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33425 Grand River, Farmington

Paul M. Chandler, Founder

## Herbert Neal, Mrs. Schwartz, Half Mill All Win

By JOY STINSON

A one-half mill increase for special education was approved by Oakland County voters, as well as Farmington voters, in Monday's special school election. Farmington voters also elected incumbent Herbert R. Neal and Mrs. Schwartz to fill two four-year terms as trustees on the Farmington Public

School Board of Education. As in last year's school election, the turnout was slight with only 1,891 ballots cast. The school election results will affect approximately 21,307 Farmington voters.

The special education millage increase passed by a two-to-one vote in the Farmington district. The totals according to precincts, were as follows:

market value of \$20,000. The 11-year-old county-wide special education program with its increased millage will provide expanded facilities for the child who cannot be taught in a regular classroom. He may be blind, deaf, mentally retarded or suffering from cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or severe emotional disturbance. It also takes in speech correction

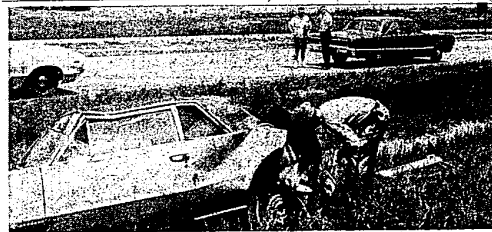
offered to more than 700 Farmington children alone. Specifically, the tax increase will allow for the placement of 600 children in special education programs who were turned away this year due to insufficient funds and programs. It also will go for expanded facilities, more classrooms, teachers and programs.

In the school board race, incumbent Herbert Neal ran far ahead of the other three candidates with a total of 1,416 votes. He took precincts 1, 11 and 14 but lost precinct 13 to John D. Colejan by one vote.

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Corporation and the father of four children. He has served the board of the sites, salary, drop-out and philosophy of education committees and also was active in a study which resulted in the location of the Oakland Community College in Farmington.

Mrs. Schwartz, who will have four children in school next (Continued on Page 7B)



OFFICER ARLO NEWELL, of the Farmington Township Police Dept., who was recently made Sergeant, is seen examining the damage to a car that tangled with a truck on 1695, west of Orchard Lake Road. The accident took place

## Farmington Schools Get New Principals

by Joy Stinson

Approval was given to the appointments of two new elementary school principals and an interim director of Special Education by the Farmington Board of Education at their Monday evening meeting.

Successful applicants as principals are Lawrence G. Freedman and Walter J. Jablonski. Both presently are employed in the Farmington Public Schools.

Douglas H. Smith, speech coordinator in the Farmington Public Schools, has been appointed interim director of Special Education. He will carry on the duties of Hugh Watson, Special Education director who has been granted a leave of absence to work on his doctorate at Michigan State University.

## Board of Commerce To Hold Festival

The Greater Farmington Board of Commerce will celebrate its first annual Founders' Festival on July 29, 30, and 31. The board hopes to enlist the help of the other non-profit organizations in the community. There are many facets to this endeavor and the field is limited only to space and time considerations.

This can be done by calling the Board's office at 474-3440, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Other areas to be covered are: selection of a Beauty Queen; and floats or cars in the Grand Parade on Saturday, July 31; the theme being "then and now."

## Wild Chase, Flying Lead on Sunday

Patricia Guilmette, of the Farmington City Police Dept., was out on patrol, on Sunday night, June 13.

At 10 p.m., he spotted a black 1958 Ford make a left turn from Grand River onto Farmington Road, heading north—in what he says was a reckless manner.

Guilmette finally got the car to stop, and the driver got out. But as Guilmette approached, the man suddenly jumped back in, and drove off again. Guilmette says he was almost hit by the thief as he zoomed away.

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### ARROW POINTS

to where Police Ball crashed through car's window, after shattering rear window completely. The other bullets landed lower in the body of the car.

## Voters To Decide Annexation Plan

In a seemingly sudden development, the Township of Farmington was faced with the loss of some of its territory, by annexation to the City.

The place involves 550 acres bounded by Grand River Ave. to the north, Gill Road to the east, Freedom Drive to the south, and Halstead Road to the west. Most of it lies in Woodcroft Subdivision.

Whether or not the area in question is annexed will be decided by a majority vote of the people in the area, and of the City at large. The date of this referendum must be determined by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. But since it will take 90 days to process, action will be delayed—until fall at least.

A few months ago, the City Planning Commission decided that the City needed more room to grow in. It began a drive for signatures and it did so quietly—out of fear that if its intentions were known, the Township might take action to incorporate as a City, a step that even if unsuccessful would considerably delay the annexation plan.

Joining with the Planning Commissioners in the petition drive were representatives of various neighborhood associations. Robert Chesley took the lead in seeking signatures in Woodcroft Sub, of which he is a resident.

The drive went well over the top, with a total of 532 signatures of which 30 were from the affected area.



## N. Farmington High Seniors Win Honors

This year's graduating class from North Farmington High School has been the recipient of a number of awards and scholarships.

Jeff Lazar was presented the National Merit Certificate, indicating that he was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

And a letter of commendation by the National Scholarship Program, acknowledging that they rank in the top two per cent of all secondary school seniors, was sent to Michael Laving, Corrie Mallow, John McHugh, Roger Mingo, Mark Oenke, Terry Sharbach, Gregory Valade, and Alan Wile.

The Chrysler Corp. Fund has granted a scholarship to James Gleason. Only children of Chrysler employees are eligible for this award.

Kathryn Jane Shaw has been awarded a tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan. This is the first time a student from North Farmington has been awarded a National Defense Education Act Student Loan to Robert V. Davis.

Andrea Linger, James McHugh, and James Puskas were awarded scholarships by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Andrea will use hers at the University of Michigan.

## Mrs. Mitten Dies At 54

Services for Mrs. Martha A. Mitten, a Republican leader in Farmington, will be at 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington. Interment will be in Glen Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mitten, 54, of 37446 Carson Rd., Farmington Township, died Saturday in St. Joseph's Hospital after a two-week illness.

She was a past president of the Civic Drive of Detroit and a member of the Michigan State Association of Women. She was also a member of the 13th Congressional District, the Farmington Republican Club and the Farmington Country Club.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Guymer of Royal Oak and four grandchildren.

## Raid Suspects Standing Mute

The three Farmington youths accused of breaking into the home of Charles Murdoch, in Southfield, on May 2, were charged with malicious assault on Thursday at their arraignment on Thursday, June 10.

They stood mute and were placed on bond. The three are Jack Watson, Robert Patterson, and Randall Ryan. No trial date was set.

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## Officers Promoted; Budget Hearing Set

The Farmington Township Board of Trustees has established Tuesday, June 22 as the date of a public hearing on the 1965-66 Township Budget. The Board took this action at its meeting, on Monday, June 14.

In another action, the Board agreed to adopt a "Memorandum of Understanding" regarding

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