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## Building Activity Hits High In Third Quarter

Building activity in the last three months nearly doubled the construction starts for the first six months of 1965 in both the City and Township of Farmington, according to reports released this week.

The township led the way with more than 5 million dollars worth of new construction just under way during July, August and September while the six month total valuation on all types of new construction was \$4,780,533.

**THE PRIME BUILDING MONTHS** in the City of Farmington also resulted in the nearly doubling of the first half valuation on a new construction, nine month total of \$1,684,959. More than a million dollars of new construction was put under way during July, August and September in the City to provide one of the best third quarters of recent years.

**THE LARGEST single building permit** for 1965 was taken

out in the City in July for the construction of the half-million-dollar Mills Products Plant at 3310 East 10th Road.

No home construction jumped the last three months to bring the City's nine-month total to 32 permits issued at a valuation of \$621,169 while the total valuations on 19 permits issued during the first six months in the City was \$376,749.

New home construction in Farmington Township during the months of July, August and September brought the nine-month total to 11 permits issued at a total of 457, with a valuation of \$8,997,175. The third quarter total was valued at \$3,317,850 compared to the six-month total of 276 home building permits issued valued at \$3,029,286.

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**CHIEF MAURICE D. FOLTZ**, Director of the Farmington City Department of Public Safety, is pictured above signing the letter of acceptance to the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) following his appointment to one of the MACP committees for the coming year. (See story on Page 8A)

## Traffic Safety Division Formed

A change and expansion in the City of Farmington's Public Safety Department to include a full-time traffic and safety division was approved by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The organizational changes which the Council approved, as recommended by Public Safety Director Maurice Foltz, moves a sergeant up to the cadet position of traffic safety supervisor, advances a cadet trained presently on a staff to patrolman status and adds a new cadet to the force.

Chief Foltz announced following the Council's approval of his recommended departmental changes and expansion that Sgt. Robert Deadman would be appointed as head of the new traffic and safety division.

**COMING UNDER** the jurisdiction of this newly established division in addition to traffic control and traffic survey work will be the licensing department and the juvenile program. The division will consist of three police clerks in addition to Sgt. Deadman.

Chief Foltz stated he would be advanced to the position of patrolman and a new cadet hired to replace him. Chief Foltz stated.

Up until this time Sgt. Deadman had been serving in the dual capacity of a shift commander and part-time director

work at critical points being called for by the Council with more and more frequency in recent months was just not possible without a full-time traffic safety division. Some of the normal patroling duties that should have been going on day to day could just not be accomplished, Foltz stated.

The city manager's estimate was that the expansion as approved would require an approximately \$3,000 additional expenditure for the balance of the current fiscal operating year. The Council authorized this amount to be taken from the contingency fund.

During general discussion another point brought out to justify an expansion of the department was the fact that the city is now handling a very substantially heavier volume of drivers' licensing business. The City of Farmington only handles licensing of all city and township drivers but also issues licenses and makes

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## TO START OCT. 17

## City Recreation Program Outlined

The only recently organized Farmington City Recreation program announced plans this week to begin a limited fall program for city residents on October 17.

The city only program will consist of three main groups of activities and is intended to complement the already existing Farmington Adult Education and Farmington Area Recreation Commission programs being offered

citizens of both the city and the township. It was emphasized.

Separate gymnastic activities for male adults, female adults and youth of the city as well as square dancing and duplicate bridge sessions are planned for the initial city program.

**ALL ADULT activities** will be conducted at Farmington Junior High. The Cloverdale elementary school will be used for the gym program for youth between 8 through 12 years of age scheduled. Older youth in the community are being requested to make use of either the intermural program or to take part in GAA activities provided through the public school system, at least for the present time.

Evans Baggeris has been selected as director of the limited city recreation program being started at this time.

They are indeed fortunate to have been able to obtain the services of the fine personnel we have in the area of activities we have scheduled," Baggeris commented.

"Calling out the promenade, allemande left, and swing your leg will be Harley Wood, President of the Michigan Square Dance Association, at present, is calling

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## Trash Collection Complaint Filed

A letter of complaint on the rubbish and trash pickup service being afforded the business establishments in the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center was read at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

It was stated in the letter that not only were collections not being made consistently on regularly scheduled pickup days twice a week but also

that all receptacles were not being emptied.

Also pointed out in the letter was the fact that a special arrangement had been made with Gus McCready, owner of the private firm that handles city garbage and rubbish pickup, to pick up on Monday as well as Wednesday and Saturday in the Plaza but that he was not living up to this agreement to make this third collection. McCready was also engaged to cut weeds around the plaza this summer.

**THE COUNCIL** was requested to look into this matter and take corrective measures.

City Manager John Dinan reported that he had discussed this matter with McCready and gathered that the complaint was because of the fact that collections were not being made at the fronts of the stores was not being made twice weekly. These receipts

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## Hope For Elms Detailed In New Booklet

Farmington Township Treasurer Mrs. Elise Avery this week urged citizens of the community interested in helping in the campaign to fight the Dutch Elm Disease to write for the 16-page booklet, "Elm Disease: What You Can Do and How to Combat the Menace."

Mrs. Avery reports the booklet is very informative and detailed in the important ways in which citizens can be of service in controlling the dread disease of the Elm trees.

Obtain a free copy of the booklet, write to Elms Unlimited, Inc., 60 West Jersey Street, Waldwick, New Jersey.

## Open House Planned For C'ville Pool

Plans were announced by the Clarenceville Board of Education at their meeting of September 30 for an official Open House to be held on Wednesday, October 13, between 7 and 9 a.m. at the newly completed swimming pool in Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlefield Road.

Plans include guided tours of the swimming pool area, gymnasium, new laundry facilities, and the homemaking department. Refreshments will be served in the homemaking rooms, where members of the school staff, administration, and Board of Education will meet with visiting parents.

Due to the limited time, space, and tour guides, the Board expressed the hope that only adults would attend this Open House. All Junior and Senior High School students will be shown these facilities on succeeding days.

Additional open hours will be available on Friday, October 15, following the Homecoming week along with a brief water registered alumni, or those people attending the dance, will have an opportunity to see the pool area at that time.

Definitive plans are under way for the formal dedication of the pool during the following week along with a brief water registered alumni, or those people attending the dance, will have an opportunity to see the pool area at that time.

## Two Split Jackpot In Grid Contest

Interest in the Farmington Enterprise' Football Grid Contest continues to grow with more and more contestants entering weekly. A bigger entry form book will soon be needed.

The lucky winner of the \$15 first prize in last week's contest was Thomas Naquin, 30018 Eleven Mile Road.

Winner of the second prize of \$7 was Mrs. Bettie Kowalski, 28610 Westmeath and the third prize of \$3 was won by Thomas G. Hildebrandt, 34901 Grand River. The second and third prize winners also picked up \$3 additional each as their share of the \$6 bonus jackpot by having their entry forms stamped or signed by one of the participating merchants in the contest.

Over \$30 more in cash prizes will be given again next week. Join in the fun. Just turn to Page 4B in this week's Enterprise. After reading the rules carefully start making your guesses of who you think the winners will be for the games sponsored by each of the participating business establishments.

## City Take Over Of Private Road OK'ed

The City Council agreed Monday night to take over the private roadway running from Shiawassee Road to Ten Mile between Farmington and Powder Road after learning that approximately 83 percent of the traffic on it is thru traffic.

The road was put in a few years back in a joint arrangement between Our Lady of Sorrows Church which owns the property to the east and the Farmington School District which owns the property to the west of the installation and repairs has been shared equally.

**SEVERAL MONTHS** ago church and school district officials requested that the city take over the road after they had put it in good repair. The city manager had recommended that the city do this but councilmen requested that a survey be made first to determine exactly how much it would cost to take over the road before they could be justified in doing so.

City Manager John Dinan estimated that the city would receive an approximately \$400 yearly in state weight and gasoline taxes for maintenance of the road and that this would be enough to keep it in good repair.

The councilmen's agreement to accept dedication of the roadway was made predicated on completion of some ditching and culvert installation work yet to be done to the satisfaction of the city engineer. Another agreement made was that the church and school district agree to put in a sidewalk along the roadway.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT** and church officials who were present at Monday night's meeting were in agreement that some problems might be experienced in locating the sidewalk on either side of the roadway. They agreed, however, to work with the city in getting the walk installed if it was deemed absolutely necessary.

## Appointment Of New City Judge Coming

Brought up for discussion but not acted upon by the City Council at its meeting Monday night was the necessity of naming a municipal judge to fill the vacancy left by the death of Judge Sylvester Pheny.

The term of office runs until Dec. 31, 1968.

City Manager John Dinan reported to the Council that he had discussed the matter with Associate Judge Michael Hand and that Judge Hand had indicated that he might be willing to serve in Pheny's place if the hours of the court could be reduced so as not to interfere with his law practice in Detroit.

The city manager felt that this could be done by scheduling one morning court session and one evening session each week with both being of longer duration than regular morning sessions that had been held in the past. He pointed out that many other surrounding municipalities have an arrangement of this kind.

It was also suggested that Dennis Pheny, son of the deceased judge, might be considered for the associate judge's post to work under Judge Hand. It was felt by Dinan that young Pheny would be able to handle the associate position under Judge Hand, although out of law school only one year, and that he had expressed an interest in this appointment.

The councilmen requested more time to study the matter and indicated an interest in meeting with both Judge Hand and Pheny as well as other possible candidates for the positions before taking any official action.

## C'ville Schools Award Contracts

The Clarenceville Board of Education, on September 22, awarded contracts for additions to the Edgewood Elementary School and the Junior High School. The architectural contracts for both buildings were awarded to Robert and Orr, Inc. The mechanical contracts, also for both buildings, went to Evans Plumbing and Heating Company. The electrical contracts were awarded to the Edgewood School portion awarded to Hanson Electric Company and the Junior High School portion, to Doran Electric.

These additions are scheduled to be ready for use starting next September. The Board of Education is now planning the next step of this first building phase with thoughts of a high school auditorium.



Sgt. Deadman

of the traffic safety department.

**CHIEF FOLTZ** pointed out in making his request for the expansion that increased traffic survey work and better traffic safety enforcement.

## Open Sewer Hole Battle Is Ended

It was announced at the City Council meeting Monday night, Oct. 4, that a mutual agreement between the city and Carl Shaw on Valleyview Street had finally been worked out and that the highly controversial open sewer line hole in his property was scheduled to be covered over this week.

City Manager John Dinan indicated further that claying of the new sewer line in that area would likely be started the following week or shortly thereafter.

## TWP. CONCEDES

## Inspectors Win Right To Union

Inspectors from the building department in Farmington Township have won out in their fight with township officials to be represented by a union even though the major portion of the other township employees might not wish to be represented by a union.

When the Township Board refused to negotiate with officials of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees whom the inspectors had chosen to represent, the case was carried to the State Labor Mediation Board by the union.

**THE POSITION** of the Township Board was that they were not opposed to union representation of employees if all township employees were to be members of one union. They made it clear at that time, however, that they were opposed to having a union represent only a few employees in one department and even more very fearful that the end result might be various groups of employees being represented by a number of different unions they would have to negotiate with.

Conversation with state and local authorities on labor matters of this kind between mid-August and last week made it clear that the township would have to recognize the union even though for only a very small portion of the employees. Supervisor Carl Hall said, "A vote of employees from the building department, also including the township's two assessors and the township enforcement officer, was agreed to for Tuesday of this week."

**THE TUESDAY** morning vote by the nine township employees resulted in a 6-3 victory for union representation. The balloting was secret but there was a 6-3 vote for union. All six inspectors voted for the union and the two assessors and zoning enforcement inspector voted against it.

The next step will be for the township officials and representatives of the union to work out a mutually agreeable contract under which the township and township union employees will be expected to operate.

## Intersection Now Safe, City Police Report

Controls presently installed coupled with crossing enforcement by safety patrol boys at the corner of Shiawassee Road and Powder Road have assured adequate safety for elementary school youngsters at this location is the opinion of the city's public safety department.

Due to a petition filed last spring by a group of parents alleging hazardous conditions at this intersection, the department called for a study of the signing near that intersection as well as a survey of the crossing supervision provided.

It was reported that as a result of the study the city had installed large Scotch light stop signs in the crossing, a market off crosswalks and painted "Slow School Crossing Ahead" on the pavement. A survey by the public safety department showed that 55 elementary students crossed here daily in the morning and afternoon and that they were excitedly watching the safety patrol boys on duty at this intersection.

These measures coupled with additional crossing enforcement by safety patrol boys and the radar speed controlling of motorists around this intersection will assure adequate child safety, in the opinion of the public safety department, it was reported.

## Fire Prevention Week Parade, Open House Sat.

Fire Prevention Week will be climaxed in the community this Saturday, October 9, with a fire truck parade through downtown Farmington and an Open House at the Farmington City Department of Public Safety, on Liberty Street, just west of Grand River Avenue.

The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand River Drive-In Theater and will parade through downtown Farmington and an Open House at the Farmington City Department of Public Safety, on Liberty Street and Grand River Avenue.

Children will be able to meet "Sparky" and "Smokey" as well as other fire prevention characters. Refreshments will also be served free of charge. Train rides on the American Legion's "Fame and Fortune" and the popular John F. Ivory fire truck are expected to be available for children at the Open House Saturday.

**CHIEF MAURICE D. FOLTZ**, Director of the Farmington City Department of Public Safety, emphasized the purpose of the parade and Open House activities are to impress upon citizens the importance of helping in fire prevention.

Fire killed 11,900 Americans last year," Chief Foltz said, "and over half of the victims died in their own homes in fires that could have been easily prevented."

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that destroyed over 1.65 billion dollars worth of property last year in about 2,360,000 separate fires.

"The record could be far different," Chief Foltz stated. "If everyone would assume personal responsibility for observing the rules of fire safety at home and on the job. Don't give fire a place to start in the neighborhood," he said.

**Sgt. JAY HARRISON**, who is directing the activities for this year's Fire Prevention Week observances in Farmington, offered some sobering statistics.

"Every hour fire destroys or damages 67 American homes, Sgt. Harrison reports, and every hour and twenty minutes one person, most frequently a child or an elderly person, dies in a dwelling fire.

"There is no mystery about the causes of most home fires," Sgt. Harrison points out, "and

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