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Oakland DPW Accepts Twp. Water Systems

Oakland County entered the water business for the first time last Monday when supervisors passed unanimously the plan for the County Department of Public Works to take over and operate systems serving 14 subdivisions in Farmington Township.

The Township, which had been operating the water systems and sewer systems until the agreement with Thompson-Brown was recently severed, is making the quarterly billing for the period ending December 31. This enabled the county DPW to set up records and a billing system of its own. There was not time for this since the changeover.

THE FOURTEEN subdivisions which will hereafter be served by the county DPW are as follows: Kendallwood Subdivision, Kendallwood 1, Kendallwood 2, Kendallwood 3, Kendallwood 4, Westbrooke Manor, Westbrooke Manor 1, Westbrooke Manor 2, Westbrooke Manor 3, Old Homestead, Old Homestead 1, Briar Hill, Woodbrook, Guy Friday.

THIS WEEK at the Supervisor meeting there were a few questions about the County acting as a co-signer for the DPW which the county fought so long to get.

However, Farmington Twp. Supervisor Frank Stephenson feels there is no problem here, and will be none in the future.

OAKLAND County was beset by difficulties in pushing water and sewer projects, and earlier this year that state legislature passed that DPW's would help this work. The big advantage is to make financing easier because the county pledges its full faith and credit.

Oakland was the first county in the state to create such a department.

ALREADY it has taken over the Farmington interceptor sewer, and the Evergreen interceptor project, and a study of a Clinton Basin master sewer has received preliminary approval.

The question raised Monday was in regard to the "full faith and credit" clause.

HAROLD K. SCHONE, acting DPW director, assured the supervisors that the projects will be self-supporting.

Supervisor Stephenson points out that about 90 communities which is a part of any project under the DPW fail to pay its costs.

AS A SIDE issue, Howard K. Kelly of Royal Oak pointed out that an audit still would have to be approved for the projects. He said:

"We Twelve Town communities might not be anxious to help out the township that have kept us tied up in court."

He was referring to the \$41 million Twelve Town drain project which was administered by the DPW, but which has been delayed a year by Southfield Township and Troy lawsuits. This matter should not be carried into the Farmington Township projects, of course.

Registration Is Lost by Voters In Township

Some 125 Farmington Township residents who have not voted within the last four years are due to get notices that their registration and eligibility to vote have lapsed.

Twp. Clerk Floyd Cairns has sent out the notices, as required by law. Only those receiving such notice are affected, he stressed.

The notice has 30 days from the date the notice is sent to sign the card and either mail or take it to the Township Clerk's office. If it is not signed, it is not the old registration goes in the dead file.

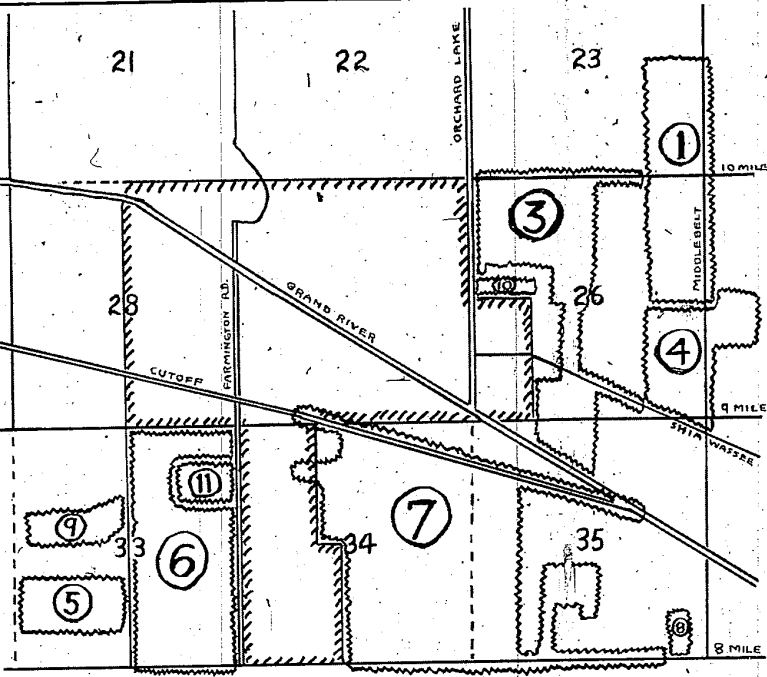
Next election will be in August 1958, when state and local primaries are held.

City Employees Hold Annual Yule Party

Thirty-four of the 37 employees of Farmington City were able to attend the annual Christmas party at the City Monday afternoon at the American Legion hall.

The group enjoyed a buffet lunch, exchange of gifts, and sang a few Christmas carols.

A Classified Ad Will Reach Over 15,000 Prospective Clients



THESE DRY AREAS totaling 61 square miles out of the Township's 36 square miles, are the 10 which will eventually be served by water lines connecting to the Detroit water system. All names on the petitions presented some time ago to the Farmington Township Board have now been certified, and the petitions are now in the hands of the bonding attorneys for another check. Engineering plans are well along, reports Supervisor Frank Stephenson, and if no major obstacles turn up work could possibly start next spring and be completed by winter. Not all property owners within each of the 10 areas signed the petitions, but they must be included in the proposed cost, even if they do not connect with the water service. The 10 areas, of greatly varying sizes, are located to the east, south and southwest of Farmington City. Total area is about one-sixth of the township.

Nine Evening Adult Education Classes Planned 2nd Semester

Nine evening adult education classes have been scheduled by Farmington Public School system for the second semester. Assistant Superintendent M. VanAmeyde disclosed.

The first class to start will be a Women's Health Club which will hold its first meeting on January 2. The group will meet weekly from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Senior High Library with the course ending May 29. Instructor will be Mrs. A. Mahle.

The Great Books Discussion Group, which meets every other Wednesday, will hold its first meeting January 8 at the Senior High Library. Meeting from 8 to 10 p.m. under the leadership of Donald McDougall, the group will hold meetings through April 30.

COURSES beginning on January 13 will be art, a combination business course and a course in typing. The courses in art and business will run for eight weeks with members meeting for three-hour sessions from 7 to 10 p.m. each Monday night. Instructor for the art class will be Marvin Berthoin and for the course in shorthand and business machines, Miss L. Wargene. The typing class will be conducted for 12 weeks by Miss L. Elsie Barnard with members meeting from 7 to 9 each session. For each of these courses will be \$5.00.

VANAMEYDE stated that the afternoon art class offered during the fall semester and conducted by Mrs. Bess Tewksbury would be continued if a minimum of 14 persons express an interest. The class, if continued, will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Junior High Band House.

Classes to start January 15 will include bridge, cake decorating, sewing and upholstery. All but the upholstery course will run for eight weeks with sessions being held from 7 to 10 p.m. each Wednesday evening. The upholstery course will run for 10 weeks with a fee of \$7.50 being charged. The other three courses starting on this date will require a fee of \$6.00. Instructors will be:

Table with 2 columns: Course Name and Fee. Includes: Propose New East-West, Church Activities, 2nd Round of Cages, Township Board Duties, Povers Outlined, Sgt. Recreation Program, Classified Adv., Church Activities, Michigan Mirror, Neighborhood News, Sports Activities.

Three New Teachers Hired by Farmington

The appointment of three new elementary teachers to the Farmington Public School system's teaching staff, as recommended by the administration, was unanimously approved by the School Board.

Teachers hired were: Gretchen Flood, second grade teacher; Shirley Q. Dunsmore, first grade; and Edwina Baker, kindergarten.

C.A.P. Seeking Senior Members

The history of the Civil Air Patrol shows that in the beginning the C.A.P. cadet program was limited to one cadet, every senior member of good character, and the prompt success of the C.A.P. cadet units encouraged the Wings to seek authority to extend these limitations on cadets.

When a squadron was stationed in Farmington, therefore the limitations were not placed on entering cadets and at first the few seniors were adequate but now due to the rapid increase of cadets more seniors are needed.

Senior membership may be sought by any American citizen, man or woman, of good character, at least 18 years of age.

Plane's Forced Landing Causes Much Excitement

A lot of excitement was reported in the vicinity of Nine Mile Road and Middlebelt the early part of last week when a small plane was blown down by Robert Rogel, 23, had to make a hurried landing because of a heavy snowstorm.

Help 110 Needy Area Families

A total of 110 families in Farmington City and Township were provided with a merrier Christmas as the result of the efforts of local Goodwillers and the generosity of the community.

Two Injured In Crash Thurs.

The Christmas holiday period was a quiet one on the highways of Farmington with only one injury accident and a minimum number of property damage accidents being reported.

The only injury accident occurred around 6:30 a.m. Thursday morning when a car driven by George J. Carter of New Hudson smashed into the rear of a second driven by Edward Wodolan of Brighton. The accident occurred on 12 Mile Road between Drake and Halsted Roads.

Wodolan's car caught on fire and was totally destroyed by flames. Novi policemen who were called to the accident along with Farmington Township troopers pulled Wodolan out before flames engulfed the auto.

Wodolan suffered a broken left leg and possible rib fractures. Carter's injuries included cuts about the face and bruises. A complete report on the injuries from William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where both were taken, was not available at press time.



PEDESTRIAN control and protection at the Grand River-Farmington Road intersection has now been provided. "Walk" and "Don't Walk" automatic control units were installed on all four corners at the intersection last week. This is the last project of three improvements and safety measures decided on for the intersection over a year ago. The other two measures were

Hire Authority To Study Area Financial Picture

An authority on state financial matters, Dean Stanley of Lansing, has been hired by the Farmington School District to conduct a study and prepare a report on current financial conditions in Farmington.

The School Board gave its unanimous approval to hiring Stanley at its meeting Monday night. Superintendent G. V. Harrison informed the Board that officials from both the city and township had indicated that their governmental bodies might also agree to pay a portion of the cost for the study.

Unfavorable bond market conditions which prevented themselves when the School District was in the process of selling the third \$1 million from the \$4 million 1957 school bond issue pointed up the need for the study. As a result of the unfavorable market conditions the sale of the bonds was deferred.

Sale of this third \$1 million worth of bonds has now been placed the latter part of January and bids opened by the School Board on February 5.

Stanley is expected to have his report on financial conditions in the city, township and school district completed by the middle of January. He, along with a representative from the School Board, will travel to New York to present these findings in person to Moody's Investor Service, a leading national credit rating firm.

School Addition To Open Jan. 2

The new Wooddale elementary school will be ready for occupancy January 2 and is expected to be opened by that date.

Opening of the Wooddale School will permit the transfer of youngsters from Kendallwood subdivisions and the surrounding area from their present temporary classrooms in other school buildings.

With the opening of the Bond School addition, including two kindergarten teaching stations and a multipurpose room, the closing of the old one-room German School will be possible. Kindergarteners now being housed there will be transferred to the new Bond School quarters.

Hire Architectural Firm For Sr. High Addition

A contract with Smith, Tarapata and MacMahon, architects, for the drawing up of plans and supervising of construction on a new addition to the Farmington Senior High was signed by the School Board Monday night.

Plans for the addition are already in the last stages with final approval expected in the near future. Construction should be started within the next two or three months. Funds for the addition will be provided from the last \$1 million of the \$4 million bond issue approved in the spring.

Auto License Plate Sales Still Lagging

Automobile license plate sales at the Farmington offices throughout Michigan continue to lag badly, Gerald Grace, manager of the local Secretary of State's branch office, stated Tuesday.

"Unless sales pick up rapidly during after the first of the year, it appears that lines will be longer than ever in the closing days before 1957 plates expire," Grace said. Applicants can be taken care of in a matter of minutes now, but if the majority put it off until the last few days of February waiting periods extending into hours may be necessary."

Woman Killed In Home Fire Christmas Day

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Mrs. Mullins, who became asphyxiated from fumes, was pronounced dead upon arrival at William Beaumont Hospital. Her husband, who was also overcome by the fumes, and was in serious condition when found in the home, is reported recovering satisfactorily.

It was reported that the major portion of the fire damage was confined to the bedroom area. Although the exact cause of the fire was not determined, it was believed to have been the result of smoking in bed.

Mullins, a retired DSR bus driver, and his wife lived alone in the home.

Okay 6-Inch Water Main To School Line Only

The city has agreed to require a six-inch water main only as far as the school property line at the new Cloverdale elementary school at this time, Superintendent G. V. Harrison informed the School Board Monday night.

He indicated, however, that city officials had requested a joint meeting between city and school officials sometime in the spring to discuss the extension of this line to the Grand River Cut-Off, as proposed by the city. It was also proposed that other problems requiring co-operation between the two governmental units might be aired at this meeting.

Suffers Minor Injuries On Christmas Day

Nellie Williams of 26238 Farmington Road suffered injuries to her left ankle and right foot Christmas day when the car in which she was traveling with her husband, Frank, crashed into the side of a car making a left turn from Ten Mile Road onto Edgeport in Southfield Township.

The accident occurred at around 1:30 p.m. Neither Mr. Williams nor Robert A. Funman of Detroit, driver of the second car involved, was injured.

March 10 Date Set for School Bond Issue Vote

March 10 was set as the date for a special election in the Farmington School District by action of the School Board Monday night.

Tentative plans, as outlined earlier, has called for the placing of both a bond issue proposal and a request for another increase in the special school operation tax millage rate on the ballot. After lengthy discussion, however, it was decided that only the bond issue proposal should be put to a vote at this time.

The Board also agreed that another and more current review of the present school building needs should be made before any specific amount for the bond issue is set.

GENERAL feeling was expressed that if a bond issue proposal and a request for an operation rate increase were to be placed to a vote together at this time both might be defeated. A result favorably by Superintendent G. V. Harrison. The superintendent stated that, at least in some portions of the township, and that, as a result of substantial money for school operation might be made available in 1958 than had been anticipated earlier.

CLIFFORD was of the opinion that no decision should be made on a proposition until it is clear whether a millage increase would be necessary at all until such time as at least an approximate determination could be made of current and township tax rates would be in 1958. His feeling that a vote, if needed, could wait until as late as the last of August, however, was not favored favorably by Superintendent G. V. Harrison.

The superintendent stated that, while this long would make it extremely difficult to set up any kind of an operating budget for the 1958-'59 school year.

All Board members agreed that efforts should be made to gain more information about assessment changes made by the governmental units within the school district.

It was decided to schedule further discussion on the operation millage question until such time as it can be better determined what the approximate total valuation of the school district for 1958 will be.

Pupil Career Conference to Start Jan. 8

A careers conference for the three grades of Farmington Senior High will start Wednesday, January 8, and run seven weeks.

It will be sponsored by the Farmington Education Committee of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the guidance and counseling department of Farmington Senior High. The conference will be in charge of the planning.

Each morning there will be three separate speakers talking on various vocations and professions. There will be a change of speaker at each meeting they will attend that day. There will be question and answer periods.

Lighting Contest Winners Named

Winners in the Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, were announced Tuesday by Chairman Dick Sterling.

Judged as having the best home lighting displays in the various sections of Farmington were: C. Francis of 21267 Forestbrook Drive, T. Polyn of 21674 Waldron, K. Wallace of 23686 Cass, I. Hulet of 23209 Mackinac, W. Schmidt of 22924 Mayfield, S. Carruthers 31561 Rockycreek and M. R. Larson of 31750 Fairmont.

Winning honorable mention on their home lighting displays were: J.R. Hallett of 22016 Marston, G. Lindholm of 22816 Orchard Lake Road, T. Harris of 22715 Tulane, R. Speerscheider of 26270 Grand Blvd., D. Driver, E. Totlenger of 27767 Forestbrook Drive, W. Oliver of 34500 Grand River Cut-Off, F. F. Buckner of 22390 Brookdale, G. Langford of 22924 Mayfield, S. Carruthers 31561 Rockycreek and M. R. Larson of 31750 Fairmont.

Peters on TV
Pepe Kollins of Quail Hollow Road co-starred with TV's Rita Bell Conner in the new issue of "Total Empire" magazine in the annual Christmas party production December 19 of the Industrial Editors Association of Detroit. Kollins is past president of IEAD.