

Hectic Grid Week End Makes Picking Winners Pretty Tough

I was a tough week end for football ambitions, and equally tough to pick winners in the weekly contest sponsored by The Enterprise. No one guessed them all.

Harry L. Lapham, Jr., was the best picker. Like many another, he guessed wrong on the Illinois-Duquesne game. It was his guess of a 23 point total score for the tie-breaker between Northwestern and Stanford that really counted.

Harry's 19 final year-old a pickup game at Our Lady of Sorrows school. He had some help from brother John, 17, and a little from his father, but Harry's own guess, made after studying game records so far this fall. So he received the \$10 prize check.

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Building Activities Remain Up, Third Quarter Reports Reveal

Building activities in Farmington during the third quarter of this year are about equal to those of the same period of a year ago, despite unstable economic conditions.

This is in sharp contrast to the generally substantial increase in building activity reported throughout the Detroit Metropolitan area thus far this year.

THE TOWNSHIP issued a total of 111 permits for new home starts during July, August and September. This is slightly under last year when 114 permits were issued during the same three months with total value estimated at \$2,336,100.

Strictness on Parking Hit; Suggest Plan

A little more leniency on parking meter violations in the minds of the city council a downtown business man Monday night, at the regular council meeting.

Councilman V. O. Bates wondered if the city were too harsh on unintentional or out of town parking offenders.

JOHN ALLEN, representing the Farmington Downtown Business District, told the council about a plan used at Dearborn and other communities. The business man underwrote a program where the parking meter facilities in the downtown area, parking violation tickets, uses a ticket furnished by the business man.

IF THE OFFENDER uses more than the extra hour, he gets the usual city ticket. Repeat offenders are tabulated and do not get the special tickets.



A NEW CATHOLIC church will go under construction soon for parishioners in the North Farmington area. Plans for the new Fabian church have now been completed and preparations are being made to advertise for construction bids. Reverend Frank J. Stanialski, pastor, started last week. The church, designed in contemporary style by Dolgner, Rolison & Rokicki Architects & Eng. Inc., is the first unit planned in a long-range building program calling for a school, convent, rectory and new permanent church at the parish site on 12 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake Road. This first unit has been designed to convert easily into classrooms when the permanent church is built.

Restrict Parking at Senior High Lot

New strict parking regulations go into effect Monday, Oct. 13 at the senior high school. Drivers having no business at the school have made these necessary during school hours. Students must park their cars in the school lot, and it is closed to all traffic during school hours. Students must have their cars registered and their permit on the windshield. Students can not sit in their cars or drive during school hours. Students must park their cars in the parking lot, no where else.

Registration Up In Twp., City

Voter registration here indicates a tremendous population growth, but it does not cooperate a large vote.

Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns registered 199 prospective voters Monday. Final figures for registration. He has spent most evenings the last couple of weeks taking registrations throughout the township and estimates that well over 500 registrations were made in the last six weeks.

Downtown Business Ass'n Meets Oct. 13

The Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n will meet next Monday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m., at Himmelspach's, according to President Tracy Conroy.

The last meeting brought out a very full attendance, and a number of important proposals were discussed. The next meeting will also provide some important planning.

Public Meet' On Interceptor Sewer Oct. 16

Harold Schone, director of the Oakland County department of public works, will be the speaker at a public meeting here next Thursday, Oct. 16. The meeting was arranged by Supervisor Frank Stephenson.

It will be held at Farmington Senior High, 32000 Shawwassee, starting at 8 p.m.

C-C Fall Party Tickets Ready

Chamber of Commerce members have received tickets for the fall party Oct. 23, and they have also gone on sale at various business places.

Manager Donald D. Pullen reminds members of the wonder why party hold last fall, and promises this year's will be even better. It will start with a smorgasbord dinner, include entertainment, and a square a modern dancing.

Crack Down on Health Violators

Two Farmington Township residents have been fined and placed on probation for failing to comply with orders to rectify unsanitary conditions, township health officials disclosed this week.

A woman living on Rockwood was placed on probation for three months and ordered to pay a small fine and court costs by Judge James Lawson on failing to comply with orders to rectify unsanitary conditions. The other party, owner of property at Orchard Lake Road and Burbanks, was placed on five months probation and ordered to pay a small fine and court costs for failing to remove debris on his land.

Yule Lights Drive Starts

Plans for a permanent Christmas lighting program of the Chamber of Commerce committee this year.

In recent years lack of long time planning has resulted in last minute planning, lack of funds and decorations that do not last beyond the holidays.

City Council Meet Changed to Oct. 27

The second meeting of the month at Farmington City Council has been changed to Monday, Oct. 27. Usual date would have been the third Monday of the month.

Suggest Debate On City Plan

An Oct. 20 debate on the proposed City of Farmington Woods has been suggested by the Township League of Subdivision Associations. The debate will take place this week to the two organizations opposed on this issue.

They are the Farmington Township Citizens Committee and the Farmington Woods Committee, backing the plan. League President Robert H. St. Louis, chairman of the debate will be open to the public.

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Court Jurisdiction Increased to \$1,000

In the past jurisdiction of Farmington city court was limited to proceedings involving no more than \$500. The city council Monday night introduced an ordinance which would boost this to \$1,000.

Best Crowd at C-C Meeting

Largest crowd in many months attended the members' breakfast of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning. Plans for the fall party Oct. 23 were told.

Invite Charter Cands. to Speak

Candidates for the Clarenceville charter commission have been invited to speak and give their qualifications for the regular meeting of the Clarenceville Civic Association.

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Village to Get Rubbish Pickup

Further steps were taken by the Wood Creek Village Council Tuesday night to provide rubbish pickup for all residents in the village.

Lilac Blocking Still Studied

Blocking of Lilac street in the north end was favored in a petition given the city council Monday.

More Opinions on City Incorporation

own name. They must be sold in the name of the special assessment district. A city can issue bonds in its own name.

The proposed city would have no industrial tax base and would have to be supported almost entirely by residential taxation.

The proposed Farmington Woods would increase the cost of all city services. Police, firemen, water lines, etc. would have to be raised within the city limits to serve many points in the city.

It is true that limitations on a city's taxing power are not limited to the charter. But charter limitations can always be changed later — as has happened with most neighboring cities. Taxes can be raised within the charter limitation — by simply raising the property assessment. Cities can also impose sales taxes, income taxes, special assessments for street lighting, etc. — all outside the charter limitations.

Q. 2: How can we be sure that a large influx of population would follow incorporation?

At this has been the experience of many other cities. State Health department experts have warned that a dangerous health situation exists in the township which makes the availability of a sewer in this area mandatory.

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projects. Neighboring cities which have tried to enforce high standards of zoning have found them vulnerable to court suits. The Township zoning as it is now has never been attacked in court, because even if the builder won his suit, he would still under the Township form of government, have to pay for improvement to his property out of his own pocket.

Q. 3: Could a city government affect the way the schools are run?

A. Not a bit. The school district is a completely separate entity with its own board and its own taxing powers.

Q. 4: If a township cannot commit itself to expensive improvements without a vote of the taxpayers, how can we be sure that the township will be committed to the interceptor sewer?

A. Complete discussion of the township sewer should be held on the public meeting which this question. However this much can be said now:

The present state statute which created the interceptor district made it the one public improvement which a township could approve without creating a special assessment district.

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Twp., City Join in Water Authority?

A private meeting between city and township officials will be held Friday evening to discuss the possibility of joining in a Water Authority to bring Detroit water to the entire area.

They will be joined by J. Dean Stanley, financial consultant, and other engineering and financial experts.

Torch Drive Goal for Area Set at \$15,795

Farmington's 1958 United Foundation Torch Drive goal has been set at \$15,795. Mrs. Palmer Bundy of Davisburg, regional campaign committee chairman, disclosed this week.

The campaign is scheduled to get underway officially on Saturday, October 14, and continue through October 24.

HEADING THE Farmington fundraising campaign is Mrs. Frank C. O'Leary, division chairman. Other local heads are: Robert L. Brown, select prospect committee chairman; Sylvester Phenev, government committee chairman; Mrs. Arthur Maurer, business committee chairman; and Marius Van Ameyde, the school committee chairman.

This amount is somewhat lower than the goal of \$21,705 set for Farmington city and township last year.

Mr. Bundy pointed out, however, that the amount set for this year is not comparable with those of previous years because of a change in organization. As a result of the change, she explained, amounts contributed by branches of large corporations and their employees through their place of work will be reported on an industrial basis rather than by communities as in previous years.

School District Transfer Likely

The transfer of a small portion of the State Board of School District south of Eight Mile in Livonia to the Livonia School District now appears certain as a result of action taken by the State Board while the Farmington School Board has been pending for over a year.

When the Livonia and Farmington school boards could be changed to October 15 because of the teachers institute being held on the regular date of the meeting.

Meeting Change

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Shop in Friendly Farmington

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Manufacturers Open Bank Here

A branch office of Manufacturers National Bank has now been set up in a small building at 31511 West Thirteenth Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake. The bank disclosed this week.

Pumpkin Sale Benefits Youth

Farmington Exchange Club will start its second annual pumpkin sale next Sunday, Oct. 12, to continue through Halloween. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Farmington Youth Center, 31511 West Thirteenth Mile Road. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Farmington Youth Center, 31511 West Thirteenth Mile Road. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Farmington Youth Center, 31511 West Thirteenth Mile Road.