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3-Man Panel to Give Facts on Types of Gov't

In an attempt to furnish expert opinions on three types of local government — charter township, city, village — the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a meeting open to everyone in both township and city Wednesday evening, April 30.

Starting at 8 p.m., the public gathering will be at the Farmington High School gymnasium.

THE CHAMBER is sending invitations to various officials and groups in the area, and particularly to members of subdivision associations.

Three speakers will appear in a panel discussion, after which there will be ample time for questions from the floor. The speakers, and their panel topic:

Charles Townships: Arthur J. Meyer, mayor of Warren.
City: Prof. Arthur Bromage, U. of Mich., and Michigan Municipal League.

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Twp. Citizens Given Water, Annex Report

A report on proposed annexation to the City of Farmington, and on progress of the water system was given township citizens by Supervisor Stephenson and board members Monday evening at Gill Road School.

A speaker from the University of Michigan was called in to come to the annexation, so Supervisor Stephenson spoke on disadvantages of the proposal. He told the audience that the proposed action plan is now being studied.

Assessor William Gallagher talked on water and what effect annexation might have for residents of the area.

ALTHOUGH plans for water service in the called for areas of Farmington have been slowed, it is hoped the delay is temporary. The financial consultant, Dean Stanley, is expected to make a report within 90 days.

Mr. Stanley talked at a meeting, saying it was his opinion the water bonds would speed the plan. Mr. Rogers is supervising the installation of the engineering for the water plan.

DETROIT is committed to serve Farmington Township with water, according to two representatives of the Detroit water department also present. One of two plans will be chosen.

Under the first Detroit would bring water to Inkster and 8 Mile, using a 48 or 54 inch main to connect to the Redford and Livonia would also use the city water.

IF THE OTHER communities would not participate Detroit would bring the main to the Five Points area and Farmington township would have to carry the water beyond that point.

Names on the water petitions, which have been checked and complete, are in some instances not correct, according to Clerk Floyd A. Cairns. If either a husband or wife signs in, he asks such signers to contact the official petitioner as soon as possible.

Sub League Report Is Being Tabulated

Tabulation of the answers to a questionnaire circulated by the Questionnaire League of Subdivision Associations is going on now and will likely be completed next week, says President Harold A. Roseberry.

Mr. Roseberry is supervising the tabulations to the questions which involved sentiment on the Farmington interceptor sewer, industrial zoning, and other township problems.

City Business Plans Topic for Meeting

Proposed development of the downtown business district will be the main topic of the regular meeting of the City of Farmington City planning commission.

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Township Police Welfare Fund Program May 3

A famous radio and television star, Pop Weesche, will be the attraction of a program here Saturday, May 3, sponsored by the Farmington Township Police Welfare Fund.

There will be a 2:15 p.m. matinee and an 8:15 p.m. show at the Junior High School gymnasium on Thomas Street.

Chief Irving Yates and his staff have made extensive plans, and promise fine western style and modern entertainment.

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Grass Fires in Twp. Expensive

Grass fires in Farmington Township are causing a terrific effect on the taxpayers' pocketbook. Besides the direct cost in dollars there is loss of time and depreciation on equipment.

March the three stations answered 94 calls at a direct cost of \$3,650 — or an average of over \$38 per fire.

In four days, April 2, 3, 4 and 5, there were 21 fires, and at the \$38 average this cost another \$1,006.

That wasn't all the fires, and the country side is again getting dry enough so the grass fires are extremely dangerous.

So part of it all is that the fires can be easily curbed unless a neighbor or someone knows who set a fire and is willing to sign his name to a warrant. Township officials worry about the problem.

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Runs Red Flasher, Critically Hurt

Failing to stop for the red flasher at the intersection of Grand River and Middlebelt, Maureen A. Moloney of Bloomfield Hills was critically injured early Tuesday morning when her car was hit by a truck proceeding east on Grand River.

The accident occurred shortly after 10 p.m. on Tuesday.

Still on the critical list at last report, Maureen Moloney suffered severe lacerations about the head and body as well as internal injuries.

She is being treated for lacerations and bruises. Robert L. VanDoren, driver of the truck, was not hurt.

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It was given that the fire may have actually started sometime in the afternoon. The building and contents in it were totally destroyed.

Only 53 Permits Issued

New Home Building in Township Down 35% for First Quarter

New home construction activities in Farmington Township for the first three months of 1958 was down approximately 35 per cent from a year ago, according to figures released by the Township Building Department.

A total of 53 new home permits were issued during the first quarter of this year representing an estimated valuation of \$1,242,000.

Last year 80 new home permits were issued during the same three month period carrying an estimated valuation of \$1,700,000.

IT IS QUITE certain that building activities will pick up somewhat during the second quarter and should hold up throughout the summer but little hope was expressed that this year would be as good as last in new home starts.

Figures also revealed a decline in the number of permits issued for commercial and industrial structures and additions to homes.

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C'ville School Funds Tighten

With state aid distribution delayed, and more delay likely, the Clarencville school board of education took steps last Thursday to borrow in either of two methods if needed.

Legal procedures were taken so the district can issue either notes in anticipation of 1957-58 state appropriations, or notes in anticipation of next year's state appropriations. Both are standard procedures used by schools.

PRESENT BILLS will be paid as soon as funds are available with all utilities paid first, the board decided. Letters will be sent others that the school will not be able to pay at this time because the state has not distributed state aid funds.

Approval was given installation of a new case at the Edgewood school as requested by Cub Scouts, and the board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Rusch effective immediately.

Apprehend Youths Stealing Gas Sunday

Two Detroit youths were apprehended Sunday night by members of the City of Farmington Public Safety Department in the act of stealing gas from the Homestead House delivery truck at the store's parking lot.

They were Dale Agar and Jackie Zimmerman were found guilty and ordered to pay fines of \$25 and court costs of \$15 each as well as making restitution in the sum of \$7 for a gas cap which they broke on the vehicle.

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Approve Record \$2,590,314 58-59 School Operating Budget

A record \$2,590,314.25 tentative operating budget for the 1958-59 school year was approved by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The budget as submitted by Superintendent G. V. Harrison was approved with little discussion, having been thoroughly reviewed by the various board members prior to this time.

The proposed budget is nearly \$400,000 higher than last year's tentative operating budget which had been set at \$2,191,164.

The large increase is determined to be needed to meet requirements for additional personnel demanded by increased enrollments and the operation of new buildings in the district.

Superintendent Harrison stated in a summary of the budget.

Sewer Problem Will Delay Start on New Grade School Construction

Construction of a third elementary school in the Farmington School District with funds from the \$1 million 58-59 bond issue has run into another snag.

Plans of getting construction started on the site in Section 22 at Power Road and Alameda before the end of the month have been shattered as a result of poor soil percolation tests.

Bids were received by the city last Friday, and will go before the Board at its meeting next Monday night. No immediate action is expected.

There were 18 bids on the main drains. The engineer estimated the cost was \$55,752. The bids ranged from \$47,962 to \$64,952.

For sanitary sewers the engineer's estimate was \$63,371, and there were 16 bids. A low bid of \$59,837 was considerably below the next bid of \$78,355, and is being checked. High bid here was \$134,000.

On this special assessment work the city would do the work and issue bonds, which would be paid for by the developer over a 10-year period.

Smash Into Truck On Orchard Lake Rd.

Two were injured Friday afternoon around 12:50 p.m. when a car in which they were traveling crashed into the side of a truck on Orchard Lake Road at Rocky Creek Drive.

Harry H. Groves of Birmingham, driver of the car, suffered bruises about a knee and his passenger, Bill Hopper of Dearborn, lacerations about the face and left arm. Both were treated by a local doctor and released.

Passing two trucks on the highway, Groves was unable to stop in time when the head truck began making a left-hand turn onto Rocky Creek.

Hamlin Renamed Board Chairman

In an unprecedented action Delos Hamlin, School Board member, was named chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, and Hiland M. Thatcher of Farmington was named vice chairman.

Both supervisors were hailed for their services in the important work of the county government has taken the last two years during which they held office. Unanimous ballots were cast.

Chairman Hamlin, 53, has represented Farmington City 38 years, either as mayor, councilman or supervisor.

Special School Board Meeting Called Tuesday

A special meeting of the Farmington School Board has been set for Tuesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at the Board Room for the purpose of taking up items not covered on the agenda for the regular meeting held Monday night.

Two specific items to be discussed as acted upon will be the selection of an architect for the next high school building to be built and the picking of names for the two new grade schools now under construction.

Discuss School Boiler Troubles at Length

A detailed report on a study made to determine the cause of difficulties with the steam plant boiler at the Ten Mile elementary school was made at the School Board meeting Monday night and discussed at some length.

The feeling expressed in the report was that the major cause of trouble was resulting from oxidation causing excessive corrosion in the boiler.

The Board requested that a more thorough study of past troubles be made and specific recommendations given to correct the situation permanently.

than \$1 million from each source was deemed necessary to balance this proposed budget. Since it is still not known, either, what the State equalized valuation of the district will be for the 1958-59 fiscal year or what operation mileage will be allowed by the County Tax Allocation Board, the exact amount can be figured on from tax collections. It is also possible to know how much can be counted on from State aid payments in view of the critical shortage of State funds.

IT HAS BEEN anticipated that the State equalized valuation of the school district will be increased from last year's \$24,000,000 to \$26,000,000 for the coming year. Last year the County Tax Allocation Board allowed a school operation millage rate of 0.14 mills which in addition to the millage authorized by a vote of the people, this permitted an operation tax millage rate of 12.14 mills for each \$100 of assessed value.

Even if the district's State equalized valuation does hit \$70,000,000 and the same 12.14 mills per \$1,000 rate is allowed for the coming year, the proposed budget will still fall short of balancing, Superintendent G. V. Harrison stated. Reductions in State aid anticipated, the operation millage rate of a lower State equalized valuation will further complicate matters, he added.

SALARIES for teachers and principals were figured on the basis of the salary schedule last year, the superintendent pointed out to the Board prior to its taking action on the budget. It was his feeling that the salary schedule because of the fact that so much uncertainty exists in regard to the financial condition of the State, it is better that the Board was in full agreement.

It was Superintendent Harrison's strong recommendation, however, that if a favorable financial condition prevails when more facts are made known that every effort be made to provide for salary increases for instructional personnel.

In a separate action following the approval of the budget, the Board unanimously approved a recommendation by the administrators that 229 teachers and 12 principals and persons in allied positions of administration for the coming school year.

Grant Use of School Facilities

A request for the use of the baseball diamond at Farmington City Park and two other playing fields at the Ten Mile School was made at the School Board meeting Monday night.

Commissioner Jack Tabb at the School Board meeting Monday night was unanimously approved.

Another request by the League asking permission to locate a supply building on the playground at Bond School was also granted. It was noted that the building should be removed at the end of the Little League baseball season.

A request from Our Lady of Sorrows School for use of the city park baseball diamond for four home games this spring was likewise permitted.

Following discussion, use of the high school cafeteria by Wing Scout Troop 225 at some time during the raising square dance at the same rate as paid last year was approved.

The Board was in common agreement that the junior and senior high gymnasiums in the city should be thrown open for use in the event of a disaster, as requested by the Civil Defense Director Joseph DeFendi, and that the facilities should be under the control of school personnel.

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