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Authorize Steps To Solve Water Difficulties At Middlebelt School

Water To Be Transported From Outside Sources Until Satisfactory Direct Supply Can Be Found

Water difficulties at the Middlebelt Elementary School received the major attention of the Farmington School Board at a regular meeting on Monday evening.

Board action was called for by the Board following a disclosure that normal water usage was being restricted at the school. School officials were authorized to have drilling operations started at once on a new well at a point already selected.

Instructional officials to arrange for transporting and storing of water at the school to assure a sufficient supply until a direct source is found.

State Considers Purchase Of Childrens Hosp.

Seek New Facilities For Retarded Children

The possible purchase of the Farmington Children's Hospital by the State of Michigan for the treatment of mentally retarded and defective children is expected to be announced at the special session of the State Legislature, set to open on November 1.

Purchase of the private institution has been suggested by Charles F. Wagg, State Director of Mental Health. Wagg, at the request of Governor G. Mennen Williams, has conducted a survey of every hospital facility in the state in an effort to locate sufficient facilities for the treatment of mental patients. The director stated in the report that the Farmington hospital would provide 300 beds.

Wagg also suggested that the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Pontiac be purchased. This facility would provide an additional 350 beds. Negotiations are now under way in an effort to set a price on both the Farmington Hospital and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

According to Governor Williams, the report shows that, by emergency measures, facilities can be secured for the treating of 1,350 mentally retarded children.

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Overseas Mailing Dates Announced

Postmaster Henry Trombley disclosed this week that ordinary parcel post packages should be mailed for overseas between October 15 and November 1 to insure delivery for Christmas.

Air-parcel post, he stated, may be mailed as late as December 1 for Christmas delivery. It is for parcels up to that medical and military supplies have the highest priority for air shipment.

Articles for overseas delivery must be packed in boxes of wood, metal, solid fiberboard or strong, double-faced corrugated cardboard, the Postmaster emphasized. Each box must be securely tied with cord and knotted at the corners. Tape sealing is permissible, but is not adequate in itself, it was further disclosed.

Limitations on the weight and contents of each overseas parcel are advised to check with the local postal clerk for the regulations which apply to the area concerned. Postmaster Trombley said.

AROUND THE BLOCK

A FORMER RESIDENT . . . of Farmington dropped in the other day to chat for a minute and pick up a copy of The Enterprise. During the course of the conversation he intimated that he should pick up a map, too, so that he could find his way around the old home town. It may be a little hard for those of us who are here all the time to realize just how much Farmington is changing. We see new houses going up every day along streets that were only once lines of rows of corn, and we hardly give it a second thought. But to those who have been away for several years, the contrast is amazing. If you really want to keep up to date on what is taking place, just jump in the family buggy every couple of weeks so and make a tour of the Farmington area . . . we think you will find the contrast mighty amazing too!

THIS SATURDAY . . . marks the beginning of another test of Farmington's community responsibility. Approximately 400 citizens have volunteered their services in order to prove that the people of Farmington can and will support their community. They will be knocking on your door and mine within the next few days in behalf of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest. No, this is not just another drive, it is a community effort. By giving to this campaign, you are lending your support to a large number of local, county and state organizations who are doing a job for you and your community. It is the responsibility of each and every one of us to accept the challenge that has been placed before us. This is a community campaign, let's make it something we will all be proud of!

RECORD TURN-OUTS . . . procedure at the annual get-togethers being are becoming staid. The various elementary schools throughout the Farmington District. Both the Bond and Middlebelt Schools attracted large groups of parents during their recent programs, and the Ten Mile Elementary School was a mighty busy place. Turn-outs are particularly encouraging to the teachers and the administrative staffs who are doing everything possible to stimulate interest in the education program. Knowing your schools is an important part of being a good parent and good citizen, and there is no better way to know than to see for yourself.

TOWNSHIP TAKES STEPS TO CREATE NEW LIBRARY

County To Start New Salk Polio Vaccine Program

Receive New Allotment Of Serum From State

Sufficient Salk Polio Vaccine is being allocated to the Oakland County Health Department for the immunization of all eligible children in the County, Dr. John Monroe, Health Director, announced this week.

Special orders, containing instructions regarding the vaccine program, will be sent home with 24. Parents are requested, wherever possible, to contact their family doctor in accordance with the instructions on the envelope. Each dose of vaccine given out by the County Health Department, either in clinics or through private physicians, will be recorded on the individual child's card. This will form a permanent record for the evaluation of the vaccine.

The first to be inoculated in the County will be kindergartners and first grade youngsters. As soon as additional supplies have been received, all eligible children through nine years of age, whose shot series are incomplete, will also be included in the program.

In the first stage of the polio program, first and second graders were given two doses of the vaccine. About 325,000 children in the State of Michigan were vaccinated. As soon as vaccine has been given to the five through nine year olds.

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Seek Improvements Plan To Set Up JC Civic Fund

Plans for the establishment of a special \$1,000 fund, to be disbursed for civic improvements, were made by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Monday evening. The fund would be used for improvements not provided for in any regular budgets, stated William Conroy, Jaycee president.

A tennis court for the area and a maintenance man to keep the ice skating rink in the City Park in good condition and free from snow were discussed as possible uses of the money.

Establishment of the fund and plans to which it might be put will be further discussed at future meetings.

Add New Course To Farmington Adult Program

A new physical education course for women is being added to the Farmington Adult Education program, beginning this Thursday, October 13, James Read, Assistant Superintendent, announced Monday.

The new course will be held Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. in the new senior high school, gymnasium on Shawnessy Street. Miss Eleanor Thompson has been selected as instructor for the new course. Women interested in the physical education classes may register by calling the Board of Education office at GR. 4-1133 or by attending the first class Thursday evening.

Plan Physical Education Classes For Women

The Board stated that there are still openings in the wood shop and knitting courses. Registrations will be taken for these classes up to and including Thursday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. Persons wishing to contribute their time and effort in the campaign are urged to contact Sanderson at GR. 4-4823 or GR. 4-4843.

Certify Results Of School Vote

The Clarenceville Board of Education, Thursday evening, officially certified by resolution the results of the special tax levy election held on October 3.

According to the resolution, the official vote on the question of whether or not to extend the five mill tax levy for operation for an additional five years was 197 yes and 15 no. Board officials stated the voted tax extension will begin with the 1956 tax and will continue through 1960. The present levy continues through this year.

Officials emphasized that the new tax is merely an extension and will not result in an increase of the present levy. The funds will be used for operational purposes only, such as bus transportation, teachers' salaries, instructional supplies and related services.

Board members were also advised that work is progressing on the new classroom addition to the Botsford School. As of last week, the footings for the addition had been poured and work had been started on the laying of cinder blocks for the kindergarten and multi-purpose room section.

The addition will include five classrooms as well as a kitchen and multi-purpose room.

Plans Complete For Opening Of 1955 United Fund Campaign Saturday

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Plan To Award US-16 Expressway Contracts Oct. 19

Two New Overpasses Included In Projects

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The two bridge projects include overpasses at Ten Mile Road, just west of Farmington, and at Novi Road, about one-quarter of a mile north of Novi. The bridge to carry Ten Mile Road over the Expressway will be of reinforced concrete and steel structure, approximately 245 feet long. It will have a clearance varying in width from 48 to 60 feet, and with two 3-foot-wide sidewalks.

The project will also include the construction and removal of a temporary road to handle Ten Mile Road traffic during the construction, as well as about 154 feet of approach grading and concrete pavement. The completion date for this project has been set for July 15, 1956.

FINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN BEL-AIRE SUB

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A total of 362 certificates of occupancy were issued within the subdivision. Before the development can be finally approved, the City Council must accept the facilities, such as roads, sidewalks, sewers and water lines. This is expected to be done within the next few weeks.



INSTALLATION of shut-off valves on water mains from the new wells to the existing city water system was hampered last week by heavy rains. A workman can be seen above pumping rain water from a section of the excavation. Removal of the water was necessary before the shut-off valves or hydrants could be installed. Some sections of water main must still be placed before the tie-in can be completed. While work on the laying of mains continues, pumps are being transferred and preparations are being made for construction of pump houses at the new well site.

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Proposed Millage Levy To Require Vote Of Electors

The Farmington Township Board, Tuesday evening, approved a resolution to establish a library district in conjunction with the City and to request the qualified electors to authorize the levying of a tax for the operation of the proposed new library.

According to the provisions of the resolution the library district would be administered by a Board consisting of two members each from the City and Township. This Board would be empowered to handle the administration of the Library District. The City Council previously approved a similar resolution.

The proposed tax levy would, according to the resolution, consist of 3/10 of a mill on the assessed valuation as equalized by the State. It was explained that this mill is necessary in order for the library district to qualify for state aid. Officials stated that the levy would assess \$10,334.90 on the present State assessed value. This Board's share on the same basis would be \$2268.07. In the case of the Township, the millage question will have to be submitted to the voters for approval.

LETTERS were received by the Board from the Normandy Hills Subdivision Association and from attorneys representing property owners in the area protesting any action to secure property options or to drill test wells in the vicinity of Eleven Mile Road and Ridgewood Drive. The attorneys pointed out that it would be a violation of Subdivision restrictions to drill such wells in the area and that the property can not be obtained legally except through condemnation. The letter indicated that legal action would be initiated if the Board attempted to use the property.

Property owners in Glen Orchard Subdivision, located east of Farmington Road and north of Ten Mile Road, also voiced objection to the drilling of test wells in the area. Both the Normandy Hills and Glen Orchard groups spoke in favor of the establishment of a Township-wide water authority. A check of the minutes disclosed that the previous motion regarding the Ridgewood Manor (Continued on Page 5A)

City Water Project Nears Completion

Work is continuing on the expansion of the city water system in spite of some delay because of weather and shortage of materials, officials reported this week.

The water main, connecting the new wells to the existing system, has been installed along the Cut-Off and Gill Road almost to Grand River. It is expected that the line will be extended to Pickett sometime during the week. A tunnel under Grand River in the vicinity of Shawnessy has also been completed preparatory to the installation of the water main.

Work was begun early in the week on the final installation of the first pump at the new well site. This pump will be placed in operation before the second unit is installed. Bids have also been received on the construction of two pump houses and a control house at the well site. It is expected that the contracts will be awarded within the next few days.

Heavy rains during the latter part of the week caused considerable delay in the installation.

NEW CITY BUILDING CODE NOW BEING ENFORCED

Officials reported Monday that the new building code of the City of Farmington, which became effective on Friday, October 7, is now being enforced.

Norbert Ratajsky, Building Inspector, stated that the fee schedule is the same as that approved by the City Council several months ago. The Inspector added that the new code is being enforced as a building permit is also the same as previously followed.

Copies of the new regulations, the Abridged Edition of the Building Official's Conference Code, are being ordered and will be available upon delivery to the City.

BOY SCOUT TROOP TO HOLD PAPER DRIVE OCTOBER 22

Members of Boy Scout Troop 45 will hold a special scrap paper drive Saturday, October 22, officials announced this week.

A collection point has been established in the rear of the City Hall on Oakland Avenue. Persons are invited to bring their old newspapers and magazines to this location for collection. For special pick-up, residents are requested to contact Louis Wilson at GR. 4-2919 prior to October 22.

Record Continues Township Issues 325 New Home Building Permits In Three Months

New home construction throughout the Farmington Township area is continuing to rise at an ever increasing rate, according to the latest record-breaking totals released by Township officials.

During the third quarter a total of 325 building permits were issued by the Township, carrying an estimated total cost of \$5,771,077. This is the largest single quarter in the history of the Township. Because of the limited availability of land, 25 permits were issued in the City during the quarter, with an estimated value of \$299,000.

July was the heaviest month in the Township as far as the number of permits was concerned, although August topped the list in estimated value. During July, 119 dwellings in an estimated cost of \$1,669,800. In August, 104 permits were released carrying an estimated value of \$2,055,832. During September, the final month of the quarter, 102 permits were issued at an estimated cost of \$1,685,445.

In addition to the residential building, eight permits were issued for commercial structures in the Township during the quarter. August was the most active month with five permits being released, carrying an estimated value of \$51,400. Four permits were issued in July at an estimated cost of \$124,900, and three were released in September with an estimated value of \$61,500.

September was the leading month during the quarter as far as the City is concerned, with 18 permits being issued for one-family dwellings at an estimated cost of \$180,500. During July, three permits were released carrying an estimated value of \$41,000, and four were issued in August with an estimated value of \$77,500. There was only one commercial building permit issued during the quarter. Permits for garages and additions totaled 52 for the three months period.

New construction in the Township thus far this year is far in excess of any previous record and officials predict that the increased activity will continue throughout the fourth quarter.



CLARENCEVILLE High School's new lighted athletic field was officially dedicated last Friday evening in special ceremonies prior to the football game between the Trojans and Middlebelt. Special recognition was paid to the numerous groups and organizations who, through various projects and solicitation drives, raised the funds for the material and installation of lighting equipment. Shown above is a portion of the group representing those organizations. They sat in a special section on the sidelines during the pre-game program. Friday's contest was also the Homecoming Game for Clarenceville High School and a large number of alumni attended. Susan Hawkins, this year's Homecoming Queen, was crowned at a dance following the game.

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