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City Takes Steps To Speed Plans For Sewage Plant

Sanitary Engineer To Proceed With Draft

The City Council, at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, authorized L. N. Hayden, city engineer, to proceed with the sanitary engineer to draft final plans for the proposed sewage disposal plant.

During the discussion of the disposal of raw sewage is present at the meeting, stated that completion of the plans would probably require between eight and ten weeks. The Council plans to meet again when the plans are finished, they will be forwarded immediately to the State Water Resources Commission for approval. The Commission must approve the plans before bids can be secured and contract awarded.

City Officials Buy First Poppies



Although Poppy Days do not officially open until Thursday morning in the Farmington area, Mayor Kenneth Loomis, city engineer John J. Schutte, and other officials, joined the group slightly before the opening. They are shown here purchasing their poppies from Mrs. Mary Markell, left, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Josephine LeMieux, chairman of the Auxiliary. Other members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, and the Perry Remonts of Novi will be on the streets of Farmington and Novi Thursday, Friday and Saturday for their annual sale of poppies and white clovers.

Novi Man Killed In Auto Accident On US-16 Monday

Four Persons Injured In Middlebelt Crash

Lewis Sizemore, 42, of 4180 1/2 Lewis Road, Novi, was killed instantly early Monday morning, May 24, when the car in which he was traveling alone collided head-on with a semi-truck two miles west of Novi.

A two-car crash at the intersection of Grand River and Eastwood Hesse Carriage truck, driven by Clifford E. Guertgen, pulled his truck onto the shoulder of the road but was unable to do so before hitting the Sizemore car.

The accident occurred when William James Bell of Polaris Park, Detroit, traveling north on Middlebelt, crossed the road into the auto of Clinton W. McDonald, of Royal Oak, proceeding east on Nine Mile Road.

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GRADE SCHOOLS AT CLARENCEVILLE PEAN FESTIVAL

Over 200 Clarenceville Elementary students will participate in the 1954 Spring Festival to be held Friday, June 4, at the high school gymnasium.

The first grade of the Hostford School will open the program with the May Pole Dance. Other selections will be presented by the Central School Choir, Bradford Kinder, and the fourth grade. Hostford third grade, Hostford Choir, Westbrook Girls and the Westbrook Choir.

An added feature of this year's festival will be several violin numbers offered by the elementary students. Other highlights of the varied program will be a cowboy number by a boys' quartet, a Minnie Mouse presentation by the Westbrook Choir and the popular "When You Wish Upon A Star" to be sung by the girls' ensemble.

Joan Barnhill, supervisor of music, will be in-charge of the Festival.

AROUND THE BLOCK

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT . . . is being made this week of the opening of new subdivisions in the City of Farmington. The Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision is expected to contain approximately 400 new homes. This coupled with the development of the Warner Subdivision, will provide for the present population of the city. In the meantime improvements are being installed in the Alta Loma Subdivision and existing lots are being filled rapidly. It is difficult to realize the tremendous growth that is taking place, not only in the city but the township as well. It is important that we understand it and gear our thoughts to the future. We must plan now with all our foresight and energy if we are to benefit from the opportunities before us.

STRIKE UP THE BAND . . . Next Monday at 9:30 a.m., veterans' organizations, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and several pieces of heavy equipment from the National Guard will follow the high school band up Grand River in the Annual Memorial Day Parade. We hope that a record crowd will be on hand and we hope also that they will accompany the units to the cemetery where an impressive Memorial service is to be conducted in honor of our war dead. We encourage everyone to be present and give a few moments of honor and solemn tribute to those whom we owe so much.

WITH THIS ISSUE . . . we close the book on our 13th year as publishers of The Farmington Enterprise. During this period Farmington's hometown paper has grown from eight pages to 14 and 16 pages per week and has expanded from seven to eight columns in width. In addition, the paid circulation has jumped from approximately 1,000 to 2,800. The Enterprise staff consisted of 60 employees, today it totals 80. We are pleased to have replaced with newer, more modern facilities in order to produce a better newspaper. We do not intend this as a parting gift to you, we better than anyone else, know that the progress of the Enterprise over the years has been due to the participation and excellent cooperation of the people of Farmington. We are proud of this advancement . . . and we're grateful to you who made it possible.

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Joseph Himmelsbach on the opening of his new dining room in the remodeled Farmington Dairy Building and to the Sterling Paint Store on the opening of their new building at Grand River and Maple. These new and expanded facilities give a valuable asset to the community, and we wish them every success.

Approve Change In Township Zoning Ordinance

Board Takes Action Following Open Hearing

With no objections voiced, little time was required Tuesday night by the Farmington Township Zoning Board to approve the rezoning of a triangular portion of land lying on a northwesterly diagonal from the Nine Mile Subdivision intersection to north-south Tuck Road.

The property was rezoned from Residential 1 to Light Industrial in order to witness the Board's approval was property owner Mr. Burton and his attorney, Mr. Jacobson. Before giving approval, the board took assurance from both parties that they were fully aware of the limitations for Light Industrial zoning and intended to keep within these limits in use of the property.

ACCORDING to Burton, he has already received requests for portions of this property from various industries. All of the rezoning of this portion of property will now be forwarded to the Oakland County Planning Commission for consideration. It will be returned to the Township Board for final legal action.

302 Kindergarten Children Enrolled

A total of 302 Farmington Township School children were registered during the special pre-school enrollment period held last week. Miss Minnie Ziekle, elementary coordinator, announced Tuesday.

According to the 1953 school census, a total of 369 children in the district are eligible to enter kindergarten this fall. In addition, there are an estimated 100 or more new children, whose names do not appear on the 1953 census, also eligible.

Miss Ziekle stated that the various elementary school principals have been instructed to make a follow-up on the youngsters referred to the 1953 census if they are still living in the community and if they plan on entering the school system in September. Miss Ziekle added that every effort is being made to determine the anticipated enrollment in order to make necessary facilities.

Arrangements are being made to conduct another registration period prior to the opening of school next fall.

MAXWELL SMITH ELECTED OPTIMIST LT. GOVERNOR

Maxwell Smith, former president of the Clarenceville Optimist Club, was elected Lt. Governor of the Southeastern District of Michigan at the Annual Optimist State Convention held last week end in Saginaw.

Smith served during the year 1953-54. He was charter president of the Clarenceville Optimist Club, 1952-53, and acted as host to the Lt. Governor of the Southeastern Michigan zone during the 1953-54 year. He is owner of the Smith Rexall Drug Store in Clarenceville.

Stress Safety Police Prepare For Record Memorial Day Traffic

Extra precautions are being placed by City, Township and State Police for the long Memorial Day week and in an all-out effort to cut the anticipated heavy toll of traffic deaths and injuries during the week end. If possible, it is suggested that persons select less traveled roads to reach their destination, avoid the main highway and be prepared to be clogged with a record number of cars.

In keeping with the effort of law enforcement and safety officials to create safer conditions on the streets of the campaign, a special campaign will be conducted from May 27 to July 22 by the State Safety Commission. The slogan of the drive will be "Share the Road - Keep in Lane." The Michigan Trucking Association, representing about 1800 firms, is underwriting a considerable portion of the cost of the campaign. Co-operating also in the program is the State Highway Department, the Department of State, the De-

Break Ground For New Dial Equipped Bell Telephone Building In Farmington



Mayor Don Tom Tracy Conroy, right, receives a trophy from Don Simpson, District Manager of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, during ground breaking ceremonies Monday for the new Farmington telephone exchange building now under construction at Grand River and Power Road. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, center, witnesses the presentation. Conroy held the first shovelful of earth, officially starting construction on the new \$1,400,000 plant, which will include the building as well as the latest dial equipment. (See other photo on Page 10)

Construction Begun Monday On \$1,400,000 System

Ground was broken Monday morning for a new building to house the Farmington exchange of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The building, to be constructed at the corner of Power Road and Grand River, will be the first step in the establishment of dial telephone service in Farmington. The ground-breaking ceremony was attended by Farmington City and Township officials as well as city leaders and officials of the Bell Telephone Company. Construction was begun by Tracy Conroy, mayor pro-tem, who turned the first shovel of earth. Conroy also accepted a special trophy symbolic of the ground-breaking from Don Simpson, manager in this area for Michigan Bell.

In a brief talk during the ceremonies, Simpson stated that the dial system scheduled for Farmington will be the "Latest and best available anywhere in the world." He pointed out that the system was originally planned for 1951, but wartime shortages forced postponement. "At that time the system could have been installed at a cost of \$242,000, but increased cost since September of 1953, but the system scheduled today have raised that figure to about \$1,400,000," Simpson stated.

THE NEW DIAL system for Farmington should be in operation about September of 1955, barring unforeseen delays, the manager added. Present plans call for a type of equipment which will enable the Farmington telephone users (Continued on Page 5A)

Name Committee To Check Possible Town Hall Sites

Group To Investigate Locations In Township

The appointment of a three-man committee to consider possible sites for the location of a township office building was approved by the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The committee, recommended by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, includes Ward Eagle, chairman, Harold DeLong and Edward Moschman. Eagle requested a charterification of the duties of the committee. The Board agreed that the function of the committee was to investigate, consider and recommend possible sites for the proposed building. At a previous meeting, a number of the Board members indicated that they favored a location in the township.

Blanchard stated that after the committee has made its report to the Board, public hearings will be held. It is expected that the hearings will cover the proposed plans for a building adjacent to the Town Hall as well as the sites (Continued on Page 5A)

Plans Completed For Memorial Day Observances In Community Monday

Plan Parades In Farmington And Novi Starting At 9:30 a.m., Clarenceville Services Set For Noon

Plans are now complete for Memorial Day parades in Farmington, Novi and Clarenceville to be held Monday, May 31, due to the fact that the regular Memorial Day observance date, May 30, falls on Sunday this year.

Participants in the Farmington parade will assemble at the junior high school at 9:30 p.m., with the procession to start at 10:40 a.m. Novi groups will assemble at 9:30 a.m. at the Novi Community Building, while those taking part in the Clarenceville parade will assemble on the Detroit and Elkhart Roads at 12 o'clock noon.

Participating groups from Farmington will be the American Legion, Groves - Walker Post and its Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, the Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers, Farmington Police, and all Boy and Girl Scout Troops in the area.

Six pieces of heavy armored equipment from the Detroit National Guard will be brought in for the Farmington parade as a special added feature this year.

Led by the Farmington High School band, the parading group will march down Grand River to the Oakland Cemetery, stopping off at the Town Hall to lay a wreath on the memorial there honoring those who died in the Spanish-American War, Civil War and World War I. A ceremony at the tomb of Farmington's unknown soldier will be held at the cemetery with Rev. Carl Schultze of the Salem Evangelical Church officiating.

Following cemetery ceremonies, the parade will return on Grand River to the town hall. (Continued on Page 5A)

Bank Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Farmington State Bank celebrated its 20th Anniversary on May 19 with a dinner party for employees at Deron Gables.

Howard Warner, president of the bank, cut a large birthday cake in honor of the celebration. In a brief statement following the party, Warner stated that no bank could celebrate even its first anniversary without the good will and loyal support of its customers. "To you who have helped us to reach this current milestone, we are grateful indeed, and all of us who have had the privilege of serving you wish to say 'thank you,'" Warner added.

Emory Hatten, Floyd Nichols, and Warner, original directors of (Continued on Page 5A)

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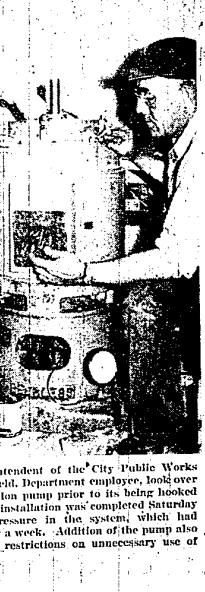
9 Mile-Middlebelt Light Installed

A new standard traffic light has been installed at the intersection of Nine Mile and Middlebelt Roads, Oakland County Road Commission officials announced Tuesday.

The signal light was installed and placed in operation Tuesday morning. Installation of the standard "stop and go" light is the result of a detailed safety survey and road check made by the Road Commission. Officials stated that the large increase in traffic as well as the accident history at the intersection were primarily responsible for the installation of the traffic light.

Interest on the part of residents regarding the erection of a light at the intersection has been in the increase in recent months. A number of requests and petitions have been filed with the Commission by citizens of the township. (Continued on Page 5A)

New Pump Restores Water Pressure



Floyd Sallow, right, superintendent of the City Public Works Department, and Tom Glenfield, Department employee, look over the newly converted 400 gallon pump prior to its being installed into the water system. The installation was completed Saturday afternoon, restoring full pressure in the system, which had been down for approximately a week. Addition of the pump also enabled the city to lift the restrictions on unnecessary use of water.