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SCORCHED RUINS were all that remained in the little unkempt house trailer owned by Spencer J. LeFevre of 21415 Hamilton Avenue following a fire which started in the trailer early Thursday morning and resulted in his death. LeFevre was smothered by carbon monoxide fumes and his body was burned beyond recognition before the flames were extinguished.

Annual Farmington United Fund Drive To Officially Open October 15

Increased Number Of Campaign Solicitors Planned In Effort To Reach \$27,326 Quota

Farmington's Annual United Fund and Community Chest Drive will officially open on Thursday, October 15, it was announced Tuesday evening following a meeting of the Administrative Board.

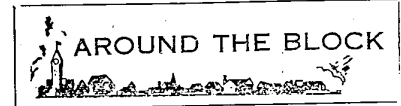
The quota for the 1955 campaign has been set at \$27,326, which is approximately \$2,000 more than last year. Special information folders are being prepared for distribution showing the breakdown of the various agencies included in the United Fund as well as the local community chest organizations, along with the individual quotas. These folders will be carried by the individual solicitors to the homes they make their house-to-house contacts.

Local Man Dies In Trailer Fire

Funeral services were held Saturday in Farmington for Spencer J. LeFevre, 68, who was asphyxiated by carbon monoxide fumes from a small, unkempt trailer, September 22. His small trailer home at 21415 Hamilton Avenue caught fire, causing the fumes.

The body, when removed from the trailer, was so badly burned that it was unrecognizable. A post-mortem examination, however, revealed that LeFevre was not burned to death but was smothered by deadly fumes prior to the fire.

Exact cause of the fire could not be determined. It is believed, however, to have been caused from sparks from a wood stove in the trailer, which includes the Boy Scouts Farmington Area Recreation Commission, Clarenceville Recreation Commission, and the (Continued on Page 8A)



WHAT WOULD HAPPEN . . . If there were no newspapers? This is an interesting question to review on the eve of National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8. Maybe you have never thought about it before. Like so many other things in our daily existence, we rarely give them a thought until, for some reason, they are taken from us. This has happened in far too many countries throughout the world. Yes, they have presses and they have newspapers, but they don't have news papers. In those barren countries, every word and every sentence is dictated and controlled by the government. Freedom of expression, the heart of a newspaper and a democracy, is denied to the editor and the people. As an expression of determination that it shall not happen here, newspapers large and small are this week rededicating themselves to the slogan of National Newspaper Week: "Your Newspaper Fights for Your Right to Know."

"CASEY IS GONE . . ." "Casey" is more than just a dog, he is the eyes of Ray Cranston, Farmington businessman. The serene-eyed dog disappeared Sunday afternoon about 3:30 from the Cranston home at 28418 Schroeder Road. Ray stated that "Casey" apparently wandered down to Halsted or Twelve Mile Roads and disappeared in spite of frantic efforts to find him. "Casey," a honey colored German Shepherd, is three years old. He was wearing a new choke collar. The contact information is: Ray Cranston, 31185 Ten Mile, phone GR. 4-2674. Let's all help Ray get his "eyes" back!

NEXT MONDAY . . . is an important date to all qualified electors of the Clarenceville School District. At that time they will have an opportunity to vote on a question of vital concern to the progress of the school district. It should attract major interest on the part of all parents and taxpayers. Unfortunately, a moderate to light vote is expected. We sincerely hope that this prediction is wrong. The continuation of the majority of the registered voters. Anything less than that will not only weaken the School District but the very principles of democracy as well. So exercise your rights next Monday as a full-time citizen. Remember, voting is more than just a privilege, it's an obligation.

Special School Vote Due Monday At Clarenceville

Seek Renewal Of Tax Levy For Operation

A moderate to light vote is expected in the special Clarenceville School District election set for next Monday, October 3, officials reported this week.

The qualified electors of the District will go to the polls to vote on whether or not the present five-mill tax levy for operational purposes will be continued for another five years. The actual proposal reads, "Shall the total amount of taxes, when taken in conjunction with all property in the School District of Clarenceville Public Schools . . . for all purposes except taxes levied for payment of principal and interest on obligations prior to December 8, 1952, be increased . . . for a period of five years from 1956 to 1960, both inclusive, by one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation as equalized, for the purpose of raising additional funds to meet the cost of services, supplies and other expenses of operation of the school district?"

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OFFICIALS stated that the voting in the special election will take place at the Clarenceville High School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, just south of Eight Mile Road. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 3. Only persons who are duly registered in the District are eligible to vote in the special election.

The proposed extension of the existing tax represents a levy of \$5.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as equalized for a period of five years. All of the moneys secured from the tax levy would be used for operational purposes such as services, supplies and instructional expenses.

Water Situation Improves In City

Heavy rains and cooler weather, coupled with tighter controls, has greatly eased the serious water shortage in the City, officials reported Monday.

Increased restrictions, limiting the use of outside water to one hour on alternate days, were imposed by officials last Thursday. The tighter controls were established in an effort to protect the limited supply of water in the City reservoir. On several occasions during the previous week the western section of the City was without water.

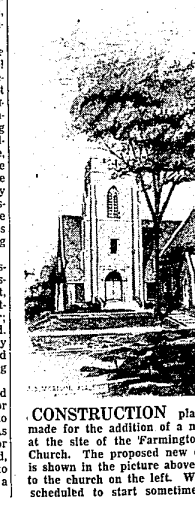
James Tennant, City Manager, stated that since the controls have been established the reserve supply has not dropped below 70,000 gallons. The City Manager expects that some relaxation of the restrictions, coupled with three or four days of unseasonably warm weather, would cause a return of the difficulty.

Tennant added that by Thursday approximately 3,600 feet of water main should be installed as part of the contract to connect the new wells to the existing system. The work will be completed in three or four weeks.

Street Lighting Project 65% Complete In City

Approximately 65% of the current street lighting improvement program now under way in the City has been completed, James Tennant, City Manager, reported Tuesday.

The majority of the installations have been finished in the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision and work is under way in the Floral Park and Warner Farms sections. Installation of the "white-way" through-out the business section is expected to begin in October.



CONSTRUCTION plans are now being made for the addition of a new education unit at the site of the Farmington First Methodist Church. The proposed new education building is shown in the picture above at the right, next to the church on the left. Work on the unit is scheduled to start sometime next year. The

Township Secures First Land Option For Drilling Of Test Water Well

Transportation Report Reviewed By School Board

Asked For Action By Proper Authorities

Attention was focused on the report of the special transportation committee at a meeting of the Farmington School Board held Monday night.

The report, drawn up by a representative from each elementary school area in the District and the transportation committee of the Board of Education at a meeting last Thursday, outlined specific recommendations to improve conditions for children traveling to and from school. Individual recommendations were made for each school, taking into consideration the particular difficulties to be encountered in each particular area.

Each recommendation made for a given school area was reviewed individually by the Board. Recommendations within the province of the School Board action were adopted or tabled for further study. Those requiring County, Township or City action were also categorized. A major portion of the recommendations fell under the latter groups' jurisdiction and not that of the School Board.

The transportation committee's report may now be sent to County, Township and City officials, pointing out those recommendations upon which their action is required. It will be recommended that immediate steps be taken by the governmental bodies to carry out the recommendations.

It was generally recommended by the committee that parents, mothers' groups and P. T. A.'s continue efforts to assure the safety of all children under better conditions can be obtained. Further, the committee urged all to exert concentrated effort to secure improvements to assure the safety of their children.

A letter from the State Department of Public Instruction was read before the Board again indicating that transportation of children other than as covered under the present state law was not reimbursable, and that no additional funds were available for that purpose. A recommendation that Theodore Hughes, State Representative for this District, be contacted and urged to press for a favorable change in the reimbursement policy in the State Leg. (Continued on Page 5A)

Council Adopts New Building Code At Special Meeting Monday Evening

Enact Abridged Edition Of Building Officials Code To Become Effective On October 8

Action was taken at a special meeting of the City Council Monday evening adopting and enacting a new building code ordinance to become effective on Saturday, October 8.

The motion to adopt the new building code was made and approved at a special meeting held immediately following adjournment of the regular session, which had been recessed from September 19. The Council, through its action, adopted by a 5-0 vote the Abridged Edition of the Building Officials Code of America. This code is being used by an increasing number of communities in the Metropolitan Area.

The building code was introduced by the Council at its regular meeting on September 19. Both the City Manager and the Building Inspector had recommended its adoption. The point of order was sustained and the code no longer sufficient to take care of the needs.

DURING the recessed portion of the meeting, the Council adopted ordinance C-4655, which is an amendment to the original ordinance concerning the sale of revenue bonds to finance water and sewer improvements in the City. Prior to the adoption of the ordinance, a motion was made and approved that the ordinance be placed on the table, where it was placed on September 19.

The Council approved the plan for the Valley View Subdivision north of Grand River and east of the Plater, subject to compliance with the plan ordinance, approval of the title of roads by the engineer and approval that no fill be made of building constructed within 100 feet of the south line of Lots 4, 5, 6, or 7. This latter requirement is to provide for a flood plain between the proposed houses and the Rouge River.

A letter was read from L. N. Hayden, city engineer, stating that sewage disposal facilities would be sufficient to take care of the proposed industrial development on the city-owned property south of the Cut-Off and east of Gill Road. This opinion is based on the amount of sewage which would be accepted by the City of Detroit should a tie-in be accomplished. Action on the sale of the property was delayed, however, pending an engineer's report on the capacity of existing sewers which would service the proposed industrial area.

Walled Lake Man Fatally Injured

Injuries suffered in a two-car crash on Twelve Mile Road and Williams Street proved fatal to Francis C. Nemeth of 1365 Shankin Road, Walled Lake, Nemeth, 18, who suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries, died Saturday at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit.

Millard L. Williams of Royal Oak, driver of the second vehicle, was injured when the crash occurred. According to a State Police report on the accident, Nemeth apparently lost control of the car and swerved into the path of the Williams vehicle.

Early Thursday evening, Ralph R. Barnes, 15, of 21001 Oxford Street, Farmington, was injured when the motor vehicle in which he was riding was struck by a car on Grand River at Collingham. He suffered a broken left leg and severe bruises.

According to the driver of the auto, Warren A. Shatter of 29805 Grand River Avenue, young Barnes pulled directly into his path and he was unable to avoid the collision. It was suggested that the left but was unable to avoid hitting the bike.

School Enrollment Continues Upward

Enrollment in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts has shown a steady increase in the past few years. Officials predict that it will continue on a graduating scale throughout the year.

According to the latest figures released by Farmington school officials, the total enrollment has reached 4,417. This represents an increase of 105 students over the figures reported at the close of the first week of school. Of the 4,417 students currently enrolled in the District, 3,067 are registered in the elementary grades, kindergarten through six. The junior-senior high school enrollment is listed at 1,350.

Enrollment in the Clarenceville District, as of September 21, is listed at 2,024. As of the close of the first week of school the total Clarenceville enrollment was 1,994. According to the latest figures, 1,263 students are registered in the elementary grades, kindergarten through six, and 761 are enrolled in the junior-senior high school.

Clarenceville officials stated that the enrollment is expected to exceed 2,050 by the end of September. Last year's enrollment at the corresponding time was 1,928. An even larger increase is expected in the Farmington District prior to September 30. The total registration at the end of September, 1954, was 5,356.

Doctors To Hear St. Mary Hospital Project Report

An open meeting of physicians interested in the St. Mary Hospital project will be held at the Fajacin Sisters' Convent on Thursday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Joseph Gadbaw of Farmington serving as temporary chairman.

Invitations to the meeting have been mailed to doctors in Farmington; Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Redford. The objective of the meeting will be to brief the doctors on what has been done to date and what they can do, in their strategic position, to promote the building of St. Mary Hospital in the near future.

Board Obtains Site On 11 Mile Road Near Ridgewood

The Farmington Township Board, Tuesday evening, approved and accepted an option on the first of three suggested sites for the drilling of test wells to service the proposed water system for the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

Prior to the action Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, reported that the owners of all three sites had been contacted and invited to submit option proposals. As of Tuesday evening two of the three owners had filed option forms with the Board. Blanchard stated that he would contact the third owner Wednesday in an effort to secure his proposal.

The first site selected by the Board includes Lot 27 of Ridgewood Manor Subdivision located on Eleven Mile Road near Ridgewood Drive. According to the option, the Board agrees to pay 5% of the purchase price of \$5,000 for the privilege of drilling a test well on the property. If an adequate water supply is found, the Board agrees to purchase the property with the 5% option being applied to the purchase price. On the other hand, if the supply is insufficient the Board agrees to pay the 5% option figure and to leave the existing well after restoring the property to its original condition. A section of the road but the Board refused to take action because of the high cost of the property. The third site under consideration is located in East Orchard near the intersection of Farmington Road and north of Ten Mile.

A RESOLUTION was approved by the Board to adopt the City of Detroit's standard form subject to recommendations to be submitted by Albert Gain, Building Inspector, and A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. It was suggested that the hearing schedule be employed on a part-time basis. His compensation would come from a percentage of the inspection fees. A section of the road was necessary because of the increased building in the Township.

Action was taken approving a petition for the detachment of 2.16 acres of land east of the Detroit and north of Shiawassee from the Township for annexation to the City. The Council has already agreed to annex the property subject to approval by the Township. At the present time the property is unimproved and is accessible only through the City. The Board is invited to invite a representative of the Farmington (Continued on Page 3A)

Open Final Ticket Sale For Lectures

Members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club are this week making a final concerted effort to inform the citizens of the community of the opportunity to attend the Open Final Ticket Sale for 1955-56 Travel and Adventure Series.

Tickets are being distributed as fast as the individual Kiwanians can sell them. The Farmington Kiwanis Club is in the process of distributing tickets in order that as many people as possible may be reached before the first lecture on October 8. While every effort is being made to contact all persons interested in the series, some will be unintentionally missed. Therefore, arrangements have been made so that season tickets can be secured by calling GE. 4-2531 or MA. 6-2254. Carl Wheaton, chairman of tickets and promotion, announced this week that season tickets will also be on sale at the door of the series at the first lecture.

The series will open on October 8 with the world famous lecturer and traveler, Singapore Joe Fisher. His topic will be "Outstanding Film on 'China and the Orient.'" Fisher will be followed by five other well-known lecturers and photographers. The programs will be held in the Farmington Junior High School Auditorium beginning at 8:15 p.m. All children accompanied by their parents will be admitted free of charge. The proceeds from the series will go to charity.

Blue Daisy Sale Set For This Friday, Saturday

Members of the Farmington Blue Star Mothers will conduct their Annual Blue Daisy Sale throughout the community on Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1.

The proceeds from the sale of Blue Daisies will be used for charitable work in aiding veterans and their families. Members of the organization will be located in many places throughout the Farmington business areas during the two-day sale.

Both days have been set aside by the School departments through the Junior department. The church's building program also calls for erection of a new parsonage in the Alta Loma Park Subdivision and enlargement and modernization of present kitchen facilities at the church.

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