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Council Approves Sale Of City-Owned Land To Nicolay - Dancy Company

New Era Potato Chip Firm To Build Plant On 12-Acre Site In Southwest Section Of City

The Farmington City Council, Monday evening, approved the bid of Nicolay - Dancy, Incorporated, for the purchase of twelve acres of city-owned land south of the Cut-Off and east of Gill Road for the construction of a food processing plant.

Nicolay - Dancy manufactures New Era Potato Chips as well as other related products. The bid was accepted subject to restrictive conditions that solvents be removed from the sewage prior to its entering the city system. The bid price for the property was \$2,500 per acre less a 5% broker's fee. Company officials have advised the City that they intend to construct a new plant on the property within the next three years to take the place of their present facilities in Detroit.

Voters Approve Millage Extension At Clarenceville

Authorize Continuance Of Tax For Five Years

Voters of the Clarenceville School District, at a special election Monday, overwhelmingly approved an extension of five existing millage levies for operation for an additional five years.

The vote was 107 to 18 in favor of the extension of the tax levy. According to officials, Monday's vote was one of the lightest in the history of the District on a percentage basis. Only about 8% of the registered voters went to the polls under the special election. Practically all of the votes were cast after 5:00 p.m.

As a result of the vote, the present five mill tax levy will be assessed for an additional five-year period from 1956 to 1960, both inclusive. The previously approved tax levy expired this year.

The tax consists of one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation as equalized in the District or \$5.00 per \$1,000.

THE LEVY is designed to provide additional funds for the general operation of the School District. These include teachers' salaries, bus transportation, instructional supplies and service costs. Officials pointed out that the District does not receive sufficient funds from other sources to finance these services. As an example, only about half of the bus transportation expenses are covered by state reimbursements. Thus it has been necessary to levy a special operation tax on a local basis.

School Enrollment Totals Revealed

Official enrollment figures for the current school year in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts are announced this week. These are considered by the state as enrollment totals for the year and are used as the basis for granting state aid to the Districts.

Total enrollment for Farmington as of September 30 was 4,435 students as compared with 3,536 enrolled last year. This is an increase of 25.4 per cent over last year's enrollment. Of this total, 3,082 were enrolled in the elementary grades, 59 in grades 7 and 8, and 762 in grades 9 through 12.

Biggest enrollment increase by grades was recorded in the kindergarten. Kindergarten enrollment this year was 591 as compared to 467 last year. This is an increase of 12.4%.

Total enrollment in the Clarenceville District was 1,276 in the elementary grades and 761 in grades 7 through 12.

NEW TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR ASSUMES DUTIES MONDAY

William H. Gallagher, newly appointed assessor for Farmington Township, officially took over his new duties Monday morning. Ernest Blanchard, Supervisor, reported the change.

Gallagher, former chief of the Appraisal Bureau of the Veterans' Administration for this area, is now in the process of familiarizing himself with the present tax rolls preparatory to the establishment of a more complete appraisal system. The new assessor will work with the Supervisor in the development of the system.

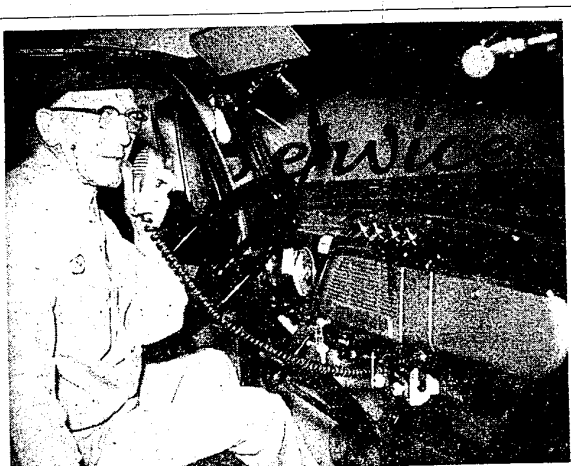
AROUND THE BLOCK

MANY TIMES . . . a year various groups and organizations attempt to fill the bleachers of the Junior High School gymnasium for school and community activities. But mention the precious word "water" and the place is jammed to the rafters. This has happened on at least two occasions now, interest being directed to the current Township water problems. In our opinion, the public mass meeting is fundamental to our way of life. If properly handled, it can serve as a stepping stone to progress. Like everything else, it must be constructive if it is to achieve results, but two or three hours spent in an exchange of ideas and an expression of urgency can well pay months and even years in the solving of a vital community problem.

SPEAKING OF FILLING . . . the gymnasium, we sincerely hope that hall will be packed Saturday evening for the opening of the Kiwanis-sponsored World Travel and Adventure Series. You will be missing a whole lot of wholesome, interesting and entertaining if you aren't on hand for all six programs. It is about the easiest and most economical way to see the world we know of, and it's plenty exciting, too. So if you enjoy traveling and appreciate the finest in color photography, don't miss this series. You'll get a chance to meet and hear some of the outstanding travel lecturers in the country, and at the same time you will be supporting the Kiwanis Club in their various efforts to improve the Farmington Community.

LAST WEEK . . . we published an appeal at the request of Ray Cranston for the return of "Casey," his seeing-eye dog. We are happy to report that "Casey" has been returned safe and sound. In fact, he was back home again before the Enterprise was on the streets. This has happened before. The Enterprise last Sunday afternoon, was picked up some time later in the vicinity of Twelve Mile and Drake Roads by Mr. Grova, who operates a vegetable stand near the intersection. He kept the dog throughout the day and took him home after closing hours in the evening. Someone noticed "Casey" at the after checking Cranston. After considerable checking and re-checking, the dog was located and Ray and "Casey" are back together again.

TOWNSHIP STUDIES NEW SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY



FIRE TRUCKS serving Farmington Township are now equipped with two-way radio units, making it possible to contact any of the regular trucks while in operation or on the road. Five monitors have also been installed at the three fire stations, at Tom's Electric on Northwestern Highway opposite Station No. 2, and at the Zephyr Gas Station on Grand River at Middlebelt near Station No. 3. Shown above at the microphone of the radio in the truck at Station No. 2 is Roy Bell, Chief of the Northeast Township Fire Department. According to Chief Bell, the radio units will make it possible to provide faster and better fire protection to all residents in the area.

Two From Area Hurt In Freak Auto Accidents

Third Person Injured In Rear End Collision

Three persons suffered minor injuries in separate auto accidents in the Farmington area early in the week.

In a freakish accident early Friday morning on Middlebelt Road just south of Twelve Mile, John H. Sitory of 19200 Ontario, Livonia, suffered lacerations about the right side of the head.

Injuries resulted when the auto in which he was traveling with Richard Schwartz of Detroit hit an oncoming car which had blown onto the road. A limb smashed through the windshield and struck Sitory on the side of the head. Coming from the rear an auto, driven by John Lamb of Jackson, traveling in the same direction, struck the rear of the auto.

CITY SIDEWALK PROJECT NOW 30% COMPLETED

City officials reported this week that approximately 30% of the current sidewalk construction project has been completed.

Russell Cole, engineer, is now finishing layout grades for sidewalk on both sides of Shawassee east of Orchard Lake Road as well as the section immediately west of Orchard Lake Road. He expected that the balance of the project will be almost 100% complete by the end of October.

Begin Third Year "Singapore Joe" Fisher To Open World Travel Series Saturday

"Singapore Joe" Fisher will open his outstanding lecture on the Orient. All eyes are on the Farmington East today, and no man on the East Coast is better able to bring it to life than "Singapore Joe." Fisher, who was born in South Africa, lived in the Far East for many years and he knows it like a book. He pioneered motion picture distribution in India, Burma, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies and China, and his theater in Singapore was the first in the Orient. In this new travelogue, Fisher takes his audience on an exciting and exotic cavalcade of native dancers and musicians, Hindu festivals, scenic wonders, flora and fauna, arts and crafts, temple rituals and modern life in Hong Kong, the Philippines, Borneo, Bali, Malaya, Siam and India.

Board Expected To OK Building Code Tuesday

Wait Recommendations Of Township Attorney

Action is expected to be taken by the Township Board next Tuesday on the proposed adoption of a new building code, officials reported this week.

Albert Gain, Building Inspector, recommended to the Board several weeks ago that the abridged edition of the Building Officials' Code of America Code be adopted. Following the presentation by Gain, the Board turned the matter over to A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney for study and recommendations. Both the building inspector and the attorney have reviewed the proposal and are expected to have a report for Tuesday's meeting.

Committee Appointed To Facilitate Action On Proposed Water System

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Monday that he will recommend to the Township Board that the property option for a well site in Ridgewood Manor Subdivision be cancelled pending an engineer's study of additional locations.

The Supervisor added that action will be taken at the Board meeting next Tuesday on whether or not to accept an option on a second proposed well site located in the Glen Orchard Subdivision, just east of Farmington Road and north of Ten Mile. Blanchard stated that the recommendations are based on new information which has developed as a result of the two water meetings held last week.

At a special meeting of the Township Board and the Water Development Committee held on Thursday, Charles Brown of Thompson-Brown Company, offered the Board the use of property on unplatted land at the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Middlebelt without charge on a temporary basis. Brown stated that the property is capable of producing in excess of a million gallons of water per day. The company also expressed a willingness to make available a well site on the Eleven Mile Road side of the property, if the geologists approve the location.

Township Citizens Demand Action On Water System

Mass Meeting Draws 400 To H. S. Gym

Approximately 400 citizens of Farmington Township packed the Junior High School auditorium last Wednesday evening for a mass meeting, called by the Water Development Committee, in an effort to speed action toward the establishment of a water system in the "dry" areas of the Township.

Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, president of the Committee, opened the meeting by summarizing the progress that has been made thus far. He stated that the proposed development of a water system was suggested 13 months ago and that over 5,200 people in the "dry" areas of the Township are still without water. Gadbaw added that it has been necessary to hold a number of public mass meetings in order to get the Township Board to do something in connection with the water problem.

City Water Main Work Nearly Done

Installation of the water main from the new wells to the existing city system has been completed with the exception of the actual tie-in, James Tennant, City Manager, reported this week.

Tennant added that there is approximately one-half day's work remaining on the assembly of the first new pump being installed at the well site south of the Cut-Off and east of Gill Road. According to plans the installation of the first second pump is to be pulled from its present location in the City Park. The 600 gallon pump will be transferred from the site to its new location and a new 300 gallon pump will be installed in its place.

The City Manager stated that at the present rate of progress the presently enlarged system would be in operation prior to the original six weeks deadline. Bids will be taken in about two weeks on the construction of new pump houses at the well site south of the Cut-Off. The houses will not be built until the pump installations have been completed.

Begin Off-Street Parking Survey

At the request of the City Manager, Francis X. Bradley, Registered Professional Engineer, is conducting a survey of the off-street parking needs in the business section preparatory to submitting a report to the City Council.

According to James Tennant, City Manager, the report will consist of recommendations on location of off-street parking areas, priorities for development, and estimated costs of installation, including acquisition of property. Recommendations will also be presented on the means of deriving revenue to finance the project.

Bradley, who has had considerable experience in the field of planning off-street parking projects, is expected to submit a preliminary report to the Council on October 17. The complete detailed report is expected to be filed with the Council about the middle of November.

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BLUE DAISY DAYS

were observed last Friday and Saturday in Farmington with over 550 items collected by the local Blue Star Mothers and Veterans organization during the day and a half of selling daisies on the streets. Shown above making a sale at the entrance of the Farmington State Bank is Mrs. Nelson Vanderburgh, right in photo. A co-worker, Mrs. Fern Ramsage, can be seen at the left in the picture. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Blue Star Mothers to provide clothing, food and medical help for servicemen confined to veterans hospitals and their families. Officials state that all funds collected are used by the Farmington Chapter in Michigan.