

League Report On Farmington Woods

Placement incorporations in Farmington Township in 1957 and earlier this year and indications that more and more cutting up of the township into small parcels as a result of annexation by the City of Farmington or the incorporation of small villages, prompted action in the township as the City of Farmington Woods.

This is, in summarization, what was presented in a detailed report mailed out to all members of the Township League of Subdivision Associations earlier this week.

The following is the text of the League report with the exception of the introduction background, a section of the report mailed by the Farmington professors published last week in The Enterprise and a section containing typical questions and answers on incorporation.

PERSISTENT discussion of the matter (village incorporation and possible annexation) created interest and concern on the part of the Township League of Subdivision Associations residing in areas contiguous to Farmington City. On May 15, therefore, a committee headed by Robert W. Burton met to consider the annexation issue. Most of the group was familiar with the activities and problems of local government having been constant observers of Township Board proceedings and members of public and private meetings with professionals and students.

After some discussion the committee generally agreed that annexation would bring little if any benefit and would result in the development of a unified community. In addition, of equal importance, was

Byron E. Lapham Succeeds Late Howard Warner at Local Bank

Byron E. Lapham, vice president of the National Bank of Detroit, was appointed officer in charge of the bank's Farmington Office and chairman of the Farmington Advisory Committee, succeeding the late Howard W. Warner, at a meeting of the board of directors of the bank Monday.

Lapham, a native of Farmington, has been in banking here more than 24 years. He was educated at Farmington High School and the University of Detroit, where he received his law degree.

Mr. Lapham was previously president of the bank's Detroit office and vice president in 1949, following Knickerbocker's death, he was elected executive vice-president.

When the Farmington State Bank and National Bank of Detroit were merged in 1956, Lapham was elected a vice president of NBD and made a member of the Farmington Advisory Committee. Since that time he has been associated with the management of the Farmington Office.

He is married and has six children. They reside at 22330 Power Road.

Parking Order Now Held Up

The state highway department has delayed its order to erect "no parking" signs on Grand River east of the expressway.

The letter stated there would be no action until there could be further study, and that before any action was taken there could be another meeting. Recently the Chamber sponsored a meeting between merchants who would be hurt by the department and state police.

Several Have Yet To Pay City Taxes

Approximately 40 percent of the total amount due in City of Farmington had yet to come in as of Monday, August 11, according to Treasurer Mrs. Kathryn Cottrell.

A total of \$55,337.25 had been paid in a month of Monday morning. The total amount in city taxes due is \$164,239.10.

Taxpayers are reminded that they have only the next few weeks in which to make payment without penalty. After August 31 a 4 percent penalty will be added on all tax bills, it was pointed out.

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Twp. Loses on Land Fill Suit; May Fight On

Farmington Township was ordered Aug. 5 by Judge Frank L. Day to cease its appeal of a claim for \$25,000 on the property of Mrs. Emma R. Keller at 2105 Grand River.

The Township Board Tuesday night ordered filing of a claim which it might wish to appeal to the supreme court.

AT AN EARLIER township board meeting a large number of people were in protest of the land fill. At that time the board told the protesters it would fight it to the supreme court.

The board then voted unanimously in favor of a motion by Mrs. Elise Avery to ask Attorney Joseph T. Brennan to prepare an ordinance to regulate sanitary fill and dumps in the township. This will be reported to the board at a future meeting. It is noted that such attempts can be made.

Despite testimony the land fill might hinder flow of the Rouge river branch and cause flooding upstream, the court ordered the township to pay the cost of the fill to be made during July and August of each year.

TWO ORDINANCES were received from the board of supervisors regarding certain setbacks for any area proposed for future highways. The attorney will study and report on these.

Former Township Attorney Arthur L. Robbins submitted a final report on the matter. The board voted a resolution thanking him for his high caliber legal advice during the past year.

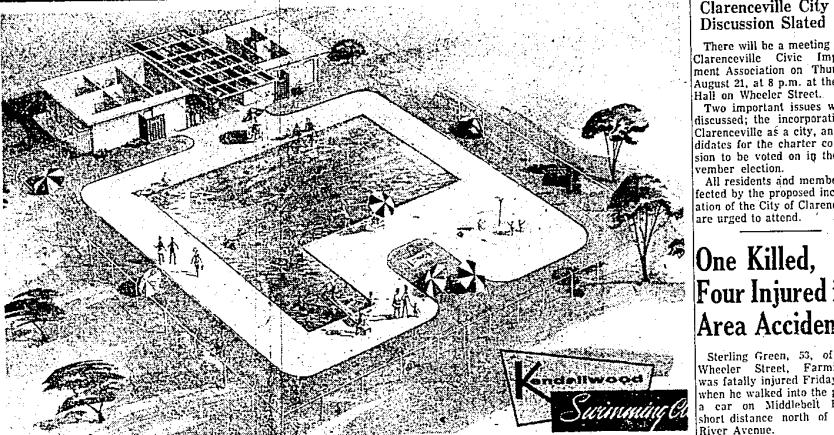
A request to destroy starrings at Balford Inn by shooting them was denied. Three resolutions regarding Civil Defense in the township will be adopted.

The Farmington State Bank proved to be an important factor in the growth and development of the community. From its small beginning, its deposits increased to approximately \$11,800,000 by 1955.

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THIS ARCHITECT'S RENDERING shows graphically what the layout of the proposed new Kendallwood Swimming Club's pool area will look like. It will be located between 12 and 13 Mile Roads east of Farmington Road. Called for is a 42x82 foot heated pool with a diving 'L' and a kiddie pool for the younger children.

Swimming Club Formed, Open to Membership

Organization of a swimming club for Farmington area residents was announced this week. Although known as Kendallwood Swimming Club, membership is open to all residents in the Farmington area and not limited to those living in the neighborhood.

Designed for family participation, it is the club's objective to provide a place near home where families and children can enjoy, under supervision and instruction, the healthful benefits of outdoor swimming facilities.

A LIMITED membership of 300 families has been set. Plans are to have the club facilities ready for use by the 1959 swimming season.

An option has been secured on a five acre parcel of land located on the east side of Farmington Road between 12 and 13 Mile Roads starting just north of Minnow Creek. It is north of the farm.

Plans call for a heated pool 42 x 82 feet in size, plus a diving 'L', and a kiddie pool for the younger children. Also called for is a cabana containing showers and dressing rooms and a parking area for the swimmers.

A POOL manager will be hired to take charge of the pool and grounds, supervise the life guards and be responsible for maintaining the necessary health and safety requirements.

Future plans call for such other recreational facilities as tennis courts and areas for badminton, shuffleboard, volleyball, horsehoes and a picnic area with grills and tables.

School Board Agenda Light

At a short regular meeting of the Farmington School Board Monday night only minor matters were brought up for action.

Only three of the five Board members were present. President Bayard Tupper and Secretary Mrs. Patricia Dates are away on vacation.

An expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$629 was authorized for miscellaneous asphalt and cement work to be done around the Woodlake school. Also approved was the purchase of a wide variety of equipment for the multi-purpose rooms at the elementary schools. Total cost will be \$4,264.

A REQUEST by the Farmington Garden Club for use of the bunked Junior High cafeteria and foyer free of charge on Saturday, December 13, for a Christmas Flower Show was unanimously approved.

Trustee Vernon Fisher raised the question of whether or not it would be feasible to utilize the blacktop play area at the various elementary schools as tennis courts. Athletic Director Jack Cotton was asked to investigate the possibilities of doing this and determine the approximate cost.

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THE BOARD promised to check care-fully with the Farmington Heights on August 1.

Harold Quinn, Commander of the Groves-Walker American Legion Post for the past two years, was recently elevated in Legion circles by being elected president of the 18th District, which includes all of Oakland County.

He, and other District officers, were installed at a ceremony at the Legion Post in Auburn township police to check care-fully.

THE TOWNSHIP board was asked Tuesday what can be done about motor scooters and the noises they make around Kendallwood 2 subdivision. It was said they are out some-thing on August 1.

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Junior, Senior High Registration Scheduled from August 20 - 29

Final registration of junior and senior high students who will be attending the Farmington schools this fall will begin August 20th and continue through August 29th.

School offices will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for registration.

Students living on or north of Ten Mile Road, enrolling in grades 7, 8 or 9, should register at the Duncker Junior High at 2820 Ten Mile. Those entering these grades (living below Ten Mile) will be registered at the Farmington Junior High at 15000 Thomas St.

Senior High students, grades 10, 11 and 12, will be registered at the Senior High at 32000 Shawwassee.

ALL STUDENTS who attended Farmington schools last year as well as new students in the district must register, school officials emphasized.

The book store of the Farmington Senior High, which opened yesterday, will be open each week day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. It will also be open Friday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. on August 15 and 22 and September 5 and on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 on August 16 and 23 and September 6.

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Students are reminded that they should have all books and equipment purchased prior to the first day of classes.

A SCHEDULE of bus routes for all schools will be disclosed prior to the opening of classes.

A SENIOR HIGH school orientation for new students will be conducted at the senior high on Wednesday, September 3. Buses will pick up all incoming high grade students on their regular routes beginning Monday.

Students in grades 11 and 12 should also plan to attend the orientation, school officials said.

The orientation program scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, will be as follows: 1:00 to 1:15 - General meeting in the gymnasium. 1:15 to 2:10 - Students attend respective home rooms.

Clarenceville City Discussion Slated

There will be a meeting of the Clarenceville Civic Improvement Association on Thursday, August 21, at 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall on Wheeler Street.

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One Killed, Four Injured in Area Accidents

Sterline Green, 53, of 21714 Wheeler Street, Farmington, was fatally injured Friday night when he walked into the path of a car on Middlefield Road's short distance north of Grand River Avenue.

The accident occurred at 8:45 p.m. Mrs. C. Vollbrecht of Detroit, driver of the car, told police that he did not see Green walking along the road. It was believed that he may have walked into the side of the car. Vollbrecht was not held.

GREEN died early Saturday morning at Redford Receiving Hospital as a result of internal injuries suffered.

In another accident, around the same time Saturday night, four local residents were injured when the rear-end collision occurred on Farmington Road at Colfax.

John D. Korror of Detroit was waiting to make a left hand turn on Colfax when his car was rammed in the rear by a second driver by Franklin T. DelMontier of 32241 Eight Mile Road.

DONNA Douglas and Karen Riddell, of Harlow Street, Farmington, young passengers in Korror's auto, are all injured. DelMontier, 21, also suffered minor injuries.

The Korror car caught on fire after being hit and was totally destroyed by flames. DelMontier was ticketed for reckless driving.

THE MAILING list currently contains about 6,500 families, Nelson added.

The background material of the League included a listing of names and addresses of all members and associations of the League, including their locations in the township.

League's standing committees and their chairmen, the League's objectives, accomplishments and plans and the members of the League Board of Directors.

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Blacktop Bid Let, Concrete Paving Coming

A low bid was accepted Monday by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for blacktopping Farmington Road between 10 and 12 Mile Roads, and the work will be completed this summer.

Bids will be opened Aug. 29 for four miles of concrete paving on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Hagerty Road.

THE PAVING of 12 Mile will be graded and the concrete will be placed within the next week. It is hoped most will be present at the next meeting at Illi-nespach's this Thursday, Aug. 14, at 8 p.m.

THE NOMINATING committee will report a slate of candidates from which seven members of the board of directors will be elected by the present. Under the rules the board of directors runs the association. It names the officers who may, or may not, be from among the directors.

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Boundaries for the area are from Brookdale on the east to Gill on the west, and from Freedom Road north of Oakland.

A LETTER from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce was read at the last meeting, indicating the C-C would help the new group if possible, inasmuch as its aims are similar.

It was reported that Mrs. or Robert Lindbert had asked to meet with the new group sometime after organization was completed.

Those present at last week's meeting were John Allen, Tom Barber, Bob Harris, Robert J. Kelly, Kenneth Jones, Virgil Cornwell, Harley Waters, Harry Lapham, Joe Himmelspach, J. Dee Ellis, Don Pohlen, Mrs. Blanche Gringle, John Clappison, Gerald B. Brown, Tom Kay, Warren A. Bromley Sr., Bondy Gross, and Bob Cairns.

Twp. Plan Board To Meet Privately

The regular meeting of the Township Planning Board to be held this week will not be open to the public as the last meeting. The meeting to be held is to be a joint private meeting with the Township Board for the purpose of coordinating matters with the two bodies on the proposed expressway, before the State Highway Commission.