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DOWNTOWN AREA DEVELOPMENT STUDY HAS STARTED BY CITY

Public Safety Dep't Praised; Name DeVriendt

Joseph G. DeVriendt, former acting director of the City Department of Public Safety by the city council Monday evening, and the combined department was warmly praised for its accomplishments in the first six months of its operation.

Mr. DeVriendt was named acting director last July. He has been with the City 27 years, as a deputy sheriff and chief of police.

PROGRESS during the six months was reported to the council by City Manager Earl F. Scherffius.

Several councilmen praised the work of the department. V. O. Bates said there had been 17 fires during the period, with 100 men and equipment members handled without needing to call for volunteer firemen.

PROCEDURE now is for one of the scout cars, carrying portable fire equipment, to be available to any man who can extinguish the blaze. However, the fire truck is on the way in case the blaze gets out of control.

The FIRE SIREN no longer blares in city fires. If it is blown, the fire is in the township.

Last year before start of the integrated department, officers of the department attended the University of Michigan Fire courses and, in turn, gave intensive instruction to the remainder of the department.

A DETAILED map of the city has been prepared with all hydrant locations spotted for study to reduce time required to get fire equipment in operation at any location.

Patrol cars are equipped with carbon dioxide and pressurized water extinguishers, helmet, raincoat, and a hydraulic wrench and axe or Halligan tools.

THE DEPARTMENT has begun a systematic review of fire inspections on older buildings, small residential buildings, and commercial buildings in an effort to eliminate hazards.

New hose and other equipment has been purchased and since the Department of Public Safety has had the Department of Public Safety will be able to organize its own set-up better.

City Manager reported operation had not been without problems, part of which has been maintenance of adequate working conditions and lectures to absent, on sick leave or vacation. He mentioned that the city force is small when compared with national averages, and expenditures should be increased.

Report 3 Attempted Break-Ins on Sunday

Three attempted break-ins on Grand River Avenue in the main business district of Farmington sometime Sunday night were reported this week by the city public safety department.

According to the report, those attempting the break-ins were apparently scared off in each case since none of the buildings appeared to have been entered.

Rear windows were broken out in the offices of Dr. Bernard Mason, D.D.S., at 3222 Grand River and Dr. Raymond Schroeder, D.O., at 3220 Grand River. At the Sterling Paint Company store, at 32821 Grand River, a transit window was broken out.

Village to Act To Halt Illegal Soil Removal

Immediate action should be taken to stop the illegal removal of top soil on Northwestern Highway within the village limits of Wood Creek. It was decided by the village council at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

President Alger Clark and Councilmen Norman Krider, Sterling contact officials of the Sterling Garratt Company who are removing the soil on the A.R. Riese property and inform them they are in violation of a village ordinance controlling their soil removal operations.

It was indicated that they are removing and considerably deeper than the limit specified under a Farmington Township ordinance which has also been adopted by Wood Creek Village. It was also decided to attempt to get the permit and bond for the soil removal had been taken out with Farmington Township rather than the village, and to attempt to get the ordinance, if necessary, to be amended.

New Shrine Club Elects Officers

The Greater Farmington Shrine Club met Tuesday night at "Frontier Town" for the election of officers, with 30 Shriners attending.

The following officers were elected to serve during 1958: Harold Johnson, 1st vice-president; Curt Rohlf, 2nd vice-president; Donald D. Pullen, secretary; Harold Williams, treasurer; Vance Krogen, sag at arms; and Carlton M. Comper, Frank Holtz, man and Harold P. Carr, directors.

Meetings will be held on the next gathering at "Frontier Town" on February 11. This will be a mixed party, with the wives invited to a dinner and party.

All Shriners living in this vicinity and their wives are invited to attend. Reservations may be made through the Shrine Club office at 25200 Grand River Avenue, Greenleaf 4-7860.



AMONG THE FIRST to pick up their new books, "Farmington" now being distributed by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce were Mrs. Margaret Ward, left, and Mrs. Margaret Young, second from left. Presenting the books to Mrs. Ward is Executive Secretary and Manager Don Pullen, extreme right. Looking on is C. C. President Albert Gain. Now available to the general public at the Chamber of Commerce office at 25200 Grand River, the books contain a considerable amount of information about the city and township and the various organizations, churches, etc., within the community. Besides data about the Chamber and its members, the book has a classification of the businesses and owners and a directory for the city and township. It also has information regarding population, construction, industrial development, water and sewers and proposed projects and changes for the community. Mail orders are also being taken.

Schedule Several March of Dimes Campaign Fund Raising Activities

The March of Dimes campaign is now in full swing with plenty of raising activities for the month scheduled. Mrs. Mel Stevens, area chairman stated.

A March of Dimes display, to be set up in the window of Cleaners, is now being completed by Explorer Scouts under the direction of Mr. Tom Blalock of 2123 1/2 Grand River. The sale will be held on January 15 at the Highway Market at Eight Mile and Grand River. Another sale is planned at the Detroit Edison office in Farmington on January 24 under the direction of Mrs. Fred Schaeper. She asked that anyone having baked goods to contribute call her at GR 4-3841.

ON JANUARY 17 the Ten Toppers Club of Farmington will have a March of Dimes dance at the American Legion Hall with all proceeds being turned over to aid in the fight against polio. Teenage members of the club will also be on the streets on Farmington on January 17 and 18 for the annual "tag days" sale for the benefit of the March of Dimes Campaign.

January 18 and 19 have been designated as theatre nights and workers will be soliciting throughout the audience at the City Theatre through the generous co-operation of Proprietor Edward Hoher. Mrs. Stevens said, Chairman for the theatre nights is Mrs. Florence Yullis of 3719 Macomb.

CAMPAIGN workers will be taking collections at the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Layton of 133147 Macomb, and at Farmington Savings and Loan, under the direction of Mrs. Francis Stephenson of 2401 Haynes.

The March of Dimes drive will be concluded with the annual Mothers' March at the end of the month.

Anyone interested in working as solicitors or on projects or having ideas to help the campaign a success are asked to contact Mrs. Mel Stevens, GR 4-2883; Mrs. Lucille Bradley, GR 4-2172; Polly Schaefer, GR 4-2828; or Judy Prince, GR 4-5453.

"The Salk Vaccine has done a good job but we also have a rehabilitation job to do. Scurvy is not enough," Mrs. Stevens concluded.

THE TREASURER reminded residents that these taxes are now due and payable at the township offices.

No Twp. Building Permits If Builder Has Old Violations

No township building permits will be issued hereafter to any builder having a violation against him announced by Supervisor Frank Stephenson this week.

The Supervisor said there are too many legitimate complaints on file in his office, some even two years old.

"Some builders cooperate," he said, "but it is hard to make others understand they have an obligation to the taxpayers and the Township building code."

Response Good To JC Flag Sale

Fairly good response has been reported by Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce officials for their current project of seeing the American flag flying in front of as many business places as possible during the days designated National for the flag to be flown.

It was reported that many orders have been received and that installation of flag sockets will begin within the next couple of weeks. Merchants who have not yet been contacted by a Jaycee representative or placed their order for the flag display service being offered by the Jaycees are asked to contact Robert Chesley at GR 4-2102.

Jaycees are offering a 3 foot by 5 foot flag on a 10 foot pole and a curb socket, installed, for \$17.75. In addition, the organization takes on the responsibility of storing, cleaning, insuring and otherwise maintaining these flags as well as putting them up and taking them down on the appropriate days throughout the year for a yearly fee of only \$12.00. Jaycee officials said.

A continuing effort will be made to have 100 percent participation of merchants, Chesley concluded.

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In making the report, the postmaster expressed thanks to the mailing public for keeping outgoing and local mail separated during the rush period and for the general good manner in which all mail was submitted locally for mailing.

The volume of mail handled by the post office in the last six years has more than doubled, Trombley mentioned. Total receipts for the ten-day year ending 1957 reached \$154,000 as against a sale amount of \$87,000 in 1951, the year that the post office department was moved into its present quarters.

Firm Hired Will Also Report On Major Thoroughfare Plan

Farmington's city council has authorized hiring of professional planning consultants to work on a downtown area development plan, also a major thoroughfare plan.

Geer Associates of Birmingham will start work immediately, and the council intends the studies to go ahead fast enough so that some improvement projects can start next summer.

Council members have felt for some time that this program was needed. Now they feel the city will be able to finance the study and have funds for certain of the improvements.

City May Buy Kahl Property

Farmington city council Monday night authorized the city manager to make an offer for the A.C. Kahl property at the intersection of Liberty and State streets.

It includes two lots and buildings, and is near the Farmington Mills property owned by the Kahl family. The building will be erected eventually.

MEMBERS of last year's city board of review were all re-named by the council. They are: one year, Edg Hamlin; two years, Haddon Johnson; three years, Glenn Carr. The council thanked them for their fine work in the past.

The superior ordinance was given final approval. This would regulate auctions and auctioneers, and is aimed at controlling itinerant merchandisers who might move in, clean up and leave.

A RESOLUTION from the zoning and planning board of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce was read, urging rezoning of the Crossat property. As this has already been done, the resolution was filed.

A request by St. John's American Lutheran church for water and sewer service at 23365 Gill Road, outside the city limits, had to be denied. The church group plans to build on a \$20,000 parsonage on the five acre tract, then later start on a church building. Farmington's contract with the City of Detroit for water stipulates the city cannot be required to furnish water without Detroit's permission.

There is a possibility this area might later annex to the City of Farmington.

Open Community House Meeting Stated Monday

The second annual open meeting of the Farmington Area Community House Association will be held Monday, January 13, at 8 p.m. in the library at the Farmington Senior High, the board of directors announced this week.

Those interested in seeing a community house for Farmington become a reality and having new ideas to express regarding the project are urged to attend. The project which has been worked out by President Joseph F. McHugh and the various committees of the F.A.C.H.A. during the past few months will be disclosed and discussed at the meeting.

Wood Creek Plans Election

Plans for the March 10 election of officers in the Village of Wood Creek, Mich., were outlined at the regular village council meeting Tuesday night.

Offices up for election this year include Arthur B. Zander, Arthur Busch and Councilmen Zander and H. A. Dobson. Also up for reelection is Assessor Robert Swill.

NOMINATING petitions for candidates are now available at the clerk's home at 28106 Millbrook Road, it was indicated. Each petition requires the signature of at least ten qualified voters and must be filed before February 8, Clerk Busch stated.

Times of registration for all residents not already registered was set for Monday and Friday evenings between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. The final date for registering is February 10.

A PLACE for holding the election was decided but no action taken. Clerk Alger Clark said that he would make the basement of his home available as a voting place but requested that the council find some other location if possible. Road Administrator Don Wells also offered the use of his basement.

Plan Elementary Math Workshop

Elementary school youngsters in the Farmington School District will be dismissed from classes next Friday, January 17, to give teachers an opportunity to attend a special district-wide workshop.

Conducting the workshop will be noted educator, Dr. J. H. Fulton of the newly adopted arithmetic series now being used by all elementary teachers in the Farmington public school system.

Teachers from each of the grade schools will meet in the multi-purpose hall at the William Grace School for the all-day workshop, Miss Ziekle said. Youngsters are also being selected to attend, she stated. They will be used for the purpose of demonstrating arithmetic teaching practices.

Members of the Wood Creek Women's Association will be asked to furnish personnel to serve as inspectors on election day. It was agreed by the board that more than six women would be needed.

No Tax Bill Yet? You'd Better Check

Any taxpayer in Farmington Township who has not yet received a bill for 1957 school and county taxes is urged by Treasurer Elise Avery to contact the township treasurer's office at once.

Persons coming into the office regarding this matter must know both the subdivision in which they are located and the lot number of the property they own, Mrs. Avery pointed out. A street and house number alone is of little value, she said.

The treasurer reminded residents that these taxes are now due and payable at the township offices.

P. O. Negotiations

Negotiations for the proposed new post office building in Farmington are being continued in the U. S. Post Office Real Estate Department, Postmaster Henry Trombley stated. The postmaster expressed hope that an agreement would be reached soon but indicated that no official word had as yet been received.

Neither nearby residents nor the city could object to such buildings as the property is already zoned for use to meet standard qualifications as to the size, location, etc.

THE OBJECTORS disapproved on the grounds of creating juvenile delinquency, possible overuse of their streets, more lights bothering

Bowling Alley Plan Draws Bel-Aire Objections

A modern 24-lane bowling alley would be built on Leane south of the Bel-Aire shopping center if Farmington City Council approved rezoning request by the developer.

However, 12 petitions containing 374 signatures from Bel-Aire homeowners were supported by personal protests at the rezoning hearing held prior to the city council meeting Monday evening.

THE CHANGE requested is from C1-commercial to C2, or from local to general commercial zoning. It was pointed out at the hearing that the present zoning would allow construction of most commercial buildings, including an all-day hamburger stand, restaurant, retail and service business—many of which might be more objectionable from a general commercial standpoint than a bowling alley.

Neither nearby residents nor the city could object to such buildings as the property is already zoned for use to meet standard qualifications as to the size, location, etc.

Classified Ad Will Reach Over 15,000 Prospective Clients

Donald Wells, Wood Creek Village real estate administrator, indicated that the council Tuesday night that Harry Weinstein, owner of Old Colony on Wellington Road near Old Colony was now taking steps to comply with the village's culvert ordinance as ordered.

Wells indicated that Weinstein has now installed one culvert and cleaned out two others to permit the natural flow of drainage water along the roadway in front of his property. He stated that he had also agreed to install another as ordered.

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