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Cox Files Reinstatement Application After Resigning In Dispute With Chief

Manager Pledges Continuance Of Investigation On Alleged Charges Against DeVriendt

Formal written application for reinstatement to the City Police force was filed Tuesday by Robert Cox, who resigned from the department on December 5 following a dispute with Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt.

Cox stated Tuesday that he resigned under threat and intimidation by DeVriendt. According to testimony by all parties concerned, the incident centered around a juvenile case which was heard before Judge Arthur E. Moore in Pontiac on Tuesday and dismissed. DeVriendt allegedly approached Cox on the matter after it was learned that the officer had been subpoenaed by the defense. The incident occurred early Sunday morning while Cox was on duty.

School Negotiates For Added Land At Clarenceville

Seek Property Across From H. S. Building

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved a motion authorizing the School Attorney and Superintendent to negotiate for the purchase of a parcel of land on the west side of Middlebelt Road across from the existing high school building for school purposes.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, and Harry Dell, attorney, stated that they would contact the Nelson family, owners of the property, as soon as possible. The Board stated that they had no immediate plans for the development of the property. It is being used by the District at the present time for various outdoor activities. Officials stated that if the purchase of the property is made, approximately 24 acres of land are involved in the parcel.

The Board also adopted a new bus drivers' salary schedule which is to become effective on January 1, 1955. According to Cox, who was also notified of the incident, he had been called by DeVriendt. He stated that DeVriendt said, "You just go ahead and testify against my lieutenant," referring to Lt. Al Van Der Meer, who along with Cox and Ron Farrow investigated the case. Cox stated that as he was about to return to the police car, DeVriendt reproached him for not being along with Cox and Farrow. Cox stated that he then put his badge and credentials on the desk and said, "I will not testify against you." He added that the Chief did not ask him to.

Cox was officially notified Wednesday morning by the Police Chief that under the circumstances he would not approve Cox's application for reinstatement. Cox was also notified that he should contact James Tennant Wednesday if he desired an appeal to the City Manager.

To reassure himself, Cox stated that he had the feeling that he would be removed for the car-pushing incident if he testified in the case. However, as no definite statement was made as to his removal, C. W. Ruskski, attorney, is representing Cox in the matter.

AREA SCHOOLS SET CLOSING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Schools of the Clarenceville District will close at the end of classes on Wednesday, December 22, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays with the Farmington Schools scheduled to close on Thursday, December 23.

Officials stated that regular bus schedules will be followed on the final days of school. The vacation is being provided to allow both teachers and students an opportunity to enjoy the holidays with their families.

Classes will be reopened on Monday, January 3, at the regular time, officials added.

AROUND THE BLOCK

BE A GOODFELLOW . . . This Friday and help spread the true spirit of Christmas throughout the Farmington community. Your purchase of a Goodfellow paper will not only bring food, clothing and toys to needy families in Farmington, but will bring new and exciting to your Christmas. Each year's Special Goodfellow Edition contains a lot of interesting pictures and feature stories on both the history of the Farmington community and the Goodfellow organization. Think you will enjoy reading it. So look for a Farmington Goodfellow this Friday and buy a paper. He will appreciate your support, not to mention that unknown friend who will have a real Christmas, thanks to you.

SANTA CLAUS . . . is coming to town this Sunday, so all you boys and girls get set. He is due to arrive about 1:00 p.m. at the new high school building with a pack full of special gifts for all youngsters. According to the old saying, Santa is prepared to take any special requests from boys and girls on what they want him to leave come Christmas Eve. So, kiddies, here's your just chance to give old Santa the word. Tell Dad and Mom about the date down in the outdoor book and get track of the day. Because Santa Claus is coming to town and you, for one, don't want to miss it. We will see you all next Sunday . . . that goes for you, too, Santa!

IN SPITE . . . of the street decorations, the lighted tree in the Park, the attractive store windows and the pleasant music, it is a chilling thought to Christmas. Remember that there are only 8 more days to Christmas. Check off your list when only about half of your gift list is checked off to date. That's about the size of things with us. It just so happens that more pleasant conversations, namely, the decorations and music. The business section really took on full dress this week with the addition of Christmas ornaments on the lamp stands and the sounds of Christmas carols echoing over the streets. It's an exciting time of the year, even though we only have 8 days to get the shopping done. Better get moving, eh?

SPEAKING OF DECORATIONS . . . don't miss that Christmas Home Lighting Contest entry blank which appears on Page 8A of this week's issue. The contest is being sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce and has to do with the exterior decorating of your home for the Christmas holidays. Everyone in the city and township is eligible to participate. So, Dad, you get out there and get the decorations and Mom, you figure out the design and the fill out the entry blank, mail it in and wait for the judges. It should be a lot of fun and will add much to the beauty and festivity of this Christmas season in Farmington.

TOWNSHIP DECLARES INTENT TO ADOPT BUILDING CODE

Look Over Make-Up Of Goodfellow Paper



Approximately 78 members of the Farmington Goodfellows will be on the streets of Farmington this Friday, December 17, for their annual paper sale. Shown above looking on as Victor Howard, Enterprise shop superintendent, completes make-up work on another two pages of the special Goodfellow paper, are Phil Thomas, left, and Fred Monke, Goodfellow president. Howard Howard, Enterprise shop superintendent, will be in charge of the Goodfellows to make Christmas a little brighter for less fortunate families throughout the Farmington area.

Farmington Goodfellows' Annual Paper Sale Set For This Friday

Seventy-Eight Volunteer Salesmen To Take Part In Drive To Raise \$2,600 For Needy Families

Plans have been completed for the 29th Annual Farmington Goodfellows Paper Sale, to be held this Friday, December 17, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase food, clothing and toys for less fortunate persons in the community.

A total of 78 volunteer salesmen will participate in this year's paper sale. This is the largest number ever to join in the Goodfellows' campaign. The volunteers are composed of Farmington businessmen as well as members of the various civic and service organizations in the community.

The Paper Sale will begin at 6 a.m. Friday and continue until 5 p.m. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the business district as well as at Eight Mile and Grand River and Middlebelt and Grand River.

Fred Monke, president of the Goodfellows, stated that the goal of this year's campaign has been set at \$2,600. It is expected that approximately 500 persons in the Farmington area will be provided for this Christmas.

The Goodfellows' Annual Paper Sale, canned and packaged goods, will be available at the following locations:

DAILEY BROTHERS STAND MUTE ON BREAK-IN CHARGES

Appearing in Oakland County Circuit Court Monday afternoon, Fred and Thomas Dailey of 21503 Rescuer stand mute on charges of breaking and entering into a number of schools in the area.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICES URGED TO FILE NOW

Nominating petitions for candidacy to various Farmington Township offices in the Spring Election are now available at the Township Office, 1000 Grand River, announced this week.

Headquarters At New High School

Santa Claus' complete with pack, sleigh, reindeer, and of course a jolly old laugh, will arrive this Sunday afternoon before heading to the North Pole to complete final arrangements for his annual trip on Christmas Eve.

Santa Claus To Visit Boys And Girls This Sunday

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Action On Loomis Resignation Expected Monday

Plan Reorganization Of City Council

Action is expected to be taken at the next regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening in connection with the resignation of Kenneth Loomis as Mayor and member of the Council.

The letter of resignation from Loomis was read at the last regular meeting of the Council but action was delayed until the December session. Since the resignation was submitted, Loomis has publicly explained that, in his opinion, the Charter doesn't provide sufficient authority to the Mayor's office. Loomis stated in the letter that his resignation was to be effective December 1, 1954.

THE COUNCIL has not indicated whether the vacancy will be filled at the Monday meeting. Tracy Conroy, Mayor Pro-Tem, has been acting as Mayor since the effective date of the resignation. According to the Charter, the vacancy for the unexpired term of the Council shall be filled within 60 days.

Final action is also expected to be taken by the Council on two proposed ordinances which were introduced at the November meeting.

Township Water Survey Results Nearly Completed

Board Expects Engineer Report By December 20

A formal report on the engineering for the proposed water district in the southern and eastern section of Farmington Township is expected to be presented to the Township Board by Pate and Hirm, engineers, about December 20.

Ernest Hinckley, Township Supervisor, announced Monday. Hinckley stated, after a discussion with the engineers, that the field survey has been completed and that the information is now being compiled into a formal report. Township officials have stated that the findings will be discussed with the Citizens' Water Committee as soon as they are available.

Representatives of Pate and Hirm are expected to participate in the discussion. THE SURVEY was completed by the general contractor, Gill Road on the west to Middlebelt on the east.

Start Fund Drive For New Church

Farmington may have its new Episcopal Church by Christmas of 1955

The visit of Santa Claus is expected to proceed down Grand River from the west, continuing through the city to the easterly limits. The exact route for his return trip has not been definitely set, but will cover most of the residential streets. Santa is scheduled to arrive at the high school about 1:00 p.m. where he will leave the truck and enter the building. He will remain until all of the boys and girls have had an opportunity to talk with him.

INITIATE ACTION FOR REVISION IN BUILDING CODE

Preliminary steps were initiated last week by the Farmington City Planning Commission in connection with a proposed revision of the present building code.

Action was taken at the regular meeting of the Commission held Wednesday evening at the Municipal Building. Copies of the amended edition of the national building code are to be reviewed by the members as part of the study.

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Board To Take Action On Ordinance At Special Meeting Friday Evening

The Farmington Township Board, Tuesday evening, unanimously approved a resolution declaring its intention to adopt a township-wide building code ordinance.

Action on the adoption of the proposed building code will be taken at a special meeting to be held Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. It was proposed at the Tuesday meeting that the Board adopt the building code now in effect in West Bloomfield Township. Various members of the Board have reviewed this code in the past few months and have discussed it with West Bloomfield officials.

According to the provisions of Act 155 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, the declaration of intention must be published not later than ten days following passage. After publication the code may be adopted by the Board. The complete text of the code must then be published and will not become effective until 30 days following publication. It is also subject to referendum by the people provided that proper petitions are filed within the 30 day period.

Building Problems Get Attention Of School Board

Discuss Construction Of Sidewalk On 10 Mile

Attention of the Farmington Township School Board was focused on problems of new school construction and improvements at existing sites at a regular meeting Monday evening.

David Mills, president of the Ten Mile Road from the Ten Mile School to Powers Road, following a report by James Tennant, City Manager, on the city's position on this matter, the Board asked that a complete report on the cost and details of construction of the sidewalk be prepared.

The necessity of purchasing additional land at the site for the new Fourteen Mile - Middlebelt Road school was brought to the attention of the Board. Due to zoning requirements of West Bloomfield Township requiring a setback of 100 feet from the centerline of Middlebelt Road, it was (Continued on Page 5A)

Vocal Concert Set For Dec. 21

The Clarenceville High School Band and Chorus will present an Annual Christmas Concert Monday evening, December 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

The band has chosen four numbers, "Caribbean Fantasy," "Phantom Regiment," "March Via Symphony" and "Christmas Festival." The chorus will sing "Merry Christmas," "Now Tell Us On A Mountain," "Go Thank We All Our God," "Lo, How A Rose-Crowned Virgin," "God Bless America" and "Gloria In Excelsis Deo."

The combined band and chorus will present "Beautiful Savior." The audience will be invited to sing with the chorus during the presentation of popular Christmas carols. School officials stated that the Annual Christmas Concert is open to the public.

Santa Takes Place On Streets



It just wouldn't be Christmas without at least a few decorations. A touch of the Christmas spirit was added along the streets of the Farmington business district with the decorating of the street lamp posts. City maintenance workers are shown above in driving a supply cart last Thursday to place "Old Saint Nick" in a spirit of honor on one of the street posts. Lights were also strung on a tree in front of the Town Hall building.