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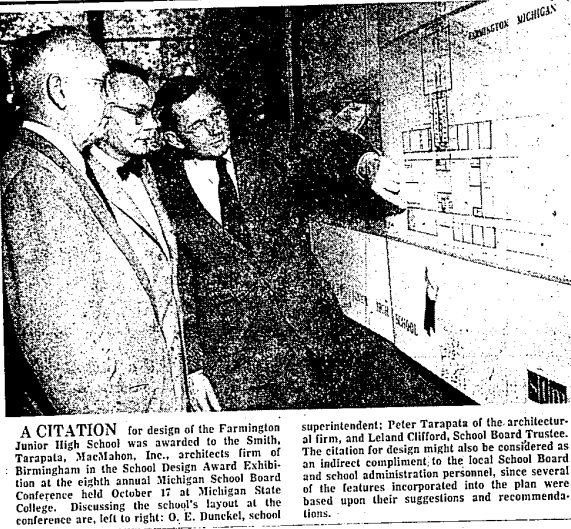
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New Junior High Construction Contracts Let

Opens Bids On Grade School Clearing Jobs

Contracts for construction of the new Junior High School were awarded by the Farmington School Board Monday night following a report on the qualifications of low bidders for the work made by Peter Tarajata, school architect representative.

Bids for the construction work on the building were opened by the board on Tuesday of last week and turned over to the architects for their study and recommendations.

The general construction contract was awarded to the Atkins-Ford Company at a bid price of \$578,000. The Evans Heating Company was awarded the mechanical contract for \$239,400 and the E. H. Dean Electrical Company the electrical contract for \$101,616.

Awarding of the kitchen contract was withheld until further check on the bids received can be made by the architects.

BIDS for the removal of trees at the new Kendallwood elementary school site and the demolition of two buildings at the new William Grace elementary school site were opened Monday night. Because of the wide range in the bids received, however, action in awarding the contracts was tabled.

A committee composed of Board Trustee Elizabeth Downing, O. E. Dunckel, school superintendent, and Earl Meyers, architect for the new school at both sites, was appointed to study these bids. They were also instructed to proceed with the awarding of the contracts as they saw fit.

Two residents from Kendallwood (Continued on Page 8A)

Township Takes Steps To Set Up Water And Sewer Department

THE NEW LOOK has been added to McGee Hill and it's all to the view of increased safety. Motorists traveling North Farmington Road during the hours of darkness should not be adequately forewarned of the dangers that lie ahead. Two large reflectorized signs reading "Danger, One Lane Bridge - Slow to 10 Miles Per Hour" have been installed on the north and south approaches of the hill and reflector strips, pictured in the background, have been added on the curve near the bridge. The signs, which were installed last week, are designed to reduce the high accident toll on this dangerous section of Farmington Road.

Board Approves Motion To Form Six-Member Study Committee

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to initiate action in setting up a water and sewer department, by Elise Avery, Trustee, and unanimously approved. Under the provisions of the resolution, the committee will consist of three members from the Township Board as well as three interested citizens. Mrs. Avery suggested that the three citizens members be selected from the Kendallwood Area, Section 36 area of the township.

Approval of the resolution followed a detailed discussion of the entire Township water problem, including the Kendallwood Subdivisor system and the Section 36 system.

According to an agreement approved by the Township Board and the developers, the Township is to begin charging water rates in the Kendallwood system effective January 1, 1957. Gain stated that some work has already been started on the securing of the necessary equipment to set up the billing procedure.

Considerable discussion centered around the wording of the agreement in regard to the responsibility of both parties as well as the date when the system is to be taken over by the Township. A. G. Leonard stated that the agreement is binding on both parties and that specific requirements must be met before the Township assumes control. The attorney added that the final installations must comply with regulations of the State and County Health Departments. In addition, the developers have agreed to pay for any financial deficiencies until the system is on a paying basis.

In answer to inquiries from both the Board and citizens, Leonard stated that he could not find any specific provisions in the agreement which would prevent the Township from taking over the system. He added, however, that before he gave the Board a definite opinion, he wanted to review the agreement in detail. Gain recommended that before the Kendallwood system is taken over, that a registered engineer be hired by the Board to inspect the facilities.

During the discussion on the Section 36 water system, Leonard recommended that the Board discontinue the present arrangement provided the funds can be found to pay off the remaining outstanding bonds. The attorney added that the (Continued on Page 8A)

Gain States Proposed Annexation May Cause Change In Water Plans

Expresses Confidence In Early Development Of Township System Despite Possible Delays

In response to a move on the part of a group of Township property owners to petition for annexation to the City as well as numerous inquiries from other residents, Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated this week that he is confident that the water situation is now more favorable than ever before.

Gain added that Pate and Hira, engineers for the proposed water system, have received definite promises from the City of Detroit, that water can be supplied to the southeast area of the Township. Southfield Township, also faced with the problem of supplying water to three new sections, is planning to connect with the proposed system.

The Supervisor stated that the possible annexation of a portion of the Township, located in the area east of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile Roads, to the City of Farmington has necessitated a revision of plans. Gain added that "unfortunately this may create a delay, but it is hoped that it will not be too prolonged." The revised plans may require different trunk lines from the Detroit Water System which might possibly bypass the City of Farmington," the Supervisor added.

The faith and credit of the entire Township has been pledged on the bond issue. It is anticipated that this will enhance the marketability of the bonds, Gain stated. It also proposed that Section 36 of the Township, presently supplied with City of Detroit water, will be incorporated into the new system.

Clerks Prepare For November 6 General Election

City Moves Precinct 1 To Jr. High Cafeteria

Notices are being published and posted this week by city and township officials advising qualified electors the time and places to vote in the General Election set for Tuesday, November 6.

At the same time the respective clerks are completing final details in preparation for what is expected to be the largest turn-out of voters in the history of the Farmington community. During the past several weeks extra personnel has been engaged in the task of bringing the city and township registration lists up-to-date. Final figures on the current registration are expected to be completed within the next few days.

THE POLLS for the General Election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6. Voting machines will be used in all precincts of the city and township during the election. Special instruction in the operation of the machines can be secured either the Municipal Building or Township Hall during regular business hours. Sample instruction boards will also be available at all voting precincts on election day.

Township voters will cast their ballots at the six election precincts as follows: Precinct One, Township Hall; Precinct Two, City Hall, 2150 Wheeler Street; Precinct Three, Middlebelt School; Precinct Four, Bond School; Precinct Five, Fire Station on Wheeler Street and Precinct Six, Shingwauk School.

City electors will cast their ballots (Continued on Page 8A)

Mail Truck Burns Enroute Tuesday

A government mail truck carrying mails from Farmington to Detroit caught fire early Tuesday evening enroute.

The fire was discovered on Grand River near Stansbury by a motorist proceeding in the same direction as the truck. Thomas Henson, driver of the truck, immediately pulled the vehicle to the side of the road and proceeded to take out the bags of mail. The fire, which was reported around 6:10 p.m., was extinguished by the Detroit fire department.

A thorough investigation to determine the cause of the blaze and the amount of damage done was begun immediately. Henry Trombley, local postmaster, indicated a report on the damage has not yet been made, he said.

According to Trombley, most of the mail in the truck was parcel post and only a small quantity in one bag first class mail.

Plan Joint Meeting Of Service Clubs

The problem of "Greater Farmington" will be discussed at a joint dinner meeting of local service clubs to be held Tuesday, October 30, at Lewis Inn, with the Farmington Township Lions Club as host.

Members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, Exchange Club and Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet with the Lions Club for dinner and a discussion program, sponsored by Robert Lindbergh, City Manager and Earl Scherffius and Township Supervisor Albert Gain will speak to the assembled service club members. It is expected that approximately 150 will attend the dinner and program.

The various officials will outline the problems facing the community and explain the plans which are being made to facilitate the development of the area. This meeting of the united service club organizations is to be held in accordance with the sponsorship of the service club council. The purpose of the council is to stimulate inter-club relations and encourage better service club cooperation for the benefit of the Farmington community.

Collect \$1,968 During First Week Of Farmington United Fund Drive

Chairman Urges Farmington Area Residents To Give A Portion Of Their Donation At Home

A total of \$1,968.04 was collected in cash and pledges during the first week of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Campaign, Roger Walker, chairman, reported Monday.

Of this total, \$133.00 was collected from business establishments, \$40.25 from physical groups, \$817.00 from the residential section of the city and \$577 from the Township residential area. The \$40.25 professional contribution came from the employees of the Sister Kenny Hospital. Walker added that the initial figures are somewhat below the complete reports because of incomplete collections in some areas.

The chairman stated that the solicitation for funds will continue at an increased rate during the next three weeks in an effort to reach the \$28,000 quota of the 1956 drive. Additional solicitors are still needed and persons desiring to volunteer their services are urged to call Campaign Headquarters at GR. 4-6323.

THIS YEAR'S Campaign includes nearly forty State and County United Health and Welfare agencies in addition to five local community chest agencies. Walker stated that it is particularly essential that Farmington area residents make at least a portion of their contributions at home.

The various local and county agencies are dependent upon the support of Farmington residents," the chairman added. The local agencies include the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, the Clarenceville Recreation Commission, the Farmington Boy Scouts, the Visiting Nurses' Association and the Big Brothers Association. Walker stated that with the increased population, Farmington should have little difficulty in reaching its \$28,000 quota.

Four Injured In Accidents Over Weekend

One Crash Occurs Saturday, Two Sunday

Two persons were injured Saturday afternoon in a two-car crash on McGee Hill. The crash occurred when the system is to be taken over by the Township. A. G. Leonard stated that the agreement is binding on both parties and that specific requirements must be met before the Township assumes control. The attorney added that the final installations must comply with regulations of the State and County Health Departments. In addition, the developers have agreed to pay for any financial deficiencies until the system is on a paying basis.

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Start Construction Work On New Clarenceville H.S.

Plan To Have Building Ready By Sept., 1957

School officials reported Monday that construction work has been started on the initial unit of the new Clarenceville high school to be located on Middlebelt Road opposite the present high school building.

The Board of Education, at its last regular meeting, awarded the general contract to the Wallace Construction Company of Farmington at a bid price of \$513,807. Preliminary work on the project was begun late last week, while the actual pouring of the footings was started Monday.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS have set September 1, 1957 as the target date for the opening of the new building. Louis Schmitt, superintendent, stated that funds from the bond sale are expected to be received by November 1. This money will be used to finance the construction and equipping of the new high school building.

In the meantime arrangements are being completed for the advertisement of the building (Continued on Page 8A)

List New Rubbish Pick-Up Schedule

The newly adopted program of monthly rubbish collections in Farmington Township will get underway during the first week of November, Township officials announced this week.

The new system, recently approved by the Township Board, is being set up on a month-by-month basis under contract with Gus McCreedy. Collections will be made on the first, second and third Mondays and the first, second and third Thursdays of each month. On the first Monday, pick-ups will be made in the southern six sections located between Eight and Nine Mile Roads. Pick-ups on the first Thursday will cover the next row of sections between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. On the second Monday of each month, collections will be made in six sections located between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads. Collections on the second Thursday will include the sections between 11 Mile and 12 Mile Roads.

On the third Monday of each month, collections will be made in the area located between 12 Mile and 13 Mile Roads. Collections on the third Thursday will be covered on the third Thursday of each month. Residents are cautioned not to place rubbish in containers of such size and weight that they can not be lifted by two men.

Discussions Continue Township Planning Program Still In Formative Stage

Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated Monday that efforts are being made to arrange a meeting Thursday evening for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the proposed subdivision regulations for Farmington Township.

It was originally proposed that such a meeting, to include township officials, land developers, planning committee members and the planning consultants, be held on Friday, October 19. Gain stated, however, that it was impossible to get the group together at that time. The principal objective of the meeting will be to study ways and means of simplifying the regulations which have been recommended by the planning committee.

Several members of the Township Board have expressed the opinion that the proposed regulations are too lengthy and complex to be workable. It was suggested at a recent joint meeting of the Township Board and Planning Committee that a committee be appointed to review the proposal. The regulations spell out the procedure by which future subdivisions will be prepared and filed with the Township Board and Planning Board.

Gain stated that the Planning Board is currently engaged in the second phase of the proposed commercial land use plan, dealing specifically with existing business property in the Township. The Board is in the process of reviewing these plans and tentative and are subject to further discussion by both the Planning Board and Township Board. Gain added that any changes in the present zoning will require either an amendment to the existing ordinance or a complete revision of the zoning law. In the case of an amendment, the proposal must go to the Zoning Board for study and public hearing before any formal action can be taken by the Township Board. Should a complete revision of the ordinance be necessary, public hearings would be held in accordance with law and probably a special election would be called to vote on the proposal, Gain stated.

The subdivision regulations and commercial land use plan are but two phases of the over-all master plan now being developed by the Planning Committee and William and Leonard, Planning Consultants. Officials stated that each phase of the plan will be discussed by both the Planning Board and the Township Board and changes will be recommended prior to any formal presentation at a public meeting or hearing.

Regular meetings of the Planning Board are held on the first and third Monday of each month and are open to the public.

City OKs Shopping Center Permit

City officials announced this week that a building permit has been issued for the construction of the Farmington Plaza shopping center on the north side of Grand River at Mooney Street.

The cost of construction on the project has been estimated at \$725,000. According to officials this is the largest single commercial development to be initiated in the city thus far. The center will include nine or ten stores covering a total building area of 65,000 square feet. In addition to the building, the 10-acre site will provide parking space for an estimated 900 cars.

According to the plans committee members have been secured for the shopping center. Kroger Super Market, Cunningham Drug Store, Zoskov's Department Store, Ross Shoe Store, Marlene's Shop as well as Millman and Concord Stores. One unit, which may be divided in two stores, has not been assigned yet. Work on the construction of the shopping center is expected to begin immediately with a tentative completion date set for July 1, 1957.

The site, formerly owned by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, is located on a block west of Orchard Lake Road.

AROUND THE BLOCK



HAVE YOU NOTICED... the new lighting effect on Grand River from School Street east to the city limits? Sure makes a difference, doesn't it? The new boulevard-type lights were turned on last week, and work is now being completed by Detroit Edison crews on the removal of the old fixtures. Not only is the new lighting better installed along the sides of Grand River, instead of the center, but nearly twice as many fixtures have been added. This should go a long way towards reducing the safety hazards as well as adding to the attractiveness of Farmington's main street.

AN URGENT APPEAL... has been issued by state officials and conservation officers to residents of southern Michigan requesting that special precautions be taken to avoid grass and brush fires. Unless we get a good soaking between now and the time the Enterprise rolls off the press, the emergency should be carefully observed by every Farmington resident. Because of the absence of normal rainfall, all fields and wood lots are a potential tinder box. One careless moment can result in serious property damage as well as a loss of valuable wildlife. So watch those cigarettes and matches, burn your rubbish in closed containers and keep an eye on it and above all else, don't try to burn off any open areas until the emergency has passed.

Let's Put Farmington's United Fund Campaign Over The Top!

\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000
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