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BOARD OUTLINES PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL EXPANSION PROGRAM

Major Additions, Improvements Proposed At All Existing Sites

A program showing the need for floating a \$4,000,000 school bond issue early in 1957 and the uses to which it is proposed to put the money if the bond issue is approved by the voters was outlined by the School Board at a meeting Monday morning. Definite need for additional sums with which to operate the school system in the future to keep pace with the district's growth was also pointed out. It was generally felt that it would also be necessary to ask for approval by the voters to increase school operational rates approximately \$2.50 to \$3.00 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation. This proposition will more than likely be placed to a vote at the same time as the bond issue question, it was indicated. The \$4,000,000 school district expansion and improvement program as proposed by the Board, approximately 50 percent of the money has been earmarked for improvements on existing school facilities. The remaining 50 percent, it has been anticipated, will be used for the construction of new school buildings and the purchase of additional school sites as well as for numerous miscellaneous items.

March Of Dimes Drive To Open Next Wednesday

Farmington's annual March of Dimes campaign will officially open on Wednesday, January 2, and continue through Thursday, January 31. Mrs. Mel Stevens, director of the Southwest Oakland County chapter, announced this week.

Special March of Dimes canisters will be distributed to stores and business places throughout the area prior to the opening of the campaign. A number of other special activities are being planned during the month to help raise funds for the continuing fight against infantile paralysis. The major project of the campaign will be the annual Mothers' March, which will be held near the close of the drive.

THE ANNUAL campaign will be conducted throughout the Farmington and Clareneville areas. The program is being organized under the direction of Mrs. Stevens, with Kathryn Cotter as chairman of the city area, Mary Legg as chairman of the township section and June VanZant as chairman of the Clareneville district. Mrs. VanZant will be assisted by Mrs. Raymond Stevenson, while the township campaign quota will be the chairmanship of Marion Gilmore. Hatlie DeVriendt is secretary-treasurer of the local chapter.

REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board, originally scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month, will be held on Thursday evening, December 27, Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, announced this week. The regular meeting date was cancelled since it fell on Christmas Eve, it was stated. The Thursday meeting will begin at 8:00 p. m. in the Township Hall.

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1. Home building, corporate expansion, and municipal improvement.
(See BABSON, P. 2A)

Auto Accidents Light Over Long Holiday Weekend

Report Only Three Injury Accidents

Despite a heavy flow of traffic throughout the Farmington area during the five-day Christmas holiday, only three personal injury auto accidents were reported and a minimum number of property damage accidents. The first of the three holiday period accidents occurred on Monday evening around 6:15 p. m. at Grand River and Nine Mile Road. Four persons were injured in the three-car rear-end pileup. The crash occurred when a car operated by E. Hentschel of 2222 Ward Street struck the rear end of a truck driven by Donald Diehr of 2241 Springbrook, stopped to make a left turn at the intersection. The Diehr vehicle was pushed into the rear of a third car in front of him operated by Ralph McLean of Livonia.

Hentschel suffered head lacerations, as did George Rowland of Massachusetts, a passenger in his car. Diehr suffered facial lacerations and Karen McLean, a passenger in the third car involved, bruised about the head. Tuesday afternoon around 2:30 p. m. Minnie Kekkonen of 26587 Orchard Lake Road was injured when a third car struck her while making a left turn at Grand River and Orchard Lake Road. The Kekkonen car was hit by another car.

Final United Fund Total Hits \$23,064

The final report of the 1956 Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Drive, issued this week by Chairman Roger Walker, lists total contributions at \$23,064.11, which is approximately 83% of the campaign quota. Walker stated that of the total, \$20,388.96 is in cash, \$2,475.15 is in pledges with an additional \$398.00 reported but not turned in as yet. The chairman added that a few scattered collections may still be received but they are not expected to effect the percentage in any great extent. The 1956 collection represents the largest total ever raised in a Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest campaign.

The Board of Directors of the Farmington organization, at a recent meeting, authorized a reduction of the question by the various local county and state agencies on an equally pro-rata basis. The action was taken after a detailed discussion of the question by the Board.

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TOYS COLLECTED by Farmington Oddfellow Lodge members were turned over last Thursday to be included in baskets distributed by Goodfellows on Friday to a long list of needy families in the Farmington area. Turning over the toys on behalf of members of the local Oddfellow organization was Pat Butterworth, extreme right, photo. Accepting the toys on behalf of the Goodfellows and City, respectively, were Fred Menke, left, and Mayor Robert Lindbergh, center. Other Goodfellow pictures on Pages 2A and 5B.

Propose Extension Of Water District

The possible extension of the proposed Farmington water district to include the area between 10 Mile and 12 Mile Roads was discussed at a joint conference of officials held Wednesday evening at the Town Hall.

Albert Gain, Farmington Township Supervisor, suggested the extension during a meeting with officials from Southfield Township and the City of Farmington. Gain stated that he could not estimate the additional cost of the proposed extension without further study. He indicated, however, that such a project would require larger feeder mains from the source of supply in Detroit as well as the new lines at the north end of the system.

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Twp. Primary Election Petitions Due Monday

Expect Record Field Of Candidates To File

A record field of candidates is expected to begin filing nominating petitions this week-end for the Biennial Township Primary Election as the December 31 deadline nears. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that all petitions must be filed at the Township Office by 4:00 p. m. on Monday, December 31. Candidates have until Thursday, January 3, to withdraw their names from the Primary Election, if they so desire.

Cairns stated that the anticipated record field of candidates is based on the fact that over 500 nominating petition forms have been issued from the Township office. The clerk emphasized that each prospective candidate would be between five and 16 petition forms for qualifying signatures. It was also pointed out that some of the petitions, which have been issued, may not be used. Cairns stated that no completed petitions have been filed as yet.

NOMINATING petitions must bear the signatures of at least 1% and not more than 4% of the registered voters of Farmington Township. As a result each candidate must have at least 90 and not more than 360 signatures on his or her nominating petitions. Cairns stated that each nominating petition will be checked immediately after the close of the filing period.

1957 DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP HALL

Officials of Farmington Township announced this week that 1957 dog licenses will be available beginning January 2 and extending to March 1. Township dog owners may secure their 1957 licenses at the Town Hall during regular business hours. Applications for licenses must be accompanied by a certificate from a veterinarian showing the dog has been vaccinated against rabies and inoculated with a distemper shot.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE APPALLING TOLL of death and injury on our streets and highways, during the Christmas holiday, should serve as a blunt warning to those of us who were maddened to come through it all without a scratch. A warning that there is still another holiday coming up with its anticipated rush of new traffic fatalities. As this year of 1956 comes to a close, let us all make one resolution... and keep it. Be on your guard. Remember, there are plenty of worthy projects that need your support right here at home. Save your contributions for Farmington organizations... and be sure!

WE STAND ON THE EVE

As the old fades away and the new comes into sight, we at the Enterprise wish to express our deep appreciation for the wonderful support and cooperation the people of Farmington have given us during the past 12 months. During this period "Farmington Home Community Newspaper" has enjoyed a new era of growth and progress. It could not have been possible without your help. We are looking forward with expectation to an even greater year in 1957. A year of increased service to a community which people that deserve the best. The entire staff of the Enterprise wish you all a very HAPPY AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Santa Claus Came Goodfellows Aid 100 Families

Over 100 families in the Farmington area know today that there really is a Santa Claus. Last Saturday in the person of the Farmington Goodfellows bringing baskets of badly needed food and toys and certificates for clothing. Thanks to the efforts of the Goodfellows organization, to the many civic and service groups in the community and the generosity of the people of Farmington, over 100 needy families were treated to a real Merry Christmas this year.

Fred Menke and Gerald Grace, co-chairmen of the 1956 Goodfellow program, stated that food baskets and clothing certificates were distributed to 35 families on Saturday and an additional 10 or 15 families in the cars of on Monday. Menke added that a record supply of canned and packaged food items were contributed by students of Our Lady of Sorrows School and the Farmington Public Schools. The canned goods were sorted and packed into Christmas baskets on Friday and Saturday morning and were distributed by members of the organization on Saturday.

Post Office Begins Alien Registration

Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, announced this week that alien registration forms will be available at the Post Office beginning Wednesday, January 2. All residents of the Farmington community, classified as aliens under the law, are required to register prior to January 31, 1957. Trombley stated that application forms for the registration may be secured at the main window of the Post Office during regular business hours. The forms must be returned in person to one of the postal clerks prior to the January 31 deadline. The Post Office is then responsible for forwarding the forms to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Under the provisions of the law, all persons who are not citizens of the United States but who are living in this country as of January 1 of each year, must within 30 days following such date, file an alien registration report.

Rogers stated that the Residents' Committee is composed of a few citizens of Kendallwood and Normandy Hills. The Committee has not sought authorization from the associations organized in these subdivisions or from any association. Rogers said, "The reason these two subdivisions happen to be the ones involved thus far, is that one Committee member belongs to both associations. Also, the Committee decided against an immediate broadening of the discussion base, since it felt that the first need was for a study group. Rogers added, "The job is big and complicated, the precedents are few and this is not the first attempt at forming a league of federation in the Township." (See LEAGUE, P. 6A)

League Of Subdivision Associations Set For Initial Meeting In January

A call was issued this week to the subdivision associations in Farmington Township for an initial meeting to be held during the first week of January for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a league of subdivision associations. The call was issued by the Residents' Committee for the Formation of a League by means of letters to the presidents and secretaries of every subdivision association in Farmington Township. Elliott S. Rogers, Committee Chairman, stated that the letters ask each association to send two representatives, preferably elected officials, to the initial meeting. Rogers added that it was necessary that no more than two representatives be sent for forwarding the forms to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

City Plans Review Of Water Proposal

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced this week that plans are being made for a special meeting of the Council, to be held prior to the next regular session, for the purpose of discussing the proposed extension of the city's water supply system. The City Manager added that Lawrence Pate, engineer, has agreed to meet with the Council to explain the proposed tentative plans and cost estimates. Scherffius stated that details of the special conference have not been completed as yet.

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Home Building To Decline Roger Babson Predicts Peace, Prosperity And Progress During 1957

By ROGER W. BABSON
Both presidential candidates, in their pre-election speeches, promised PEACE, PROSPERITY, and PROGRESS. They stated that they would do this in order to enforce the Employment Act of 1946. This is the basis of my Outlook for 1957, tempered of course by Russian moves. 1. World War III will not start in 1957. 2. 1957 will witness gradually increasing inflation. 3. Manufacturers will be faced with higher costs for both materials and labor. 4. All businesses will be confronted by increased competition, both within their own industries and from other industries. 5. More advertising will be necessary in 1957 if profits of manufacturers and retailers are to equal those of 1956. 6. Failures will increase in 1957, both as to numbers and liabilities. Thousands of small concerns will be wiped out. One or two of the largest corporations will face bankruptcy or re-organization. 7. Cost of living will rise slightly during 1957. 8. Most labor unions will hesitate to make public fights for higher wages, but will work for shorter hours, pensions, and "fringes." 9. Europe must pay so much more for oil that it will have less money for purchasing other goods. 10. Unexpected events will occur during 1957; however, as a whole, business will remain fair, but with smaller profits. MONEY OUTLOOK 11. As foreign countries must pay in gold or dollars for oil, their industries will be handicapped, and employment will increase, and pressure for aid from the United States will be greater. 12. The Federal Reserve Board will not relax its restrictions so long as we have full employment in the United States; but if employment increases we may expect a relaxation. I am very glad Mr. Robert Cutler will be Mr. Eisenhower's adviser. 13. Owing to the tremendous numbers of employees, suppliers and retailers dependent upon the large corporations, those will be first to receive bank funds for expansion of plant. 14. Many plans for expansion of plant, both big business and little business, will be postponed. Most corporations will find it difficult to get new short-term money at any price in quantity; while long-term financing will be too expensive. 15. Tight money will cause state, municipal, and town governments to postpone plans for building roads, schools, and hospitals except in cases where the Federal Government pays most of the costs. This will put a damper on many lines of business. 16. Owing to these increased money rates, state, municipal and town bonds will decline rapidly in price. It is possible that the postponement of such building plans may diminish demand for such money, but non-taxable bonds will sell at higher prices before the year is out. This postponement may also reduce the price of steel and other materials. 17. The money managers for each corporation, large and small, will now arrange their financing needs for two years by either securing the necessary funds now or reducing their requests. 18. Prices of corporation bonds will not recover so quickly as the non-taxables. I forecast a year of most corporation bonds. 19. Many of the smaller and newer corporations will be much disappointed by their inability to secure funds during 1957, except by selling convertible preferred stocks on terms very favorable to investors. It is well to issue such securities when money rates are low because the advantages continue for many years; but not when money is tight, as such securities then tip up the borrower for a long number of years at high rates. 20. This means that 1957 will be a good year for investors to switch from low-yielding stocks to attractive bond issues.

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