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CLAYTON GOERS SUBMITS RESIGNATION AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Mackie Seeks Temporary Opening Of Farmington-Brighton Expressway

The ever increasing week-end traffic pile-ups on Grand River between Farmington and Kensington Park has resulted in the issuance of rush orders to open the new Farmington-Brighton Expressway within a month.

Officials of the State Highway Department have been directed by John C. Mackie, new Highway Commissioner, to meet with contractors immediately in an effort to get the limited excess highway open as soon as possible. Paving work on the project, with the exception of several interchanges, has been completed from Farmington to Kensington Park. However, opening of the new road is being delayed because of a reported delay on shipments of steel for three bridges.

Makie requested officials and contractors to consider the possibility of constructing temporary detours around the delayed bridge sites. The three bridges holding up the project are located at the railway crossing at Novi as well as grade separations at Milford Road in New Hudson and at Wixom Road near Novi.

THE NEW limited excess highway will extend from Middlebelt Road east of the City of Farmington, along a line south and parallel to the Farmington Cut-Off to Halsted Road where it will swing north of the present U.S. 16, by-passing both Novi and New Hudson. Actual construction work on the $19,000,000 project was started in 1955. It was hoped that the highway would be opened in time for the first jam of summer traffic.

Farmington City officials have had several conferences with the State Highway Department in the hopes of working out some type of plan to divert traffic around the City. It was suggested at one time that truck traffic be routed onto the old Cut-Off right of way at 10 Mile near Halstead and then detoured south on Farmington Road to Eight Mile Road.

Traffic congestion on Grand River throughout the City and Township has been extremely heavy since Memorial Day. Cars have been jammed bumper to bumper nearly every week-end and holiday.

Expect City Action Thurs. On Hiring Of Appraisal Firm

Consideration on the appointment of a firm to conduct a reappraisal of property values in the City will be considered by the Council at a special meeting to be held Thursday evening at the Municipal Court Room.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, advised the Council Monday evening that four companies have submitted proposals for the reappraisal work. The manager added that action should be taken as early as possible to insure completion of the work in advance of the annual meeting of the Board of Review next Spring. The Council moved to table the matter until the special meeting Thursday evening in order that more members of the Council might vote on the proposals. Only three members were present at the Monday evening meeting.

ACTION was also delayed on the acceptance of the resignations of the two city representatives on the joint library board. The letter of resignation, signed by C. Goddard Smith and Howard Thayer, was read to the Council prior to the discussion. The representatives stated that they were submitting their resignations because of delays by the Council in turning over funds from the Clinton W. Wilber Estate to the Library Board. Councilman V. O. Bates stated that both Smith and Thayer have done a great deal of work on the library program and suggested that the matter be tabled in the hopes that they would reconsider their action. Mayor Robert Lindbert also stated that he hoped the representatives would change their minds and continue on the Board.

Three separate resolutions are approved setting up the final

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Name Stephenson In Slander Suit

Legal papers were served on Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson Tuesday morning in connection with a slander suit filed in Oakland County Circuit Court by Hugh Owen, owner of Owen Sporting Goods Store, 29404 Grand River.

Owen seeks $50,000 damages for alleged slanderous remarks made against him by Stephenson at the April 30 meeting of the Township Board. During the meeting and upon questioning by Owen, Stephenson identified Owen as the party he had previously referred to as not having paid any personal property taxes. At that point Owen produced tax statements and cancelled checks to prove that he had been paying such taxes from 1951 to the present.

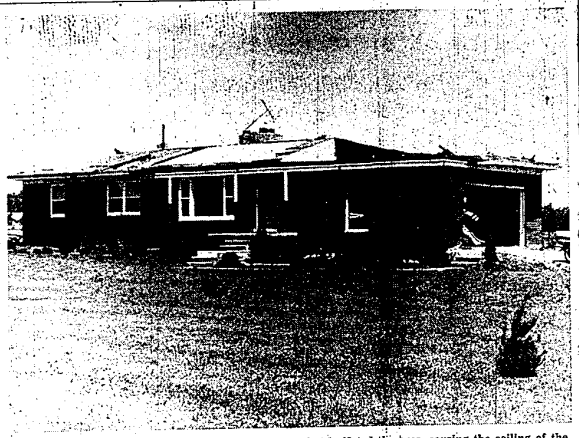
Several week's later William Gallagher, Township Assessor, publicly stated that the controversy had developed as a result of an oversight in the Assessor's office. Gallagher stated that the Supervisor's remarks were based on a report drawn up in the Assessing office from its records and was not checked against the tax rolls.

At the time of the producing of statements and cancelled checks, Owen demanded that Stephenson extend him a public apology.

PLAN INSPECTION OF SUBDIVISION ENGINEERING WORK

Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson stated this week that a proposed policy is now being drafted whereby the developers of future subdivisions will be required to pay funds to the Township to insure proper compliance and inspection of engineering work within the subdivision.

Stephenson suggested that future developers pay a sum equal to 1½ percent to 1½ percent of the total cost of the project. The proposal is designed to insure that grades, ditching and other engineering requirements are satisfactorily completed by the developer. The Supervisor stated that the proposal would be submitted to the Board in the near future.



THE HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Schuon, 30850 Runnymeade, caught the full force of the tornadic winds that cut a path through central Farmington Township last Thursday evening, causing extensive damage to buildings and property. Most of the roof of the Schuon home was torn off by the 60-mile-an-hour winds that buffeted the area, causing the ceiling of the attached garage to collapse. A car inside the garage was damaged and most of the windows in the front of the house were blown out. Fortunately, no one was injured as the Schuon family was vacationing in Northern Michigan at the time of the storm.

Storms Cause Extensive Damage In Farmington City And Township

The Farmington City and Township area was blasted by two vicious storms Thursday evening and Monday morning, causing extensive damage to homes and property.

Fortunately no one was reported seriously injured in either storm in spite of tornadic winds, torrential rains and damaging lightning. According to oldtime residents, the two storms were the worst to hit the Farmington area in their memory. City and Township police reported that it is impossible to estimate the damage because of the wide scope of the storms. Only that property which suffered the most serious damage was surveyed, officials stated. This does not include the hundreds of basements which were flooded as a result of the Monday morning downpour.

The Thursday evening storm cut a path across Farmington Township in the general vicinity of 11 Mile Road, uprooting trees and damaging houses and barns. It is estimated that the tornadic winds reached velocities of near 60 miles per hour during the height of the storm. A barn on the Regentik farm, Howard Road between Halsted and Drake, was torn apart by the wind. Orchards and wood lots along the south side of Howard were uprooted by the storm, blocking roads and pulling down power lines. A trailer, parked near Powers Road and 11 Mile, was reportedly smashed between two trees by the high wind. Probably the most extensive damage was caused to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schuon, 30850 Runnymeade, located east of Orchard Lake Road and north of 11 Mile. The wind tore off most of the roof, collapsed the ceiling of the attached garage and blew in the majority of windows on the front of the house. The Schuon family was on vacation in northern Michigan at the time of the storm.

EARLY MONDAY morning, the Farmington area was again sub-

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Council Approves Vacating McGee Hill Right-Of-Way

Formal action was taken by the City Council Monday evening approving the vacation of a portion of Farmington Road on the south approach of McGee Hill, thus clearing the way for the relocation of the road.

The action was taken subject to the final approval of the Twin Valley Subdivision, completion of the relocated Farmington Road and written approval of the City Engineer on driveway turn-arounds for those homes facing onto Farmington Road. Under the new plan, Farmington Road will extend south from 10 Mile Road along its present right of way to a point just north of the River. It will then swing to the east and follow the north bank of the river to a connection with Shiawassee just east of the bridge and opposite the school athletic field.

APPROVAL of the vacation, followed a public hearing which was held at the beginning of the regular Council meeting. A letter was read from Robert Potter, 33221 Oakland, in which he objected to the proposed "T" intersection which would be created on Shiawassee east of the bridge. He suggested that a more promising solution would be the improvement of the bridge and the routing of McGee Hill traffic directly onto Farmington Road. Several other residents at the meeting voiced concern over the routing of additional traffic onto Shiawassee, which is already congested, particularly in the vicinity of the athletic field and city park.

Earl Scherffius, City Manager, stated that the proposed junction of the new Farmington Road and Shiawassee would not be a strict "T" intersection since two lanes would permit merging traffic. The Manager added that the proposal was discussed and surveyed by officials of the Traffic Safety Division of the State Highway Department and it was determined that the proposed plan was the best solution.

The City Manager added that Shiawassee, between Farmington Road and Powers, could be widened to three lanes to ease the congestion. He also suggested that additional area be set aside in the park for off-street parking. Councilman V. O. Bates added that left hand turns from the new Farmington Road could be prohibited if necessary, also that a signal light could be installed at the intersection as a means of controlling traffic. Scherffius stated that he was satisfied that the proposal provides the best solution to the problem.

Chapman Resigns From City Council

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, read and then promptly tabled a formal letter of resignation from Councilman Harvey Chapman.

The matter of the resignation will be considered at a special meeting of the Council Thursday evening. Chapman stated in his letter to the Council that the position demands more time than he can presently devote to it. He cited the press of business matters as well as health and family obligations as reasons for his resignation. Chapman pointed out that the various regular and special meetings of the Council are only a small part of the individual Councilman's duties since a great deal of extra study and investigation must be given to the many problems which are brought before the legislative body of the City.

Chapman stated that his experiences on the Council have been both interesting and educational and commended the other councilmen for their help and cooperation. He also commended Earl Scherffius, City Manager, and the other members of the administrative staff for their work and accomplishments. Mayor Robert Lindbert stated that Chapman is a very capable member of the Council and he personally regrets his leaving.

Chapman was elected to the Council in April of 1955 for a four year term. According to the City Charter, the Council has sixty days following the date of acceptance of the resignation, in which to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

CITY TO APPOINT 3 NEW SAFETY OFFICERS MONDAY

Three additional officers are expected to be appointed to the City Public Safety Department this week, Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced Monday.

The top five candidates were interviewed by the City Manager and Police Chief Joseph DeVriendt on Monday. The candidates were rated on the basis of both written and oral tests given by officials of the Michigan Municipal League. Scherffius stated that the top five candidates all received very high ratings.

It is expected that the final selection will be made later in the week. The three new officers will bring the total personnel in the Public Safety Department to 12, including the temporary director and one clerk. The new officers will receive training in both police and fire work.

Two Injured In Crash Tuesday

Two persons were injured Tuesday evening in a two car auto accident at the intersection of Middlebelt and Ten Mile Road.

Mrs. Edna Arrington of 29107 Ten Mile Road, Farmington, a passenger in one of the cars involved driven by her husband Ray, suffered a broken pelvis and other serious injuries. Toni O'Kennon, 5, a passenger in the second car operated by Gladys O'Kennon of Royal Oak, suffered lacerations about the head and arms. Both were taken to Pontiac General Hospital for treatment.

The crash resulted when Mrs. O'Kennon, proceeding on Middlebelt, reportedly failed to stop at the intersection and crashed into the Arrington auto going east on Ten Mile.

Four Injured On Area Roads Over Week-End

Two pedestrians were injured over the Fourth of July weekend when struck down by cars in the City of Farmington and two drivers hurt when they lost control of their vehicles on roads in the Township.

Shirley Schlonor, 18, of Detroit suffered a fractured arm and minor bruises when hit by a car on Grand River just east of Gill Road intersection. Robert Andrew Hill, driver of the auto also of Detroit, stated that he was going east on Grand River when the girl ran out in front of him from between cars stopped in lanes of traffic proceeding west. He told police that he was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting her.

The accident occurred around 11 a.m. July 4.

On the following day, William Barum, 72, of 20210 Purlingbrook in Livonia was injured when he was knocked down by a car operated by Lucille T. Johnson of Fowlerville at the Farmington Road intersection at Grand River. Barum suffered fractured ribs and a fractured knee and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac for treatment.

THE ACCIDENT occurred at 3:05 o'clock in the afternoon.

Barum was crossing Grand River and was part way across when the red-light changed. The driver, proceeding west on Grand River, apparently did not see him in the middle of the road until too

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Plan City Zoning Hearing Thursday

City officials reported Monday that plans have been completed for the special public hearing to be held this Thursday, July 11 on the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial of property on both sides of Mooney Street between Grand River and Shiawassee.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room on Liberty Street between Grand River and State Streets. The Court Room is on the second floor of the building above the police station. The meeting is being called by the City Council following receipt of recommendations from the Planning Commission.

Officials stated that the proposal involves three parcels of land located adjacent to the new Farmington Plaza Shopping Center. One parcel involves the property located between Mooney and Orchard Lake Road and Shiawassee to a line just north of Grand River. The second parcel includes the "Crossett Property" located at the southwest corner of Mooney and Shiawassee. The third parcel involves the rezoning of a portion of the parking area immediately north of the shopping plaza to allow for the construction of an additional store.

The Planning Commission has recommended that all three parcels be rezoned from Residential to Commercial.

Cites Health As Reason For Leaving Position, Effective September 1

Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer for the past 15 years, submitted his written resignation to the Township Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

The Board approved a motion to delay action on the resignation until its first regular meeting in August. Goers requested in his letter that the resignation be made effective as of September 1, 1957. Several members of the Board suggested that the matter be tabled for several weeks to permit careful study of possible replacements.

Goers stated in his letter of resignation that he was first elected Treasurer in April of 1942 and has "enjoyed the confidence and trust reposed in me through the ensuing years. I have been faithful to that trust. I have conscientiously and honestly served you, and my office has always had the best interest of this growing community of ours at heart. The people of Farmington Township have made my tenure of office a very happy one. I have enjoyed working with the various Boards, and have a keen appreciation for the cooperation I have received from the clerical force. I had hoped for the privilege of serving you for the balance of my term, but because of my physical condition, feel that it would be unwise to do so."

CLAYTON GOERS

ACTION was also delayed on the written resignation of Edward Moseman as a member of the joint District Library Board. Moseman is one of two Township representatives on the Board. The letter of resignation from Moseman, along with the two City representatives, was prompted by differences with the City Council regarding the turning over of funds to the Library Board from the Clinton W. Wilber Estate. An attempt is now being made to settle the differences.

Frank Stephenson, Township Supervisor, stated that a number of applications have been received for the office of Township attorney, but requested that the appointment be delayed for several weeks. A motion was approved authorizing the County Road Commission to proceed with the erection of stop signs on Gill Road between Eight and Nine Mile

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Township Hearing Set For July 17

Three proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance will be discussed at a public hearing to be held next Wednesday, July 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall.

The first proposal involves the rezoning from Residential IV to Commercial of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Halsted and 13 Mile Roads. The site, which is being proposed for a shopping center, includes approximately 11 acres.

Hearings will also be held on proposed amendments to Section VI, Residence 3 Zones and Section VII, Residence 4 Zones providing for increased lot areas as well as increased lot widths at the building line. Under the proposal, lot areas in Residence 3 Zones will be increased from 9,000 square feet to 12,500 square feet and Residence 4 Zones from 15,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet. The minimum width in both zones would be 80 foot at the 40 foot building line. The two amendments would not apply to lots shown on approved plats and lots existing and of record prior to the date of adoption of the proposals.

CITY TO SELL BONDS FOR NEW D. P. W. EQUIPMENT

Sealed bids for the purchase of $25,000 in general obligation public Works equipment bonds of the City of Farmington will be received by the City Clerk up to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, officials reported Tuesday.

The bids will be publicly opened and read at the regular meeting of the Council on July 22. The bonds are being sold to finance the purchase of public works department equipment as authorized by the voters in April.

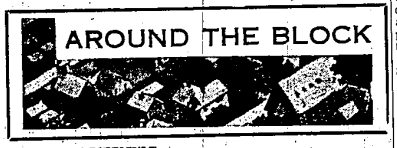
F.A.R.C. Cancels Tiger Game Trip

Original plans for the scheduling of a trip to Brigg's Stadium as part of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission summer program, have been cancelled because of complications in obtaining seats, Warren Piche, Director, announced this week.

Piche stated that officials of the Detroit Baseball Company have advised him that there are no special seats available during the month of July. Because of the number of youngsters involved as well as the unusually large number of rainy days thus far, it has been decided to add an extra day for organized activities at each of the five playgrounds.

Officials stated that because of the numerous rainy days, attendance at all playgrounds is running below the original estimates. Piche added that approximately 800 youngsters are taking part in the program at the present time. A total of 350 boys and girls made the trip to the Detroit Zoo last Friday.

AROUND THE BLOCK



IT'S PRETTY DIFFICULT . . . to keep off the subject of the weather in view of the stuff that has been blowing our way the last few days. The big storms of last Thursday and Monday are still the main topics of conversation whenever Farmington residents get together. And it's no wonder, either, because last week was just about the roughest we can remember. It is impossible to collect in one issue all of the individual experiences that took place during the brief and hectic hours of the storms. As far as we are concerned, one such experience is enough and we are pretty sure we speak for a lot of others when we make that statement.

WE HEARTILY AGREE . . . with the concensus of opinion expressed at the City Council meeting Monday night to the effect that the three representatives to the joint Library Board should not resign. We can appreciate their position and their anxiety in getting the proposed new library building and program underway. Yet on the other hand, we sincerely believe that the City Council and Township Board would have a difficult task finding three people who would devote as much time and effort to the project as have C. Goddard Smith, Howard Thayer and Edward Moseman. Acceptance of the resignations of these three men would seriously impair the future of the library program. We believe that an understanding can be reached and that differences can be resolved in a manner that will insure the continuing progress of this vital community project. It is certainly well worth a try!

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THE DRIVER of this semi-truck and trailer narrowly escaped death when it rammed into the bridge abutment on an overpass for the new Brighton to Farmington Expressway route just west of Halsted Road and rolled over on its side. The cab of the truck was almost totally demolished. Elmer Melcher of 14955 Collingham, Detroit, driver of the truck owned by the Mather Trucking Company of Farmington, suffered severe facial lacerations and bruises about the body.