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**Farmington School Board Seeks Funds For School Site Purchases**

Ask Opinion On Possibility Of Requesting Special Tax Levy At Annual School Election

The possibility of raising funds for the purchase of additional school sites by means of a special tax levy is now under study following action of the Farmington Township School Board at a meeting Monday evening.

It has been proposed by the School Board that a request for a 3.5 mill tax increase be put to a vote of qualified school voters at the Annual School Election to be held Monday, June 13. The legality of such a tax levy for this purpose is now being checked with the school attorney.

Board members have expressed concern over the fact that few suitable sites are left for construction of additional school buildings. It is their feeling that unless property is purchased now for future use, no land will be left for schools in the neighborhoods where schools will be needed in the future.

A check with the City of Farmington is now being made in the hope that the School Board as to suitable lands about school buildings and their immediate environs.

THE BOARD also requested that a detailed survey be made regarding the construction of a complete athletic field at the new high school site on Shiawassee Road. G. V. Harrison, high school principal, will study the project to determine the minimum cost involved in such a proposal.

At a meeting on Thursday evening, April 21, the board reviewed the adopted school schedule for school principals and made major revisions. The starting salary for principals was set at \$5,900 per year with \$400 increases per year for the first four years and \$300 per year increases for the next three years.

A motion was also passed calling for regular School Board meetings twice monthly, on the second and fourth Mondays.

**Announce Rubbish Pick-Up Schedule**

The first rubbish pick-up under the newly adopted Township collection program will be held to begin on Monday, May 9, in the area south of Grand River, officials announced this week.

The program provides for rubbish collections throughout the entire township on every two weeks. The first collection will run from May 9 to 14 on the south side of Grand River, while the final pick-up on the north side of Grand River will be conducted from June 1 to June 6. Officials stated that additional collections will be held on the north side of Grand River during the first or second week of July, September, November, January and March. Additional pick-ups on the north side of Grand River will be conducted during the first week in August, October, December, February and April.

The bi-monthly collections are being financed out of the township budget for the fiscal year 1955-56.

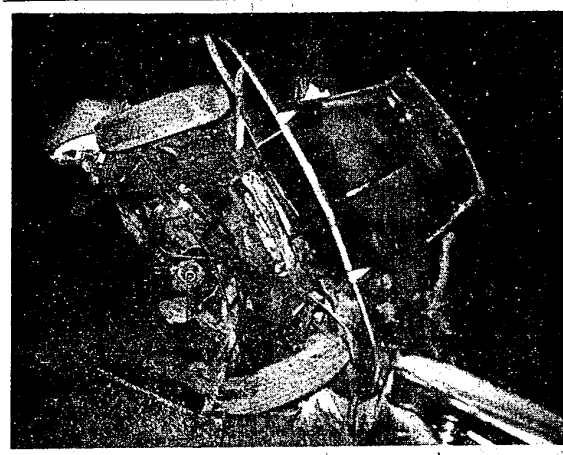
**AROUND THE BLOCK**

**IF THERE'S ANY LET UP** ... in the building boom in the City and Township, it sure isn't showing at the moment. The coming of spring has only the shoveling of hammers, saws and cement mixers. In addition to the record residential building, considerable development is beginning to take place on the north side of Grand River opposite Mayfield, while progress is continuing on the new office building and garage on the same site. The new National near the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile is also beginning to take shape. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that this year will see the greatest degree of development in the history of the Farmington community.

**ANOTHER SURE SIGN** ... of big things to come is the activity taking place down in the City Park on late afternoons and Saturday mornings. The coming of baseball and the coming season for the future big leagues. The boys are really putting out during this spring training season and from what we have seen so far it should be another exciting summer of baseball in Farmington. So, if you really want to get in the game, stop down to the City Park one of these evenings or on Saturday morning and watch these young ball players work out. Or, better yet, offer your services and become a part of the program. Your help will be appreciated and you will have the time of your life.

**NEXT MONDAY** ... is the date for the Annual Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget for the fiscal year 1955-56. The entire meeting will be devoted exclusively to a discussion of the financial aspects of the city government. As a taxpayer of the city, you are invited to attend and participate in the proceedings. A great many of these hearings have been conducted in the past without any interest being shown on the part of the public. We hope that these days are over. It is important that the people not only know how much money is being spent, but they should have something to say about what it is to be spent for. That's why a public hearing is required by the Charter, and that's why you should be on hand next Monday evening. It's your meeting, will you be there?

**URGE BOARD TO STEP-UP ACTION ON WATER SYSTEM**



**THIS PILE OF STEEL** was an automobile before it was used on the new side of Grand River just east of Gill Road early Monday morning. John Wallach, 14253 Robson, Detroit, driver of the car, miraculously escaped with only minor injuries. The car struck a utility pole before wrapping itself around the tree. Wallach was apparently thrown clear of the car before it crashed into the tree. The car was completely demolished. Wallach, home on leave from the Air Force, was alone in the car.

**Board Adopts Resolution Calling For Paving Of Farmington Road**

Petition Signed By 600 Property Owners Accompanies Resolution Demanding Action

A resolution was presented to the Township Board Tuesday evening, accompanied by a petition signed by 600 property owners, requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve and blacktop Farmington Road from Ten Mile to Twelve Mile Road.

The resolution was presented and read by Douglas Hammill, property owner in the Ridgewood Subdivision and trustee of the Farmington School Board. Before signing the resolution, Hammill presented a letter to the Board, read by officers of 13 subdivision associations in the township, requesting the Board to take action on the proposal. Copies of the letter and resolution have also been forwarded to the State Highway Commission and the Oakland County Road Commission.

THE BOARD adopted the resolution and Ernest Blanchard, Supervisor, stated that he would take the matter personally to the Board. The resolution states:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington in a meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, March 7, 1955, did unanimously pass a resolution requesting the Board of Road Commissioners of Oakland County, Michigan, to take immediate action and necessary action to (1) pave or properly black top, and (2) build or erect a bridge of suitable strength and width over Farmington Road between Shiawassee and Ten Mile Roads (commonly known as McGee Hill), and WHEREAS, Farmington Road is the main thorough road intersecting the Township north and south, and

WHEREAS, that portion of (Continued on Page 5A)

**Jaycees To Hold Teenage Road-ee**

A Teen-Age Road-ee will be held in Farmington on Saturday, May 14, it was announced Monday evening following a meeting of the Farmington Jaycees. Commencement, sponsors of the project.

The Road-ee will consist of a written examination followed by a test on the road. The test will involve various driving problems such as parking, smooth stopping, and other similar tests. Plans are now being made for the location and lay-out of the test area.

The winner of the Farmington Jaycees Road-ee will be eligible to compete in the State contest. Michigan winners will also be permitted to take part in the national Road-ee to be held in Washington, D. C., July 25 to 29. A total of \$3,000 in scholarships will be awarded to the winners in the national contest. Awards will also be presented to winners in the local Road-ee by the Farmington Jaycees.

Robert Clarke, president of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, stated that "Emphasizing the rules of the road and the skills needed for safe driving, we intend to give boys and girls a chance to prove that some of America's best drivers are teenagers."

**Mayor Exchange Program Planned**

Plans are now being made by officials of the City of Farmington and Union City for the Annual Exchange of Mayors to be held on Monday, May 16, as a part of the 1955 Michigan Week Observance.

Robert Lindbergh, Mayor of Farmington, will exchange places with Darwin Swain, Village President of Union City, during the day. Special programs are being arranged in both Farmington and Union City in honor of the visiting officials. The Exchange of Mayors' Day is designed to stimulate better understanding between various communities in the state and to enable the citizens to become better acquainted with one another.

Last year the Mayor of Farmington exchanged with the Village President of Paw Paw. Officials in both cities were enthusiastic about the results of the program. Union City is located in Branch County, northwest of Coldwater, and has a population of approximately 1,564 residents. Both Lindbergh and Swain have advised officials in the respective municipalities that they will participate in the exchange.

**CITY POLICEMAN RESIGNS TO JOIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

City officials announced this week that Police Officer Misenar has submitted his resignation from the Farmington Police Department, effective May 1, to accept a position with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Misenar has been a member of the City Police Force for the past four years. Officials are now in the process of securing a replacement. Promotion to fill the sergeant's position will come from within the department. The promotion, as well as the selection of a new patrolman, will be on a competitive basis.

Application forms for patrolman may be secured from Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt at the Police Station on Liberty Street.

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**State To Prepare Amended Decree In Sewage Case**

File Motion To Dismiss Action Against City

Work has been started by the State Attorney General's Office on the draft of an amended Decree governing abatement of the city's pollution of the Rouge River, as a result of a conference held Monday afternoon in the Oakland County Circuit Court Chambers.

The draft is being prepared subject to the approval of the State Water Resources Commission. Drafting of an amended Decree was agreed upon following the presentation of a progress report on the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor. The report was made by Ralph Mack, Oakland County Drain Commissioner; William Hirn, engineer; and James Tennant, City Manager. Paul Pare, City Attorney; Loring Gering, Assistant Director of the Water Resources Commission, and a representative of the State Attorney General's office were also present at the hearing.

AS A RESULT of the agreement, the scheduled hearing in Circuit Court was adjourned until May 9. If the draft of the amended Decree is filed with the Water Resources Commission, it will be filed with the Court on May 9. The amendment will set up new completion dates concerning the various stages of progress on the sewer interceptor.

Immediately following the conference Wednesday afternoon, the State Attorney General's office filed a motion in Court requesting dismissal of the contempt charge against the City without prejudice. The motion, along with the amended Decree, will be considered by Circuit Judge Frank Doty at the hearing set for May 9.

**Present Resolution Requiring Official Attendance At Future Water Meetings**

At a stormy, jam packed session Tuesday evening, the Farmington Township Board approved a resolution requiring that the Supervisor or some representative of the Board attend all meetings pertaining to the future water supply for Farmington Township or Oakland County.

The resolution was presented to the Board by Mrs. Philip Newberg in behalf of the Citizens Committee of the Farmington Township Water Development Association. It was stated in the resolution that attendance was necessary "to assure residents that Farmington Township will be represented in an official capacity."

The resolution also provides that "the accomplishments of such meetings be made available in writing to the Citizens Committee."

Mrs. Newberg stated that in view of the fact that there are about 5,000 persons affected by the lack of water in the township, official representation at all meetings is essential. It was pointed out that such official representation has not always been maintained. A motion was made by Elsie Avery and seconded by Thomas Tardy that the resolution be adopted by the Board. The motion was approved.

**Award Contract For Clarenceville School Addition**

Work To Begin At Once On Edgewood Unit

The Clarenceville School Board, at a special meeting Tuesday evening, awarded a contract for the construction of the Edgewood School addition to the E. H. Wittman Construction Company at a total cost of \$33,650.

The contract includes the entire construction work on the four classroom addition as well as two alternates providing new electrical fixtures in the existing building as well as aluminum sash in the present school. A total of five bids were opened and read by the Board. Four other bids, which were received after the deadline, were returned unopened to the specific contractors. The E. H. Wittman Construction Company bid was the lowest of the five proposals. Donald Hatch of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and Walter Anika, architect, were present during the opening and review of the bids.

ACTION was taken by the Board authorizing the transfer of \$10,073 from the 1954 Building and Site Fund to cover the amount of the contract in excess of the Federal Aid Funds allocated for (Continued on Page 5A)

**C.D. Board Drafts Proposed Budget**

A proposed budget for operation of the City of Farmington was drafted by the administrative board at a meeting held Monday evening.

Copies of the proposed budget are to be filed with the City Council and the Township Board this week. Civil Defense officials stated that the budget is based on minimum needs for the operation and function of the Joint City/Township program. It provides for the establishment of an office headquarters as well as compensation for a part time coordinator. The budget also includes estimated expenditures for operation and training.

Civil Defense officials have appeared before both the City Council and Township Board to present an outline of the proposed organization program.

**Drive To Open May Plan Solicitation Of Funds For Lighted Athletic Field At Clarenceville**

Plans have been completed for a house-to-house canvass of the Clarenceville School District May 1 through May 7 in an effort to raise funds for a lighted athletic field at the Clarenceville High School.

The canvass, under the chairmanship of F. L. Shoop, will be one of the principal fund-raising efforts in behalf of the project. Volunteer solicitors are being secured from 14 different community organizations. The residential area of the School District has been divided into ten sections for the purpose of the campaign, with various groups working in each section. It is hoped that a large portion of the needed funds will be secured during the house-to-house canvass. A separate solicitation of business and industrial establishments will be conducted at a later date.

Another highlight of the fund raising project will be a carnival, to be held May 14 through May 20 on Grand River near Eight Mile Road. The Lighted Athletic Field Committee has contracted with Anderson Amusement Company to furnish various rides. Community groups will operate various concessions during the carnival.

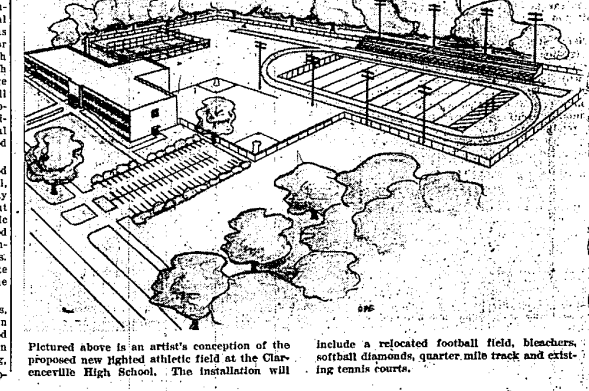
The project, including lights, bleachers and benches, will cost an estimated \$27,000. Grading and drainage of the field, located in front of the high school building, as well as the fencing of the prop-

**CITY POLICE CAR DAMAGED IN AUTO CRASH SATURDAY**

Accidents do happen, even to police cars, and even when they are parked at the curb, members of the Farmington Police Department can graphically testify this week.

As the result, a police car is in the garage for repairs and the city policemen, thanks to the Township, are doing their patrolling in a borrowed car. The whole story began shortly before 1:00 a.m. Saturday, when Patrolman Richard Walker halted a sedan in front of 3289 Grand River. While Walker was talking to the driver, a car driven by Lucille Tuckowski, 4315 Nine Mile Road, Northville, struck the police car in the left rear and then glanced off, hitting a second car driven by Arthur Roy Metz, 1274 Highland, Detroit. All of the cars were traveling or facing west on the north side of Grand River. No one was injured.

Walker stated that the car was pulled to the curb and the red flasher light was on. The police car is expected to be repaired within a few days.



Pictured above is an artist's conception of the proposed new lighted athletic field at the Clarenceville High School. The installation will include a relocated football field, bleachers, softball diamonds, quarter mile track and existing tennis courts.