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School Book Store Does Rushing Business



A common sight at the Farmington School book store, located in the basement of the Junior high school building on Thomas Street, these days is the long lines shown above. Parents and school children can be seen daily lined up at the counter and entrance to the store waiting their turn to make book purchases. The store will be open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. through Saturday of this week. For the convenience of students unable to secure books during these hours, evening hours have been set up from 6 to 8 p. m. on Tuesday, September 2, 9, and 10. The final day of purchasing books is September 11 from 9 a. m. until 12 noon.

Township Board Schools Plan Staff Meetings Prior To Opening Of Classes Thursday

Members of the Farmington Township School Board, Superintendent of Schools O. E. Dunckel, and a representative of the school architect met informally Monday night to round out plans for getting construction started on the three new elementary school buildings.

A continued effort to speed up the start of construction, the date of publishing advertisements for construction bids was moved up to this week. Bids for additional work to be done on the high school will be asked the following week. This is one week earlier than previously planned.

Reading for the receipt of bids has been set for September 23, with work to be started immediately after that date.

The second parcel of property selected as a school site has now been purchased. Superintendent Dunckel stated. Final papers for the purchase of approximately seven acres at the southeast corner of Shawasssee and Tuck Road were signed the latter part of last week. Property there was formerly owned by Sam and Molly Burman.

It is expected that the purchase of the final site will be made sometime next week. The property is located at the northwest corner of Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road and is owned by Ward Eagle.

City Offers To Sell Interest In Hall

The City Council, at the request of township officials, has filed a formal bid for the sale of the city's interest in the Town Hall property to the township.

The bid was submitted in the form of a letter to the Township Board and was presented by Councilman Trent, City Manager. According to the Court Decree governing the ownership of the Town Hall property, the city owns 51 percent of the property, the township 49 percent.

Tennant stated that the city's interest in the property has been appraised at \$22,000. However, they would be willing to take considerably less than that figure. The letter referred to \$15,000 as a starting point for negotiations.

Township officials have not expressed an opinion on the city's offer. However, they have indicated that they want to study the matter more thoroughly. It was suggested that the respective attorneys for both the township and city get together to review the City Decree as well as the newly filed offer.

Prepare For Record Traffic: National Guard To Assist State Police In Patrolling Grand River During Labor Day Week End

Grand River Avenue, U. S. 16, will be one of the major highways to receive special attention over the Labor Day week end this year in a statewide effort to reduce the high accident tolls recorded for this holiday in past years.

National Guard personnel will work directly with State Police state troopers on the road. The purpose of this additional road force will not be to issue more tickets but to be able to cover all congested points and keep traffic flowing smoothly, police officials state. A helicopter and state airplanes will also be used for spotting.

According to Sergeant Henry Kozowicz, commander of the National State Police Post, one of the National Guard officers will be assigned to each of the post's squadrons, thus doubling the regular force. Cars from the Redford Post will concentrate major attention on U. S. 16, Telegraph Road and Plymouth Road in that order, he stated, but other roads where jam-ups occur will also be serviced, as required.

Points to receive primary attention on U. S. 16 will be the outskirts of the City of Farmington, the intersection at Novi, and the leading off the main highway in the Kensington Park area.

A HELICOPTER will patrol U. S. 16, Kozowicz said, in order to spot points of congestion and report them to the ground force. Squad cars will then be dispatched to these points to help get traffic moving smoothly again.

Although National Guard help will not be used by the Farmington City Police force, Police Chief

Board Advances Sudden Drop In Wells Leaves Half Of City Without Water Sunday

Water pressure was restored to the City of Farmington after a 12-hour drought Sunday which left about one-half of the area without water.

James Tennant, City Manager, extension of the pump column supply and pressure was being maintained in the installed pump facilities on a third well the system. The work on this situation at the other two wells.

Work is expected to begin this week on the drilling and test of Farmington Road. Tennant stated that work on the wells will be speeded as much as possible in an effort to find a supplemental supply of water for the growing city.

Tennant stated that as of Tuesday morning the well had a rise on about 14 feet and the storage tank contained approximately 150,000 gallons.

Tennant explained that the sudden drop of 22 feet in the two existing wells Sunday morning appeared to be caused by an underground cave-in somewhere along one of the wells, which had been added that a similar situation occurred several years ago without apparent cause. The cave-in apparently occurred in the main line well, making it useless. The other pump continued to operate although it was not sufficient to take care of needs.

A LARGE NUMBER of residents of the city were without water from mid-morning until late Sunday evening. The drought in the water vein of the Grand River Road well to the south side of Grand River and from Warner Street west to the north side of Grand River. This was a critical pressure in the area portion of the city.

In an effort to secure some relief Sunday, all water service outside of the city was cut off and one valve, which had been left open on mains leading to the Hel-Aire Subdivision, was closed. As an added step, the flow of water in the Grand River was limited.

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Seek Appraisal Of School Site

The Clarenceville Board of Education, at a special meeting last Thursday, took action to secure a certified appraisal of several vacant lots in the vicinity of the Edgewood School to determine their value.

The Board is considering the purchase of the property in connection with the proposed expansion of the school at the Edgewood School. It is expected that the appraisal will be completed within the next week to ten days.

In the meantime, the Board has secured a purchase agreement for approximately two acres of property south of the athletic field in rear of the Clarenceville High School. The property is to be used for the increase of playground and athletic facilities. The erection of a fence around the athletic field will be started following the current football season.

The Board approved a motion accepting the bid by the Farmington Dairy for the supplying of milk to the District during the 1954-55 school year at a rate of 3 cents per half quart. The Dairy will also furnish refrigeration where necessary in the District for the keeping of milk.

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Local Youth Dies In Cut-Off Crash

Seven year old Ronnie Hadash of 32225 Nine Mile Road was killed last Friday afternoon when he was knocked from his bicycle by a truck on the Grand River Cut-Off a short distance from the Power Road intersection.

According to police officers from the Redford State Police Post covering the accident, the boy died shortly after their arrival at the scene of the incident. He suffered severe head and internal injuries.

John Dickson of 16590 Vaughan Street, Detroit, driver of the truck which struck Hadash, stated that the boy was riding along the shoulder of the highway when his bike suddenly veered onto the road and directly into his path. The point of impact was set at approximately 300 feet east of Power Road by police officers.

Disposition of the case is still pending.

Young Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hadash.

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Farmington Merchants To Launch Wednesday Opening Next Week

Stores To Remain Open Wednesday Afternoons In The Business Section Starting September 8

Final plans have now been completed for the initial Wednesday afternoon opening of stores and business places throughout the Farmington business district, which is scheduled to begin September 8. Officials of the Merchants' Association announced this week.

A majority of merchants in the business district have agreed to cooperate in the Wednesday afternoon opening. Phil Thomas, president of the Farmington Merchants' Association, stated that the success of the new program will depend largely upon the reaction of the public. Thomas added that the program is designed as an added service for Farmington shoppers. Stores will continue to remain open on Friday evenings as a convenience to the public.

THE NEW program is the second major undertaking of the newly organized Farmington Merchants' Association. The Association's first program, which has been under way for several months, is another project of the Association. Thomas stated that the group is attempting to make the entire Farmington shopping area more attractive and at the same time increase the volume of business in the area.

A total of 18-merchants in the central shopping area have agreed to remain open Wednesday afternoons. This total is in addition to those stores which have previously been open all day Wednesday.

The two groups combined constitute practically all of the merchants in the district.

City Seeks Layout For Parking Area

The city has filed a request with the Municipal Consulting Service for assistance in the development of a layout for off-street parking facilities in the main business section.

Officials stated that the Consulting Service is organized in connection with the Michigan Municipal League, of which the city is a member. The group assists in various ways in the development of needed service facilities. There is no charge for the service.

The city has requested that the group design a layout for the possible establishment of a parking area north of Thomas Street and east of Farmington Road in rear of the business section facing onto Grand River. The size and dimensions of the proposed area have been forwarded to the Consulting Service with the request. The principal purpose is to determine the most advantageous layout of the area to insure maximum use.

Work on the layout is expected to require several months.

OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR LABOR DAY WEEK END

City and township offices will be closed all day Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5, for the Labor Day week end, officials announced this week.

An emergency crew of the city public works department will be on stand-by duty and both the city and township police departments will follow regular schedules.

There will be no rubbish pickup on Saturday, because of the holiday. The collection will be made on Tuesday, September 7.

AROUND THE BLOCK

A SHORT TRIP... enough that something important is about to happen. That something will take place Thursday morning, and if you haven't guessed by now, it's the opening of another school year. Maybe it isn't really big news, since it happens every year about this time, but the results are very evident everywhere you go. The streets are more crowded, the eyes are winking their way homeward, students are registering and buying books, and football practice is well under way. Yes, the big day is almost here. We're kind of glad it is. Summer is a wonderful time, but it's fun to resume the routine again, to hear about the exciting vacation just past and to settle back into the everyday routine.

RECEIVES FINE FOR DUMPING IN TOWNSHIP

Alice M. Harris, 22640 Middlebelt Road, received a \$20 fine and \$15 court costs for scattering rubbish along Hamilton Street, Farmington Township, Justice of the Peace Allen S. Ingie announced Monday.

An alert resident witnessed the violation and reported it to Township Police. Irving Yokes, police officer, and Thomas Schriber made the arrest.

WERE KEEPING... our angry crosses in the hopes that the present shortage of grass fires throughout the Farmington area will continue. We are now entering another danger period as far as grass fires are concerned and it's even worse this year because of the lack of rain. There have been several such fires in the township during the past several days, but the number is down this year. Let's hope to keep it that way. Grass fires can cause a great deal of damage to property and wildlife as well as costing the taxpayers a sizeable chunk of money. So take a tip... don't start a fire you can't put out!

THERE'S ALWAYS A BRIGHT SIDE... to every cloud, no matter how dark it may seem. City officials know that to be a fact and they can prove it. The clouds were pretty dark last Monday when a large section of the city was under a heavy blanket of rain. The rain was just what was needed to ring out the drought. But one call in particular was mighty welcome indeed. The call was from Leroy Turner, chief of the Millford Fire Department, who offered to loan the city their 1000 gallon water tanker for emergency use. In a number of other instances, the Detroit Edison Company offered their services during the emergency. It's a great comfort to know that there are friends standing by to lend a hand when the dark clouds come rolling in.

They're Going Down For Water

Immediate steps were taken Monday morning by the city in hopes of preventing any Sunday. Dropping the depth into the well which went dry when the water suddenly fell 22 feet was deemed the first action that could be taken. It was a crew of workmen putting more pipe down at the

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