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City Council Asks Planning Group To Study Financing Of Parking Lot

Suggest Establishing Assessment District In Business Area To Cover Construction Cost

The City Council, Monday evening, formally requested the Planning Commission to initiate a study on the methods of financing the proposed public parking lot south of Grand River and west of Precise Tool Company, and to submit their recommendations at the earliest possible date.

The request was made following a detailed discussion of the problem by the Council. James Tennant, City Manager, presented plans and specifications for development of the proposed parking lot, which would provide space for approximately 101 cars. The area, which was drafted by Francis X. Bradley, registered engineer, Tennant stated that the estimated cost of the project would be approximately \$15,000.

Several members of the Council objected to the use of public monies for the development of parking space which, they stated, would be the principal benefit to the merchants. They argued that the benefitting merchants should stand the cost of the improvement, since the property was being furnished by the City. Several other members expressed the opinion that it should be a joint effort between the city and the merchants.

School Officials Wait For Driver Training Details

New Law Requires Driver Course In H. S.

On the basis of action taken last week at the special session of the State Legislature, driver training classes are expected to be initiated and expanded in the Farmington and Clareville School Districts. School officials stated Monday that no definite information on the driver training legislation has been forwarded to the local districts as yet. The Farmington Fire Department has been offering the training courses at the present time. The Clareville high school has offered driver training for several years to both students and adults. Clareville school officials indicated, however, that the program would probably have to be expanded as a result of the new legislation.

ACCORDING to the preliminary information on the new set-up, driver training would be made a requirement for the securing of a driver's license. Each school would receive \$25 per driver training enrollee, which would be used to finance the program in the District. It is expected that the new regular school program. The securing of qualified instructors and the development of the course, in addition to the necessary facilities, will be the responsibility of the individual school districts.

FOUR CAR SMASHUP OCCURS ON US-16 NEAR NINE MILE

Four cars were damaged Monday shortly after 7 p.m. in an accident on US-16 east of Nine Mile.

The accident occurred when an auto, driven by Margaret N. Shanahan of 22437 Brookdale, traveling east on US-16, smashed into the rear of a car driven by Francis H. Schloss of 21580 Power Road, parked at the curb. The Schloss vehicle was driven forward, causing damage to the rear end of the car in front of it. None of the three parked cars were occupied.

Mrs. Shanahan refused medical attention following the accident. It was reported Tuesday, however, that she suffered two cracked ribs.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE FIRST SNOW — The first snow of the season began tumbling to earth late Monday night and continued through most of the hours of Tuesday. We have had a few white flakes in the air during the past several weeks, but this is the first real snow of the season. As a result, there are a lot of predictions going around about what kind of a winter we can expect throughout the next five or six months. We can't say for sure, but it is interesting to note that the first real snowfall of 1954 occurred in late October. So what does that mean? We don't know, except that winter is apparently here and it will probably stick around for quite some time.

NEXT TUESDAY

is supposed to wind up the 1955 Farmington Area-United Fund and Community Chest campaign. You notice we said "supposed" since this week's report shows that only about 22% of the goal has been reached thus far. Every effort is being made to step up the campaign in order to meet the quota in the prescribed time. However, such an effort will require the full cooperation of every solicitor and every contributor. If success is to be achieved, the very importance of this annual campaign can not be minimized. The future growth and progress of four vital local services are dependent upon its success. The Boy Scouts, the Recreation Nurse Service, and the Farmington and Clareville Recreation Center all depend upon the bulk of their finances from this campaign. Don't let them down. Give now and give generously to your Farmington United Fund. Let's put this drive over the top!

LET US FORGET

November 11, is "Veterans' Day," a day set aside to honor those men and women who have taken up arms in the defense of their country. Formally known as Armistice Day, November 11 marks the anniversary of the Township offices will be closed all day, as is the Farmington-Post Office and the Farmington State Bank. So, if you have some important business to transact at any of these offices, do it before Friday and then take a few minutes off on November 11 to pay tribute to those Americans who have made "Veterans' Day" possible.

BOARD APPROVES NEW TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODE

Secure Option For Proposed Junior H. S. Site

Plan Farmington School Unit On 12 Mile Road



The Kendallwood Corporation has submitted an option to the Farmington School Board regarding a site for a proposed junior high school building. The site is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road, approximately half way between Farmington Road and Power Road. According to the proposal submitted by the corporation, the Board has until February 1, 1956, to execute the option. At the time of execution of the option, the Board agrees to pay the corporation \$5,000 with the balance of the total \$36,000 price to be paid upon delivery of the warranty deed. Thus the total cost of the land to the District is approximately \$1,850 per acre.

FLAMES BURN through the remains of the H & L Lumber Company which was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Firemen from all three Farmington Township Fire Departments battled the flames for hours before bringing under control. The fire, which was first reported at approximately 6:00 p.m., resulted in an estimated loss of \$15,000. The lumber company is located on Ten Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road. This was the second major blaze to occur in the Farmington area during the week end. Friday evening, the administration building at Boys Republic was severely damaged by fire.

Transportation Committee To Seek Bus Service For All Grade Children

Abandon Hopes That Safety Program Will Solve All Problems Relative To Safety Of Youngsters

A special transportation committee composed of representatives from each of the elementary schools in the Farmington Township School District resolved at a meeting Wednesday evening, November 2, to concentrate on securing bus transportation for all elementary children in the school district. The committee restated at the meeting that they were not objecting to the present school transportation which requires young students to walk as much as one mile to school and one-half mile to a bus stop but rather to the unsafe conditions under which they had to walk these distances. Decision was made to work toward bussing of all children rather than attempting to set up a safety program which would satisfactorily eliminate all reported unsafe conditions under which children are now being required to walk.

Expand Formation Of School Group

Further details on the organization of a Citizens Advisory Committee to aid the Clareville School Board in the formation of plans for a proposed new high school building were developed at a special meeting held Tuesday evening.

Seek Information Plan To Start Retail Shopping Survey Of Farmington Area This Week

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Goodfellows Set Paper Sale Date

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Board Also Takes Action To Adopt Gas And Oil Burner Ordinance

Campaign Scheduled To Close On Tuesday

Unanimous approval was given by the Township Board Tuesday evening to separate resolutions calling for the adoption of a new building code as well as a gas and oil burner code.

United Fund Drive Lags With 22% Of Quota Reported

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Omar Sanderson, chairman of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest campaign, reported Tuesday that only 22% of the 1955 quota has been collected to date with the drive scheduled to close next Tuesday.

Plan New Lights In Business Area

City officials have been advised by the Detroit Edison Company that work is expected to begin within the next few weeks on the proposed "wide area" street lighting program in the business district.

Separate Fires Plague Area Over Week End

Two major fires struck the Farmington area over the week end, completely destroying the H & L Lumber Company and causing considerable damage to the administration building of Boys Republic.

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SIGNING UP

two more donors for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. Mrs. W. Allen Nelson of 23708 Warner Avenue, Mrs. Roberta Hoffman of 2104 Jefferson, at right, fill out a donor's card while Clarence Mulligan, owner of the Grand Cab Company and a regular donor, looks on. A total of 39 persons have volunteered to give blood when the mobile unit comes to Farmington on Tuesday, November 22, Mrs. Fred Lent, chairman, stated.