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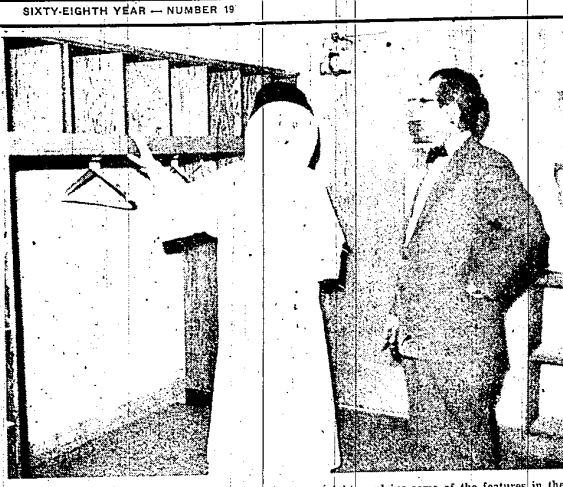
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HIGH SCHOOL students of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will soon move into the new high school now under construction just north of the church on Power Road, a report from Charles D. Hannan, school architect, disclosed this week. Finishing touches are being completed on the classrooms, which should be ready for occupancy within the next two weeks. Han-

nan, right, explains some of the features in the classrooms of the new principal. The school will accommodate Catholic students in the ninth and tenth grades for the remainder of the school year. It is planned to admit eleventh grade students for the following year and add the twelfth grade the succeeding year.

Expect To Start Sewer Project In Late Spring

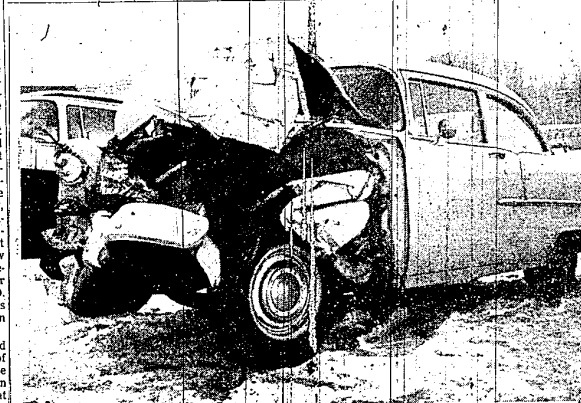
Interceptor Committee To Work On Financing

Members of the Farmington Sewer Interceptor Committee were advised Tuesday morning that construction of the proposed interceptor is expected to start late this spring or early summer. The committee was formed at a meeting of the Committee held Tuesday morning in the West Bloomfield Township Hall. Representatives of all the communities involved in the project were invited to attend the meeting, which was called to discuss methods of financing the project. The township supervisor of West Bloomfield Township, is the new chairman of the Committee, replacing James Tennant, former Farmington City Manager. Of Farmington Councilmen, is the new city representative on the Committee.

IN ANNOUNCING the proposed starting time for construction of the sewer interceptor, the committee was advised that it was strictly an estimate. Officials stated that they had reason to expect that the construction could begin in late spring or early summer. The actual date will depend to a large extent on the progress of final engineering and financing. The organization of the interceptor was completed on January 30 when the Oakland County Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of an Authority to administer the proposed system.

Consider Purchase Of Voting Machines For Three Election Precincts In City

Council Delays Action Until Next Regular Meeting



A TANGLED mass of metal is all that remains of the motor and front portion of the auto, above, which was rammed into the rear of a truck last Friday night, resulting in fatal injuries to Frank Platz of Farmington. The accident occurred on Eight Mile Road, one-half mile east of Farmington Road, around 10:30 p.m. The photo was taken last Saturday morning at the Berling-McHugh Ford agency, where the auto was towed after the accident.

Consideration on the possible purchase of voting machines for city election precincts was initiated at the regular meeting of the Council held Monday evening. A representative of Doubleday Brothers appeared before the Council to discuss the merits of the machines as well as their operation. It was pointed out during the discussion that under the new state election laws, the city will be required to set up five voting precincts if paper ballots are continued or three precincts if machines are used. This is based on the requirement of one precinct for every 500 voters using paper ballots and one precinct for every 1,400 voters using machines. It is estimated that a total of nine machines would be needed in the city to take care of present and future needs.

The machines can be rented on the basis of \$150 per year for each unit with the provisions that after the first year they can be purchased at a cost of \$1,445 each. In the case of rental and purchase, the \$150 fee is applied to the purchase price. It is estimated that approximately 35 election workers would be needed for a 20-hour period of the paper ballots are continued in use, while approximately 21 would be needed for a 15-hour period if machines were acquired. Action was taken by the Council to table the matter until the next regular meeting.

Chairman Of Township Water Group Urges Workers To Speed Petitioning

Set March 15 As Deadline For Circulating Petitions Among Owners Of Improved Property

Members of the Farmington Township Citizens' Water Committee, along with 30 volunteer workers, met Sunday afternoon, February 5 at the Town Hall to discuss the progress on circulation of petitions for the proposed water system in the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, chairman of the Committee, outlined to the workers the advantages of a water system to this community. He stated that "the health of the community depends to a large extent on whether or not we have water."

Without water, many homes are without water and others have shallow wells. With over 300 outside toilets in the area, these wells are in constant danger of contamination. We are fortunate indeed that we have not experienced an epidemic. If such an epidemic occurs, not only will the residents be affected, but the entire township and surrounding areas will suffer. Dr. Gadbaw stated.

A NUMBER of objections to the proposed water system have been raised by individuals and subdivision groups who are concerned with the source of supply for the system. The objections have been voiced at both Township Board meetings and public water meetings. The individuals and groups have expressed concern over what ground water is used for the system. One possible well site has been suggested in the vicinity of Eleven Mile Road and Middlefield, while another has been recommended in the vicinity of the

Township Begins Final Preparation For Library Vote

Clerk Secures Material For Feb. 21 Election

Arrangements are now being made by Township Clerk Floyd Cairns for the securing of absentee ballots and setting up of voting machines to be used in the special Farmington Township Library election, set for Tuesday, February 21.

The voting machines will be used in all four precincts of the Township during the special election. The four precincts are located as follows: Precinct One, Town Hall; Precinct Two, First Hill on Wheeler Street; Precinct Three, Middlebelt School; and Precinct Four, Bond School. The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

COUNCIL TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS THIS WEEK FOR MANAGER

Members of the City Council are expected to get together sometime this week to discuss the applications for City Manager and to set a date for personal interviews.

It was announced Monday that a total of 30 applications were received for the vacancy in the position of City Manager, February 1. The individual members of the Council have been reviewing the applications and it is expected that the best candidates will be selected at the informal meeting for personal interviews.

Set For February 23 City Postpones Hearing Date On Zoning Revision

The public hearing on the proposed revised City Zoning Ordinance, originally scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 23, has been postponed to Thursday evening, February 23, city officials reported Tuesday.

The hearing has been postponed to provide additional time for the preparation of copies of the proposed ordinance for distribution to the Council members. The hearing, which has been called by the City Council to hear any objections to the proposal, is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. A number of groups and individuals have indicated that they will be present at the hearing to voice objections to some of the provisions of the proposed map and ordinance.

Police To Discuss Wages With City

Members of the Farmington Police Department will appear before the City Council next Monday evening at a special hearing for the purpose of discussing wage grievances.

The hearing has been granted to the police officers in accordance with provisions of the city charter. A formal request for the hearing was filed with the Council by the police officers. The request was signed by a list of the policemen, with copies going to the Police Chief and the City Manager. The hearing will be held in the City Council, which set up the hearing date.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER HIRED AT CLARENCEVILLE

Officials of the Clarenceville School District announced this week that Catherine B. Ayres has been employed as a special education teacher in the elementary schools of the system as part of the Oakland County Special Education Program.

The employment of a special education teacher, approximately 130 boys and girls in the Clarenceville system will receive special training. This represents an increase in the number of students who are now receiving training.

Farmington Man Fatally Injured In Auto Accident On Eight Mile Road

Frank Platz Dies In Collision Friday Night; Three Others Injured In Township Mishaps

Frank A. Platz, 63, of 25650 Eight Mile Road, was fatally injured Friday evening when his auto, in which he was traveling alone, smashed into the rear of a truck on Eight Mile Road, one-half mile east of Farmington Road.

The truck, driven by Thomas J. Swiries of Dearborn, had stopped to make a right turn into a private drive. The accident occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Platz with a Requiem High Mass being offered at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Platz was well known in the Farmington area having resided here for the past 16 years.

Sixteen year old Essie Cole of 882 Dunreath, Walled Lake, suffered lacerations and bruises about her face and body early Monday evening when her auto skidded on icy pavement and smashed into a "no parking" sign and a telephone pole.

THE ACCIDENT occurred on US-10 one-half mile west of Ten Mile Road, at 7:35 p.m. She was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

Last Thursday, Homer Lutz of 19300 Newbury Road in Livonia, suffered lacerations about the face and head when the car in which he was traveling with Delmer H. Irvin, Pontiac, collided with an auto driven by William VanHedrick of Ann Arbor. The accident occurred on Eight Mile Road near Haggerty Road when the VanHedrick auto skidded into the path of the Irvin vehicle.

CITY AND TOWNSHIP OFFICES PLAN TO CLOSE MONDAY

City and Township offices will be closed next Monday, February 13, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday, a legal holiday.

Because Lincoln's Birthday falls on Sunday, the holiday will be observed the following day. The offices will also be closed for the day, but the Farmington Post Office will remain open.

Plan To Set Date Of Special School Election Tuesday

Board To Discuss Sites At Regular Meeting

Action is expected to be taken by the Farmington School Board Tuesday evening on the setting of a date for a special election to consider the proposed \$2,000,000 bond issue for construction of new school buildings.

The regular meeting of the Board has been shifted from Monday evening to Tuesday evening, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. by members of the Board. It has been recommended that the special election be held the latter part of March. This would provide sufficient time for the conducting of a special registration period as well as compliance with the legal requirements for the posting of notices and the inserting of registration and election advertisements.

It is proposed that the \$2,000,000 bond issue be used for the construction of a new junior high school building as well as three new elementary schools. An option has already been secured on a site for the proposed junior high school building on Twelve Mile Road east of Farmington Road. The site includes approximately 20 acres and is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road.

A REPORT on the progress of securing sites for future elementary school buildings will also be presented at the Tuesday evening meeting. Individual members of the Board have been contacting various property owners throughout the Farmington area in an effort to secure land options. Officials indicated that some progress has been made in negotiations with the property owners.

The locations of the specific sites are being withheld pending the securing of options.

Discuss Financing Of Proposed H. S.

A report of the bonding potential of the Clarenceville School District in connection with the proposed construction of a new high school building was the principal order of business at the meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee held Monday evening.

The discussion centered around a report submitted to the Committee in writing by Dell and Hebert School Attorneys. The report disclosed that up to \$750,000 could be levied at the present time without the District incurring above the 15% limitation. Officials pointed out that this figure is based on the present equalized value of the District.

It is estimated that this would be sufficient to construct the first unit of the proposed new high school building. Some discussion was held on the question of administrative costs and interest if money was borrowed from the state for this project. Additional information on this question will be submitted to the Committee.

Preliminary plans for the proposed school are expected to be reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting of March 5. It was also suggested that contacts be made with various industrial firms to determine what they would recommend in the way of curriculum and facilities.

CITY EXPERIENCES RECORD BUILDING IN PAST SIX YEARS

According to Norbert Rafalsky, Building Inspector, new home construction in the City of Farmington during the period from early 1,1950, to December 31, 1955, totals 110,651,520.

This figure represents the estimated cost of building construction exclusive of lot. Construction of commercial buildings during the six-year period is estimated at \$748,850. While industrial construction covering churches, schools and non-taxable buildings, is estimated at \$1,459,871 and industrial construction is estimated at \$13,200.



AROUND THE BLOCK

LAST MONDAY - Day for ducks unless they happened to have a pair wasn't very good. In fact, it was about the slipperiest, sloppiest day we have seen around here in many a moon. Practically everything, including "Tabby" the stray cat, was running behind schedule or not running at all. About the most interesting people in town were the one not running at all, about the most interesting people in town were the one not running at all, about the most interesting people in town were the one not running at all.

EVERY DOG ... according to an old saying, and from the inquiries we have been receiving the days are apparently long and numerous. Many residents have asked us what can be done about the problem of stray dogs which seem to frequent our community. In the case and what regulations are required of dog owners. In the case and what regulations are required of dog owners. In the case and what regulations are required of dog owners.

A GREAT MANY ... interesting and informative "letters to the editor" are directed our way each week on matters of vital concern to the community. As we have stated before, we not only like to get these letters but we like to pass them on to our readers. Unfortunately, many of them do not contain a return address and are forwarded without a signature. We want to emphasize that the person's name will be withheld upon request and will not be disclosed to anyone. However, the letter can not be published unless the writer's signature is enclosed with the correspondence. So, drop us a line anytime and select whatever signature you wish for publication, but please include your real name. It will be kept in strict confidence if you say so.



DETROIT EDISON crewmen began work the latter part of last week on the project to expand and improve lighting facilities in the business district in the City of Farmington. Workers are shown digging another post hole for a sidewalk lamp on Farmington Road near the Farmington State Bank Building. Directional lighting system and other change-over work on the present lighting system is scheduled for completion within the next six weeks.

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