

# Library Expansion Requires More Funds

(This is the first in a series of two articles on the two special library millage propositions to appear on the April 5 ballot in Farmington Township.)

On Monday, April 5, voters of Farmington Township will be asked to approve a special tax levy for the purpose of permitting the expansion and improvement of the Farmington City and Township District Library system. Approval of this special levy is sought for ten years.

Voters will also be asked to approve the continuation of a \$1.15 mill levy which is presently being assessed but due to ex-

pire in order to maintain library system operations at the present level. Continuation of this levy is sought for 20 years.

The Farmington Friends of the Library, long active in the Farmington community in promoting improved community library facilities, are waging an all out effort to convince local citizens that public library systems improvements are necessary.

Friends President Robert Schafetz stated at a meeting recently: "We are especially concerned that citizens of the township realize the importance of

these two propositions. The convenience of the property for the second library building proposed on 12 Mile Road across from the Dutchess Junior High should appeal to residents of the township. All the citizens of the community, and especially the children and young people, will benefit from the increased library facilities."

The Friends, active in Farmington since 1952, have presented a brief history of the local public library system in an effort to show the study growth that has been made and to encourage this kind of continued growth of library facilities and services in the community.

This history reads as follows: The Farmington District Library as it is today was just a dream a decade and a half ago. Many residents remember the crowded room in the Town Hall that served for years as the library. It was in use from 1929 until February of 1933. Prior to that a room in the First Baptist Church was used.

In those days the librarian served the people out of the goodness of her heart because there were no funds for a salary. Records show that Miss Mary Kennedy took on the temporary job as librarian in 1933. She served until her death in 1939, 25 years later.

At his death in 1950 Clinton Wilbur, a life-long resident of Farmington, left his estate of \$75,000 to be used for either a hospital or a library for the community. In 1951 Miss Ruth Carlisle bequeathed an additional \$12,133 to the Farmington Library. These funds, plus donations from groups and individuals, ultimately were used to give us our present library.

Ever since forming the Friends of the Library have helped inform citizens of Farmington and City and Township authorities of the condition of the library, and have worked to provide the facility for a rapidly growing community. The

Friends helped to sponsor Senate Bill 1961 in Lansing, passed in April 1955, which provided for the management and operation of a City-Township owned library, the first of its kind in the state of Michigan.

By providing a proportional share out of its general fund each year, the present combined city and township district library system has been able to be developed.

But, pointed out both officials of the Friends of the Library

and of the District Library Board, of the present facilities and services in the one library building we now have on Farmington Road in the City of Farmington are totally inadequate to satisfy even present stable library needs for city and township youngsters and adults let alone take care of needs as the community continues to grow.

It is pointed out by the Friends of the Library in a fact sheet that the local public library presently has only 23,000 books and 50 seats to accommodate patrons. According to American Library Association

standards, Farmington should now have a public library system with 50,000 books and enough seating to handle 120 patrons at one time, they state.

Next week more detailed information will be given on projected public library needs of the community based on expected population increases; what the consequences will be if one or both of the library propositions are defeated on April 5; and questions answered regarding other details related to the two library propositions to be voted on.

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## Twp. Board to Appoint Bi-partisan Salaries, Pension Plan Comm.

Farmington Township Board Trustee Earl Oppertbauer announced at a meeting Monday night that he had nearly completed selections and the working out of details for the formation of a special township salaries and pension plan study committee.

The job of this special committee will be to review in detail and make recommendations

to the Township Board on the best possible salary schedule that can be worked out for all township employees and also to assist township officials and an actuary being consulted by the township's administration in developing a pension plan for employees.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that this would be a bi-partisan committee made up of an equal number of citizens of the Democratic and Republican parties. It is expected that the committee will consist of ten members.

## Comm. Forum 'States Rights' To Be Thurs.

The Farmington Community Forum's panel discussion on "States Rights" will be held tomorrow evening, Thursday, March 25, at 8 p.m.

Among the panel members are George B. Bostwick, Jr., Detroit attorney and co-chairman for "Legal Assistance in the South." Another will be Thomas L. Ponder, also a Detroit attorney and chairman, leader of the Greater Detroit Homeowners Council and presently a Detroit Council member.

THE NAMES of the committee members are not expected to be officially announced for another week or more yet but the names of three or four possible Democratic Party candidates were mentioned. They include Norman Petersen, John Bain, Leo Meagher and Bernard Cantor.

This will be the second special citizens study committee to be appointed by the Township Board since the first of the year. A special building and grounds study committee made

## Pub. Hearings Set Monday

Public hearings on water and sewer improvement projects proposed in two separate areas in Farmington Township have been scheduled for this coming Monday evening, March 29, at a special meeting of the Township Board.

One of the hearings will be on the necessity of establishing a special assessment sanitary sewer district for Glen Oaks Subdivision including Orchard Lake Road and Greening Street as well as Glen Oaks. The initial cost estimate figure for this improvement is \$105,000, according to Clerk Floyd Cairns.

The hearing on this proposed project has been set for 8 p.m.

The second hearing scheduled is for the extension of Detroit water facilities through Woodward and Fend streets in Supervisor's Plat of Fend Farms. The estimated cost for this improvement is \$149,800.

A second hearing is slated for 8:30 p.m.

## Music Festival Set for This Saturday Night

The Kendallwood Kiwanis are going all out to pack the house at the annual "Festival of Music" Saturday, March 27, at 8 p.m. according to publicity chairman William Patterson.

Everything is set for the club's main fund raising activity that has been in the planning for over a year. Patterson said that the idea of a Musical Festival was accepted by the club in 1953 after members Harold Larson and Rev. William Holmes studied several proposed projects the club might sponsor annually. Holmes and Larson met later with school officials who also endorsed the project. It was at that time, in early 1954 that detailed planning for the festival began.

PATTERSON SAID the project will have a dual purpose each year. First, young musical talent in the Farmington school system will have an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and second, proceeds from the Festival will be used for Kiwanis youth projects in the community.

He expressed the desire to see Farmington area citizens get behind the young Kiwanis Club and their school's top music.

See MUSIC FESTIVAL, Page 8-A, Col. 2.



THE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, sponsored by the Kendallwood Kiwanis Club of Farmington, will be held this Saturday night, March 27, in the North Farmington High School Auditorium. The club received praise from City officials. Pictured above are (L to R) City Clerk Teresa Quinn, City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter, Kiwanis Club publicity chairman Bill Patterson and Kiwanis Club advertising chairman Glenn Timmons. The program, which will feature a variety of musical acts, the Farmington Choralists, Melodians, Brass Choir and the Kendallkians, is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

## Senate, City Council Candidates Give Views

The first of two community-wide Meet the Candidates programs was held on Monday night of this week at the Antioch Lutheran Church in the township under the joint sponsorship of the Farmington Human Relations Council and the Farmington League of Women Voters.

The two candidates for the 14th District State Senate seat to be filled as well as six of the seven candidates running for the Farmington City Council seats to be filled April 5 spoke.

Comments made by the two state senate candidates, Earl Oppertbauer (Dem.) and Ed McNamara (Dem.), centered around the need for state tax reforms.

## Tw. Zone Ord. Revisions Made

A number of zoning requests and reviews of plans are scheduled to be heard at the Township Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday evening, Thursday, March 25.

Rezoning to permit construction of an ice skating arena and outdoor golf driving range on Orchard Lake Road between 11 and 12 Mile roads will be requested; and rezoning of the southwest corner of Orchard Lake Road and 9 Mile Road will be asked by the Shell Oil Co. for a gasoline service station.

REVIEWS WILL be continued on the following proposed rezoning: Heritage Hills subdivision, 14 Mile Road from Drake to Farmington roads; Colony Park subdivision, southwest of 13 Mile and Farmington roads; and a multiple development at the corner of Farmington and Nine Mile roads.

The only one of the seven city council candidates unable to see CANDIDATES, Page 8-A, Col. 3.

## \$6.3 Million School Budget Approved For '65-'66 Year

An operating budget of \$6,370,000 for the Farmington Public School District's 1965-66 school year was approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting last Wednesday evening, March 23. The budget, which is approximately \$1,040,000 higher than that for the current year, was adopted at \$8,305,000, but later in the meeting, action on teachers' salaries added \$65,000 to the total.

The bulk of the increase, \$894,000, will go for salaries and wages of teaching and non-teaching personnel. Salaries and wages account for 88.7 percent of the total budget.

THE BUDGET, PREPARED by Supt. G. V. Harrison and his administrative staff, was based upon an estimated enrollment of 13,600 for the coming year which is an increase of approximately 700 over the current year's enrollment. This increase is reflected in the budget by a \$153,000 increase in transportation; and operation

and maintenance costs, as well as in salary needs. There will be 45 more people added to the payroll for the coming year, and the new Larkshire Elementary School, as well as additions at four other schools, will be ready for operation.

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## Board of Ed. Approves Teachers' Salary Increase

The Farmington Board of Education, at a regular meeting on Monday, March 22, approved a 5.5 per cent salary schedule for teachers in the district.

The approval came after several months of study, meetings and negotiations between the salary committee of the Farmington Education Association and a committee of the Board of Education.

Gene Syverson, chairman of the FEA salary committee, appeared before the board at last Monday's meeting to report that at a general meeting of the FEA on March 8, members had voted to accept the Board of Education's offer of a 5.5 per cent base improvement in the starting salary for beginning teachers with either A.B. or M.A. degrees.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S budget, which was also approved at the March 22 meeting, had been based on a \$200 base improvement. The difference between the two bases will cost \$75,071. It is anticipated that \$55,000 will be met through additional estimated state aid and the budget will be \$130,000 for the 1955-'56 year. The remaining \$9,500 will be met by reducing the proposed operating budget expenditures for instructional supplies and equipment.

The overall increase to the district for the improved base amounts is approximately \$180,000 for the 1955-'56 year over the current year.

SYVERSON SAID that not all of the teachers are content with the salaries, but voted for the increase recommended by their committee. He said most of the teachers are concerned about the number of years needed to reach maximum salary, which is 10 to 11 years for holders of A.B. degrees and 12 years for those with M.A. degrees. FEA members, he continued, wanted the salary schedule adjusted so that teachers can reach maximum pay after 10 years; and see TEACHERS' PAY, Page 8-A, Col. 1.

## B. C. Meeting Set Tuesday

"How to Fail in Business Without Really Trying" is the topic the main speaker has chosen for the general membership meeting of the Farmington Board of Commerce this coming Tuesday evening, March 30.

The speaker is CPA Bud Wittus of Parker-Wittus who will discuss the problems resulting when there is lack of communication between auditor and his client with special reference to the 1964 Revenue Act and local taxes. Local attorney Terry Brennan will also speak outlining the trouble a businessman can get into due to lack of knowledge of the law.

All area businessmen are invited to the meeting which will start at 7 p.m. and be held at the First Farmington Savings and Loan Building off Orchard Lake Road a short distance north of Grand River Avenue.

Some of the businessmen have already indicated that they plan to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at the Himmelspach Dinner Room before going to the meeting. It is reported.

## Candidates to Speak April 1

Keep Thursday evening, April 1, open on your calendar.

This is the plea of the Farmington Jaycees to all City of Farmington voters. A Meet the Candidates program, sponsored by the Jaycees, will be held on this date at the Farmington High School gymnasium starting at 8 p.m.

All seven of the candidates seeking the three seats to be filled on the City Council have been invited to present their qualifications and opinions on matters and also to answer any questions that voters might want to raise.

In addition to the City Council candidates, the two candidates for the 14th District State Senate seat will also be invited to speak as will a spokesman from the Friends of the Library on the two library millage propositions to be on the April 5 Farmington Township ballot.

## Township Board Members Protest Charges Against Attorney Brennan

Township Board Trustees Earl Oppertbauer and Byron Walter both made detailed statements at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night expressing deep concern and anger over the most serious charges of "conflict of interest" made against Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan.

This concern centers around statements made by Attorney Joseph Larsen about Brennan in an article which appeared in the March 19 edition of the Livonia newspaper. Livonia is a Farmington under the heading "Seek to Prevent Village Green."

The story was about a writ of mandamus which a couple of Farmington Township couples were going to seek to force the Township administration to put to rest the question of whether Thomas and George Duke should be allowed to proceed with their \$25 million independent Green development.

IN THIS STORY, Larsen attorney for the two couples, made serious charges against Brennan. Larsen charged that Brennan

was guilty of conflict of interest since he has done legal work for Thomas Duke in the past and that he violated the Bar Association's Code of Ethics, according to the story in the Livonia newspaper.

Oppertbauer and Walter, both practicing corporation attorneys, made it clear that Brennan had every legal right to render a decision on the validity of petitions that had been circulated earlier in an attempt to get the Independence Green rezoning question to a referendum vote.

Both Township Board members who are also attorneys said that Attorney Brennan had never, since they have been on the Board, done anything to warrant charges of conflict of interest or any other kind of wrong doing.

ATTORNEY Larsen was extremely unfair and totally out of order in making such statements to the press. Trustee Oppertbauer stated. Both he and Walter agreed that if Larsen had any reason to believe Brennan was violating the Bar Association's Code of Ethics he should have known as an attorney his obligation to call this to the attention of the bar association first before making any public statements.

Walter said that in his 14 to 15 years of practicing law he had never once heard of an attorney making such serious charges against another attorney publicly. He said, however, that he was aware of a few cases where such matters had been brought before the bar association for a decision and rezoning before any public statements were made.

AT THE REQUEST of Oppertbauer and Walter, see TWP. Bd. PROTEST, Page 8-A, Col. 5.

## Reduce Sewage Disposal Rate

A reduction in the rate presently being charged for Farmington Township residents and other users for sewage disposal by the Oakland-County DPW will become effective with the April 1 billing, it was reported by DPW to township officials disclosed.

"The rate is to be reduced from \$1.07 per 1,000 cubic feet of sewage to \$1.00 per 1,000 cubic feet," was pointed out in the letter that this is the second rate reduction to be made. The first reduction was made in January of 1964 when the rate was cut from \$1.11 to \$1.07 per 1,000 cubic feet.

"Notices of this rate reduction will be mailed in early April 1 billing, it was reported."

"This department will continue to strive to keep the rate for sewage disposal commensurate with our costs for this service," DPW Director B. J. Alexander stated at the conclusion of his letter.

## Paving Planned For 11-Mile Rd.

Plans, announced last fall, for improvement of a part of Eleven Mile Road will be carried out this year according to letters sent to Township residents by the Board of County Road Commissioners.

The paving will begin 750 feet west of Orchard Lake Road, which will include the Township Hall property, and continue to Inkster Road. The project will include grading, placing of gravel base or stabilized grade, and paving with bituminous aggregate surface 20 feet in width. There will be shoulders 8 feet in width on each side of the paved area. Ditches will be constructed as required for drainage.

There will be no assessment against the abutting property owners for this construction since the entire cost will be financed by revenue from gasoline tax and other sources.

The letters stated that the Oakland County Road Commissioners will do the work "during the construction season of 1965." It was also stated that residents along the road would experience some inconvenience at certain times during construction, but that every effort possible would be made to facilitate the movement of local traffic.

## START STOPPING SOONER



## Bonding, Millage Vote To Be Mon. in C'ville

Voters of the Clarenceville School District are reminded that next Monday, March 29, is the date for voting on a \$2 million bond issue and a 4 mill increase in the millage levy for the district's school system operations.

Complete details of the two propositions are given on Page 3, Section A, of this week's Enterprise.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY Department of the City of Farmington has launched a program in its Traffic Safety Bureau in the interests of preventing accidents on the highways. Sgt. Robert Deedman and Police Chief Maurice D. Foltz are pictured above (L to R) putting up one of the first signs carrying the safety slogan of the month. The sign placed along major arteries leading into the City, will be changed regularly with messages of warning appropriate for the season.