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Expressway to Be Opened by First of Year

Opening of the Farmington-Brighton expressway will be delayed until the middle of December or end of the year, possibly later if bridge steel is not now delivered.

Steel holding up opening is completion of the bridge near Novi over the C & O railroad tracks.

Perhaps one side of the bridge will be completed first, allowing limited travel, but this is not promised.

LACK OF the steel is forcing the state into more expensive construction. In that weather it will be necessary to enclose the work and heat the area for proper drying of concrete.

In charge of the project are District Bridge Engineer Claude Millroy and District Engineer A. L. Brown. Neither can forecast a definite opening until the steel is delivered.

Although work at the east end is coming along well, it is likely only eastbound traffic can be opened from 10 Mile in Farmington, and no west bound lane opened.

Archie Leonard Buried Wed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Archie G. Leonard of 30321 Gladstone Ave., prominent Oakland County attorney and longtime Farmington resident.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Methodist Church in Farmington with Rev.



end Leroy L. Lord, minister of the Orchard Methodist Church which Mr. Leonard attended, officiating. Leonard was in North Farmington Cemetery.

Leonard, who served as attorney for Farmington Township and the Farmington School District for several years as well as many districts in the vicinity, had practiced law in Pontiac for the past 25 years.

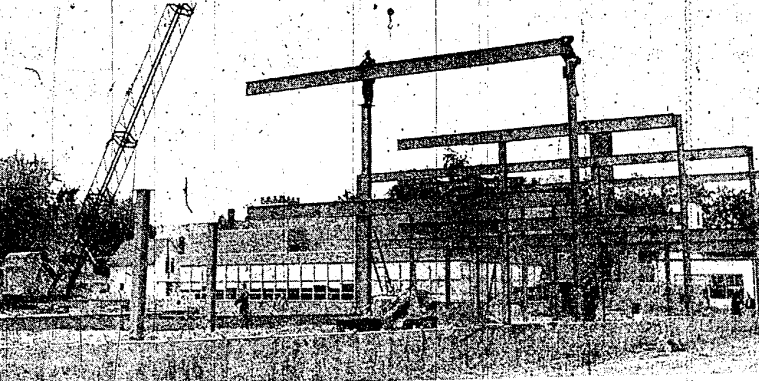
A RESIDENT of this community for 32 years, he passed away Sunday, October 13, at Pontiac General Hospital.

Born in St. Louis, Michigan, on August 31, 1892, Leonard attended Central Michigan College and the University of Michigan and later received a degree in law from Wayne University.

Leonard served as superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools from 1921 to 1928 and, for the next two years, as assistant commissioner of schools in Oakland County prior to entering the law practice. He was a member and past president of the Oakland County Bar Association and Past President of the Michigan Bar Association.

Surviving besides Mrs. Leonard are three daughters and one son, Mrs. Ada Epley of Livonia, Mrs. Mabel Ellen Cordes of San Diego, California, Mrs. Sally Ann Petty of Farmington and A. T. Leonard of Muskegon, Michigan. He also leaves nine grandchildren.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK

On a sizable addition at the rear of the Farmington Junior High school site is progressing very satisfactorily, according to a report issued by Architect Peter Tarapata earlier this week. It has indicated that nearly 50 per cent of the steel work on the unit now under construction had been completed by the end of last week.

Workmen were snapped last week while lowering another steel beam into place. The gymnasium unit at the site can be seen in the background. A foundation when completed will include general offices, clinic, art room, two science rooms and enlarged music rooms and consultation facilities. Separate band and vocal music rooms will also be provided with the old band house at the site to be razed.

Armed Robber Nabbed in Area

A 26 year old armed robber from Detroit was apprehended at West Point Tackle and Bait at 3810 Grand River Avenue last Friday afternoon by township policeman Earl Teeples.

It was later learned that the armed bandit, Gerald Van Danlen, was prominent Oakland County attorney and longtime Farmington resident.

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MRS. ROSE PETROFF operator of the bank and tackle business, was responsible for the robber's apprehension. She indicated that Van Danlen had come into the store around 10:30 a.m. and loitered about for some time. Noticing what appeared to be a gun butt when he pulled his hand from his pocket, she made a dash for it.

Following questioning, Van Danlen was turned over to Detroit detectives. According to a police report, he has since confessed to other larcenies in Detroit. When picked up, he was on probation for both larceny and rape.

Group to Attend C. of C. Workshop

Albert Gaj, president of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that he is organizing a delegation from here to attend a workshop for local chamber members to be held in Lansing on October 29.

Dwight Havens, nationally recognized authority on Chamber of Commerce programming and manager of the National Chamber's Service Department at Washington, D. C. will be the feature speaker and discussion leader. He and other staff officials of the National Chamber will discuss chamber programming and financing, committee organization, duties and responsibilities of officers and directors and other related subjects.

Donald Pullen, local C. of C. manager, urged all members of the delegation to go to Lansing, which he will head, and take advantage of the opportunity to discuss chamber problems with national experts.

The workshop, co-sponsored by the National Chamber and the Lansing Chamber, is one of a series being held this fall across the nation.

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Plan 2 Separate Halloween Parties

All children and teenagers of the Farmington area are invited to a gala Halloween Party to be held Thursday evening, October 31, at the Farmington Senior High School gymnasium.

Two separate parties will be held this year under the sponsorship of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The party for youngsters through grade 6 will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A costume parade will be held and prizes awarded. Winners will be determined in age groups. The first group will include kindergarten through grade 2, the second, children in grades 3 and 4 and the third, children in grades 5 and 6. Cartoons will be shown and a special unannounced guest will perform.

A dance will be given for junior and senior high students starting at 8 p.m. and featuring disc jockey Don McLeod of WJBK radio. A dance contest will be held with prizes to be awarded. Don McLeod will judge the contest.

City Hall Bids Come in Today

Bids on remodeling the Farmington municipal building offices are to be received, this afternoon at 1 p.m.

Bids will be opened publicly and listed. Bidders will be checked, and City Manager Earl Scherfuss will make recommendations to the city council at its meeting, October 28.

REMODELING planned would increase the city council chambers so that more people may attend meetings, change the lobby area and create another office or two.

Around the city work is going forward on several projects and there is hope rain will not delay them much.

McGEE HILL is now open on traffic. In a couple of weeks it will be seal treated, and then blacktop next spring. Concrete streets are being poured this week in the Twin Valley subdivision. Developer is V. J. Shiwassaw.

GRADING on the north side of the city is well advanced. Workmen had hoped to start pouring this week and finish next.

Work on the Powers street bridge is delayed until the big arch arrives to be placed on footings already prepared.

All surfacing is now completed on Hawthorne street and the work is well along in this week if not too much rain falls.

Two Hearings On City Zoning

Two hearings were held by the city council on rezoning last Thursday night, with decisions to be made later.

Opposition developed for the proposed rezoning of Lot 16, Assessors Plat 7, owned by Dr. C. F. Weaver and located west of Farmington Road and south off Shawwasaw. Dr. Weaver had proposed construction of a building containing a number of efficiency apartments.

A PETITION signed by 13 property owners nearby, all opposed to the rezoning, was presented. Attorney Sylvester Phinney was present to represent three owners also opposed to the rezoning. Thomas Sechler represented the owner.

Twp. Checks on Taking Over Water, Sewers

Farmington Township Board hopes to have a meeting Friday evening at 8 p.m. with developers of three subdivisions to see if consolidated grounds can be reached in a proposal that the township take over their water and sewer facilities.

Supervisor Frank Stephenson was trying this week to set up such a meeting.

THE THREE subdivisions are Kendallwood, Westbrook Manor and Guy Pooley.

This action had been stymied because the township had not yet received an opinion of the attorney general ruling it permissible for townships to take over and operate such facilities. The ruling came through last week.

THE TOWNSHIP has been making a house to house check in the three Kendallwood subdivisions. It is indicated that about 350 homes there do not even have meters now.

The developers, Thompson & Brown Company, would have to turn over the sewer and water facilities in decent operating condition. In addition, the township will have to take into consideration the certainty of construction of a Farmington interceptor sewer, and whether a lateral can be built over to the subdivision area.

Cville School Meeting Changed

The date is the same, October 17, but tonight's community school meeting at Clarencerville has been changed to 7:15 o'clock. It's in the new Junior High School, and all adults are invited to attend.

This first meeting will be general discussion on all phases of school operations. The board of education hopes from this meeting that certain areas of interest will emerge, with later meetings each.

Consultant and moderator at the meeting will be Dr. Roy Smittle, Wayne State University.

Dunckel Junior High Progress Steady; Cafeteria, Gym Delayed

The administrative section of the O. E. Dunckel Junior High school, including the lobby, teachers' work room and library, should be ready for occupancy by Monday of next week, Architect Peter Tarapata indicated in a progress report at the School Board meeting Monday night.

He also informed the Board that the heating boiler for the school was now in and operating. Although minor items will remain to be done in the classroom unit, Tarapata stated, it will be essentially completed.

It is estimated that the art room, two music rooms and drafting room would not be ready for occupancy before November 1 and that the cafeteria would also not be ready to serve hot lunches from before this time. No indication is given when the gymnasium would be finished.

IN SHARP contrast, Tarapata indicated that work was running considerably ahead of schedule on the Farmington Junior High addition under the construction supervision of the Boy-Lorenzo Company.

Architect J. McDonald Jacobs reported that work on the Middle-Pointe school was slightly behind schedule because of delays in receiving laminated wood beams. He stated, however, that the contractor had given assurance that the long time would be made up.

Superintendent G. V. Harrison told the Board that he had received verbal word that federal and state authorities had approved plans for a new Cleveland elementary school to be built in the city and that construction bids could be taken as soon as written notification was given. The Board gave authorization to proceed with advertising for bids and set November 14 at 8 p.m. as the time for opening bids.

Get Post Office Bids on Monday

Bids from contractors will be received next Monday, October 21, by the private individuals who may construct a new building for the Farmington post office, according to Postmaster Henry Trombley.

John Allen is the architect, and the bids will be received by him. The bids will have to be under a set figure, and if the cost goes beyond the postal department can not enter into a lease agreement.

Make 2 Precincts In School District

A resolution calling for the division of the Farmington Public School District into two precincts was unanimously approved by the School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The division line between the two precincts will follow the centerline of Ten Mile Road from Inkster Road west to Farmington Road and thence the city boundary line to Gill Road at Grand River. From here the line will follow the centerline of Grand River to the western School District boundary.

All persons living south of the line will be in Precinct One and will vote at the Farmington Junior High. Voters living to the north will be in Precinct Two and will vote at the O. E. Dunckel Junior High.

Notification will be given by the School District to all registered voters who will be voting at Precinct Two in the future, school administrators stated.

A REQUEST for use of the Farmington Junior High football field by Our Lady of Sorrows school for two remaining home football contests at no cost was granted by the Board. The field also intended for use of the senior high gymnasium for community Halloween parties to be given under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Approval was given the PTA Council to proceed in conducting a detailed study regarding the setting up of a student exchange program in the school system with the stipulation that it would be done at no cost to the district.

At the request of the city, the Board instructed the administration to obtain bids for the laying of a sidewalk on school property on the north side of Shawwasaw from relocated Farmington Road eastward approximately 650 feet.

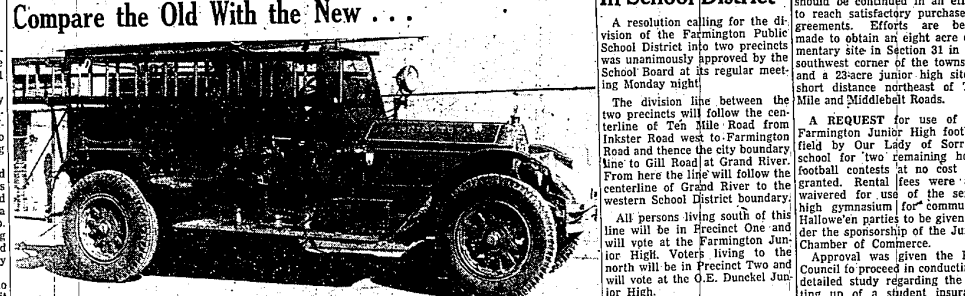
In other action, the expenditure of \$4,224 for a public address system for Dunckel Junior High and \$2,743.25 for band and orchestra instruments and an adding machine were authorized.

Bids for the construction of a multi-purpose room addition at the Eagle elementary school were received and authorization given to the board to award the contract to the low bidder subject to the qualified recommendation of the contractor by the architect. The Petko-Connors Construction Company submitted the lowest bid of \$73,287 in a field of nine bidders.

Club's Pumpkin Sale Oct. 26-27

A jack-o-lantern in your window or porch is supposed to mean that you're a member of the club. If you come there, say members of the Farmington Exchange Club.

To help everyone along, Exchange Club members will have their first annual pumpkin sale Saturday and Sunday, October 26-27. Proceeds go into the Farmington Youth Fund.



Compare the Old With the New... THE CITY'S standby fire truck is almost as old as the city itself. It's still serviceable, but it's ready to go, thanks to the extra time given it by Charles Willard. It's now the city's oldest machine. It was probably purchased from the City of Detroit.



THIS EQUIPMENT in the Farmington Dept. of Public Safety probably illustrates best the transition of Farmington from a small town to a still-growing city of 6,000 population, with residents demanding full protection and services. The department includes two fire trucks (one is the standby American-LaFrance), a utility truck, and two scout cars. One of the latter was on the road when this picture was taken.

The old American-LaFrance fire truck may be the most interesting thing in Farmington city's Department of Public Safety, but the other equipment puts the city to the test when it comes to protection and efficiency.

Joseph G. DeVreind, acting director of the department, calls an integrated fire department with three paid employees on a shift always available for duty. Others can be called out quickly for a big fire.

workers built the dog cage and even did the lettering. JOE G. DEVREIND has been acting director since last July. He has been with Farmington city 22 years, as a deputy sheriff and chief of police. He is particularly proud of that fire truck, although he gives all credit for its usefulness to Charles Willard, who is also a volunteer fireman. A tool and die maker with Central Boiler Company, Mr. Willard worked many years ago for American-LaFrance at its Buffalo, N. Y., plant. THE OLD pump has only 1,883 miles on its speedometer, having been used only in the city limits. Fortunately the tires are good, as they'd be hard to get to the radiator. It still makes fire the rear castings are 9.00 x 24. The truck has wooden wheels, and a chain drive. The engine has a big dual ignition system with double spark plugs, and a carburetor like few other pumps can remember. IT IS CALLED a pump with a reservoir. American-LaFrance made a water pump that still can't be beat. The old pump will pump as much or more water than any other pump of its size. Mr. DeVreind says the pump has been tested under all conditions. It will pump 750 gallons per minute, will make a stream 100 feet at 150 pounds pressure. It takes three men to hold the hose. The firm was founded in 1845 at Elmira, N. Y., says a plaque on the truck. It still makes fire trucks.

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