

Survey of '57 FHS Class Indicates Some Needs

Facts and opinions obtained in a follow-up study on the Farmington High School graduating class of 1957 conducted by the Farmington school system's guidance department were discussed with the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday.

Norman Kinney, chairman of the guidance department committee making this special survey study, went over details of the written report prepared and pointed out many of the conclusions which have been drawn from it.

Of the total of 170 in the 1957

FHS graduating class, 115 responded to special questionnaires directed to them by the guidance department. It was on the basis of the answers given by the former graduates on these questionnaires that the report was put together.

OUT OF the 115 answering the questionnaires, 75 went on to college at some point during the five-year period since their graduation but only 42 of these had completed four years of advanced schooling or were still in college, it was emphasized.

While the percentage who started college and finished was considered good, the opinion expressed during discussion Monday night was that the number who didn't point up the need for advanced training educational centers offering less than four-year college programs.

Supt. G. V. Harrison opined that it emphasized the need for more community colleges and Kinney concurred with him on this. Many students are presently hopeful of entering community or junior colleges but enrollment in most is closed, Kinney said.

Another fact drawn from the report was that over one-quarter of the students answering the questionnaire had gone on into vocational fields not including those who entered college. Many of those who did enter college are also in vocations now, it was added.

The question was raised as to the result of these findings as to whether or not a good percentage of the Farmington students might not be better served by the initiation of some form of cooperative or vocational training program.

Many of those students answering the questionnaire stated that they felt they would have been better prepared for

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Ministers Set Thanksgiving Services Here

The Farmington Ministers' Association have planned for two Thanksgiving Eve services to be held at two different churches at 8 p. m. on Thursday, November 28.

City residents are invited to attend Salem United Church of Christ, 3224 Oakland. The host minister is the Reverend Carl Schultz. The Reverend Carl Kallreider of Antioch Lutheran Church will be the guest preacher.

TOWNSHIP residents are invited to attend Orchard Methodist Church, 3045 Farmington Road. The host minister is the Reverend Frank Costello. The Reverend Joseph Pelham of Trinity Episcopal Church will be the guest preacher.

The community is encouraged to attend services at the church most convenient for them. Every effort should be made to make this Thanksgiving season a meaningful family experience. Free will offerings from the services will be sent to C.R.O.P. and Meals For Millions.

2 Twp. Police Officers Take FBI Training

Two Farmington Township police officers this week completed a three-semester course begun in 1952 under the auspices of the Michigan State Police and Eastern Michigan Chiefs of Police Association.

The intensive two-year study covered subjects dealing with points of law essential in police work, emergency procedures, defensive tactics and sound law enforcement policy.

Officers Arlo "Busty" Nowell and William Kelly of the Township Police Department successfully graduated from the Michigan School of Police and were awarded diplomas at a special program to be scheduled in 1964.

The instructors for the course were agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Classes were held in Royal Oak.

Stone Worksups A Big Problem

A study requested by the superintendent of schools to determine what can be done to improve unsafe conditions which prevail around the athletic and playing field areas at North Farmington High was authorized by the Board of Education Monday night.

Supt. G. V. Harrison explained that numerous stones and rocks were working up out of the ground and resulting in playing fields and areas around the athletic and playing field areas at North Farmington High was authorized by the Board of Education Monday night.

The stone and gravel base which the playing fields were developed over after very good drainage had been installed. The stones make the area unsafe for playgrounds, the superintendent commented. Development of some sort of cover to prevent the stones from working out should be laid if such can be found, it was felt.

Authorize Go-Ahead On Beechview Grading

Board of Education action was taken Monday night authorizing immediate action in making arrangements to get grading and filling work done at the Beechview School playground site.

It was estimated that less than a day's work with a large grader would be needed to do the filling and leveling required.

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Delay Picking Winners in Grid Contest

Due to the fact that many of the football games scheduled to be played this past weekend were canceled as a result of the tragic death of President Kennedy, we have decided to delay the judging of the Nov. 21 Enterprise Football Contest until after this coming weekend.

This will allow us to include in the judging those games from Nov. 23 and 24 which were called off and re-scheduled for Thanksgiving Day or this coming Saturday, Nov. 29.

The 12 noon Saturday, Nov. 23, deadline for entries in this past week's contest is being strictly observed.

THIS WEEK'S Enterprise member Community Health Football Contest will be held to be run for the 1963 football season. It's your one last chance to win this year so turn out to the football contest tonight now and give it that old last try.

If you haven't been lucky yet you may still have a chance to win this year. In this coming week's paper we'll announce 24 winners of the Nov. 21 and Nov. 27 contests.

Remember, the deadline for getting entries in is Saturday at 12 noon. Also remember to get your entry signed by one of the 24 business establishments that have been participating in the contest.

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Comm. College Meeting Dec. 4

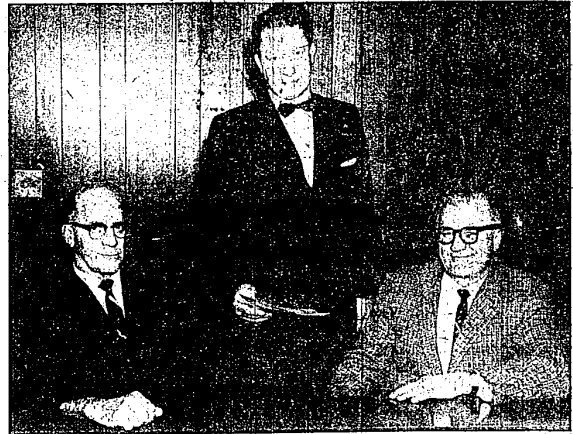
Countywide representation is being sought for the next meeting of the Oakland County Community College Citizens Committee on Wednesday, December 4.

A review of state laws pertaining to the establishment of community colleges and a survey of the educational needs of young people in this area will be presented.

Local service clubs, parent-teacher groups and business and industrial groups are urged to have representatives on the Citizens Committee, said Wendell Brown, chairman of the committee.

The committee will meet at 8 p. m. at the Oakland Schools office in the County Service Center, near Pontiac.

For any additional information contact Brown who lives at 2822 Ardmore, Farmington. Call MA 6-2456.



An official resolution has been adopted by the directors of the Farmington Board of Commerce pledging the Board's wholehearted endorsement of the City and Township's anti-high rise program. The resolution pledges the B. of C.'s full cooperation with the local governing bodies in their efforts to reduce uncleanly and unhealthy conditions in any and all sections of the community where they might exist. Ned Oglesby, center, is shown here turning over a copy of the Board of Commerce resolution to Township Supervisor Curt Hall, left, and City Mayor Robert Lindbert, right.

G. Harrison on County Mental Health Board

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors recently adopted a resolution establishing a Mental Health Service Board for the county and Farmington School District.

Supt. G. V. Harrison was named one of the members of this newly created board.

The board was established under provisions of State Public Act 54 which was adopted this year.

Under terms of the act cities with over 500,000 population or counties will be given matching grants from the State of Michigan Mental Health Department for the establishment and operation of local mental health programs.

The grants will be allowed for the following types of programs and services:

- (1)—Those designed to prevent mental illness, mental retardation and other psychiatric disabilities.
- (2)—To provide information to the general public on these programs and services.
- (3)—To provide a consulting service to courts, public schools and health and welfare agencies.
- (4)—To provide both outpatient and in-patient diagnosis and treatment.
- (5)—To provide rehabilitation services for psychiatric patients.

It was indicated that the newly formed Oakland County Board will put major emphasis on co-ordinating and assisting with all the various organizations and agencies in the county presently involved in mental health programs.

Others appointed to the Mental Health Services Board by County Board of Supervisors Chairman Delos Hamlin be Supt. Harrison were: Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate; Harry Arnoff, Resident in Psychiatry at Pontiac State Hospital; Paul N. Averill, publisher of the Birmingham Independent newspaper; L. Jerome

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Economic Comm. Survey Shows Businessmen Want Better Transportation, Dept. Store

Lack of bus transportation and the lack of a large department store to attract more business into the City of Farmington were found to be two major deficiencies which business people feel exist in the community.

The findings were drawn from an Industrial and Commercial Business Climate Survey conducted over the past several months by members of the City's Economic Development Committee under the chairmanship of Robert Chesley.

Personal contacts were made with the owners and managers of approximately 120 business and industrial firms in the City. Numerous questions were asked of each business head in an attempt to establish clearly what the major concerns or dissatisfactions of local business people are.

This information will be beneficial to not only the Economic Development Committee, but also other City officials in future efforts to make community business conditions more favorable.

ALMOST HALF of the total number of business leaders surveyed stated that they did not feel that transportation facilities for the community were adequate.

The need for a large department store in the community was cited by a majority of those surveyed. A large number also stated that they felt there was a need for more light industrial development in the community in those areas zoned for industrial still not developed.

Over half of those surveyed expressed dissatisfaction with the business tax structure but this was expected. It was felt

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Tax Billings Totaling Over \$3.7 Million About To Be Mailed

The time is here again to be expecting that bill from the City or Township that you'll never like receiving but will be coming to you annually as long as you are a property owner. You guessed it, we're referring to your tax bill.

Some tax bills from the City Treasurer's office have already gone out, and the balance are expected to be in the mail before the end of the week, Treasurer Kathryn Cotter stated.

THE BILLS for Township property owners will be mailed later, but Treasurer Elise Avery expressed hope that all would be out by the middle of December.

Many Township bills will have included in them levies for special assessment projects which are in the works or already completed. In sections throughout the community.

The total Township billing runs just under \$3 million for school, township, county and the special library tax levy. The exact billing is \$2,970,274.04.

The billing is based on a total Township assessed valuation of \$38,846,446 which will be equalized by the county and state more than doubles. The Township's equalized valuation is \$78,747,160 and it is on the basis of this equalized valuation that taxes are levied.

THE CITY'S total billing for school and county taxes runs \$2,714,149.

The City's total assessed valuation runs \$28,537,720 and the total state equalized valuation on which the tax levy is made is \$24,699,203.

The deadline for business places to pay their personal property taxes on equipment and inventory is January 10. On real commercial property including vacant land the deadline for making payments is January 19.

Residential property owners will have until February 28 to get their taxes paid without penalty.

Postponed Twp Bd. Meeting Set For Saturday

The Farmington Township Board canceled their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday night, November 25, in deference to memorial services to be conducted for President John F. Kennedy.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns informed the Enterprise that the Board would meet in a special session this Saturday morning, November 30, at 10 a. m. to transact any of the normal business that would have been taken up at the canceled Monday night meeting.

PROMINENT ITEMS on the agenda include consideration of the offer made by the Massons to purchase the old Township Hall, located at 2315 Farmington Road at Grand River.

Also due for consideration at the Board meeting are proposed amendments to five articles in the Township's Zoning Ordinance. A sewer connection charge ordinance for the 13 Mile Sanitary Sewer is also scheduled to come up for consideration.

The two remaining items on the Township Board's agenda are consideration of a request for the transfer of a Class C liquor license from S. J. A. Hertzberger to Phil Northern at 34225 12 Mile Road and consideration of a new appointment to fill a vacancy on the Township Zoning Board.

Not on the agenda but probably due to come up for considerable discussion is the increased concern over the hazardous 13 Mile Road and Middlebelt intersection. Following the second fatality of the year at the intersection last week, Township officials are expected to again seek to bring the issue of a proposed stop and go traffic signal at that location to the attention of the Oakland County Road Commission.

Bid on School Notes Best Yet

Competition was keen and the Farmington School District received exceptionally good bids on the \$170,000 worth of state aid anticipation notes which it offered for short term sale to tide it over until state aid money is received in January.

Four banks bid for the notes and all offered to buy them at interest rates under 2 percent per annum.

The state made Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington which bid jointly with Manufacturers National Bank and agreed to buy the bonds at an interest rate of 1.76 percent.

Supt. of Schools G. V. Harrison stated that this is the best interest rate the school district has ever received for the purchase of notes of this kind.

Approval of the sale was given following the opening of bids at a regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday night.



THE UNSIGHTLY CONDITION of the property at the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Farmington Road has resulted in a number of protests from homeowners of the area as well as the businessmen in the downtown Farmington shopping section. A fruit and vegetable stand, not presently in operation, has been located there for several years now. The property is located on the Township side of

Farmington's Marta Kristen In Film At Civic Theater

Farmington can at last lay claim to one Hollywood movie star and quite a lovely one at that.

The blond starlet who can now be seen in the Walt Disney production, "Savage Sam," which opens its full week in glorious technicolor tonight, Wednesday, November 27, at the Farmington Civic Theater, is none other than 18-year-old Marta Kristen.

MARTA IS THE adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold O. Soderquist of 25340 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington. She is the daughter of the late Ten Mile Elementary School and O. B. Dunckel Junior High she was known as Martha Soderquist. She was an honor student and even then showed evidence her talents leaned towards a Hollywood career.

HER MOVIE CAREER probably was launched way back in the fourth grade when she and two of her classmates wrote and acted out their own comedy. From that time on until she was placed under contract by General Artists Corporation of Hollywood, Marta was active in numerous theater group productions in the Detroit Metro area.

"Savage Sam," Marta's first movie, will play to a special Thanksgiving Day matinee audience tomorrow, November 28, and will remain at the Civic Theater through December 2. Show opening time Thursday is 1:30 p. m. with the curtain going up at 2 p. m.

Matinee roles have not been the only vehicle for the talents of Farmington's beautiful starlet. She has appeared in numerous television series and most recently was seen by TV audiences viewing the popular "Dr. Killdeer" show.

Marta will appear in the second half of the episode which was aired on the Killdeer show last week as part of a two-part



Want Service Bldg. Site Study

The Farmington Board of Education acted Monday night calling for a detailed study of possible locations for a new service building for the school district.

This is one of the buildings proposed to be built in the district with money from the \$8-million bond issue approved earlier this month by voters.

Assistant Supt. James Read and Ralph Vert, supervisor of buildings and grounds, were named to work with the site sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee in making this study.

The Board has asked that suggested locations be reported back to them as soon as possible.

Study Plan for Development

A preliminary plan for a proposed 185 to 210 home development called Oldie Franklyn Towne to the east of Middlebelt Road a short distance south of 14 Mile Road was reviewed by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night.

This plan has already been submitted to the Township Zoning Board for study and under consideration at this time.

After reviewing the plans, the B. of E. agreed that a meeting would be held at that time to discuss the development. It is also arranged to discuss the development before the Board of Education. During discussion it was also arranged to discuss the development to provide safe walking routes to the school which would serve youngsters in this development should be insisted on.

A letter will be directed to the Township Board, which must take final approval on this proposed development, expressing the Board of Education's feelings.

Landscaping Plans

The Farmington Board of Education acted Monday night approving the expenditure of \$725 in professional landscape architectural fees for the development of landscaping plans for the new East Junior High and Highmound Elementary schools.