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Table Action on Ordinance to Ban Trailers

A proposed ordinance to prohibit the parking of house trailers at homes in residential sections of the city has met with some rather strong opposition. When discussed at the regular meeting of the City Council two weeks ago, W. Allen Nelson of Warner Ave., a retiree, objected strongly. A letter received from George A. Tweed of 23000 Maple which was read at this Monday night's regular Council session also expressed strong opposition to prohibiting the parking of trailers at homes but not to placing some controls on where they could be parked on the property.

PRESENT at the meeting Monday night along with Allen were at least three other men who, although they made no comments, indicated they were opposed to this ordinance.

Before any discussion was held, City Manager John Dinan reported to the Council on a survey he had made with regard to what other communities are doing on this matter. He revealed that in other communities in the area he checked on only one had an ordinance prohibiting trailers similar to the one that has been proposed here.

His feeling was that perhaps the ordinance as proposed was too stringent and that it should be amended to allow trailers at residential homes only if they were parked to the rear of the front building lines.

SPEAKING at the meeting Mayor Robert Lindtbergh were both absent from Monday night's meeting, it was decided to table any detailed discussion or action on this matter until the next regular Council session. Citizens wishing to express themselves on this matter were invited to attend the next Council meeting on June 3 to make their feelings known before any Council action is taken.

FREE

In this coming week's issue of The Enterprise a FREE Classified Ad will be run for any teenager wishing to seek summer work either part or full time or part time work throughout the year.

Your eyes aren't deceiving you—we said Free and we mean it. There are no strings attached to this offer.

The only requirements are that the advertisement must be for a boy or girl 12 thru 18 years of age, must be confined to 15 words or less and submitted to this office no later than noon Saturday, May 23. We would prefer that the teenager have his or her ad completely prepared before coming into the office.

If you have any questions about this offer just call GR. 4-6225 and ask for the classified department.

Farmington's Sarah Davis Observes 100th Birthday

Mrs. Sarah Davis of Farmington observed her one-hundredth birthday this week on Tuesday, May 21, at her home on Brookdale Avenue and received congratulations from far and near upon reaching her milestone.

Among those who extended



FOREIGN EXCHANGE students currently attending Farmington School were invited to a special buffet dinner meeting to be held this coming Tuesday evening, May 23, at the Parker House Frontier Town on Grand River Avenue just west of the first underpass to the I-96 Expressway.

Curry and Farmington School District Superintendent G. W. Harrison are (L to R) Mikki Duym, 17, of Belgium, and Sili Afrandi, 20, of Indonesia. The two girls related some of their experiences gained while visiting this country and were enthusiastic about the foreign student exchange program which brought them here.

Recount Shows No Vote Errors

A recount of local voting for the April 1 election in all precincts in the City of Farmington and three of Farmington Township's precincts which was made on Tuesday of this week revealed no changes whatsoever in the vote officially recorded following the election.

In the city the recount was made on both the vote on the new state constitution and the vote for councilmen in which Virgil Cornwell was defeated by only a 21 vote margin over Henry Forrest, incumbent, in his bid for one of the council positions.

The three precincts in the township where recounts were made were in those where the voting machines are planned to be used for the forthcoming June 10 election.

Whether or not the balance of the voting precincts in the township will be recounted has not yet definitely been determined, Clerk Floyd Cairns indicated Wednesday.

Blood Bank Drive Nets 153 New Pints

The Farmington Blood Bank received a total of 153 pints of blood from donors on Tuesday, May 21, at the American Legion Hall, according to local blood bank chairman Mrs. DeWitt Goodrich.

It was reported only six pints of blood were left prior to this week's drive which saw 221 persons respond to the call. There is now a total of 159 pints in the local blood bank.

their best wishes to Mrs. Davis were President John F. Kennedy, Governor George Romney and Archbishop of Detroit J. F. Dearden.

IN THE MESSAGE from Archbishop Dearden, best wishes were expressed to the Community's oldest known living resident this way:

"It is a rare privilege that God has given you. Looking back over the years, I am convinced that you count with gratitude the many blessings that He has given you. The celebration of your 100th birthday offers you a unique occasion to join with others in thanking Him for those favors."

A faithful parishioner at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington, Mrs. Davis was honored there on her birthday with a high mass Tuesday morning which was served by her two great-grandsons, Donald and Richard Davis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Davis of Power Road in Farmington.

Business People Invited To Meeting Tues. Night

All business, professional, and industrial people of Farmington are being invited to a special buffet dinner meeting to be held this coming Tuesday evening, May 23, at the Parker House Frontier Town on Grand River Avenue just west of the first underpass to the I-96 Expressway.

The buffet supper meeting has been called by the board of directors of a newly formed association of business, professional, and industrial people in the community proposed to become the Farmington Board of Commerce.

The meeting will begin with a supper at 6:30 and be followed by a presentation by the board of directors outlining the proposed objectives and goals of the association. Information on by-laws which the directors have been working on for some time now, proposed dues and special committees that have been appointed and are already at work will also be given.

PLANNED AS a non-profit, corporation, incorporation papers have already been applied for.

The board of directors are making an effort to contact all prospective members personally. Anyone who may not be contacted but wishes to attend is invited to do so. Russ Gilbert, chairman of the board of directors, states:

He invited anyone interested in learning more about the organization or the meeting planned on Tuesday to contact either himself or any of the other members making up the board of directors. Serving on the board with Gilbert are: Ned Ogley, co-chairman; Dick MacPherson, secretary treasurer; Ed Balden, Bill Conroy, Elmer J. Vayles, and Mike Kiley.

We Will Need Copy Earlier

Since Memorial Day falls on Thursday this year it will be necessary for us to come out with the paper a day earlier than usual next week and deadlines for news copy and advertising will have to be moved up.

The paper will be distributed on Wednesday, May 29, instead of on Thursday.

News copy normally due in our office on Monday will have to be received by no later than noon Saturday in order to assure publication. The absolute deadline for copy will be 4 p.m. Monday but no assurance can be given that any copy turned in as late as Monday will be able to be advertised.

The display advertising deadline will be 3 p.m. Monday instead of noon Tuesday. The classified advertising deadline will be one whole day earlier — 10 a.m. Tuesday.

4 Seeking Two Cville B.E. Seats
A contest is assured in the June 10 School Election for two Clarenceville Board of Education seats whose terms expire with the present fiscal year June 30. Both two-year terms, the incumbent officials, Sam J. Prisk of 20289 Gillman and Thomas C. Wilson of 15917 St. Francis, both of Livonia, have filed petitions to seek re-election.

Widening Road, To Install Light

Work got underway the latter part of last week on a major road and safety improvement project at the busy Orchard Lake Road-Grand River Avenue intersection.

The roadway is to be widened to handle three lanes of traffic a distance of some 300 to 400 feet north of the intersection.

According to Oakland County road commission officials a concrete paving will be put down on the widening.

They are expected to have the work well enough along within the next three to four weeks to re-open the road to traffic again.

A traffic light has long been sought at this dangerous intersection and was recently approved for installation by the state highway department. The light is scheduled to be installed, the early part of July, it was reported by City Manager John Dinan.

2 Hearings on City Re-Zoning Set for Monday

Public hearings on two proposed zoning changes will be held before the city planning commission this coming Monday night, May 27.

One will be a hearing on rezoning which has been requested by Thomas Duke, local builder and developer, to permit the construction of a 113 unit apartment building development on a 3/4 acre triangular parcel of land just west of the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakewood.

Duke proposed all one bedroom efficiency type units laid out in an L-shape overlooking an inside court and extending back to the Rouge River branch which winds through that area. Parking would be directly off Grand River with a decorative fence shielding the parking area from Grand River drive.

THE PARCEL is presently zoned for light industrial development, one family housing and parking. A change in the zoning to general commercial will be needed to permit the apartments.

The hearing has been set for 8:30 p.m. The second hearing will be on a rezoning of John Allen, local architect, for the rezoning of the west side of Liberty Street from Grand River Avenue southward to include two or three houses.

Few Questions Raised on \$466,434 Budget for City

City Manager John Dinan's proposed operating budget for the 1953-54 fiscal year calling for a general fund expenditure of \$466,434 and the same \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation tax levy as last year was officially approved by action of the City Council Monday night.

The budget is for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1953 through June 30, 1954. It is a budget which runs only a little over \$3,000 higher than the budget which the city has been operating under during the current fiscal year now drawing to a close.

The proposed water and sewer fund budget of \$187,299 was also unanimously approved. This budget is satisfied totally with revenues collected from water users.

Councilmen were high in their praise of the fine job being done in preparing budgets for the city by Manager Dinan. They called for only minor changes during their executive session reviews between the time the proposed budget was turned over to them in early April and the date of the hearing on the budget last Thursday night.

AT THE PUBLIC hearing only one citizen appeared to raise any questions. He was Robert Walker of 21063 Laurelwood, representing the Farmington Meadows Home Owners Association.

Commenting generally on the budget, Walker indicated that he felt more detailed information should be given in the budget on expenditures by the various departments. He submitted detailed reports giving expenditure breakdowns which he obtained from another community. It was pointed out to him that these detailed expenditure reports were probably not a part of that community's budget and that if Walker had wanted any breakdown on particular expenditures grouped together in the budget he would have to request it.

Councilmen were in agreement with City Manager Dinan that detailed minor expenditures should not be spelled out in the budget or it would become too cumbersome. Manager Dinan pointed out that if Walker had wanted any breakdown on particular expenditures grouped together in the budget he would have to request it.

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'No Parking' on More of G.R. Recommended

A recommendation made to the City of Farmington by the state highway department that parking be prohibited on the north side of Grand River between Hawthorne and Violet streets was reported to the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

It was the city manager's feeling that this recommendation should be followed. Councilmen present at the meeting seemed to be in agreement but decided to delay any action until the next Council session in order to give the manager time to notify owners of establishments in this area of this proposed action.

Accidents in this area which have been experienced in the past promoted the state highway department investigation at this point, a report to the Council by the manager on Monday night. It was pointed out that there is no parking restriction already on Grand River between Inker Road and Hawthorne Street and from Violet westward to Power Road.

It was pointed out that with parking allowed in the block between Hawthorne and Violet three westbound moving lanes of Grand River Ave. traffic is abruptly narrowed to two moving lanes at this point.

Many Join to Promote Area at Big State Show

The City and Township of Farmington along with a number of industrial firms located here will be telling the story this weekend of the advantages that Farmington has to offer as an industrial and business location at the Michigan Inventors and New Products Convention at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit.

The convention will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 24, 25 and 26), hours on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

Members of the City of Farmington Economic Development Committee and the Township Industrial Committee have been working together on a special booth to display a wide variety of displays in an effort to promote new business and industry in the community. The slogan for this special project is "Discover Farmington."

IN ADDITION to the joint city and township display, ten local industries, a local developer and a husband and wife local inventing team will also have displays at the convention. The local industrial firms which will have displays are: Automatic Valve, Ace Controls, Ekstrom Electric Controls, Ekerley Tool, Lundberg Engineering, Lee Stevens Machinery, Star Cutter, French Enterprises, and R. Products represented by Roy Miller and A. Raymond Design represented by A. R. Unks.

Parade Plans Being Finalized

Plans are now being completed for Farmington's annual Memorial Day parade which will be held on May 24. It will be jointly sponsored by the Groves Walker American Legion Post and its Auxiliary and the Farmington VFW.

The parade will start promptly at 10 a.m. at the assembly point in front of the Farmington Junior High School site. From there they will continue on along Grand River Ave. to Oakwood Cemetery near Gill Road where a graveside ceremony will be held.

The marchers will then return to the Junior High School again to the junior high school grounds.

An invitation is being extended to all girls' groups and camp fire girls to march in the parade along with members of the American Legion Post and its Auxiliary and the VFW Post and its Auxiliary.

A fashion show featuring clothing of 100 years ago will be put on by Goodwill Industries. The luncheon and show will be held outdoors on the beautiful grounds, weather permitting.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Clarenceville High School band and other groups. The festivities which will run until 3 p.m.

Selling Poppies This Weekend
The American Legion and Auxiliary will be conducting their annual sale of poppies this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 23 through 25, and will be out with their poppies and canisters throughout the community.

The poppies are made by hospital patients and all the money raised from the sale goes to help needy veterans still hospitalized in the area as well as members of their families.

The sale has been conducted locally each year for over 30 years now and the three days have been officially declared as Pappy Days by action of the City Council.

Chairman of the sale again this year is Alma Rose Mattox of the American Legion Auxiliary.

TO DEDICATE MARKER

Will Host Tri-County Leaders Here Friday

The highlight of Michigan week activities locally this year will be a special "Our Heritage Day" program tomorrow, Friday, when Farmington will play host to the public and leaders from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties at historic Botsford Inn.

The formal dedication of a state historic building marker on the grounds of the inn will be the major attraction on the day's program and will take place at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Lewis E. Vander Velde, Historical Commissioner, Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, will make the dedication.

Guest speaker for the dedication will be Secretary of State James Hare.

FRIDAY'S festivities at the inn will actually start at 11 o'clock with a public display of both classic and antique cars. Following the formal dedication there will be a luncheon open to the general public.

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X-rays, Blood Tests Offered

Free chest X-rays and blood tests will be offered in the area by the Michigan and Oakland County departments of health Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22, and on Monday through Wednesday, May 23-25, the following week.

A mobile unit will be located in the parking area at the Downtown Farmington Center off Grand River to provide these services to all 21 years of age and older.

Many cases of TB are still being found in Oakland County and treated. It is also continues to take a heavy toll of lives, it was emphasized, and ranks as the ninth leading cause of death. Early detection of both diseases is necessary, health officials state.

Hours for the local mobile unit will be as follows: FRIDAY: Noon - 4 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m. SAT: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., and 3 - 5 p.m. MON: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 4 - 8 p.m. TUES: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 3 - 7 p.m. WED: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.



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