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Board Considers Cancelling H. S. Addition Contract

Bankruptcy Proceedings Filed By Contractor

Possible cancellation of the general contract on the gymnasium-auditorium addition at the Farmington High School, due to the filing of bankruptcy by the contractor, The Construction Company of Detroit, was discussed at a special meeting of the Board of Education held Tuesday evening.

Action was taken authorizing Western Bros., president of the Board, to discuss the matter with the bonding company to determine their position as well as the position of the School District in the matter. It was also directed that P. Leonard, school attorney, study the contract and performance bond in regard to the possible cancellation and to advise the Board of the proper procedure to follow. In the meantime, Ebenezer Smith Associates, school architects, were requested to prepare recommendations for Board action in regard to the matter.

The special meeting was adjourned until Friday at 7:00 p. m. at which time it is expected that all of the necessary reports will be ready. It was observed that action should be taken at the earliest possible date in order to eliminate any further delay in construction. Leo Henning, representative of the contractor, was present.

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Poppy Sale Drops Below 1954 Total

Proceeds from the Annual Sale of Memorial Poppies, held Thursday night and Friday morning for short of last year's record total, according to incomplete reports issued Tuesday.

Officials of the American Legion advised that approximately \$750 was collected during the three-day sale, which is about \$200 less than last year's total. The V. F. W. and Auxiliary also reported a total of \$17 from their poppy sale as compared to \$300.55 collected during the 1954 sale. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary, who were stationed throughout the Farmington business section during the three-day sale while the V. F. W. and Auxiliary members covered both Farmington and Clarenceville. Proceeds from the sale of Memorial Poppies will be used by the American Legion Auxiliary and V. F. W. and Auxiliary to aid disabled veterans and their families, widows and children of servicemen killed in battle. The groups will also pay for the poppies, which were made by hospitalized veterans throughout the United States.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE WEATHERMAN . . . won't exactly in a holiday mood over the long Memorial Day week end. Maybe he didn't like the idea of having to watch the sky while other folks went about the job of having a good time. Regardless of the reason for his attitude, he succeeded in grabbing a few headlines and a lot of attention. On Saturday, he kept a goodly number of citizens on needles and pins watching and waiting for possible tornadoes. Fortunately, the Farmington area escaped with nothing more than a gale and a downpour of rain. . . .

CONGRATULATIONS . . . are in order to the various service and military organizations in the Farmington and Clarenceville areas for the presentation of the biggest and most impressive Memorial Day observances in many years. Both the parades and military services since the war reflect to those of our country who lost their lives in defense of freedom. The large number of participants as well as observers added greatly to the impressiveness of the two ceremonies. The outstanding tribute displayed on Monday is strong proof that the citizens of Farmington and Clarenceville are willing to sacrifice that have been made to preserve our American way of life. . . . nor will they forget as long as the white crosses stand row on row.

AN ENVIABLE RECORD . . . was posted last week when Mrs. Ada Coars and Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt of the American Legion Auxiliary participated in their 23rd consecutive year of seeing Memorial Day Poppies in Farmington. Both women are charter members of the Groves - Walker Post, American Legion Auxiliary, and have been active in Legion affairs since the day of the Farmington organization. We dare say they have sold many a Memorial Poppy during the past 23 years and thus have materially aided a lot of disabled veterans, widows and orphans to readjust their lives.

THE JOINT MEETING . . . of the City Council and Planning Commission last Thursday evening was one of the most constructive and orderly sessions ever have had the pleasure of attending in many a day. Louis Skolan, chairman of the committee, did a fine job in handling the zoning questions under discussion, and the citizens did equally well in stating their opinions clearly and concisely. As a result, a great deal was accomplished and everyone went home early and apparently happy.



SERIOUS INJURIES were suffered by three persons in the car shown above while in a crash at Orchard Lake Road and Eleven Mile Saturday proved fatal. Passengers in a third vehicle were not hurt. All five injured in the accident were residents of Farmington. The auto pictured above was driven by Richard Laffan of 21844 Luffan. It collided with a vehicle driven by Emil A. Forst of 20485 Powers Road. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Four Killed, Five Seriously Injured In Crashes On Orchard Lake Road

First Accident Occurs At 11 Mile Road Saturday; Second At Northwestern Early Sunday Morning

Three Farmington residents and a Southfield Township man were fatally injured and five others seriously hurt in two auto accidents on Orchard Lake Road over the long Memorial Day week end. Emil A. Kesti and his wife, Gladys, of 26485 Powers Road, were killed in the first crash at 10:40 p. m. Saturday at Orchard Lake and Eleven Mile Roads. Critically injured were Richard Laffan, 21844 Luffan, compound fracture of leg and face lacerations; William Turner, 22340 Springbrook, lacerations about the head and possible fractured knee and Kenneth Van Cannon, Middlebelt Road, deep scalp lacerations and a fractured leg. Not more than four hours later, Mrs. Christine L. Chapman of 26643 Independence and Eddie W. Edwards of Southfield Township were killed in another crash on Orchard Lake Road near Northwestern Highway. Mrs. Chapman's husband, Don, and Verlon Hall of Royal Oak, a passenger in the Edwards auto, were seriously injured.

FARMINGTON NIGHT PROGRAM PLANNED AT MELODY CIRCUS

The Farmington Exchange Club will sponsor a special "Farmington Night" presentation at the Melody Circus Theatre on Wednesday, June 15, James Reed, president of the Club, announced this week.

The entire program will be turned over to the Farmington Goodfellow, principally for youth activities in the community. The activities will include educational and recreational facilities for the boys and girls in the area. Tickets for the presentation will be handled by members of the Exchange Club. The June 15 program will feature the Broadway musical "Show Boat." It will be held at the regular Melody Circus Theatre located on the grounds of Botsford Inn, Grand River near Eight Mile Road.

RECREATION GROUP PLANS ACTIVITIES AT CLARENCEVILLE

Plans are now being completed for the organization of the summer recreation program in the Clarenceville School District, officials announced this week.

Pilgrimage Set For June 4-5

Eight Farmington gardens will be included in a tour this Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5. The tour will include visits to the William John Spier residence, 24915 Farmington Road, and the homes of Mrs. Luman Goodenough, 24705 Farmington Road, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, 23747 Warner. On Nine Mile Road the tour will take visitors to the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eichler, 34703 Nine Mile; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson, 33600 Nine Mile; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickey, 36020 Nine Mile; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carroll, 36225 Nine Mile; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Prior, 35100 Nine Mile.

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Vote Registration On School Election Closes Friday

City, Township Offices Stay Open Until 5 p.m.

Qualified electors of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts are being reminded that this Friday afternoon, June 3, has been set as the deadline on registrations for the Annual School Elections.

Persons living in that portion of the District located in Farmington Township may register at the Town Hall on Thursday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. on Friday, the last day, from 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Residents of the District residing in the City may register at the Municipal Building during the same specified hours. Only persons not already registered in the School District need to apply.

Qualified electors of the Clarenceville School District may register at the Farmington or Redford Township offices or the Livonia City Hall, depending upon the area in which they reside. Persons may register at the School District office on Thursday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and on Friday, June 3, from 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. The registration period is closed for those electors who are not already registered.

ON JUNE 16, Election Day, the voters of Farmington Township will elect two trustees to the Board of Education for terms of three years each, as well as vote on a proposal to increase the tax levy for securing school sites. Only two candidates, both incumbents, have filed for the School Board race. They are Mrs. Chester Downing and Douglas Hammill. The proposal requests permission to raise a tax of 2 1/2 mills upon assessed valuation of all properties in the School District as equalized, for a period of one year (1955) to create a sinking fund for the purpose of providing additional funds for acquiring sites.

CITY ACCEPTS BID FOR TAX NOTES

The Farmington City Council, at a special session Thursday evening, accepted the bid of the Farmington State Bank for the purchase of \$20,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes to meet operating expenses for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30.

According to the bid, the Farmington State Bank will purchase the notes at 2 1/2 per cent. The notes are to be dated May 26, 1955, and are payable August 29, 1955. The proposal also provides that any or all of the notes may be paid prior to the August date.

APPROVE SEWER INTERCEPTOR ROUTE

Members of the Southeastern Oakland County Sewer Committee met Tuesday afternoon at the proposed Farmington Interceptor. It was announced following a meeting of the group held last Wednesday at the Farmington City Building.

The relocation plan was presented by William Hirn, consulting engineer, and approved by all of the participating members at the meeting. The line will run along Eight Mile to Shilavasse, then northwest along Shilavasse to Middlebelt. The interceptor will then extend north along Middlebelt to Maple Road. Where it will run west to a point about half way between Orchard Lake Road.

147 KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN ENROLL AT CLARENCEVILLE

A total of 147 youngsters were enrolled during the special pre-school registration held Thursday at the various elementary schools in the Clarenceville District. Officials announced this week.

The year's pre-school enrollment is considerably higher than last year when a total of 109 boys and girls were enrolled. On the basis of the registration, it is expected that 200 youngsters are expected to be enrolled in kindergarten prior to the opening of school in September.

The registration was conducted at the Edgewood, Botsford and Westbrook Elementary Schools.

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Mrs. James Robertson, left, president of the Farmington Garden Club, and Mrs. W. Allen Nelson discuss a flower variety at the Nelson gardens, one of the eight Farmington gardens to be visited this week end.

Objections To City Zoning Proposals Cleared-Up At Joint Hearing Thursday

Water Situation In City Continues To Improve

Regulations On Water Use Remain In Force

City officials reported this week that water conditions are continuing to improve, thanks to well-timed rains and the cooperation of citizens in observing the emergency regulations imposed on May 20.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that the water level is continuing to rise in the wells after dropping several feet just prior to the establishment of controls on the use of water for outside purposes. The City Manager added that the heavily taxed pumps were also getting some badly needed relief.

Officials stated that although the restrictions are being continued, they hope to be able to extend the hours of water use in the near future. They added that continuation of operation on the part of the public will speed the early relaxation of the restrictions.

A PROPOSED bond ordinance for the financing of pumping facilities at the new wells south of the city and west of Farmington Road, as well as the connection of the wells to the city system, will be presented to the City Council at a special meeting on June 6. The ordinance will outline the steps to be followed in financing and constructing the estimated \$70,000 water improvement program. The project will include pumps, controls, pump houses, and discharge lines, as well as mains along the Cut-Off, Gill Road, Grand River and Oakland.

It is hoped that construction bids can be let or received by the end of the month and that the necessary bond issue can be sold by July 6. The actual construction contracts can be taken up at a meeting on June 6, if the bond issue has been sold. It is expected that work will be started on the project as soon as the contracts have been let.

Reveal Pre-School Program Plans

The proposal was brought to the attention of the Board by a representative of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Commission. A copy of the Board resolution has been forwarded to the City of Livonia for consideration. Under the proposal a section of city-owned land west of and adjacent to the school for the latter part of August, this year to afford more time for planning and organization. Miss Minnie Zielke, elementary coordinator, announced Tuesday.

F.A.R.C. Program To Open June 27

The Farmington Recreation Commission's annual summer program will open on Monday, June 27, and continue through Friday, August 5, Warren Piche, director, reported this week.

Advance registration will be conducted in the various schools of the District within the next few weeks. This year's program will include organized activities for boys and girls five through sixteen years of age. Piche stated that in addition to the regular playground activities, a regular swimming program will be conducted at Ken Lake and fields following the close of regular classes for the summer.

Further information on the Get-Together will be published prior to the program and letters will be mailed to all parents of children who will be entering kindergarten in September, advising them of the schedule of activities. An additional registration period for pre-school children will be conducted on Tuesday, June 21, following the close of regular classes for the summer.

CADETS of the Farmington Civil Air Patrol, First Lt. Charles Strze, 28069 Shilavasse Road, and Corporal Sublieutenant Robert Shaw, are shown above receiving cadet flight scholarships from First Lt. John McClellan, right. The scholarships, which will provide both with dual flying time free of charge, were made possible through funds collected during a recent C. A. P. Post project for this purpose.

