

Farmington Road Resolution Filed With County

Commission To Meet With Property Owners

A copy of the resolution presented by property owners and approved by the Township Board last Tuesday, calling for the improvement of Farmington Road from Ten Mile to Twelve Mile Roads, has been filed with the Oakland County Road Commission, Ernest Blumhardt, supervisor, reported Monday.

Blumhardt stated that he filed the resolution in person with the Commission. He added that efforts are now being made to arrange a meeting between representatives of the various interested subdivisions and the Road Commission. The resolution, as presented to the Township Board, was accompanied by a petition bearing the names of approximately 600 property owners.

It is also stated that plans for the meeting with the Road Commission are still incomplete, but that efforts are being made to hold the session at the earliest possible date. It is not disclosed whether the meeting would be held in Farmington or at the Road Commission offices in Pontiac.

The resolution requests that action be taken to reduce the dangerous curve and remove the high bank along the east side of Farmington Road just north of the intersection with the main trunk of a proper base along the entire section as well as the installation of culverts at all necessary points to provide adequate drainage. The resolution also seeks action in the preparation of ditching in the section and the application of asphalt paving, as well as the improvement of all intersections with Farmington Road.

A copy of the resolution was also forwarded to the State Highway Commissioner. It is the opinion of the highway engineer that Farmington Road is now classified as a primary road and is thus qualified to receive Federal Aid.

TOWNSHIP TO PICK NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL TUESDAY

All of 19 applicants for the position of Township Building Inspector were interviewed by the Board at a special meeting Friday evening.

All of the applicants had an opportunity to appear before the Board to present their qualifications and to answer any questions. Final appointment of the Building Inspector is expected to be made at the next regular meeting of the Board, set for May 10.

The new inspector will check all phases of construction, as provided in the zoning code. This includes the inspection of electrical work. The Township is already requiring electrical inspections under a reciprocal ordinance.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE PROBLEMS . . . of municipal finance are about as complicated as a twisted Chinese puzzle, and brother, that's complicated. Through the late hours on Monday and the wee hours on Tuesday, the City Council was endeavoring to balance the budget for 1935. Frankly, we got lost about 1:00 a.m. and we're not sure that we have come to yet. If you have ever attempted to push a family budget into line, you can sympathize with the Council and City Manager. It's no easy task, especially when the squeeze is as tight as 1910. These solutions were presented at a public hearing on Monday night, but we are not at all sure that the participants in Monday night's discussion will have recovered all of their lost sleeping time.

IF YOU'RE SEEKING . . . a little excitement, just go out with the police some time when they are running a speed control test. We tried it last Friday, during an experiment with an electrical timing device. It was exciting, all right, but rough on the heart. The test was conducted on Orchard Lake Road and during the few minutes we were at the scene, two near accidents occurred. In between the incidents, we witnessed a large number of cars which were traveling in spite of warning signs and the presence of police officers. And then we wonder why accidents happen and why persons are killed and injured on our streets and highways every day in the week.

WE HAVEN'T MENTIONED . . . the weather lately for several good reasons. One, it hasn't been particularly unusual the past several weeks, up until now, that is; and second, we decided to try off the weatherman for a while and give him a chance to work. Apparently the theory has paid off, and the weatherman really went to work the early part of the week and came up with the unusual . . . namely July 15. We don't know what will happen between the time this gets out of our typewriter and into your home, but as of right now, summer is here. Maybe the tomatoes aren't ripening on the vine, but the sport shirts and sleeveless dresses are sure blossoming in profusion.

Building Boom Township Rates 9th In County

According to the latest report of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, Farmington Township ranked 9th among the 12 top communities in Oakland County during the first quarter of 1935 as far as the issuance of building permits is concerned.

A total of 64 permits were issued for new home building in Farmington Township during January, February and March. Westford Township topped the list with a total of 246 permits. The report stated that during the quarter, 1,935 building permits were issued in Oakland County. This is slightly under the record total set during the first quarter of 1934, but well above other previous years.

Since 1931, Farmington Township has issued 1,215 building permits, placing it 14th out of the leading 15 communities in the County. It is expected that new building in the Township will increase sharply in the next few months. A number of new subdivisions are already under way with several more expected to start within the next month.

City Plans Limited Street Repairs

Work is scheduled to begin next week on the city's annual street repair and maintenance program, James Tennant, City Manager, reported Tuesday.

Because of limited funds, this year's program will consist primarily of spot fill and patch work. Tennant stated. The main work will be concentrated on Shilwaukee Street with some attention being given to McJee Hill on Farmington Road and possibly some of the other more heavily traveled streets.

In connection with the program, another application of calcium chloride will be placed on gravel roads in the city to help eliminate dust. The first application was applied several weeks ago. The primary applications will be in the Floral Park section and near the intersection of Powers and Shilwaukee.

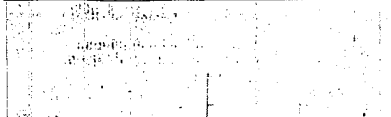
Tennant stated that all of the work will be handled by the Public Works Department. He added that the program will proceed as rapidly as time permits.

AMVETS TO HOLD BEAUTY CONTEST SATURDAY NIGHT

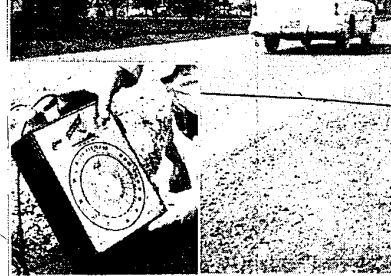
Amvets Post 76 of Novi will hold their annual Beauty Contest this Saturday evening, May 7, at the Post Home in Wilson.

Applications for the contest are still being accepted. Further information can be secured by calling Northville 245-W. Miss Post 76 will be chosen during the evening. The contest will be held at 7:30 p.m. The winner will attend the Amvets State Convention in Traverse City June 3, 4, and 5 to compete in the state contest to select Miss Michigan Amvet.

COUNCIL SUGGESTS CUTS IN PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



ELECTRICALLY TIMED speed control devices were conducted by Farmington City Police Friday afternoon on Orchard Lake Road as part of a program of testing new electric timing equipment. It has been suggested that the city purchase one of the timing devices in an effort to reduce speeding. The speed of the vehicle is recorded on the control panel.



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City Seeks Authority To Borrow \$20,000 For Current Operation

File Application With State Finance Commission For Approval To Issue Tax Anticipation Notes

The City Council, at a special meeting held Wednesday evening, approved a resolution requesting permission from the Municipal Finance Commission to issue \$20,000 in tax anticipation notes to cover current operating expenses up to June 30.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the application was forwarded to the Commission immediately following the meeting. However, it was returned to the city later in the week with instructions that several minor changes be made. At a second special meeting, held Monday evening following the public budget meeting, the Council amended the resolution. The amendment eliminates the original breakdown of capital improvement expenditures, and lists them as incurred operating costs. It also provides for a change in the publications in which the resolution is to be published, provided permission is granted.

OFFICIALS stated that the principal outstanding obligation was \$9,963 for street construction and improvement. The remaining deficit had developed as a result of a \$10,000 revenue item for sanitation service which was placed in the 1934-35 budget but which was never put into effect. Because it is approved by the Commission, the funds will be used to pay current expenses until the close of the fiscal year, June 30.

As soon as authorization is received, the city will proceed with the securing of sealed bids for the sale of the \$20,000 in tax anticipation notes.

Propose New Building Present Recommendations Of Library Study Group

A series of recommendations have been submitted to the City Council and Township Board by a Special Investigation Committee appointed to study ways and means of securing improved library facilities in the Farmington area.

Several members of the committee have suggested that the text of the report be published in order to better inform the citizens of the city and township of the specific proposals. Because of the length of the report, some of the proceedings of the Committee meetings have been deleted.

On June 15, 1934, a meeting of the citizens was held in Judge Schulte's court rooms to discuss plans for a better library for the use of the citizens of Farmington City and Township. The meeting was attended by some of the members of the City Council, the Board of Trustees of Farmington Township, and The Friends of the Library.

A committee was appointed to investigate and make a report of its findings, particularly as to the cooperation between the City and Township, their contributions to a new library building or an enlarged library, and its maintenance.

Last Summer, Miss Ruth Carls of Farmington, City Clerk, leaving a Will which provided for certain small bequests and the following:

"Finally, I wish the house and lot 22, 24, 25 and 26 feet of Fred W. Warner-Addition, including the furnishings of said house and my Buick car, be sold to the very best advantage and the residue after the above bequests are carried out is to go toward the building fund of a new public library in Farmington City and Township."

This property could probably be sold for about \$22,000 or \$23,000, which after the specific bequests would leave approximately \$20,000.00 for the library.

Some years ago, Clinton W. Wilber, a citizen of Farmington City, died, leaving a Will which provides:

"Fifteen: I will devise and bequeath the residue of my estate to the City of Farmington, Michigan, under the provisions of a deed of a public library building in the City of Farmington, or as a contribution toward the construction of equipping of a hospital in the City of Farmington, Michigan, whichever in the discretion of the Farmington City Commission seems most desirable. The institution so equipped or constructed under the provisions of this Will shall be under the control and management of the Farmington City Commission." (The writer

Heavy Traffic On Highways Sunday Keeps Police Busy

Several Rear End Collisions Reported

The flow of traffic was heavy on Farmington area roads and highways last Sunday with extremely pleasant weather bringing sightseers and picnickers out in large numbers. Several automobile accidents resulted, keeping City Police and State Police busy late into the evening.

Four persons were injured in a three-car crash at U. S. 16 and Ten Mile Road shortly after 6:15 a.m. Nixon, a resident of Detroit, driver of one of the autos, suffered head injuries, and his passenger, Nicholette Bryant, 4, suffered carpal bone injuries. Darlene Meggs, 14, and her brother, Richard, 9, of 57527 Grand River Cut-Off, received minor injuries about the head. Parties in the pile-up involved in the crash were not hurt.

The Meggs auto was stopped on U. S. 16 waiting to make a turn onto Ten Mile when it was hit in the rear by the second auto, which in turn was struck by a third.

IN ANOTHER rear-end collision on the U. S. Cut-Off near Grand River shortly after 10 p.m., William Whites, a passenger in one of the two autos involved suffered a bruised nose and possible head injuries. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

About the same time, City Police were answering a call on a five-car pile-up on 31205 Grand River. The jam-up resulted when an auto driven by Shilwaukee 1000, Northville, travelling east, struck the rear of a second auto parked on Grand River. The second car struck the rear of a third, which struck the fourth, and the fourth into the fifth car parked at the curb.

Shirley Loy suffered a cut lip and was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for minor treatment. Considerable property damage occurred but there were no other injuries.

Baseball Leagues Begin Try-Outs

Plans are moving into high gear in preparation for the opening of the Farmington Baseball for Boys League in June, officials announced this week.

Over 350 boys reported for the opening practice session of the Farmington Little League held last week at the Y. Members of the Ruth League are scheduled for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Farmington Athletic Club. Tryouts for the Little League is open to boys between the ages of 8 through 12 years. The Babe Ruth League is composed of boys in the age group 13 through 15 years. There are a total of four teams in each of the leagues.

Application forms for the Babe Ruth League may be secured from Warren Piche, Farmington Junior high school; Rev. Fr. Francis (Continued on Page 8A)

PLAN TO CONSIDER INCORPORATION PETITION MAY 24

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting scheduled for May 24, is expected to consider a petition for incorporation of Woodcrest Farms as a village, officials announced this week.

The petition was officially filed with the Oakland County Clerk in March. Because of a required 30-day waiting period, it could not be considered at the April Board meeting. If the petition is approved, a date will be set for a special incorporation election.

It is proposed that the area bounded by Middlebelt 13 Mile, Inkster, and 12 Mile Roads be incorporated into a village. The one-mile square section is located in the northeast part of Farmington Township.

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Propose Reducing Costs, Boosting Service Charges To Offset Deficit

In one of the longest sessions on record, the City Council Monday evening and Tuesday morning shaved and pared an estimated \$5,000 from the total tentative budget for the fiscal year 1935-36.

The exact amount of the cut will not be determined until a redraft of the budget has been completed. A large number of changes were suggested by the Council members during the hearing which continued from 8:00 p.m. Monday until about 2:45 a.m. Tuesday. Officials indicated that it would be several days before a final balance could be determined.

On the basis of preliminary figures, it would appear that the budget will run slightly below the tentative figure. Decided cuts were made in a number of expense items while some revenue sources were reduced to a lesser degree. The Council reviewed the budget item by item in an attempt to offer as much as possible the anticipated \$10,000 operating deficit which will be carried over from the 1934-35 year. An additional \$10,000 capital outlay deficit will be recovered by other proposed sources.

Work On Field Drain Delayed At Clarenceville

Request To Connect With Livonia Sewer

Drainage of the proposed Clarenceville high school athletic field into an existing main adjacent to the property was the topic of discussion at a study committee meeting held Monday evening in the Livonia City Council chambers.

A question has arisen as a result of recent Livonia Council action prohibiting further connection to the sewer line. The Board has awarded a contract for installation of a sewer system for the athletic field which was constructed in 1932. According to the Board, risers were placed so that connections could be made from the field to the sewer system. The Board of Education, prior to the drafting of plans, agreed to assist financially up to \$15,000 to provide the necessary drainage system for the high school and Botsford School.

THE BOARD, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, stated that the amount of water going into the sewer from the field will not be great as only the area of the football field will be involved. They added that the only apparent alternative to tying into the sewers would be to open the drainage (Continued on Page 8A)

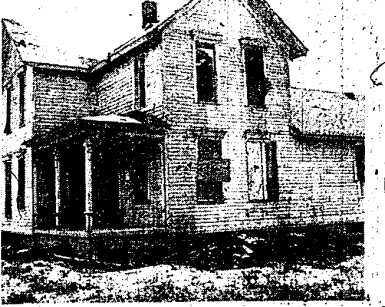
TEEN AGE ROAD-O APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE MAY 9

Application blanks for the Farmington Teen-Age Road-O are to be held Saturday, May 11, under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be available Monday, May 9, through Wednesday, May 12, at the Senior High School on Shilwaukee Street.

A written examination will be given on Thursday, May 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. The examination is being held to determine the teen-agers who will be eligible to participate in the driving phase of the contest which will be held on Saturday, May 14.

All teen-age boys and girls in the Farmington area who hold driver's permits or licenses are eligible to enter the safe driving contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners by the Farmington Jaycees. The top contestant will be given an opportunity to take part in the State Road-O. The Michigan winner will then be eligible to participate in the National Contest.

A third proposal concerns the rezoning from residential to commercial a parcel on the west side of Orchard Lake Road near the intersection of 14 Mile Road. The property would extend about 300 feet on 14 Mile and 600 feet on Orchard Lake Road.



CONDEMNATION . . . proceedings have been started by the Township Health Officer to have this building, located on S. Lerch Street at Byron, removed as a health menace. A letter has been forwarded to the owner, Gertrude Clinton, Detroit, advising her of the condemnation and requesting that she take immediate action to remove the building. Dr. Joseph Township Health Officer, ordered that the house be condemned last Wednesday and notices were posted on the building Friday.