

Local School Taxes, Neighbors' Compared

Why are my school taxes so much higher than my friends' in Livonia (Southfield, Ferndale, Hazel Park, etc.)...

This is a question that has been heard being asked among Farmington residents many times during the past few years. The answers, given by unofficial sources, are many and varied.

BUT, ARE the taxes in the Farmington School District really so much higher than those of other neighboring districts? A check of 14 districts around Farmington indicates no.

Even with the additional levy to be asked for on July 14, boosting the 1958 school tax rate to \$25.22 per \$1,000 State equalized valuation, Farmington's rate would still be less than the 1958 rate for five of the 14 districts.

Should the proposal to increase the operation millage rate still per \$1,000 equalized valuation fail to win voters' approval...

Table with 5 columns: School System, Millage, Allocated, Voted (Oper), Debt. Rows include Berkley, Birmingham, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Livonia, Oak Park, Plymouth, Redford, Southfield, Walled Lake, W. Bloomfield.

CONFUSION often results in regard to school tax rates because of the fact that school taxes are based on State equalized valuation.

ALTHOUGH voters will be asked to approve a 3 mill or .85 per \$1,000 equalized valuation increase on July 14, it will result in only a slight increase in the total school tax rate, school officials emphasized.

It has been determined that 3.5 mills per \$1,000 can be pared off the net service tax rate of last year. Another .52 per cent of a mill has been taken off of the allocated operation rate for property in the school district last year from the 15 mill total allowed by State law by the county.

Ask Rezoning For Apartments

A proposal to erect eight apartment buildings, each with eight two-bedroom units, was submitted to the zoning board...

City Applies for Welfare Workers

The City of Farmington has made application to the county for manpower furnished as part of the present county welfare program.

Tax Allocation Protest Made

Farmington Township has become the second Oakland County community to appeal its 1958 tax allocation to the Michigan State Tax Commission.

Twp. Attorney Contract Ends

The contract of Township Attorney Arthur L. Robbins expires on the board Tuesday decided not to renew it.

Authorize Over \$50,000 For School Equipment

An expenditure of over \$50,000 for the purchase of equipment for the new Kenbrooke and Cloverdale elementary schools...

Now Being Read by 4,669 Families of 67% of the Citizens of the Farmington Area

Farmington Enterprise Leadership Our Purpose Service Our Goal

Twp. Approves Joint Plans To Get Water

The township board committed itself to the joint plan to bring Detroit water into this area...

Others already committed include Southfield, Redford, Livonia, and the City of Farmington.

DETROIT's water-board has agreed to build a 54-inch water main out to Inkster and 8 Mile...

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Twp. Hall Not Open Friday Evenings

Offices in the Township Hall will not be open Friday evenings through September.

For the summer, hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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At request of a resident the board voted to ask the county to commission a traffic survey on Truck Road.

Two Held in Connection With Several Break-Ins

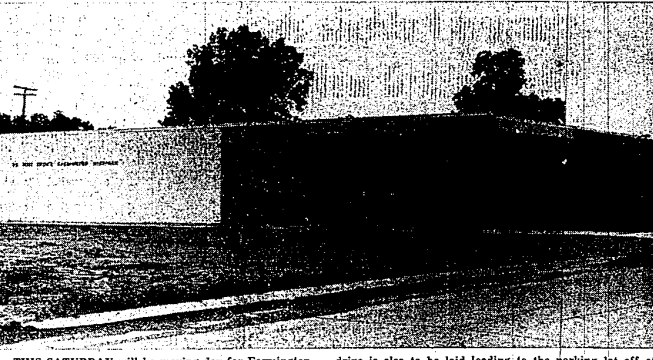
Two Livonia men, apprehended recently, were charged with several break-ins in Farmington...

Several requests for rezoning were turned over to the planning board for study and recommendation.

City Remodels

With the first upstairs offices of the municipal building vacant because of the moving of Parc Herzig, the city Tuesday began a job of remodeling there.

The two men, Donald Bohlinger and Lawrence J. Lawler, were E. Christensen of St. Francis, are presently being held in the Livonia police department in connection with break-ins there.



THIS SATURDAY will be moving day for Farmington Post Office employees. Postmaster Henry Tremblay disclosed Tuesday...

Wall Shifted Who'll Pay?

Who should stand the cost for rebuilding a wall which shifted during the construction of the new O. E. Dunckel Junior High is still in disagreement.

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Expect About Same Number In Kindergarten

For the first time in the past three or four years, there will be little or no increase in the total elementary school enrollment in the Farmington District as a result of an increase in the number of kindergarteners starting school.

Based on figures available to date, there are 822 youngsters in the district eligible to begin school next fall. Final kindergarten enrollment at the end of this school year was 827, elementary administrators said.

It is not expected that there will be considerable increase as a result of new families with kindergartener age youngsters moving into the district this summer.

One of 62 of the total number eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall were registered during the special pre-registration period earlier this year, administrators stated. This leaves 199 yet to be enrolled.

He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment. Both drivers had been drinking, township police reported.

Lose Control of Cars; Two Hurt

Two persons were injured during the early morning hours when their cars ran off main highways in the township.

Apprehended last Friday by the township police while unloading trash in a vacant area off 11 Mile Road, he was tried before Township Justice James P. Lawson and ordered to pay a fine of \$100.

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Bids Highly Favorable For New Grade School

Bids received by the Farmington School Board Monday night for the next new elementary school to be put under construction were very favorable.

Based on low bids for the various phases of construction, it has been determined that the square foot cost for erecting the building will be only \$12.26. This is substantially under the square foot cost for erection of the past two new buildings: the Kenbrooke and Cloverdale elementary schools now nearing completion.

Bids opened Monday night were the second to be received and ran slightly under the first bids taken for the new unit on a site at Alameda and Power Roads.

After the original bids had been taken, it was found that the bid for soil at the site would not meet the requirements for a self-contained sewage disposal system and another means of disposal had to be found.

The sub-committee for the eastern section of Farmington from Power Road to 8 Mile and from Grand River to Shawwassee which includes the Shopping Plaza and Clarenceville, includes Bayard Zippert, John Zaccaro and Dennis and Robert Goshorn.

DAN LOVE and Joseph Himelcamp were named to a special committee to arrange Christmas decorations. The committee approved a plan for an expanded decorating program this year, and is asking all other organizations to share this activity.

Committee members discussed sidewalk sales, the increase in retail sales in the area, and closing working with city and township officials.

Retain committee members, in addition to those named, are Philip Thomas, Hugh Owen, C. A. Ralston, Bob Harris, Earl Viner, Stanley Tracey, Mahlon Bradley, Bud Bennett, Martin Soffin, Al Gain and Donald D. Pullen.

garden through third enrollment it was emphasized.

As of the last of September, 1957, there are 169 children in the elementary grades. Enrollment this September, as near as can be estimated to date, will be 4,638, or 439 high-

WORK ON the new school is expected to get underway around the first of July. The unit, however, will not be ready for occupancy until the start of the school year, school officials pointed out.

A report by Howard Weist, liaison clerk to the School Board on buildings, indicated that only minor work remains to be done on the additions made at the Bond, Gill, Middlebelt, Engle and Shawwassee Schools during the past year. He also reported that small jobs still remain uncompleted at the Dunckel Junior High.

In a separate report, Weist indicated that a rotted tree in the Kenbrooke school site will have to be removed.

Recommendations that the heating system in the gymnasium unit at the Farmington Junior High be converted to a different type of fuel, an investigation be conducted to determine a method of stopping water leaks in the heating lines at the school, and the purchase of \$750 to provide movable basketball backboards in the multi-purpose room at the Cloverdale, Kenbrooke and Alameda elementary schools.

Some more definite information on possible costs for home-owners hooking up to the Farmington interceptor sewer was given Tuesday at the township board meeting.

HE LIVES in Franklin Knolls, and that is the only area already paying special assessments to ward the sewer project. Apparently whether finances the coming year will permit any new sewer projects.

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