

GOP Candidates Win Easily In Twp; Funds For Recreation Denied

As expected, it was a Republican sweep in the partisan biennial spring election in Farmington Township on Monday. The Republican candidates out-pulled their Democratic opponents by margins of better than 2 to 1 in every election. The contest for trustee Martin Gluckstein ran slightly ahead of his other Democratic running mates.

The local proposal asking Township voters approve a special tax levy of 50c per \$1,000 valuation as equalized to provide an adequate year-around recreation program in both the city and township was rejected by a vote of 3,327 "no" to 2,234 "yes."

Twp Bd Awards 1st Contract For Water Dist.

Moving swiftly ahead with the construction plans for the new Water Supply District for Farmington Township, contracts were awarded at the special Township Board meeting Saturday, March 30, for the installation of gate valves.

The Mole Construction Company, Inc. of Detroit was awarded the contract for the construction of gate valves at Eight Mile Road and Middlebelt and at Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt, upon the recommendation of the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Fete, Hira and Bogue, Inc.

LOW BIDDER AMONG five companies who submitted estimates on the cost of construction of the water supply system. The low bidder was Pate, Hira and Bogue, Inc.

A complete tabulation of the voting by precincts appears on page 8A.

Twp. Bike Tags Due In April 22

Bicycle registration tags will be available to Township bike owners beginning Monday, April 22, according to Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes.

Chief Yakes said the tags will be of a dual type and will cost \$1. The tag will be permanent and will be issued by the registration service in the Township Police Department.

Those interested in purchasing the bike tags will be able to do so any time during the day or night at the Township Police Department.

Propose Ordinance Changes On Rural Uses of Twp. Land

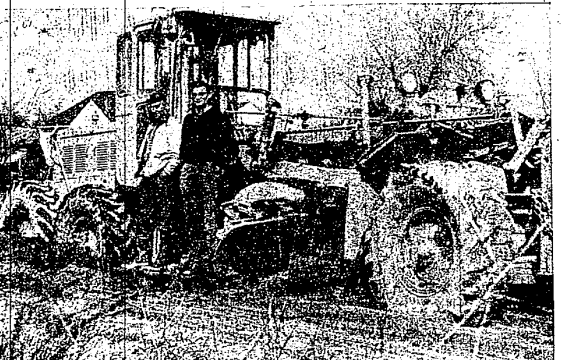
A public hearing on proposed changes in the Township zoning ordinance governing agricultural uses of property and the keeping of horses or farm animals in the community was held at 8 p. m. before the Township Zoning Board.

It is stipulated in one section that the number of animals to be allowed on any parcel of property less than forty acres in size will be 100 and that any increase kept must be properly housed.

On parcels of land of 40 acres or more the raising and selling of dairy or other farm products and the growing of feed for them will be allowed but not on parcels smaller than this. On smaller parcels of land this rule will apply to the growing of edible foods for retail sale will be permitted but it is stipulated that these foods produced on these parcels will be sold from the premises on which they were raised.

ONE OF the minimum conditions for purseries are growing houses under terms of the ordinance will be that they must be at least five acres in size if located in a residential area.

A complete text of the ordinance is spelled out in a detailed legal notice appearing elsewhere in this week's issue of the paper.



ALTHOUGH MOST ROADS in Farmington Township have held up surprisingly well so far this spring, there is always the exception to the rule. Last week the Oakland County DPV road grader (above) found itself in the embarrassing predicament of being stuck right in the middle of the road. (Edmont Street west of Middlebelt) and the driver, William Muirhead (L), had to call for assistance. Lester Fisher of 29711 Edmont is the other man in the picture. Muirhead explained, with tongue in cheek, that frost had not entirely left the ground, which is exactly why road restrictions are strictly enforced this time of year for other types of heavy vehicles.

Twp. Budget Approved At Special Bd. Meeting

The 1953-64 fiscal year budget for Farmington Township was approved by the Township Board at their special meeting held Saturday, March 30, and now will go before the Oakland County Allocation Board for final approval.

Gluckstein questioned why Township building department salaries could be \$39,180 under disbursements and receipts of \$39,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1964.

SUPERVISOR CURT HALL and Clerk Floyd Cairns explained that miscellaneous permits, licenses and fees which are anticipated to provide \$28,000 in the proposed budget also will go towards defraying expenses in the building department.

Supervisor Hall told the Board he felt the Township's proposed budget stood an excellent chance of surviving the County Allocation Board's review without suffering any cuts.

Any cuts that the Allocation Board makes in the Township budget would, according to Supervisor Hall, necessitate stringent economy measures since the hoped-for operating mileage of \$123,848 will provide the largest share, along with state revenue of an anticipated \$117,200, of the Township's operating funds.

If the Township does not re-zone its full share of the operating mileage, cuts will have to be made in the areas where the biggest share of the budget funds are allocated. This would mean, it was pointed out, police and fire protection expenditures would have to be reduced.

St. Fabians Breaks Ground For New School

Construction has now been started on a new school building by St. Fabian's Catholic Church on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads.

In addition to 12 regular classrooms the building will contain a library, principal's office, teachers' office and canteen and storage space.

The total construction cost will run approximately \$243,000. There are presently some 50 youngsters at St. Fabian's school. Facilities for schooling and religious programs right now if they were available, Father Francis said, the actual start of operations of the school facility is not scheduled, however, until the fall.

THE BUILDING architects are Dolzner, Rollason and Robekki. John Barrett is the builder. The school is to be staffed by Bernardine Sisters whose mother house is located at 10 Mile Road and Inquirer in Farmington.

It was pointed out by Father Francis that the school's library room will not only serve school children but will be open for use by all parishioners.

St. Fabian's parish was started in July of 1929 and the present church was officially dedicated in September of 1939.

Senior Citizens Club To Meet on April 5

The Farmington Senior Citizens Club will hold its next regular meeting this Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p. m. in the social room at the Methodist Church on Grand River at Warner St.

C'ville School Board Plans New Expansion

After several months of consideration and study of the budget for the 1953-64 fiscal year, the Clareneville Board of Education provided for expansion in a number of areas. Much of the expansion will be the result of increased pupil enrollment estimated to be about eight to ten percent over this year's enrollment.

PROVISIONS WERE, made by the Board of Education to provide for eight additional teachers at the elementary level, one at the junior high school level, and two at the senior high school level.

THE MAJOR CHANGE in the bonding ordinance was effected in the area of connection charges where separate funds had to be earmarked in order to make the bonds for the water system more saleable.

Milton Thompson, of the firm of Dickinson, Wright, McKean and Cudlip, bonding attorneys for both the County DPW and the Township, reviewed the new ordinance with the Board.

THE HEARING on the rezoning proposal adjacent to Eckery Tool and Manufacturing Co. at 25600 Grand River.

THE HEARING will be held at the Township Hall at 8 p. m.

Hearing on Re-Zoning Near Plant Set Up

At its regular meeting last Thursday evening, March 28, the Township Zoning Board set Thursday, April 25, as the date for hearing objections to rezoning proposed adjacent to Eckery Tool and Manufacturing Co. at 25600 Grand River.

The owners of the company seek to have a lot re-zoned from RA-4 (residential) to P-1 (parking).

The hearing will be held at the Township Hall at 8 p. m.

Council Incumbents Win, Pheneey New City Judge

An even heavier vote than expected was recorded Monday in the City of Farmington as electors returned to office the three incumbent candidates for Council seats.

Howard Thayer was the leading vote getter in the field of six candidates with 1,359 votes. He ran well out in front of the other candidates in both precinct 1 and 2. In Precinct 3 he ran third.

Hugo Peterson was the voters second choice with 1,157 votes and, like Thayer, was among the top three candidates in all three precincts.

In the race for the third seat the contest was really tight with incumbent Henry B. Forrest edging out Virgil Cornwall.

City voters made it very clear that they favored the new state constitution by voting in favor of it by a more than three to one margin. The vote was 1,557 "yes" to 497 "no."

The local proposition calling for an increase in the pay for councilmen from \$128 per year to \$350 annually, carried easily but by not nearly as great a margin as the state proposal.

Voters approved the proposition by a vote of 3,715 "yes" to 1,162 "no."

A TOTAL of 2,378 votes were cast. This figures out to be a turnout percentage of over 62.6 percent based on the total of 3,795 registered voters in the city. It was a much better turnout than city officials had hoped for and was predicated prior to the election.

In the 1951 biennial spring election only 1,731 votes were cast for a percentage of 48.3.

The heaviest vote was recorded in Precinct 1 where 1,404 of that precinct's 1,471 voters got out to vote. The 1,471 voters ran 61.2 percent with 732 of the 1,181 reentered voting.

New Bonding Ordinance Adopted by Township

A new Revenue Bond Ordinance for Farmington Township was approved by the Farmington Township Board at a special meeting held Saturday, March 30.

It was the feeling of the Township's bonding attorneys that rather than amend the old ordinance to correspond to requirements in the agreement between the Oakland County Department of Public Works and the Township for construction and operation of the proposed water system for the Township, an entirely new ordinance incorporating the necessary changes be adopted.

Since Farmington Township qualified for a federal grant to help finance the Water Supply District "A" project, ownership of the system must remain with the Township after the system becomes operative, even though the County assumes the responsibility from this point on for maintaining the system. This is done by the County DPW in the absence of such a department at the Township level of government.

The new bonding ordinance, which appears elsewhere in this paper in complete form, follows closely in other respects the former Township bonding ordinance.

New Telephone Books on Way

Michigan Bell Telephone Company began delivery of its 1963 telephone directories in the metropolitan area this week. Included in the distribution are 515,000 West-Downriver area directories, weighing some 294 tons which include Farmington listings.

The new blue-covered directories contain information concerning a new safeguard for telephone users which is called "distance call." This step saves callers from unintentionally making a long distance call when intending to dial only a short distance call.

A direct dialed long distance call won't go through after Apr. 6 unless the "A" is dialed first.

The new dial "A" safeguard will be used by all telephone users in the West-and-Downriver area directories. The cover pages of the new book contain detailed information concerning dialing procedures.

Telephone customers who need one or both of the other two area directories (East and North) covering communities beyond those in the local book may obtain them by calling the local Bell office.

Meeting Dates All Mixed Up

Governmental meetings coming up have gotten somewhat shuffled around and only the Board of Education on a regular schedule at this point.

They will meet as usual this coming Monday night, April 8, the second Monday of the month.

The City Council will also be meeting the same night. The Council normally meets on the first and third Mondays of the month but due to the fact that Monday, April 7, was election day they had to postpone their regular meeting for one week.

This will be the Council's organizational meeting following the election as well as a regular meeting.

The Township Board which normally meets on this same night has postponed their meeting 18 to 19 weeks and will not be meeting until Monday night, April 15.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES for a new Catholic school at St. Fabian's Parish on 12 Mile Road were held on Sunday, March 24. Father Szpanski, pastor, is shown at the left, one of the Bernardine Sisters, the order of sisters which will teach at the school, is shown at the right turning the first shovel of earth.