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Construction Bids For School Exceed Estimates

Architects To Study All Bids In Detail

Deep concern was expressed by the Farmington School Board Monday night over the fact that construction bids received for the school for the proposed new location of the elementary school were considerably higher than it had estimated they would be.

Bids from several firms were received by the Board for each phase of the construction work to be done and were opened prior to the regular Board meeting.

Earl Meyers, architect for the proposed elementary buildings to be constructed in the current school building program, stated that he could not understand why the bids should be so much higher than had been estimated. He stated that he would investigate the matter and make a report to the Board at its meeting Monday night, December 17.

At the request of the Board, Meyers indicated that he would supply the new high school site of the proposed William Grace site elementary school for review at a special meeting Sunday night. He also stated that the date plans on the building would be available for study by the Board on Monday night.

Supervisors' Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT O. E. Dunckel informed the Board that he had obtained verbal approval for use of water from the Section 36 water system in the current school building for the proposed William Grace site school. He also indicated that negotiations were proceeding favorably for connecting the school to the Section 36 water system.

A formal request was filed with the Board by Earl Fleming, stating that favorable consideration be given to the location of a third elementary school proposed in the north end of the township north of the Grand River Cut-Off. Fleming stated that the request was signed by 519 residents representing 307 homes in Warner Farms and Alta (See CONSTRUCTION, Pg. 8A).

Seek Bids On Sale Of City Property

Sealed bids on the sale of 10 acres of city-owned property on Ninth Street, Grand River and Farmington Road will be accepted by the City Council up to 8:00 p.m. on January 7, Earl Scheffert, City Manager, announced.

The property, zoned as industrial, is being divided into two five-acre parcels for sale to private parties. Bidders have the alternatives of submitting proposals on the full 10 acres, the one five-acre parcel or separately for the two five-acre parcels. The sale will be contingent upon the successful bidder beginning construction of buildings and improvements within six months from the date of awarding of the bid. Land speculators are not invited to submit proposals.

The parcel to be sold is the result of a request from Langlois Tool and Die Company to purchase the property. According to the City Charter, the property will be required for the sale of land. Langlois has not submitted a formal proposal as yet.

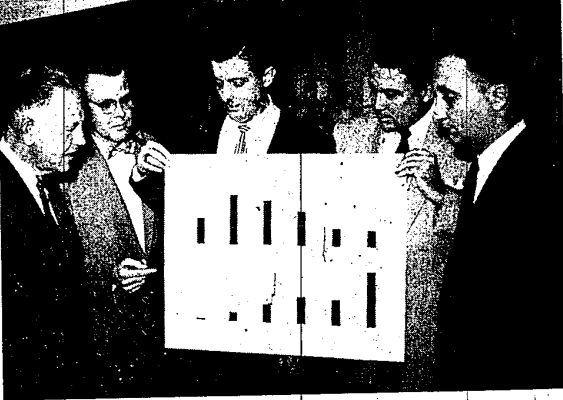
AROUND THE BLOCK



A FAMILIAR SIGHT... will greet residents of the Farmington community this Friday, December 14, when members of the Goodfellows will bring Christmas lights to the homes of the less fortunate. Not only is it a familiar sight, but one that should kindle the real Christmas spirit in all Farmington citizens. So get in the holiday mood early this Friday by supporting the Farmington Goodfellows. Your contribution will help to make your Christmas a lot brighter, too.

THE FINAL TOUCHES... to the town's holiday street decorating program are expected to be added this week-end, to the cooperation of city officials and members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Ropes of evergreen were installed on the light posts last Sunday by the committee. City officials stated that plans are already under way on building up a fund to purchase more elaborate decorations for next year. Persons who wish to contribute are requested to contact Duane Partain, assistant City Manager, at the Municipal Building. Partain stated that the Jaycees have agreed to assist with the decorating program next year.

LAST FRIDAYS... between the Falcons and Trojans drew the largest attendance of any athletic event in the history of the Clarenceville gymnasium. Louis Schmidt, Superintendent of the Clarenceville Schools, stated that because of the record crowd the doors of the gym had to be closed prior to the start of the varsity game. This demonstration of community spirit and team support should go a long way toward making the 1956-57 season a big success for both schools.



REVIEWING

a tabulation chart on the map of the various subdivisions in Farmington Township are members of the Residents' Committee for the formation of a League of Subdivision Associations. The Committee presently engaged in the preparation of factual data which will be used at an organization meeting to be held in the near future.

Plan Formation Of Subdivision Assn. League

Committee Prepares For Initial Meeting

In Farmington Township there are 106 subdivisions with over 13 thousand lots, according to a subcommittee report released to the Residents' Committee for the formation of a League, a group which seeks in the near future the organization of subdivision associations.

The report was prepared in order to help in the compilation of a mailing list and later to assist the subcommittee. George L. Squires, Committee Secretary, appealed to all subdivision associations to contact him at 33894 Briant Drive (GR. 44) in order to insure inclusion on the Committee's mailing list. In addition to usual procedures, Committee members will visit each subdivision in the Township, Squires stated.

ANNOUNCE HOLIDAY DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE SCHEDULE

Officials of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office announced this week that no driver's license applications or road tests will be given in Farmington Township on Monday, December 21 or Monday, December 31.

The local office in the Wheeler Street Fire Station will be closed on the two days because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Record Number Of Goodfellows To Join In Paper Sale This Friday

Set \$3,100 Goal In Annual Drive To Bring Christmas To Needy Families In Farmington.

Approximately 100 Farmington Goodfellows, the largest number in the history of the organization, will take part in the annual Paper Sale this Friday, December 14.

Fred Menke and Gerald Grace, co-chairmen of the 1956 program, stated that the goal of the paper sale has been set at \$3,100. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Goodfellows to purchase food and clothing for less fortunate families in the Farmington community. Menke stated that the Goodfellows are now compiling a rapidly growing list of persons who need assistance this Christmas.

Five Injured In Three Area Auto Accidents

Three Of Five Hurt Area Residents

Three Farmington residents were injured last week in two separate auto accidents in the area.

Paul LeBlanc of 3028 Eighth Mile Road suffered severe facial laceration last Wednesday night shortly before midnight when his car collided with an oil tanker at the intersection of Grand River and Middlebelt Road. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

According to police, LeBlanc, who was traveling on Middlebelt, failed to stop for the traffic light and crashed into the front end of the tanker just starting up from the intersection on Grand River.

MONDAY morning around 8:20 a.m. two cars operated by Farmington residents were involved in a rear end collision on Northwestern Highway at 11 Mile Road. Margaret J. Hennan of 29170 Inkster Road, driver of one of the vehicles, was injured, with a fractured rib and chest bruise and Francis Halpin, a passenger, scap lacerations. Both were taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Hennan had stopped to make a left hand turn when Gobel's auto entered into the rear large deposit of mud made it impossible for him to see Mrs. Hennan's direction signal flashing in his rear view mirror.

Three other persons were injured early Saturday morning when their auto ran off Eight Mile Road just east of Gill Road and ran into a ditch. Henry E. Halpin, driver, sustained rib and chest bruise and Francis Halpin, a passenger, scap lacerations. Both were taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital for treatment.

TOWNSHIP PRIMARY EXPECTED TO DRAW RECORD CANDIDATES

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, reported Tuesday that a record number of requests have been received for nominating petition forms in connection with the coming Biennial Township Primary Election to be held in February.

On the basis of the number of requests, it is anticipated that a large field of candidates will be seeking nomination in the Primary on both of the major political party tickets. Cairns stated that no completed petitions had been filed up to Tuesday. All petitions must be submitted to the Township Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31.

The petitions must bear the signatures of at least 90 and not more than 350 qualified electors of the Township.

Board Drops Freeman In Reorganizing Planning Committee, Cornell Resigns

A series of events which began at a special session of the Township Board Saturday morning and were continued at Board meetings on Monday and Tuesday have resulted in the complete reorganization of the Planning Committee.

At the special session Saturday morning, the Board approved the appointment of a new and enlarged Planning Committee, a result of the voting, Harvey Freeman, secretary of the Planning Committee, was dropped from the new group. Officials explained that the voting was on a point system in order to facilitate the terms of office of the various members. The new members of the committee are: Charles Chesquire, Howard Warner, Percy Guardhouse, three year terms;

Charles Hannan, David Mills, Howard West, two year terms; Ross Patterson, Thomas Cornell and Joseph Messel, one year terms. Cornell, Guardhouse and Messel served on the previous committee.

Santa To Visit City December 22

Santa Claus has notified the officials of the Junior Chamber of Commerce that he will be in Farmington on Saturday afternoon, December 22, for the annual Jaycees Christmas Party.

The program, which is open to all children of the Farmington community, will be held at the senior high school building on Shawwassee Street. A special chair of honor will be set up in the lobby of the high school which Santa Claus will visit during his Santa with all the boys and girls.

It is rumored that Santa will arrive in Farmington by helicopter. Jim Klopfenstein, chairman of the program, stated that a check is now being made with Santa to confirm the rumor. After his arrival in Farmington, Santa will make a brief tour of the city.

In addition to getting any last minute instructions from the boys and girls, Santa will give each youngster who visits him a comic book and some candy.

Post Office Lists Additional Hours

Beginning this Thursday, December 13 the parcel post window at the Farmington Post Office will remain open week days until 6:00 p.m. as a convenience to residents who are unable to take care of their mailing during regular hours.

Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, stated that the closing hour on Saturday has been set for 8:30 p.m. All persons are urged to request to take care of their Christmas mailings as soon as possible.

The Postmaster emphasizes that this is particularly important both to the customer and the Post Office employees.

Trombley stated that all letters and cards mailed during the holiday season will be greatly expedited if persons will separate and bundle the mail into three groups: "Farmington", "Dear friend" and "all other". Marked receptacles have been placed in the lobby of the Post Office for these three groups of mail.

by the uninformed was that the document was firm, concrete and unrelenting and would change all of the existing basic zoning and usurp the rights of the property owners." Cornell stated. The chairman added that, "the true intent and fact was entirely overlooked; to wit, to arrive at some basic general pattern with which to begin an orderly growth of a community, grown beyond its present accommodations."

Cornell stated that the words, "Master Plan" have become damaged and suggested to the Board that the first step to be taken would be the exclusion of the words "Master Plan" from all judicial references. "In a humble opinion, we are not within many years of having a Master Plan as such. At this time officials, hearings and voting privileges will doubtless be exercised to determine its acceptance or rejection," Cornell added. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Board for the confidence shown him by his official appointment.

During the discussion Monday evening, Cornell suggested that Freeman be reappointed to the Planning Committee to fill the vacancy. Trustee Elise Avery stated that, in her opinion, it was extremely unfortunate that Freeman was not retained on the Planning Committee. Cornell stated that Freeman had been invaluable to the Committee.

Propose Zoning Change To Boost Minimum Lot Sizes In Township

File Proposal With Board Calling For Increase
In Square Foot Area And Width Of Future Lots

A suggested amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance providing for the enlargement of lot width as well as a standard increase in the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The proposal, as presented by Edward Moeseman, former chairman of the Zoning Board, would increase the present minimum width of lots from 60 feet to 100 feet. It would also increase the One Zones from 5,000 to 8,000 square foot area in Residential Two Zones from 8,100 to 10,000, Residential Three Zones from 9,000 to 15,000 and in Residential Four Zones from 15,000 to 20,000.

Discuss Revised Text Of Proposed Subdivision Guide

Attorney And Planners To Review New Draft

Another attempt to reach a solution to the highly controversial Township Subdivision Regulations was initiated at a special conference of Board officials and Planning Commission members held Monday evening at the Town Hall.

A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney and representatives of Wilcan, Leman, Planning Consultants, agreed to meet within the next few days in an effort to work out a program which will be acceptable to everyone concerned. They will use as the basis of discussion, a preliminary set of proposed regulations as submitted by Leonard and read in detail at the conference.

CITY REPORTS LARGE RETURN ON TAX BILLS

Kathryn Cotter, City Treasurer, announced this week that \$25,013.06 in county and school taxes have been paid this far out of a total tax statement of \$38,747.42.

Cotter stated that this is an unusually high return in view of the fact that most statements were received about December 1. The current tax statements will be paid on or before January 10 to avoid penalty.

JAYCEES SPONSOR CHRISTMAS HOME LIGHTING CONTEST

Contest applications are now being taken by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for the annual Christmas Home Lighting program. James Davis, chairman, announced this week.

Special awards will be presented to home owners who place in any other systems which might be turned over to the township.

Property owners who would like to join in the program or know of a neighbor who would be considered are requested to call GR. 4-9452.



THESE MEMBERS of the Farmington Goodfellows, with a large number of other volunteers, will be on the streets for their Annual Paper Sale, designed to bring Christmas to less fortunate families in the community. Proceeds from the Sale will be used by the Goodfellows to purchase food and clothing for special Christmas baskets. Members of the Goodfellows pictured above are, left to right, top row: Hugo Peterson, Les Stevens, Ed Wingard, Howard Otis, Gerald Harrison; second row: Fred Menke and John Allen. Second row: Abe Johnson, Bert Herrig, Harrison Johnson, Pat Buttermore, Tom Bonner, Howard Warner and Henry Trombley. Bottom row: James Reed, Jim Williams, Gerald Grace, Frank Nager, Don Wingard, Fred Davis, Floyd Nichols, Hickey Walters and G. F. Weaver.

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