

NOT WITHOUT DEBATE

Elk's Club, Old City Hall Building Exchange Finally Consummated

The long considered and much discussed exchange of the Elk's Temple (the Gray H.A. building) and the long vacant old City Hall on the north side of Grand River in the Downtown Farmington business section was finally consummated at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

A motion approving the swap of the buildings was not offered, however, because another motion of longer lengthy discussion. The discussion centering around whether or not a special assessment parking district could be established on special business places on the north side of Grand River in this section without 100 percent voluntary agreement to necessary assessment by the benefiting property owners.

When the vote was taken on this motion, the lone negative vote was cast by Councilman Henry Forrest. It was the one who had first raised the question of whether or not benefiting business places would be agreeable to a special assessment parking district being established to provide parking at the rear of their stores since the city bought the Elk's property and tore down the old hotel building.

Councilman Forrest also cast the lone "no" vote to a companion motion instructing the city manager and the city engineer to set up a special assessment parking district for the north side of Grand River as originally proposed.

In a last ditch effort to bring the action of the councilmen a charge of "conflict of interest" was made by Forrest on the grounds that Mayor Robert Lindbergh and Councilman Henry Thayer were both members of the Elk's Lodge and should therefore refrain from voting. The assessment plan was approved by a 4-1 vote and other councilmen agreed to asking the city attorney to render such an opinion.

More than two months ago when the swap was first set in motion, Forrest asked that action be delayed until the city manager contacted all business building owners in the section to get their reaction to the special assessment parking district proposed. City Manager John Dinan reported that three weeks later that a majority although not all were in accord with the special assessment

Dinan Monday night, was that the present agreement by benefiting property owners is not needed. It was the bonding attorney's opinion that no specific percentage of voluntary agreement to the special assessment proposed was needed as long as the city felt that the improvement was needed. He pointed out that any parties desiring could start suit against the city if they wished but that.

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Sally Kaye Ebel First Farmington Baby of '65

The new year was just 23 hours and four minutes old when the Farmington Enterprise First Baby Contest had a winner. Mrs. James H. Ebel of 2147 Birchwood in Farmington gave birth to her third daughter, Sally Kaye, at 5:04 a.m. on January 2 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. The first baby contest winner weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs., 14 oz.

Farmington merchants and businessmen have joined to-

gether to make sure that little Sally Kaye Ebel will have an especially nice start in life with many fine gifts for her and her parents.

Ebel is a sales representative for Brown-Forman Distilleries in St. Louis, is a native of Detroit. His wife, Susanne, and their family have resided in Farmington Oaks Subdivision since early last year, formerly making their home in Pontiac.

The family includes Linda Sue, five-years-old, and Jane Vera, 21-months-old. The maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Keltner of Detroit. The paternal grandparents are Wilbur Ebel of Detroit. The attending physician for Mrs. Ebel was Dr. Earl Hopkins of Farmington. He reports "the mother and baby are both doing fine."

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DR. WALTER S. GRIMALDA

Heart Attack Claims Prof.

Dr. Walter S. Grimalda of 21025 Drake Road in Farmington, who was known to many as an associate professor of management in the School of Business Administration at Wayne State University and to many others in and around the community of Farmington as a strikingly large and amiable person easily recognizable in crowds at local athletic events and civic functions, was stricken with a fatal heart attack while attending the Allied Social Sciences Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill., on Monday, January 4, at the age of 53.

Dr. Grimalda was prominent in educational circles as well as in physical stature. He stood six feet, four inches tall and weighed 230 pounds. He wore his hair, which was steel-gray, straight back over his forehead.

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RICHARD T. TYLER, Director of Adult Education for the Farmington School District, is pictured above discussing the new winter brochure with adult education instructor Earl Baumunk (seated). Registration for the winter term classes offered in adult education opened Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Farmington Senior High School. Classes will start for the winter term next week.

Hearing on New City Zone Ord. Monday Night

Notices have now been sent out to all property owners in areas which are being planned in the proposed new City of Farmington zoning ordinance, City Manager John Dinan reported Monday.

A public hearing on the proposed revisions in the city's present zoning ordinance and map will be held this coming Monday evening, January 11, at 8 p.m. before the City Council. Citizens who received notices will have an opportunity at this time to express their views on the changes proposed in their neighborhoods or raise any questions they may wish regarding the planned changes.

OK More Yield, Stop Signs in Meadows, Oaks

The City Council took action at its meeting Monday night approving the erection of several yield right-of-way signs and one more stop sign on streets in Farmington Meadows and Farmington Oaks subdivisions to "improve" traffic controls in these newer subdivisions in the city.

It was pointed out to the Council that the public safety department feels "that the yield right-of-way" signs are more effective than the stop sign in many locations. It alerts the motorist to traffic conditions yet does not stop attention to the stop sign, the public safety director said.

The additional stop sign is called for on Chester Drive at Farmington Road. Stop signs at ten other locations in these two subdivisions were erected earlier.

Two new traffic control orders were officially adopted authorizing not only the new signs but also to cover the installation of the sign that had been put up earlier.

Praise Safety Dept. Highly

The public safety department was commended highly by individual members of the City Council Monday night for the job they have been doing in law enforcement work in the community during the past year.

Councilman Henry Forrest noted that in a report on police activities from January through November recently submitted to councilmen a very substantial increase in the number of arrests and convictions made by the department had been recorded.

He was high in his praise of the work that Director Maurice Foltz has been doing with his staff in affording the city better law enforcement.

Mayor Robert Lindbergh also had high praise for the department. He stated that he was particularly pleased with the very substantial improvements that have been made in record keeping within the department since Foltz has taken over.

Twelve Vying for Nominations in Feb. 15 Primary for State Senator

Voters of the 14th State Senator District, including all of Farmington City and Township, will have 12 candidates to choose from in the special February 15 Primary Election which has been called to fill the senate seat for this district left vacant by the untimely death of Senator-elect Paul M. Chander.

Six Republicans and six Democrats filed as candidates to vie for their party's nomination to complete for election in this office in the general election on Monday, April 5. The deadline for filing as candidates was Monday, Jan. 4, at 4 p.m. and several of the candidates waited until the last day to file.

Included in this large field of candidates are four men who make their homes in Farmington and a fourth who is in business in Farmington and fairly well known here although he makes his home in Novi.

The Republican candidates are: ALLEN C. INGLE—A justice of the peace in Farmington for

the past 11 years and attorney for the past 15 years, Judge Ingle is 43 and has resided in Oakland County for the past 14 years. He holds an L.L.B. degree from the Detroit College of Law and is past president of the Michigan Justice of Peace Assn. and past president of the Oakland County Judicial Assn. Judge Ingle is a veteran of WW II and a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War.

GEORGE T. AMES—A resident at 4103 Mooringside, Novi, where he has lived for the last 9 1/2 years. Ames, 39, is employed at the Homer Barber Shop 333 Grand River in Farmington. He ran for 13th District Representative in 1952 and for a justice of the peace position in the 1954 primary election. He was a precinct delegate in Wayne Co. when he lived there and also a director of the Young Republicans and a director of the Republican Committee for the 15th District. Married and the father of four children, Ames is a past president of the "Willowbrook" Community Assn. of Novi and presently a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge.

FITZGUGH PRESCOTT—An unsuccessful candidate in the GOP primary election for this same position last year. Prescott, who makes his home in Bel-Aire Subdivision in Farmington, is in the fertilizer business. He has four children, married and the father of one child. Prescott attended Central Michigan College and Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. He is a member of the American Legion, Elks and V.F.W. Prescott's grandfather was Michigan Secretary of State from 1905 until 1908 and his father, the late Charles T. Prescott, a state senator for 16 years in Lansing.

FARRELL ROBERTS—Senator from Oakland County's 16th District who did not appear in election last fall but instead was an unsuccessful candidate for the new Court of Appeals, was a two-term State Representative and a member of the Michigan State Senate. Senator Roberts was narrowly defeated in the race for the Second Judicial District. He is 44 years of age in which three were elected last November. A 42-year-old attorney, Roberts lives in West Bloomfield Township with his wife and two children, sons Mark and Bruce. He is a partner in the law firm of Dietrich and Roberts in Pontiac.

THOMAS J. MEEHUGH—Current 4th councilman and mayor in the City of Sylvan Lake, McHugh resides at 1488 Benvenue in Sylvan Lake City. He is 32 and married and the father of four children. Graduate of St. Fredericks High School in Pontiac, McHugh also attended the University of Detroit and received his master's degree in architectural engineering.

PAUL A. KERN, JR.—Like Prescott, Kern also ran for this same office in the 1964 primary.

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Tax Collections Good But Still A Lot To Go

Reports on Monday of this week from the treasurers' offices in both Farmington City and Township were that wicker tax payments had been coming in very well up to this point.

Both Kathryn Cotter, city treasurer, and Elise Avery, township treasurer, were quick to add, however, that there were still a lot of bills cut but very hopeful that a lot would not wait until the last day or two before the penalty date of February 16 to get payments in.

MRS. COTTER reported Monday afternoon that a total of \$50,543.65 had been paid in to the city in school and county taxes as of the first business day of the new year according to a total billing by her office of \$1,070,191.84. This represents a total collection of \$1,019,648.19 or 95 per cent of the total billing.

The report from Mrs. Avery's township office as of noon Monday was that a total of \$1,019,648.19 or 95 per cent of the total billing.

City Corrects Problem With Home Vibration

The problem of alleged vibrations in the home of Siegfried Fleischmann at 22475 Violet being caused by the operations of machinery at the Farmington Sheet Metal Shop on Orchard Lake Road has now been resolved.

Fleischmann first registered a complaint about the vibrations and noise to the City Council about a month ago. The follow-up was made by the city manager and then City Engineer Frank Papske.

While Papske could detect vibrations being caused, he did suggest a problem existed in any possibility of vibrations in the future, the City Council was informed at its meeting Monday night.

Water Hearing Set for Jan. 11

A public hearing on the extension of City of Detroit water facilities in a Meadowbrook Hills Subdivision on a special assessment basis has been scheduled before the Farmington Township Board for 8 p.m. Monday, January 11.

The hearing will be for the purpose of establishing the necessity of the proposed water improvement project in the subdivision in the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty Road only. Objections to the proposed improvement or questions regarding it will be heard from anyone owning property in the area where the proposed improvement is planned.

If necessity is established at this first hearing then complete engineering and cost estimating work will follow to establish exact special assessment costs expected for each parcel of property. A second hearing will then be held to hear any objections to the special assessment set on each piece of property.

Homeowners in this subdivision presently have private wells. A number of wells went dry recently when pumping operations were found to be necessary.



TAXPAYERS VISITED the local offices of the Farmington Township and City Treasurers in considerable numbers this past week to get the annual chore out of the way. Pictured above is Barney Soldana of 33315 Mooringside in Farmington Township settling his tax bill with Township Treasurer Elise Avery.

Twp. Treasurer Sets Sat. Hours

As a special service to taxpayers of Farmington Township, Treasurer Elise Avery and members of her staff will maintain special hours on three different Saturdays between now and the end of February.

The treasurer's office in the Township Hall will be open for the purpose of taking tax payments from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The township treasurer's office will also be open during these same hours on Saturday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 27.

Registration Deadline Jan. 18

The deadline for registering to vote in the Feb. 15 special primary election to select a new State Senator for the 14th District and to elect members of the Farmington Township referendum question on township pay increases on this same date will be Monday, January 18, at 8 p.m.

Voters of both the City and Township will go to the polls on Feb. 15 to nominate their party choices for the April 5 general election. Ballot boxes will be set up for our district. Paul M. Chander, who was elected in the Nov. 3 election as senator for this district, died suddenly in December in assisting the special primary and election.

The referendum vote in the township on pay increases granted the supervisor, clerk and treasurer will be held, if approved, by citizens of the township.

Only those persons not already registered and duly qualified voters in either the city or township need be concerned about the registering deadline.

Official notices for both the city and township giving details on the registration deadline appear elsewhere in this week's edition of The Farmington Enterprise.



THE MARCH OF DIMES campaign chairman for Farmington, Attorney Harold Larsen (left), is pictured above with Jim Rowe's Junior at North Farmington High School who has been named the Teen Chairman for the Farmington March of Dimes Campaign for 1965. Larsen said chairmen will be out in most of the stores and business places around Farmington by the end of the week and hopes to have another fine record to report later this month when campaign contributions are tabulated.

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