to traffic.

Senior Citizens Picnic Planned

The Farmington Senior Citizens Social Club are now making plans for a picnic on Thursday, August 8, at Waterloo Bend on Six Mile at Northville Road.

Horseshoes, cards and friendly conversation are planned for during the afternoon. For the supper you are asked to bring your own silverware, meal, dish and glass and your beverages. The club will furnish paper plates, cups and napkins.

St. Approves Sale of Bonds For Twp. Sewers

The Farmington Township Clerk, Floyd Cairns, this week reported that \$193,000 of Old Farm Colony Sewer Special Assessment Bonds were approved by the Finance Commission in Lansing.

Cairns said the bids on sale of the Bonds would be opened on one of two tentative dates set either August 19 or August 26. The time of the bid opening will be 8 p.m. at the Township Hall, 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road.

Seek Re-Zoning To Permit 87 Twp. Apt. Units

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Traffic Accidents Claim Three Lives on Area Roads

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THE TOWNSHIP'S NEW Anti-Blight Ordinance which goes into effect next month may bring an end to conditions which are pictured above in a condemned home being inspected by Building Department Chief Al Galin. The new ordinance puts more teeth in the Township's Zoning Ordinance and provides for penalties against property owners where such blighted conditions are not corrected. The home pictured above is located at 27000 Middlebelt Road, just south of Shawwassee Avenue, and has been condemned for more than a year by the Health Department.



INJURED IN the other car involved in the accident were the driver Thomas J. Clark, 29, of 2418 Elizabeth Street in Farmington and his two young women passengers, 17-year-old Cheryl Marie Watkins of 2606 Westwood and 10-year-old Carol Mullen of 2215 Valleyview Circle, both of Farmington. All were taken to William Beaumont Hospital.

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Penny-Wise Discount Store advertisement listing various goods like cosmetics, medicine, and household items.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON may soon see the last of parking meters if the wishes of Grand River merchants are S. B. Robinson, owner of Penny-Wise Discount Store (pictured above) are answered. Merchants have urged the City Council to consider removing the parking meters at the same time work begins on the removal of the steps along the north side of the business loop. A final go-ahead has been given by the City Council. Their plans to eliminate the sidewalk steps which have long been a source of complaint by store owners and City officials.

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A WELCOMED ADDITION to the City of Farmington is the Rapistan Keystone, Inc. plant which is nearing completion at 3900 W. Nine Mile Road. The \$175,000 building is situated in a strip which is rapidly taking on the appearance of an active industrial center. Also under construction along Nine Mile is a \$72,000 plant for the Form Seal Company at 3400 Nine Mile.