

Merchants Ask 2 Hours On Downtown Meters

The city council was asked Monday night by downtown merchants to change the parking meters from a one hour limit to two hours, but not to change the rate of five cents per hour.

This was regarded by them as a temporary measure only, to help the overall situation of street parking plan could be carried out. It was said this petition was signed by practically every merchant in that area.

Another petition requested the city to remove all "no parking" signs (except those at regular bus stops) on Grand River between Hawthorne and Gill Road. This was supposedly signed by 15 percent of the business and residents in that area.

Don Pullen, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said the committee he did not represent the downtown group, but had been requested by them to circulate and present the petition.

BUSINESSMEN said it is the Chamber know is only a "no parking" sign that will endorse and fight for the city's effort parking plans when fully developed. It was his opinion that the city should not be so quick to change the meters to two hour mechanisms.

Mayor Pro Tem V. O. Bates said he had a survey made of the city which might bear on the claim this would help business owners, and was not personally sure there might be any

Maintenance of State's Streets Asked by City

The city will ask the state highway department to give a contract to maintain the roads north of the city limits, this is now supposedly done by the county road commission, but actually does little at all.

The county road commission has been asked to take over the maintenance of the roads in the city, in effect, asks that the maintenance contract be transferred from the county to the city.

EQUIPMENT of the right of way is already available. City manager Earl Scherfius told county engineer Monday night. A capable crew and equipment are available to carry out the work.

The county has a contract with the state to maintain 1500 or Grand River within the city limits. However, county workers get down to Farmington about last on their rounds, and little actual repair work is ever done.

THE CITY crews now sweep the city streets, but the county ever does sweep. In the winter the county pushes the snow to the side where it piles up. The city removes the snow, and doesn't get paid for it. The Grand River catch basins need cleaning, but don't get done.

As this work is reimbursed by the state in full, the city should lose any money, it is busy in the winter, and users of Grand River should be better served.

Mrs. E. McConchie Funeral Is Today

Mrs. Erma F. McConchie of 3305 Kild Avenue, Farmington, died Tuesday morning following an extended illness.

Erma Fay McConchie was born in Paris, Ill. April 15, 1884. She was the daughter of John A. and Emma Burton Tucker. She was married to Robert C. McConchie in 1908. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Farmington and the Farmington Blue Star Mothers.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, August 21, from the Thayer Funeral home with Rev. Frank B. Smith of Bethel Baptist Church officiating and interment will be in the North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. John Harmon of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. Harry Lawrence of Gentry Line, Mrs. Lawrence Nathan and Mrs. Walter Guenther both of Farmington; one son, James McConchie, of Highland Park, Michigan; three sisters, Mrs. John Haines and Mrs. Isador Montclair, both of Detroit, and Mrs. Jen Hiett of Detroit. She was preceded in death by her husband and nine grandchildren. Mrs. McConchie died in October of 1955.

Labor Day Help

The city's Civil Defense auxiliary police force, in their new uniforms, will assist regular public safety officers during the Labor Day week.

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Elect Officers For Downtown Business Ass'n

A board of directors and officers were named last Thursday by the newly formed Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n, and a number of ideas for redevelopment of the area discussed briefly.

Seven directors were first elected by membership, and these named the officers from among themselves.

TRACY CONROY is president, and other officers include Devere Fleming as vice president, Robert J. Kelly as secretary, and Harry Lapham treasurer.

The board of directors includes these men plus Omar Sanderson, John Allen, and Bob Sanderson.

Virgil Cornwell was named chairman of the membership committee, and is selecting the members now.

NEXT MEETING of the organization will be Monday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. at the high school. A large attendance than the 20 present last week is hoped for.

Among the ideas brought out was a map which is a revision of the downtown area development plan proposed by the planning consultants hired by the city. It has been presented to City Manager Earl Scherfius, and changes to be considered by the planning board and council.

THE CHANGES proposed would add a connecting link from the intersection where Farmington and Grand River comes into Shawwassee, thence south through the athletic field, across the Rouge river branch, and then to the north. This would mean easier access to the city from the north, it was felt.

The other major change would be a new road similar to the old concrete Orchard street, east to connect with Grand River just west of Barber Bros.

The proposed new road would continue north and north-westerly, swinging around at the rear of the junior high school and, with the other new road, to the east end of Orchard.

This would result in an oval perimeter road around the business district, and one that proposed in the original plan. The proposed map will be published next week.

TENTATIVE immediate aims of the group would include: working with the city council and planning board, with the downtown merchants really want, trying to bring in more businesses of different types, working with the city to get better public relations, trying to get dissenters to agree, trying to help change the downtown appearance from a shabby one to one of other business and sell homes in the area, and getting the business men better acquainted with each other.

Present last week were: Bob Harris, Conrad Sullivan, Robert J. Kelly, Allen M. Warner, Harry P. Thayer, E. Devere Fleming, John Allen, Robert H. Blough, Virgil Cornwell, Edmund Strong, J. Doc Ellis, Joe Himmelspach, Bob Givens, Omar Sanderson, Blanche Gringle and Tracy Conroy.

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NEW STORE on Farmington Road, across from Food Fair, is being built by Virgil Cornwell, and will be leased. He would like to bring in some service or retail operation already in the downtown area. The building is 20x80 feet, no basement, one story. It is of center block and brick, with concrete roof, entirely fire-proof. At the front will be a 10-foot promenade, and the rear will also be finished and have a covered entrance there. Agreement between the city and John Lutz for the property at the rear is now a possibility, and the Cornwell building will be able to take advantage of the proposed large parking lot. It is expected to be done in about six weeks.

Bus Routes for Farmington School Printed Next Week

All bus routes for both the senior high, two junior high and elementary schools in the Farmington system will be published next week in The Enterprise.

This year the routes will be published together so that they may be clipped and saved by parents in a convenient form.

At the Clarencove schools the routes will be given to all principals on printed sheets, and these will not run in the paper.

Final Band Concert Tonight at School

The last of the summer series of band concerts by Farmington students will be this Thursday evening, 8 p.m. at the school. Robert Zimmerman, Place will be the lawn at Senior High. The public is invited.

Participating will be both the summer concert band and the student dance band.

Farmington Teacher At MSU Workshop

Mrs. Marjorie Ellis, 22829 Farmington Road, a home economics teacher at Farmington senior high, is attending a summer workshop in education held during August at Michigan State University.

Title of the workshop is Teaching of Management and Home Equipment.

The session was one of 18 programs offered by MSU in which teachers and administrators studied current trends in education while obtaining graduate-level credit toward advanced degrees.

Dies in West

Word was received here of the death of Rita Cecilia Heister of Southgate, Calif. Aug. 13 at a Los Angeles hospital. Requiem mass was said Saturday, Aug. 16. She is survived by her husband, Orin, two sons, two sisters, a brother and her father.

Who Was To Annex Whom?

Councilmen of the City of Farmington wonder just who whom backers of the proposed City of Farmington Woods are kidding.

Mayor Pro Tem V. O. Bates at Monday's council meeting said he had read with interest the report published last week by the Farmington Woods committee.

"I have never heard any talk, at any time, of the City of Farmington thinking of annexing Farmington Woods. I have talked with other councilmen individually, and none of them knows of any such plan," he said.

He wondered aloud about what the City might gain in such an annexation attempt.

CAP Search On Week End

Farmington's Civil Air Patrol squadron will participate in a search and rescue mission this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-24.

Base of operations is expected to be Alma, but alternate or backup operations will be known until the operation is under way.

Seniors and cadets from Farmington leave for Alma by bus and truck, along with their mobile equipment, early Saturday morning.

An Air Force tent will set up a problem involving a theoretically missing aircraft. By analyzing the information provided by the CAP officers, such as place and time of take-off, the proposed course, amount of fuel carried, weather conditions on the other words, the CAP operations officers will have a fairly good idea of where to search.

The pilots from Farmington, Warrant Officer Robert Christie, and Warrant Officer Ernest Meyer, Squadron Adjutant, will participate in the aerial search. Communications personnel and equipment will also be utilized.

Chas. Hannans Now in Europe

Architect and Mrs. Charles D. Hannan of Farmington are expected home Aug. 31 from a trip through Europe with a group of American architects.

The group left Wayne Major airport, and last week they had expected to spend four or five days in Moscow, although this portion of the trip was not carried out.

They are now in Helsinki, Finland, and from there this area will go to England, and then to Ireland for home Aug. 30. The trip was the world's fair at Brussels, Belgium, which was visited earlier in the month.

Fee Schedule for Permits Revised

Farmington city's permit fee schedule will hereafter be the same as for the City of Detroit, he council voted Monday.

It is now essentially the same, but the few differences prove confusing to some Detroit contractors. Future Detroit changes will be made here automatically, although the council could refuse to make any change it felt was out of line.

Council Dates Are Changed

Because of the Labor Day holiday, Farmington City council has changed its two regular meeting dates for September.

Instead meetings will be held Sept. 8 and Sept. 22. This puts the City Council meetings in the same weeks as the Township Board meetings.

There are five Mondays in September, anyway.

Arthur D. Redner Buried Wednesday

Arthur D. Redner, 32661 Cass St., died Aug. 15 at Mexico City, Mexico.

He was born at Rednersville, Ontario Sept. 19, 1894, the son of James and Catherine Redner. He came to Detroit in 1918, became a citizen of the United States, and was united in marriage to Grace Peterson in 1918.

In 1937, he founded General Filters, Inc. of Novi, and was president of the company until his retirement Jan. 1, 1956, due to poor health.

Mr. Redner had resided in Farmington since 1952, and leaves his wife, Grace; two sons, Roland and Robert Redner of Orchard Lake; two daughters, Mrs. William B. Forrest of Orchard Lake and Miss Ann Redner of Farmington. Also six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Spencer J. Honey Funeral Home with Rev. Robert J. Inks-12 Mile area. However, the alert ended that evening when Farmington township police reported the girls, ages 9 and 10, had returned home.

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Planning Board Agenda Light

A petition and a preliminary plan were reviewed last Thursday when the Township Planning Board met.

The preliminary plan received for review was for Beechwood subdivision, 11 lots in section 22 at the end of Shawwassee Road, east of Power and north of 10 Mile Road.

The Plan Board has received a request from the City of Southfield for a copy of the industrial study and regulations.

A request has also been received from the University of Illinois for copies of the Master Plan Studies. The board has received many favorable comments from regional planning authorities about these studies.

Next regular meeting of the Planning Board will be at the town hall, Aug. 28 at 8 p.m.

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