

Tie Up Sewer Project

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Hansen, a pained, concerned young man who said I detest demonstrations and expressions of violence. But we are honestly at the end of our rope. I have called Township officials, county officials, state officials. And all have said the same thing. The patient, the water will come back into the wells."

"That was a whole week ago, not a drop has come back. Influenza is prevalent, some of the homes have no hot water heat. The residents can not sit back another minute."

Ray Pelletier, another young man spoke up. "The water has gone out next door, so chances are certain that we will be among the next group. It is unbelievable that no one has been able to come up with a plan to aid us."

"I think the sewer-digging operation should be cut-off until we are supplied with water (this seemed to be the residents opinion of a solution to the problem). There is cist water on the corner of Lujan and Eight Mile (the beginning of the subdivision). There is also a supply of pipe within the subdivision. It seems a case of poor planning

that we were not provided with city water before the sewers were planned."

The residents of this community have a closeness of spirit and an understanding of each other needs that plows communities had.

The greatest sympathy seemed to go to Mr. and Mrs. William Busby. Mrs. Busby is the mother of five youngsters, three of whom are ill with influenza. She has been without water for two weeks.

Mr. Busby, a tall blond man, paced back and forth nervously not trusting himself to speak. The other neighbors said in quiet tones: "I don't know how much more the Busby can take. The three children have been constantly and violently ill. Mrs. Busby is completely worn out, and Bill is very upset about his family."

Ron and Margery Clark, another couple here have been without water for two weeks. Margery is a very soft-spoken girl with an English accent. She said: "We live farther away than the other neighbors, so we have not been able to avail ourselves of the hosed in water. I have carried every drop of water in a bucket."

About 8 a.m., the crew arrived for work and were met by the home-owners. Although there was obvious tension between them and the residents, there was no harshness, no violence, not even any loud remarks. Each side expressed sympathy with the other. The home-owners said they realized that the contractors had business obligations to fulfill and the workers said they had families of their own and felt very sorry for their plight. The sewer workers, thought they

School Bids

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School and the new Botsford Hospital proposed structured financing to be a part of the school system's cooperative training program.

Granis McCarty, Gill School principal and head of the cooperative financing program, reported that the program for the fourth and fifth grades has been well accepted by both parents and teachers. Under study by fourth grade students, she said, are the ways America gets goods and services. Discussions cover the money, work, money, needs and consumption and savings.

The fifth grade further explores the money by a discussion of the production of these goods and services.

Final details worked out by Earl Baumunk, coordinator of the cooperative financing program, with Botsford Hospital were discussed.

The hospital proposes to reimburse the employees for the necessary amount of time for the formal training of the students. The trainer would be paid by the Farmington Township. But as much as the trainer's salary would continue to be paid by the hospital, the money for the training time would be retained by the Board of Education until the end of the school year. At that time, the scholarships to Farmington students who upon graduation enroll in formal Botsford Hospital training courses such as nursing, dietary training and dental.

Another item of interest was a report by Superintendent Harrison on receipts obtained from the Old Yale Log. The two Farmington high schools. It was jointly sponsored by the school system and the Community Center and will use the receipt money for Christmas lights in the city and township.

A adult ticket sales totaled \$211.50. This amount being split between the two groups. Student tickets came to \$717.50 bringing total Board of Education receipts to \$1,429.00. Previous high for a game was in 1958 with a total of \$1,019.

Under discussion with no decisions made included two items. The recommendation for improvement in reading instruction was listed as high priority in the instructional improvement plan for the 1965-66 school year. A new proposed reading resource person was suggested to work with teachers, rather than directly with the pupils. This person would be a competent lower elementary teacher who would train with the Oakland County program next semester.

It was suggested that the Farmington Board of Education study the possible use of the Public School Bond Loan Fund as a means of providing more mills for operation without increasing the total millage for school in the district.

FACTS and OPINIONS

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complaining about things first learned of these things?"

Of all our local problems of government and suburban growth, Facts and Opinions continues to regard the financing, building and staffing of our schools as No. One, above all others.

In the course of a recent Legislative-committee meeting, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction offered thoughts which help explain why schools are a problem.

"The fund of knowledge doubles about every 10 years." (Which might explain why it's so difficult to lead a hand with the youngster's homework. It also explains why educators are spending more time than ever, trying to squeeze more subject matter into a school year which hasn't changed much in length in a generation.)

"In Russia, almost exactly the same amount of money is spent on education, as on defense." (Which in the U.S. would require spending \$21 billion more on education than we did in 1963.)

"In 1951, local communities raised about 45 percent of the total costs of education, and State Aid provided 53 percent. In 1963, State Aid constituted only 41 percent and local effort 55 percent." (Which is the booming populations of youngsters, plus higher costs of everything involved. The actual dollar expenditure from Lansing has been constantly increasing, though the percent of participation has been slipping.)

"We are trying to finance this educational growth

with a tax structure adopted at a time when Michigan was an agrarian state, without great industrial areas." (Which means that the serious opinion today is that the mere fact of ownership of property is not an accurate index of the ability to pay taxes. The current goal among most education planners is a state-wide income tax—which in effect would "equalize" the property of all of Michigan and mobilize great revenue in Lansing—with the dollars then being portioned out to individual districts in a way to guarantee that none be left so poor they couldn't give their youngsters equal school opportunity with any other Michigan boys and girls.)

During the recent campaign for State Senate, I used an old school bus as a sort of traveling headquarters and sign board. The mechanical part of the bus seems to be in excellent running order; never gave any trouble while covering several hundred miles.

The body is a little rough and youths broke some windows one night and the whole thing, of course, is covered with painted signs.

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'Village Green' OK'd

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tation on the Village Green, Tom Duke made known a change in the make-up of it. He said he had not been able to get Holiday Inn to come in as had planned. Therefore, rather than to get a lesser estate establishment in its place, his company had decided to build a restaurant of its own. It will be called Independence Inn, and it will be a replica of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

He said he planned to begin construction of 150 units in the spring and he would begin construction of the Village Green's 18 hole golf course at the same time. Depending on how great the demand was, Duke said he plans to complete the project in seven to 10 years.

The Bonding Resolution was passed for sanitary sewers for Golf Lake Hills, Fairgreen Hills and Coventry Subdivisions, and a parent: plate number F6A-1 of section one.

Exchange Club To Hold A Dinner-Dance

The Exchange Club of Farmington Township is planning a Country Fair Dinner Dance on Dec. 4. This Exchange Club Party has always been a favorite and the last two, a Halloween Party, and a Hawaiian Luau, were greatly enjoyed by those present.

The upcoming Country Fair Dinner Dance will feature a Dance that will feature a dance band in addition to a showtime group. The dinner will consist of a choice of steak lobster. One of the highlights of the party will be a "White Elephant Auction Sale."

Proceeds from the party after expenses will be donated to the Goodfellows. Tickets are available from any of the Exchange Club members or may be ordered by phone from Robert Carson at Manufacturers National Bank, Farmington and Eight Mile Office, or Thomas A. Duke, 474-7284.

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In the meantime, the embattled residents were preparing for a legal battle. One of the first moves was to name attorney Robert Steadman the son of a former Michigan State Controller. Steadman succeeded in getting a restraining order against the contractor, Judge Philip Pratt or otherwise. He said he would have to stop pumping, pending a hearing which he set for Wednesday at 9 a.m.

That hearing, the contractor still wishes to go ahead, cause why the restraining order should not be made into an injunction, and if the contractor still wishes to go ahead, the case will be set for trial. Judges, it should be noted however, are generally reluctant to stop construction projects, and attorney Steadman was not overly confident he could make the order stick.

It should be emphasized that this legal action was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Edwards, not by the Meadowbrook Association. A number of the members of the Association do not agree with the action.

At about 2 p.m., Curt Hall, the Township Supervisor, arrived with six 50 gallon drums—each containing about ten gallons of water. He expressed confidence that more water could be added to them on the following day. Hall thus fulfilled a pledge he had made to the affected families.

This pledge had come up several days before, after he had personally driven an emergency water tank into Meadowbrook Hills. Mysteriously, a few days ago, the tank had been removed. When informed of this, Hall could not explain it. But he did give assurances that he would restore the water.

Kiwanis Club Begins Drive For Members

Robert H. Bergstrom, president of the Kiwanis Club of Farmington, announced plans for the annual fall membership drive. The "round-up" program, to be held in North Farmington High School Nov. 30 at 8 p.m., will feature a brief talk about the club's purposes and activities. Also planned is a special film presentation followed by a fellowship hour. Refreshments will be served.

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