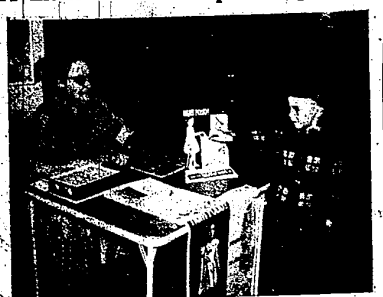


A Little Fellow Helps A Big Cause



Realizing that there are many other young boys and girls for less fortunate than he, like the polio-stricken girl shown in the foreground of Dimes posters, young George Nye drops his small contribution to the "Test the Will" contest on display. Mrs. Lulu Schaeper looks on. This picture was snapped Monday afternoon in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank where the Blue Star Mothers are maintaining a polo booth through the month-long March of Dimes fund raising campaign.

Agreement Reached On Drainage Problem In Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision

An agreement was reached Monday evening between the Shawnee Street property owners and the developers of the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision regarding the elevation and drainage of the property along the southern boundary of the new development. The agreement resulted from a proposal made by Abe Green, developer of the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision. It provides that a temporary drainage ditch be completed as soon as possible along the south boundary of the subdivision to take care of the immediate drainage problem. The agreement also provides that a permanent ditch be constructed in an easement between the subdivision and the rear of the lots facing onto the north side of Shawnee.

Shopping Center Planned In City

An application for a permit to construct a new shopping center on the west side of Orchard Lake Road south of Ten Mile Road has been filed with the City Building Department by city officials, announced Tuesday.

The application was accompanied by construction plans for the project. According to the plans, approximately eight stores will be included in the shopping center, including a large National Super Market. The center will be located on a six-acre plot situated on Lee Lane in the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision.

The building will be set back from Orchard Lake Road approximately 150 feet with 125 feet on the south side of the center. Parking space will be provided on both the front and side of the building. City officials stated that the building will be completed by the end of the year.

AROUND THE BLOCK

A WONDERFUL THING is happening in the State of Michigan which has traffic safety people happy and at the same time slightly puzzled. That wonderful thing is the comparative decrease in the number of fatal traffic accidents since the first of the year. Everyone from the new trend to the individual driver and pedestrian, hopes that the new trend in law enforcement since that time is partly responsible. Maybe the decrease is due to the continuing emphasis being placed on traffic safety by newspapers, magazines, radio and television. Let's all hope and pray that the downward trend continues and, more important, let's all do everything in our power to keep it going that way.

SPARKING OF GOING
 Farmington Township residents have only about two weeks in which to get in and register for the coming Primary Election. They have that is, unless their names are already in the registration books. Every indication points to a full and active Primary Election. It is a simple task which requires only a few minutes of your time, and yet it is necessary to be sure and register before January 24, and be equally sure that you vote on February 21.

WITH THE NEW YEAR
 There seems to be plenty in the wind regarding the growth and development of the Farmington area in the months ahead. There are indications that activity is on the increase regarding the development of new commercial properties in the city in addition to the announced shopping center to be constructed on the west side of Orchard Lake Road extending south from Ten Mile Road. Plans for several more large subdivisions in Farmington Township will probably be filed with the Board in the next few months. The City Council has been requested by the City Manager to consider the possibility of integrating the police and fire departments into one full-time public safety agency in the near future.

IF YOU'RE PLANNING
 a tour of the side roads in the Farmington area, we would suggest that you visit the busy city streets on the family car and add a couple of seat pillows for good measure. If this is too much trouble, you had better take it in low gear and creep through the traffic. The combination of speeding and weaving, even though you are on the left. The roads in the Clarenceville area north of Grand River, Powers Road between Shawnee and Ten Mile, and some of the streets in the Floral Park section of the city should be taken with considerable care. Don't say we didn't warn you!

BUYING OF TOWNSHIP OFFICE SITE SUBJECT TO VOTE

Deadline On Vote Registration Set For January 24

Township To Cast Ballots February 21

Official notices are being posted this week by Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, regarding the Monday, January 24, deadline on registrations for the Biennial Farmington Township Primary Election.

McCracken stated that the registration period affects only new residents or persons not already registered in the township. Because of the unusually heavy registration prior to the last regular state election in November, activity is expected to be light. The Biennial Township Primary will be held on Monday, February 21.

NEW REGISTRATIONS will be accepted at the Township Office in the Town Hall any week day up to January 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. On the final day of registration, the books will be open at the Township Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. McCracken stated that if any groups or organizations want to place a mass registration at a specific location, he would be happy to set up a schedule.

Council To Renew Zoning Study

The City Council will convene an hour early for its regular meeting next Monday to discuss the purpose of renewing the discussion on the proposed revised zoning ordinance.

Several discussion sessions have already been held by the Council on the proposal. A complete review of the revision is being planned prior to holding of public hearings. The proposed new zoning ordinance was drafted by the Planning Commission and presented to the Council several months ago. The Commission is now reviewing the ordinance. However, public hearings will have to be held before action can be taken by the Council.

State Board Expected To Take Action On Bond Sale January 20 For Relocation Of U. S. 16 Expressway

Action is expected to be taken by the State Administrative Board in a special meeting January 20 on the sale of \$5,000,000 in bonds to finance the widening and repaving of U. S. 16 from Farmington to Brighton.

Receives Jaycee D. S. A. Certificate



Lloyd Smith, right, receives the Farmington Junior Chamber Commerce Distinguished Service Award for 1954 from Robert Clarke, president of the Jaycees, during a special banquet held Monday evening at Himmelspelt's Dining Room. The "Outstanding Young Man" award was presented to Smith in recognition of his contribution to the community during the year 1954. This is the first annual service award to be presented by the Farmington Jaycees. Smith is director of instrumental music in the Farmington School District, chief of the high school debating team, and immediate past president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

Southwest Oakland Sewage Group Outlines Proposed Authority Area

Request Survey Of Area Outlined To Determine Feasibility Of Proposed Sewage Network

At a meeting of the recently appointed Southwest Oakland County Sewage Committee, held last Thursday afternoon in Farmington, tentative boundaries for a proposed sewage authority area were outlined.

Board Approves Edgewood School Addition Plans

Propose Four New Elementary Classrooms

The Clarenceville School Board, at a special meeting Thursday evening, approved preliminary plans for the construction of a four classroom addition to the Edgewood Elementary School on St. Francis Street.

NEW ADULT CLASS ADDED TO COURSES AT FARMINGTON

Inauguration of a new course to be known as Art Crafts was announced this week for the winter term of the Adult Education program of the Farmington School District by James Read, assistant superintendent.

School District Bus Route Policy Again Questioned

Board To Give Problem Utmost Consideration

The problem of transportation and school bus routes was again under fire at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township School Board Monday evening.

A group of mothers living on Schroeder Road in the township appeared before the Board with a request that bus service be afforded on the dead-end road for children of early elementary age. The fact that younger children must walk as much as one-half mile to school under extremely hazardous conditions of early morning darkness was cited as the chief reason for the request. It was also pointed out that the Twelve Mile Schroeder Road pick-up point was not felt to be safe due to the heavy flow of traffic on Twelve Mile.

THIS IS a request with which the Board is fully familiar. Residents of Rolfe Road, another dead-end street, have approached the Board on numerous occasions requesting bus service on their street.

The Board resolved to give special attention to this and other bus route problems as part of a special meeting to be held this month. Interested parties will be requested to be present at a meeting in February to discuss the existing programs again.

Fatally Injured In Auto Crash

Mrs. Margaret Robertson, 60, of Farmington, died Monday night at St. Carrol Hospital in Detroit of head injuries suffered in a collision with a Detroit taxicab on Friday evening.

Proceeding north of Hubbell, Mrs. Robertson allegedly ran a red light at the intersection and struck a car driven by Howard G. Snyder of Detroit. Snyder and Helen Frank, Detroit, a passenger in the Robertson car, suffered minor injuries.

ALIEN REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT POST OFFICE

Residents of the Farmington area who are classified as aliens under the provisions of the National Naturalization Act, are invited to register at the Post Office prior to January 31, Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, reported this week.

Board Expected To Seek Approval On Land Purchase At April Election

In a legal opinion presented to the Farmington Township Board Tuesday afternoon, at G. Leonard, attorney, stated that before the Board could proceed with the purchase of a site for a Township office building they would have to receive approval of the voters.

Leonard added that sales tax diversion funds now in the Township treasury could be used to purchase the site provided the voters approve of a proposal. Two possible sites for an office building in the township are under consideration by the board. The attorney suggested that one site be designated and that efforts be made to secure an option to buy from the owner, subject to the approval of the township voters.

Travel Lecturer

The Board agreed to recheck the two sites to determine if they were available for purchase. Leonard stated that he would draft the necessary option papers as soon as the Board selected a specific site and supplied him with the legal description of the property as well as the purchase price. BOARD MEMBERS indicated that they would like to have the proposal presented to the voters at the next election in April if possible. It was indicated that this could be done provided a decision was reached on the proposed location in the immediate future.

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that there was sufficient sales tax diversion money in the treasury to purchase the site.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board turned down a proposed plan for a new subdivision to be located north of Ten Mile Road and west of Grand River. Property owners along Floral protested the establishment of the subdivision since it was proposed that the new homes back up to the street. The Board stated that it would create both an unsightly and unsanitary condition. The question was raised as to whether Floral is a residential street since it is only thirty feet wide.

A new proposed plat was presented to the Board for the development of 160 acres of land on the southeast corner of Henry and Ten Mile Roads. According to the preliminary plans, the subdivision would contain over 450 lots and would have its own sewer disposal system and water supply. The Board delayed action on the plat, pending the receipt of final plans from the subdivider.

Final action was taken by the Board regarding the plat on all (Continued on Page 3A)

New Little League Officers Elected

John Clappison was elected president of the Farmington Little League for the 1955 year at the Annual Meeting of the organization held Monday evening at the Ten Mile Road School.

CITY ANNOUNCES NEW RUBBISH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

As a result of the increased number of stops as well as volume, a new schedule of rubbish and garbage collection will be in effect on the city effective Friday, January 14, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

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