

Sale of Bonds Signals Start Of Construction On Twp's \$2,625,000 Water Project

Climaxing many months of effort, the Farmington Township Board learned at a special meeting held Monday night, November 4, that work could start on the \$2,625,000 water project long-awaited Township Water Supply System.

Construction contracts on the \$2,625,000 project which were let to bidders last July were awaiting the sale of the special assessment and revenue bonds and that was accomplished at the Monday night meeting.

THE HOUSING and Home Finance Agency of the Federal Government, which had pledged to purchase all of the bonds at three and five-eighths per cent interest in the event private concerns did not enter bids lower than theirs, were awarded all but \$20,000 worth of the total \$1,500,000 revenue bonds and the entire block of \$1,000,000 special assessment bonds.

The National Bank of Detroit, awarded the \$420,000 block of revenue bonds, was the only private concern which submitted a bid on any portion of the water bonds.

Known as the Farmington Township Water Supply System, the capital improvement program is the largest ever put under way in the Township and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1964.

CONSTRUCTION was expected to begin on Tuesday as soon as contractors received notification of the sale of bonds from officials of the Oakland County Department of Public Works.

Louis Schimmel, bonding consultant for Oakland County, read the bids after they were opened by Township officials Monday night. All of the bids were certified by the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, McKean and Cudlip of Detroit.

The County was also represented by Dick Castle, chief of the DPW who worked with Township officials in paving the way for the water project.

Will Delay on 'Magic Square'

Getting a "magic square" recreational facility constructed at the Flanders School site yet this year will now be almost impossible, City Manager John Dinan informed councilmen at their regular meeting Monday night.

Since the Farmington School board has still not given its approval on a location on the site, it was the feeling of the city manager that the contractor contracted by the city to construct the "square" should be contacted to determine whether he would do the job for the same price in the spring.

Members of the Council were in agreement and asked the city manager to contact the contractor and report back to them.

Senior Citizens Meeting Friday

The Senior Citizens Social Club will meet this Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. and invites all older citizens of the area to join them.

The meeting will be held in the dining hall at the First Methodist Church on Grand River at Warner Avenue.

Color slides of pictures taken on the club's recent bus color tour will be shown. There will be social functions and conversation and refreshments will be served.

Plans are now being completed for the club's Christmas Fair to be held Saturday, Nov. 21. Handmade items, stuffed toys and other gifts for Christmas will be well displayed. Home-made baked goods and candies will be sold.

The balance of our normal front page news is on Page 3-A in this week's issue.

Praise from Press Assn.

Mr. Mike Kiley, General Manager of Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Michigan, Dear Mike:

Congratulations to the Enterprise upon reaching its 75th Birthday!

Perhaps the congratulations should go instead to Farmington as a community. Three-quarters of a century is a long time to be served by a newspaper. When we think of how many merchants, doctors, how many school board directors, electors; the many products which have been advertised by many merchants to their advantage as well as the advan-

TOWNSHIP officials expressed relief that the project had passed its final hurdle and the signal for construction could be given. Delay involved minor technicalities had pushed forward the original construction date opening by several months.

Oakland County will maintain the Water Supply System once it comes into operation, but since federal assistance was applied for by the Township, the Township assumed the principal role in all of the project's major transactions.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall praised the work of County officials who had cooperated to make the water project a reality.

City, Twp. Join Forces to Get River Cleared

Acting on the recommendation of the Michigan Water Resources Commission, the City will join with the Township in seeking to get a portion of the Rouge River tributary which runs through the community cleared out.

The Water Resources Commission has made an extensive study of the Rouge River which runs through this area. City Manager John Dinan told members of the Council at their regular meeting Monday night.

They report that the river is badly blocked in allowing the free flow of water from the 136 Expressway to Eight Mile Road, he said and feel that approval can be obtained to get it cleared by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

A SECTION of the Flood Control Act authorizes the Corp of Engineers to spend up to \$100,000 on any tributary where they feel it would be in the best interest of controlling serious flooding.

Manager Dinan went on to explain that the state is deeply interested in getting the City to request Federal approval of this project since they have already committed nearly \$150,000 for putting the Rouge River to permit a free flow of water under the expressway near Nine Mile. The critical condition of the Rouge tributary is that it allow these culverts to function efficiently, he said.

The Council voted unanimously to join with the Township in requesting the Federal government to undertake this improvement project.

A QUESTION was raised by councilmen as to whether or not it might not be well to request that the clearing project be extended to include work on the tributary as it runs through the city. That portion from the expressway to 8 Mile is all within the Township.

Manager Dinan stated that while the Township Commission officials apparently did not feel that the tributary running through the city was in serious enough condition to qualify for Federal approval. Clearing out of the tributary from the expressway to 8 Mile should prove beneficial to the City in helping to control flooding, however, he emphasized.

Scouts Given Okay For Selling Wreaths

Official action was taken by the City Council Monday night granting approval to Boy Scout Troop 45 of the Farmington Chapter to sell Christmas wreaths throughout the city between now and Dec. 25.

The boys of this scout troop had conducted sales of this kind in the area for the past couple of years now.

age of the consumer, one gets an idea of how broad and valuable the service is which is offered by a weekly newspaper.

You and the County, as well as the rest of the staff, can take pride not only in the history of the Enterprise, but in the present, by doing an outstanding job, and I hope this is appreciated by everyone in your area.

My best wishes to you as well as all of your family and friends. I am sure you will have a very successful year.

Best regards,
W. H. White
Executive Secretary
Michigan Press Assn.

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<p>J. B. WEBSTER, Manufacturer of LIGHT AND HEAVY HARNESS. ALL KINDS OF HARNESS MAKERS GOODS.</p>	<p>F. & P. M. TIME CARD. NOV. 11, 1888. NOV. 11, 1888. NOV. 11, 1888.</p>	<p>Headquarters, Family Groceries, Teas and Coffees. I have just received a stock of Gloves, Mittens, Men's and Boy's Socks and Suspenders. Which I purchased at a great bargain, and will sell you at a low price.</p>	<p>THE NEW STYLES NOW READY! PARLOR AND CHAMBER SUITS, DINING ROOM, HALLS AND LIBRARY FURNITURE. Single Floor, Miscellaneous Furniture and House Decorations of many kinds. The strong foundation of Low Prices by which we wish to demonstrate that the cheapest place to buy is at G. A. FERRY'S. Repairing done on short notice.</p>
<p>ALL KINDS OF JOB PRINTING. Done at low rates at the ENTERPRISE OFFICE.</p>	<p>ABOUT TOWNS. Benevolent for the Enterprise. The Enterprise has been published for 75 years, and during that time it has been a constant source of information to the community.</p>	<p>NEWS AT LARGE. The corner stone of the Enterprise is laid, and the building is under way. The Enterprise is a source of information to the community, and it is a source of information to the community.</p>	<p>Fine Millinery. FALL & WINTER GOODS. A FINE STOCK OF French-Pattern Hats, All The Latest Styles, All prices that can not be duplicated. Rope-Silk Embroidery WORK TO ORDER. Ladies' girdles. Material for making.</p>
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Celebrating Occasion With Special Edition; Two Open House Days

Over the past many years the birth date of The Farmington Enterprise has come and gone each year with little if anything about the anniversary date ever having been said. During some of the years there was mention made of the paper's birthday in single stories but the celebration went no further than this. It was on the 40th anniversary of the paper

Our Thanks to All Who Helped

Many stories and pictures of the past history and development of the Farmington community which appear in this special anniversary edition would not have been possible without the generous help provided The Enterprise from outside sources.

We owe special thanks to Judith Westfall and her family for the use of a scrapbook on the history and development of Farmington from which a substantial amount of information was taken. Harley Walters and Joseph Himmelspach also proved to be helpful in supplying information on pictures and in giving us leads on where to go to get information we wanted.

The history of Boy Scouting in Farmington which appears in this issue was ably put together by Louis Gilson. Our thanks also goes to A. J. Primm, president of First Farmington Savings and Loan, who allowed us space in his building for a special display of old issues of The Enterprise.

Last but not least we must also thank publicly all those who are running special advertisements in this anniversary edition. Their contributions to us and help in defraying the cost of putting out this special edition is greatly appreciated.

Some Pictures Have 'Cross-Screen' in Them

Some of the pictures which appear in this special issue will look much as though they were taken through a screen door. Don't think your eyes are going bad when you look at them. They were pictures engraved from other pictures taken directly from publications and thus have what we in the trade call a "cross-screen" in them. The cause of this would be too detailed to go into here. But rest assured it's not your eyes going bad on you.

PRIVATE OPEN HOUSE

(Today) THURSDAY, Nov. 7
2 P.M. until 6 P.M.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, Nov. 14
2 P.M. until 5 P.M.
(Children must be accompanied by their parents)

Since we will be busy with open house activities both these Thursday afternoons, we request that you try to transport regular newspaper and printing business with us at some other time during these two weeks. We would sincerely appreciate it.