

No Increase in Tax Rate Needed to Finance School Bond Issue

A good turnout of taxpayers is expected at the polls Monday to cast their vote on the proposed \$11 million school bond issue.

Approval will provide \$110,000,000 for the construction and equipping of two new elementary schools; \$100,000 for a school district service building and \$300,000 for additional school sites.

No increase in the school district's debt service tax rate will be necessary to finance this bond proposition, school officials emphasized. A decrease in the rate of payment on previous bonds plus an increased equalized assessed valuation of the district, due to new home and commercial construction, makes this possible.

BASED ON an estimated State equalized valuation for the school district of \$70,000,000, the following data has been compiled to graphically illustrate how this is possible. (It is the State equalized valuation upon which school taxes are based and not assessed valuation)

Bonds Approved	Funds Required 1955-57	Suggested Levy	1956 Tax Coll. Would Raise
1951	\$123,900.00	2.60	\$126,000.00
1954	117,925.00	3.60	226,800.00
1956	117,450.00	3.00	119,700.00
1957	180,625.00	3.00	189,000.00
1958	105,000.00	1.70	107,100.00

Notice should be taken of the fact that the \$3.60 rate per \$1,000 State equalized valuation on the 1956 bond issue will provide considerably more than is needed to meet 1958 payments. This extra money will make it possible to pay off callable bonds and thus save a substantial amount of interest payments on later maturing bonds, authorities pointed out.

IF THE STATE equalized valuation of the district should run considerably higher than the estimated \$70,000,000 (approximately 10% increase over last year) a re-

duction in the debt service tax rate will be possible, Superintendent G. V. Harrison stated. Since a complete reappraisal of City of Farmington property has been made and a considerable amount of re-assessing done in the township as well, it is impossible to tell at this time what the State equalized valuation of the school district might be.

A reduction in the State equalization factors used last year, approximately double the assessed valuations in both the city and township, is anticipated. If the factor is reduced to the extent officials estimate it should be then the approximate \$70,000,000 equalized valuation for the school district should not be too far off, school officials feel. If, however, these factors are not reduced this much, a higher State equalized valuation for the district will result and some adjustments downward in the debt service tax rate might be made.

WITH THE RAPID population increases in the school district, which started around 1950, the need for a contin-

uous school building program began to present itself. A new senior high school was built and a start made to provide additional elementary classrooms needed. Residential building was continuing at an accelerated rate, however, and by 1953 it was necessary for several elementary grades to be on double-sessions. A bond issue was thus put to a vote in 1954 to provide for the construction of three new elementary schools (Eagle, Gill Road and Shawnessee) and four other schools. Before the school buildings were even completed, however, they were filled to capacity and beyond.

With the building boom in Farmington at its peak in 1955 and the need seen to put more and more grades on double-sessions unless additional classrooms were provided, the school board and administration set down to outline a program of yearly building and expansion at least until 1960.

(See No Increase in Tax Rate on Pg. 6A)

NOW BEING READ
BY 4,659 FAMILIES

OR 66.9% of the Citizens
of the Farmington Area

The Farmington Enterprise

LEADERSHIP--OUR PURPOSE SERVICE--OUR GOAL

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1958

SINGLE COPY

10c

\$3.00 PER YEAR

Wayne and Oakland Counties

SIXTEEN PAGES

SEVENTIETH YEAR - NUMBER 23

Large Twp. Area Studying Village Gov. Advantages

That consideration is now being given to the possible incorporation of a 4 1/2 to 5 square mile area in Farmington Township northwest of the city was revealed to The Enterprise for the first time at the Wood Creek Village Council meeting Tuesday night.

General boundaries of the area under consideration for incorporation are 12 mile on the north, Halstead Road to the west, Power Road to the east and the City of Farmington boundary on the south these westward on the north side of Grand River to Halstead, indications were given that the proposed township boundary is still somewhat indefinite.

THESE DETAILS were made known when representatives of Ridgewood and Ridgewood Manor Subdivisions, in the proposed area for incorporation, appeared before the Wood Creek Council to raise questions on Wood Creek's experience in incorporating villages.

Representatives of the two subdivisions asked questions relative to what Wood Creek Council members felt were the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a village and what unexpected problems might present themselves. Also asked was what the village's sources of revenue were and approximately how much was received from these sources. Indications were given that committees from several of the subdivisions in the proposed area are now making studies of all phases of village government. The representatives from Ridgewood and Ridgewood Manor stated they also planned to talk with other village governing bodies in the area before making a report to members of their subdivision organizations.

City Approves Berger Plat

Alta Berger plat in the recently annexed portion of Farmington City was finally approved Monday night by the city council after several changes.

In other action concerning that area and the same developers, the council approved a special assessment for the Farmington Road water main.

THIS WILL allow the developers, Time Land Company, to start a 30-acre industrial development which the city is anxious to assist. The water extension was petitioned by the developers, who own it 100 per cent, and will pay full costs of the extension.

However, a hearing on this must be held March 17 before final approval can be given.

INTRODUCED Monday night was an ordinance for adoption of the 1956 National Electrical Code and Uniform Electrical Rules. This code is similar to the code the city has been working under.

Recently a new schedule of planning extension fees was adopted by the City of Detroit and Farmington Township. The city council is considering the same, but will make a decision probably at the next meeting.

BIDS ON pipe for Gill Road work were considered, and one accepted for 500 feet of 36 inch corrugated steel. City Engineer Earl Schertel told the council he was concerned because all cities in the metropolitan area get identical bids on various kinds of pipe, sand, and gravel, and he felt that if there was no choice here and one of the bids was accepted.

Because Mayor Robert Lindstedt was unavailable, Mayor Pro. Tom V. O. Bates and the councilmen present (Continued on Page 8A)

Rough Road Results In Injury to Girl

Karen Marie Andrews, 17, of 8022 Hineswood, Farmington, was injured Friday night when her car went out of control and hit a deep chuck-hole on Shawnessee Road just east of Farmington Road in the city.

She was taken to William Beaumont Hospital for treatment of head and leg injuries.

The accident occurred around 10:30 o'clock.

Review Boards Tough, 2 Quit

Board of review work, never easy, should be particularly imposing this year. Both the township and city boards lost one of their three members just before hearings head and tail.

Joe DeMarco of the township board of review became sick, it was reported from a heart attack. The township board decided to go ahead with the hearings with only the two other members; Supervisor Frank Stephenson and Robert Harris.

GLENN MORGILL notified the city council Monday afternoon the press of business made it necessary he resign. Monday evening council members prevailed on John Clapison as a replacement, and he started Tuesday.

Both groups Tuesday had steady lines of taxpayers checking out their valuations. There was never a large crowd, but it kept coming.

THE TOWNSHIP board of review meets again Monday, March 10, from 2 to 5:30 and 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 11 from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 p.m.

The city board of review meets the same two days, March 10 and 11. Hours originally announced were 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 p.m. each day. However, the hearings will continue into the evening each day if necessary, or even into another day if need be.

Restrain City on Bel-Aire Permit

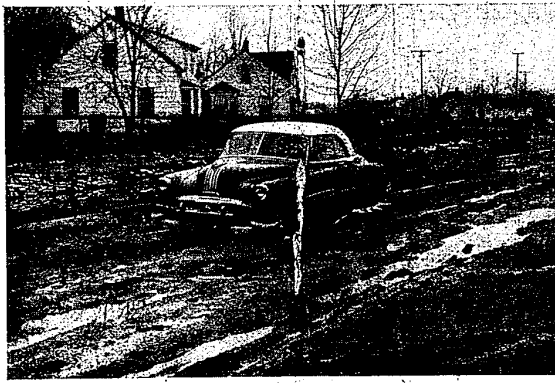
A temporary restraining order on issuing a building permit has been obtained by Bel-Aire Civic Improvement Ass'n against the city, as the result of a recent ruling of out of A there for use as a bowling alley site.

On March 17 the city attorneys will answer an order to show cause in court at Pontiac.

Another suit against the city on zoning is now stalled, with a decision pending in several weeks. It is the suit by Shell Oil Company and the Archeological Society, which was refused a permit to erect an oil station some time ago on Farmington Road near Alta Loma.

Need Radio Operators

Township Civil Defense officers are interested in contacting any men such as retired policemen or firemen with some experience in radio work, if possible. If they would be interested in working regular shifts on the proposed township radio, they could earn up to the allowable maximum. They should contact Chief Irving Yakes.



IMPASSABLE ROADS and barely passable roads have again this year become a major problem to residents in all sections of the township as a result of the extended warm spell of about a week and a half ago. Many of the township's roads, lacking adequate base upon which road surfacing could rest and having poor drainage, became "seas of mud." One such road is Flinders, a short distance south of the city and just west of Farmington Road, where the car above was snapped buried last Friday. Authorities have indicated that roads throughout the area are in this condition and they have been in during the past 15 years and that little can be done now to improve them. Frost has gone out of the ground only about one foot deep, with frozen ground underneath preventing any of the surface water from soaking in. Still an extending long, warm rain or an extreme warm spell takes this deep frost, out, road conditions are expected to continue to be bad.

Sub League Planning 3rd Meet March 31

The League of Subdivision Associations will hold the third in its series of roundtable and panel discussion meetings Monday, March 31, it was announced this week by Elliott S. Rogers, president.

Robert H. Nelson League secretary, has been appointed as moderator and has begun making plans for a strictly roundtable discussion of subdivision administration, Rogers stated.

The first two meetings in the series were panel discussions on the restrictions and maintenance committees of member subdivisions. The forthcoming roundtable will be for the officers, he said.

OFFICERS of subdivision associations have problems, Rogers said, for example, getting volunteers for committees, working committees active, replacing an inactive committee, attaining a decent percentage of dues payers, to name a few. Successful administration does much toward making a better community, yet about the only help available is experience, and the insight it gives, he stated, since commercial incentives are not available.

The meeting will be planned to enable subdivision officers to exchange experiences and analyses. The League was formed to give help to subdivision associations in their efforts to make a better community, both subdivision and township, Nelson stated, and this meeting will be aimed directly at the foundation of a better subdivision community.

A Classified Ad In The Enterprise will Contact Over 15,000 Potential Customers. Try One and Be Satisfied. Quick Results You Will Obtain!

Inside Features

Authority to Give Space Travel Talk	7A	Church Activities	2A
Falcon JVs Undeclared In League Play	3A	Michigan Mirror	2B
Bond School 6th Graders Enter State Contest	1B	Neighborhood News	5A, 6A, 7A, 6B, 7B, 8A
Exchange Club Hears Post Office Talk	5B	Sports Activities	2A

Staman Petitions for Blacktopping Roads

Petitions were filed this week with Tom Clark, Wood A. Cairns by Raymond Ward for blacktopping roads in the Centre, subdivision. The Township was asked to create a special assessment district. Petitions were referred to Burton Abstract to check the names as the first step before action by the township board.

Woodbine Sub. Vote Is April 1

Six petitions have been filed with Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns for candidates for the Woodbine subdivision's water commission, with two to be elected for three year terms.

Balling will be April 1 at Mid-dievelt school. The candidates: Walter Thieleman, William Hoelscher, David Wrigley, Robert Ely, Harold Chellman and Grant Smith.

Many Registrations of Voters in Township

Seventy voters registered the final day at the office of Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns. Recently at Westbrook Manor subdivision he registered 68 voters.

Our Mistake

Our sincere apologies to the approximately 40 persons who attempted to register after 5 p.m. last Friday to vote in the March 10 school bond issue election only to be told that the deadline had passed.

The deadline for registering was erroneously stated in articles, in the paper as being at 5 p.m. the hour of closing of both city and township offices on Friday nights. The mistake was the result of an incorrect information supplied to us by city, township or school officials but rather our own fault for not making a correct announcement in this regard.

State law requires that registrations be taken no later than 5 p.m. on the final day of registration; the time indicated in legal advertisements published in the paper.

Annual FARC Meet Set March 12

The annual meeting of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will be held Wednesday, March 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the E. E. Dunkel Junior High School. There will be an election of officers and trustees to the board of directors, whose purpose it is to guide the City and Township Recreational Program through the coming year.

During the past year more than \$30,000 was spent to provide a total of over 9,000 child-days of supervised, wholesome recreational activities for the children in the Farmington area. Details of the program, and an explanation of how it is operated and financed, will be told at the annual meeting.

Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit Scheduled Here Mon. Thru Fri. Next Week

A specially equipped X-ray bus will be in Farmington from Monday through Friday of next week to give free chest X-rays to all persons over 18 years of age desiring them.

The free service is being offered as part of a county-wide search to locate unknown cases of tuberculosis. The X-ray unit, operated by the Southeastern Michigan TB Detection Project, is being brought here through the cooperation of the Oakland County Department of Health and the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association.

THE MOBILE unit will be located at the Township Hall. Hours will be as follows: Monday, March 10, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 11, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 13, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Friday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Another unit will also be located in Novi at the Village Hall on Monday and Tuesday, March 10 and 11, and will be open during the same hours as the mobile in Farmington.

The mobile X-ray bus will return to Farmington again later in the month. It will be located at the Dunkel Junior High on 12 Mile on March 24, 25 and 26. On Monday, March 24, hours will be from 2 to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 25,

City's Paving Program Maybe Biggest In Years

C'ville School Asks \$750,000 Vote on May 12

Clarencville Public Schools will ask district voters to approve a bond issue of \$750,000 in a special election May 12, the board of education decided last week.

It would be used for additions to present buildings, equipment and to improve sites.

MAIN NEED for the immediate future would be a minimum of 33 new classrooms at the elementary building. Illustrating growth here, there will be 91 graduates this year, but there are 170 eighth graders this year.

Another needed expansion is probably seven classrooms at Westbrook elementary school, but this is held up on Program 1 of the Farmington interceptor sewer. Other elementary additions are also needed.

THE NEED has been pointed out by a study of nine citizen groups. If no more homes were built, or more families moved into the district, the schools would be very tight in 1962. Some 200 kindergarten pupils will come into the system next fall.

The board of education also decided to petition the County Board of Education to establish special education facilities for physically and mentally handicapped pupils, under the existing state program. The district already transports a number of such pupils.

CONTRACTS for nine administrative persons were approved for the coming year. Elementary principals are on the job 30% or 11 months a year, while the village of Schmid and Ass't Sup't Stanley Irish are on a 12-month basis.

The board approved a payment to the Village Construction Company which leaves only a small balance. It also approved a closed circuit fire alarm for the village of Schmid, required by Livonia city ordinance.

Water Storage Needed by City

Much, much more water storage is a need in Farmington City, according to Engineer Dean Elwert, who is giving preliminary study. The present standpipe holds a about a quarter million gallons. In a city this size, with its growth potential, it is possible that a million gallon additional storage should be planned.

A logical place for the extra storage would be near the present standpipe, the highest point in the city. Pressure in water main is important because of possible fire needs and insurance costs.

Final Career Conference Held

Final meetings were held last week at Farmington High School in a very successful career conference program sponsored jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and the school advisors.

Speakers last Wednesday were Carlos Toro, Detroit Board of Commerce, talking on world trade and foreign service; John Clark of the Big Brother movement, talking on social work; and Lyle Abel, county extension agent, on agriculture.

Jaycees Offer Rides to Polls

A ride to the polls is being offered to any voter needing it by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce as a part of the organization's "get out the vote" campaign on the school bond issue to be held on Monday.

ANY person wanting a ride is asked to call GR. 4-1383 to make arrangements.

A TELEPHONE campaign is also being conducted by Jaycees members under the city's general fund street program, which requires only an order from the city council to proceed.

SEVERAL SECTIONS would be done on a special assessment basis, either by petition or by council resolution. Either special assessment method requires a public hearing.

Paving on three streets will be done with city funds. They are: FIVE, to be east from Farmington Road across the bridge to where it intersects with the Twin Valley portion of Farmington Road. Pavement here will be 36 and 33 feet in width.

SHAWESSEE, a little over four blocks from Orchard Lake Road east beyond Hawthorne, 31 feet width, eight inches thick. E.S. Mather, Inc. will pay the difference here between the eight inches and the usual six inches.

ASTOR, four blocks from Orchard Lake east to Hawthorne, 27 feet.

POWERS, from Grand River north to Valleyview Circle, across the new Rouge bridge, 31 feet width.

STATE STREET is the project where petitions had been presented to the city council for a special assessment project. The petitioners had asked that it be paved from Farmington Road to Wilmarth. The council decided, however, that the immediate project should be only from Liberty to Wilmarth. They did not want to take sidewalk action on how the remaining block between Liberty and Farmington Road would be paved, pending a report next week from the city planning consultants, but they indicated this block would be taken care of without slowing up the project.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT hearings will be held east from Farmington Road, as the result of resolutions by the city council. They are: LIBERTY, between State and Alta Loma.

WILMARTH, from State to Maccomb.

MOONEY street completion. This would include the remaining half street north from Grand River (just east of Farmington Shopping Plaza) plus the full street from there on north to Shawnessee. This street would be 33 feet wide when completed.

Public hearings on these street projects are all set prior to the next regular council meeting, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17.

City Engineer Dean Elwert says this paving will all be done under the new standpipe construction specifications they recently set up for all future street work.

Public hearings on these street projects are all set prior to the next regular council meeting, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17.

Wood Creek Act to Control Sand Removal

Action to force the early completion of a commercial sand removal operation being conducted on the A. R. Riese property on Northwest Highway within the village limits of Wood Creek was taken by the council Tuesday night.

A motion was passed calling for the issuance of a permit by the village setting June 30 as the deadline for having all sand removed and the area excavated back-filled to proper grade. A copy of the ordinance controlling sand removal will also be forwarded to Riese and the Sterling Garratt Company, the firm conducting the sand removal operation.

Difficulties in negotiating on this matter have been experienced by the village council because of the fact that the original permit for the sand removal was taken out with Farmington Township prior to the incorporation of the village.

Civil Defense Leaders to Meet

A meeting of Civil Defense leaders for the City of Farmington has been scheduled for next Tuesday evening, March 11, at the Department of Public Safety building for the purpose of appointing heads of various departments, and doing further organizational work.

Plans have also been formulated to train a group of 15 volunteers for positions with the City's Department of Public Safety in Civil Defense auxiliary police and fire-fighting work. Civil Defense Director Joseph DeVriendt said. Other volunteers to take training will be from the group will also be welcomed, he added.

Training will be given by Chief DeVriendt assisted by L. A. Van Dine, Sgt. Jay Bierman and Sgt. William Gardener of the Public Safety Department.