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Clarenceville Voters Approve Bond Issue For New High School Unit

Proposed \$750,000 Issue Carries By Large Majority In Special Election Monday

Voters of the Clarenceville School District, at a special election Monday, overwhelmingly approved a \$750,000 bond issue to finance construction of the first unit of a new high school building.

In an extremely light vote, the electors approved the bond issue 180 yeas to 40 noes. Officials estimate that the vote, which was restricted to property owners, represents between 10% and 15% of the qualified voters. The election was held at the Clarenceville High School. Under the provisions of the law, a simple majority of the votes cast was required for passage.

School officials stated that the official vote will be certified by the Board of Education at its next meeting Thursday evening. Action will be initiated immediately on the draft of legal papers in connection with the bond issue. The papers include the preparation of a bond resolution as well as an application to the Municipal Finance Commission for authority to proceed with the bond issue. This authority must be secured before the bonds can be sold.

ACTION is also expected to be started immediately on the preparation of detailed plans and specifications for the initial unit of the high school. Preliminary sketches of the proposed building have already been drafted by the architect and examined by the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Board. Officials stated that both the school architect and architect are expected to have the basic material ready by the middle of May. The proposed new high school is to be located on Middlebelt Road across from the present high school building. It is estimated that \$750,000 will be required to construct the first unit of the school as well as furnish and equip the new classrooms. The site for the new building is already owned by the School District.

\$2,629 Collected In Cancer Drive

A total of \$2,629.24 was collected in the Farmington area Cancer Fund Raising Drive conducted last week. Harry Walters, local chairman of the drive, reported that the money has now been sent to the Southeastern Michigan Division of the American Cancer Society to be used in providing services for the people of Farmington and to support programs of education and research.

Aiding Walters as co-chairman were Mrs. Charles G. Walters and Mrs. Mrs. Eck Gebben, Mrs. Terrell Huston and Mrs. Dawson Hubert. Among the organizations giving assistance were the Farmington Chapter of the Exchange Club, Explorer Boy Scouts and the First Methodist Church.

Group leaders who were responsible for organizing the drive included: (Continued on Page 8A)

AROUND THE BLOCK

APPARENTLY NO ONE HAS TOLD the weatherman that it's Spring, but it is just the same. Regardless of the temperature, there are enough signs around to prove without a question of a doubt that the new season is here. New home construction is on the upswing once again, Farmington residents are beginning to get in shape for another busy season. Yes, everybody seems to know it's Spring; except the weatherman and maybe it's just because he hasn't been properly advised about the situation. So, you hope he casts an eye at the weather when this week's forecast. He has a little change of scenery about now to make our Spring a bit more realistic. How about it, Mr. Weatherman?

THE TASK of getting the cloth to fit the pattern is not an easy undertaking, as the City Council can well testify at this point. They are presently engaged in the difficult operation of trying to outfit a growing community on a limited amount of cloth. The demands for salary increases on the part of city employees are not very logical but very justified. There is no question but what these raises should be made in respect to the individuals and the city as a whole. Where the money is to come from is a major problem which must be solved by the Council. We do not envy them the task they have before them. The eventual answer to this growing problem rests in a re-evaluation of the financial structure of the city and an improvement of the overall tax base. This can not be done overnight, but it should be a principal subject of study and discussion in the coming ahead.

WE WISH TO ADD a few words of commendation to those already issued by Red Cross officials in connection with the successful Blood Bank held last week at the Anteaan Legion Home. The fact that Farmington has once again answered the call for blood is hardly news, because they have been doing it for more years than we want to remember. This in itself is an outstanding tribute to the cause of helping one another. To many volunteers who have assisted with the organization and conducting of the blood bank through the years and to the even larger number of volunteers who have given their blood that other night, we extend our sincere congratulations. You have given yourself and your community a record to be proud of.



ROAD PATCHING work is well under way on a 1.36 mile stretch of Ten Mile Road extending from Power Road in Farmington to Telegraph Road in Southfield. Concrete patching of the entire length was the first phase of an overall resurfacing program is scheduled for completion on or before July 15. Work will be started soon afterward on the complete resurfacing of the main east-west highway with bituminous concrete, the Oakland County Road Commission disclosed. The above picture, taken last week just east of Woodhull Subdivision, shows a shovel engaged in clearing broken concrete from a portion of the road, to be filled with new concrete base.

City Granted Extension Of Deadline On Awarding Interceptor Contracts

Attorney General's Office Sets New July 1 Date Following Conference With City Officials

Authorization has been granted to the City of Farmington for a brief extension of the deadline on awarding of construction contracts for the sewer interceptor, Earl Scheriffus, City Manager, announced Monday.

The authorization was granted during a meeting Monday morning between City officials and representatives of the Attorney General's office and the Water Resources Commission. The deadline, originally stipulated in the revised Court Decree for April 1, has been extended to July 1, 1956. The extension was granted in view of the fact that the city has made in connection with the project. The July 1 deadline covers the contracts for sewer main and construction of a pumping station.

Plans and specifications for the sewer interceptor have been filed with the Michigan Department of Health and the application for permission to sell \$450,000 in bonds to finance the project has been approved by the Municipal Finance Commission. It is estimated that \$450,000 will be required to construct the interceptor line from Farmington to the Detroit system near Eight Mile and Telegraph Roads as well as the necessary pumping station and storm water treatment plant. According to the Attorney General's Office, the project will be completed by July 1, 1956.

Zoning Proposals Filed With Board

Two petitions were filed with the Township Board last Wednesday evening requesting the rezoning of separate parcels of land from residential to commercial.

The one petition was filed by property owners living along the east side of Hargerty Road between 9 and 9 1/2 Miles Road. Approximately 40 acres of land are involved in the request. A program with the township is already in progress to develop a racetrack site. It was pointed out by the property owners that the request for rezoning is contingent upon the outcome of the racetrack proposal. The matter was turned over to the Planning Board for study.

Residents Approve Paving Project

A majority of the property owners living along Alta Loma Drive, between Farmington Road and Cass Avenue, verbally approved the establishment of a special assessing district for street paving. A public hearing held Monday evening.

The voice vote was taken among those property owners present at the hearing which was held in the Municipal Building. The vote followed a detailed discussion of the proposal as submitted by the City Manager. A number of objections were raised regarding the proposed City Zoning Ordinance, which would increase the width of the 30 foot width of the paving as well as the proportion of cost between the property owners and the city.

In the original petition filed by the property owners, a 28 foot (Continued on Page 8A)

COUNCIL TO ACT ON REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE MAY 7

A large delegation of property owners is expected to attend the May 7 meeting of the City Council when action will be taken on the proposed City Zoning Ordinance. Officials emphasized that since a public hearing has been held on the proposal, no further discussion will be heard from the floor. However, citizens are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to the Council action.

The principal interest in the proposal concerns the suggested establishment of a commercial area on the west side of Farmington Road between the Cut-Off and Alta Loma Drive. Property owners in the area have voiced strong objection to the proposal.

Board Considers Added Building Permit Regulation

Would Require Adequate Water And Sanitation

The Farmington Township Board, Tuesday evening, approved a motion instructing the Township Attorney to draft a proposed resolution which would require proper water supply and proper sanitary facilities before a building permit could be issued.

The motion was approved following the reading of a legal opinion on the question from A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. A resolution to this effect was approved at the Annual Township Meeting April 16. Leonard stated that, in his opinion, such a resolution would be binding on the Board if the Board so desired, and he would prepare a legal and enforceable resolution and submit it to them for consideration.

The attorney also stated in regard to the recommendation concerning appointment of a Township dog warden, that the Board has no authority to establish such a position since this is under County jurisdiction. He added that the Township Police file complaints in Justice Court regarding dog problems, but that the law does not provide for the hiring of a dog warden at the Township level. Several members stated that they felt more information should be secured on the subject.

Major discussion was devoted by the Township Board Monday night to the controversial proposal that the Board authorize the transportation of State reimbursable parochial school students on public school buses.

Discussion was prompted by the request of James Randolph, representing Our Lady of Sorrows Church, for a detailed study of the proposal he had made earlier. He stated that since the proposal had been made more than two months ago, he felt that action should be forthcoming.

Findings To Be Aired At Meeting On May 14

The Board indicated that such a study had not yet been made or discussion conducted, but that immediate steps would be taken to determine the feasibility of the proposal and action taken. Superintendent A. E. Dunckel stated that he had raised questions relative to such a program with the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, but had not yet received a reply.

RANDOLPH was instructed by the Board to obtain verification that Our Lady of Sorrows School meets all specifications to qualify for such service. He was also requested to obtain information on how many students would be using public school bus facilities if they should be provided.

BLOOD BANK NETS 101 PINTS DURING MONDAY'S VISIT

A total of 101 pints of blood were donated by Farmington residents during the Monday visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank. Mrs. Fred Lenzi, chairman, announced Tuesday.

Mrs. Lenzi stated that 134 prospective donors, out of an advance registration of 175, appeared at the blood bank on Monday. Of the 134 volunteers, 53 were rejected for various reasons. Red Cross officials expressed their appreciation to the committee and the people of Farmington for their help.

Select Top Seniors

The Clarenceville High School seniors who were selected for academic honors among its graduating seniors have been awarded to Glenn Kelly, Barbara Schmidt, and Bob Barnes.

Glenn Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelly of 21440 Collingham, Farmington, has been named valedictorian with an average grade level of 8.6 and a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. Glenn majored in mathematics, English and science and minor in social studies. He is president of the Senior Class. The member of the Student Council, and has been active in dramatics during his high school career. He has been awarded a Ford Foundation Scholarship, which he plans to use at Albion College. Glenn hopes to become an electrical engineer.

Barbara Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Schmidt, 2705 Antago, Livonia, has been named salutatorian with an average grade level of 8.5 and a cumulative grade point average of 4.0. Barbara has received honorable mention in the nation-wide Merit Index. Debating and Library activity has been active in sports and is president of the Student Council. Barbara plans to train for a high school teaching position, while Bob hopes to become a nuclear physicist.

Clarenceville High School Names Valedictorian And Co-Salutatorians

Students have a scholastic average Scholarship competition.



GLENN KELLY BARBARA SCHMIDT BOB BARNES

File Proposal For \$4,600 Minimum Salary At Annual Budget Hearing

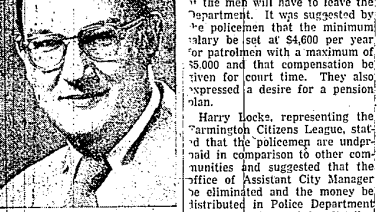
A second request for "substantial increases" in Police Department salaries was filed with the City Council at the Annual Budget Hearing Monday evening.

The request was made by the policemen through their spokesman, Officer William Garden, and was supported by the Farmington Citizens League and the Bel-Aire Civic Association. Members of the Police Department were granted a hearing before the Council several months ago to discuss their salary grievances. At that time the Council stated that they would consider the request and do what they could to increase salaries.

Garden stated that the \$180 increase listed in the proposed budget for patrolmen was not sufficient. He added that it is impossible to support a family on this income. Garden added that information was submitted at the previous hearing showing that the Farmington Police Department is one of the poorest paid in the entire metropolitan area.

All of the other officers present at the hearing, voiced dissatisfaction with the police department salary. They stated that unless salaries are increased considerably, many of the men will have to leave the department. It was suggested by the policemen that the department salary be set at \$4,600 per year for patrolmen with a maximum of \$5,000 and that compensation be given for one tier. They also expressed a desire for a pension plan.

Harry Locks, representing the Farmington Citizens League, stated that the policemen are underpaid in comparison to other municipalities and suggested that the office of Assistant City Manager be eliminated and the money be used to raise the Police Department salaries. Locks stated that distribution of the \$5,200 Assistant Manager's salary would give the patrolmen \$500 more per year. Thomas Sullivan, representing the Bel-Aire Civic Association, made a strong appeal for the increases. He added that the Department is doing an excellent job and that every effort should be made to keep the present force intact. He questioned the fact that a janitor's salary is over \$4,500 while the policemen are listed at \$4,200 under the proposed budget.



ROGER WALKER

Roger Walker, of 22380 Manning, was named campaign manager of the 1956 Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest drive at an organization meeting last week.

Preliminary plans for the fall drive were formulated and a schedule of future meetings to establish quotas and train committee leaders was established.

For the first time in the Farmington drive a speakers' bureau will be available this year to provide trained personnel for talks to business clubs and industries about the needs and purposes of the United Fund campaign.

Walker is news supervisor in the (Continued on Page 8A)

CONDEMNED HOUSE ON ST. FRANCIS TO BE RAZED

A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, stated late last week that arrangements have been made for the removal of the unoccupied and condemned building on St. Francis Street at Byron.

Leonard reported that the attorney for the owners has initiated action with a wrecking firm to demolish the building. A permit for the removal of the structure has been secured and actual operations are expected to begin within a few days.

The Board was also advised by Leonard that a hearing has been held in Oakland County Circuit Court regarding the suit between the Township and O. & W. Tool Company. The Township has refused to issue a permit to the tool company for expansion of its facilities. According to officials, the plant involves a non-conforming use since it is located in a residential zone. The present building was constructed prior to the final enactment of the present zoning ordinance.

Schedule Parking Survey In City

Arrangements have been completed with the Oakland County Planning Commission for conducting a parking survey in the City on Friday and Saturday. John Scheriffus, Chairman of the Advisory Off-Street Parking Committee, announced Tuesday.

The survey will be made in a series of five city blocks on Friday afternoon and evening as well as all day Saturday. The project is designed to provide important information on the volume of traffic, the utilization of existing parking facilities, and the amount of additional off-street parking required. The survey will be conducted by the Oakland County Planning Commission.

Allen stated that a request has been made to the Farmington High School and Our Lady of Sorrows School for student volunteers to assist in the actual survey. A similar request has also been made to the Farmington Citizens League. It is estimated that 13 persons will be required for each of the six shifts. Allen stated that his number of the coordinators, who will be furnished by the Farmington Exchange Club.

Anyone interested in volunteering their services for this project is requested to contact John Allen immediately at GR. 43350.

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