

Report Good 1st Quarter In Building Activity

A nine million dollar collage which was put under construction this year in Farmington Township was by far the most impressive item among the figures of building activity started here in the first quarter of 1964.

Give Extensive Safety Report To School Bd.

At a special Farmington Area Safety Committee meeting held on Wednesday night of last week problems of safety for children attending to and from school throughout the district were discussed at school by school.

Proposals were made on steps that might be taken to reduce many of these problems. The complete report with the corrected steps proposed was turned over to the board of education at its regular meeting Monday night for study and future follow-through action by Byron Oliver, executive assistant in the school system.

ONE PROPOSAL of major significance was made in the report. A motion was made and passed asking that Farmington Township be requested to require that sidewalks be provided on the outside perimeter of all section line roads and also all state highways in the township.

Commenting on this proposal unofficially prior to the actual presentation of the report to the board of education, Robert Kelly, school attorney, stated that he did not feel that townships had the legal authority to require property owners on major roads to provide sidewalks.

WITH THE township's limited budget and taxing powers it is almost certain that this considerable amount of work is undertaken to be paid for out of general operating funds. Approval by voters on a special additional tax levy for this purpose would probably be needed.

A plan to improve safety conditions at the Kenbrook School was discussed separately at the school board meeting. A proposal was outlined to the board by Oliver for providing a one-way drive around an expanded parking lot at this school site to correct poor safety conditions which now prevail.

The board took no action on this proposal but promised a thorough study of it.

LITTERBAGS ARE NOW available at stores and business places throughout the community, compliments of the Farmington Board of Commerce. Irving Resenberg of Ross Shoes in the Farmington Plaza, like many other members of the Farmington Board of Commerce, is making sure his customers get supplied with the handy litterbags. Receiving the one above is Mrs. Helen Bower of 31643 Bella Vista in Farmington.

the city at a valuation of \$148,250 while only two special permits were issued for the same period in 1963 valued at \$121,000.

THE NEW HOME construction permits issued by the city between January 1 and March 31 of this year totaled 12, valued at \$228,339, while for the first quarter of 1963 only 7 permits valued at \$135,500 were issued. In all departments, there were 32 building permits issued by the City during this year's first quarter compared to just 18 issued for the same period in 1963.

THE TOWNSHIP had 39 residential permits valued at \$310,650 issued during the first three months of this year compared with just 15 residential permits valued at \$310,100 issued in the first quarter of 1963. Only one industrial permit was issued in the township's first quarter last year, valued at \$21,600, while in addition to the nine million dollar Mercy College several other businesses were put under construction.

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School Board Pledges Support for College

The Farmington Board of Education went on record officially Monday night as being wholeheartedly in favor of the development of an Oakland County Community College.

The board also agreed to make its duplicating equipment available to community college workers for printing if they might wish to do and help in any other way possible to get information to citizens on the community college proposals to be voted on June 8.

Board members and the administration were in agreement, however, that school tax-payers' money could not be used to support the community college financially.

Olde Franklin Towne Plat OK'd by Twp. Bd.

The Farmington Township Board took final action on the approval of the Olde Franklin Towne plat at their regular meeting Monday night, April 13, upon receiving the favorable recommendation of the Zoning Board which voted on the controversial issue at a special meeting held Thursday, April 9.

The Olde Franklin Towne plat has been the subject of considerable debate in recent months since the proposed development incorporates the relatively new concept of "unit development" whereby a subdivision can be platted with smaller individual lots than normally required.

OLDE FRANKLIN Towne Subdivision will be located in the northeast corner of Farmington Township (northwest 1/4 of Section 1), bordered on the east by the Grand River and on the north by 14 Mile Road. Immediately to the east and southeast are homes in Franklin Fairway. Residents of the Franklin Hills Golf and Country Club. Residents of Franklin Fairway were concerned over the type of homes which would be constructed by the developer, Les Taubman, since smaller lot sizes were being called for under the planned unit development program. It was acted by an amendment to the township's zoning ordinance early in 1963.

Township Board members were swung into making the change in the zoning ordinance last year after an extensive study of what they feel are advantages of the unit development. See OWK TPW PLAT
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High Winds Fan Grass Fires in Farm. Twp.

The Farmington Township Fire Department battled grass fires repeatedly on Tuesday as high winds combined with balmy temperatures to bring on a rash of grass fires, caused mostly through small trash fires being blown about by the 30-mile-an-hour winds.

The biggest single grass fire burned off an estimated square mile of land near Ten Mile and Haggerty Road. A dump located on the northwest corner of that intersection was the scene of the first burning which spread quickly in the high winds to adjoining fields.

Township Police were even called in at one point to help direct traffic in the area. Firemen finally got the grass fires under control after three hours and some assistance from Farmington City firemen.

Twp. Policy Set On Future Aid To Recreation

The Farmington Township Board adopted a resolution at their regular meeting Monday night, April 13, establishing a firm policy towards contributions to the area recreation program.

The Board members agreed, after considerable discussion, to make a new unit contribution program with the stipulation that all of the youngsters living within the limits of the Township should be benefited under any program instituted by the organization receiving the funds.

IN THE PAST, the township has annually contributed to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission which sponsors summer recreation programs at school playgrounds throughout the Farmington School District. The township also has contributed to the Clarenceville Recreation Commission which maintains a similar program at schools in the Clarenceville School District, two of which are located in Farmington and cover an approximately one mile square area.

Concern with serving the Farmington youngsters in this small area of the township which is contained in the Clarenceville School District has always been a problem since they have summer recreation programs.

Last year the township contributed \$2,500 to the Farmington Area Recreation Commission and \$2,400 to the Clarenceville Recreation Commission. All Board members were in agreement that the money was well spent in the summer youth programs directed by a C.H. group but felt that life increasing demands of each organization presented a need for a more unified program which would serve all of the youngsters in the township.

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Start Const. On New Thayer Funeral Home

Howard W. Thayer, a third generation Farmington resident, proudly announced the start of construction this week on a new Thayer Funeral Home which is the finest and most beautiful facilities in the state. Completion is planned for early fall.

Early American architecture for the new building was selected by Mr. and Mrs. Thayer to provide a permanent and proven motif in keeping with the general atmosphere of suburbia in Farmington.

The new funeral home will be located with frontage on Grand River, bounded by Liberty Street and Oakland Avenue. It had been used as a parking lot.

THE EARLY American structure will set back from the Grand River with beautiful landscaping and shrubbery surrounding the building.

Thayer stated that his selection of this particular site was a reflection of the city's progressive thinking in upgrading the area by the location of its new city hall just across the street. Adjacent to this site is a lovely home with a large Curving private drive will face the property and provide visitors with gracious entry. The grounds will also have a large lighted off-street parking area for visitors.

Upon entering the large, double front doors of the new building, a massive fireplace. The entry, or foyer, will be the focal point.

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Four More New Stores Going Up in Center

The Farmington Center Corporation developers of the Downtown Farmington Center in the southeast quadrant of downtown Farmington, has now begun work on the final stages of new stores to complete the center's development.

Four additional commercial buildings have gone under construction at the east end of the major unit of stores in the center which back up to Orchard Street.



LOCAL OFFICIALS for the anti-polio sugar cube distribution campaign which will be conducted this Sunday and again in June are shown above discussing details for the first distribution program. Seated left to right are Betty Funk, general chairman, and Janet Meier, manager for distribution at one of the four local schools where sugar cubes will be dispensed. Standing behind them, left to right, are E. Lennox L. LeGros, Rose Bogatinoff, Virginia Slagle and Violet Lentz.

Anti-Polio Sugar Cube Distribution Set Sunday

Oral polio vaccine in a very easy to take "sugar cube" form will be distributed as a mass feeding for children and adults alike from four school stations in Farmington this Sunday, April 19, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Everyone between the ages of one and 70 in every family is being urged to get their sugar cubes with vaccine added from one of the four local stations to assure protection against the dreaded polio disease. Even those who have received Salk vaccine shots in the past for protection are being encouraged

to obtain the sugar cube vaccine protection as well.

The four Farmington feeding stations that have been set up for distribution of sugar cubes are Farmington Junior High, East Junior High, North Farmington High and the Flanders elementary school.

THE FEEDING this Sunday will be the first of two in the series to assure full protection. The second feeding has been scheduled for approximately two months hence on June 14 at the same four feeding stations.

This special oral polio vaccine feeding program is a mass project being conducted by the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county medical societies in an effort to get nearly every member of every family in the tri-county area protected against this crippling and sometimes killing disease.

Farmington area chairman of this special project is Mrs. Betty Funk of 23645 Newell Circle, GR. 6-2978. She has as her station managers Mrs. Richard Meier, GR. 4-9668, at East Junior High; Mrs. John Slagle, 474-0783, at Farmington Junior High; Mrs. Arthur Lennox, GR. 4-0217, at Flanders elementary; and Mrs. Rex Lentz, GR. 6-3912, at North Farmington High.

Distribution of the sugar cubes containing the vaccine will take only a few minutes for the whole family. It has been emphasized that a special form must be filled out, however, and is being included in this week's issue of the Enterprise on Page 6A. Those who fill out the form in advance of visiting one of the feeding stations will save a substantial amount of time. It is pointed out.

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce and its Auxiliary will be serving coffee at each of the feeding stations, Mrs. Funk said.

Recipients will be asked to make a donation of 50 cents upon receiving their anti-polio vaccine cubes, the medical society officials stated.

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When these four units are completed, there will be a total of 23 modern stores in the shopping center development, Farmington Center Corp. President Conrad Sullivan stated.

One of the buildings now under construction will house a new restaurant with an attractive outdoor motif and have a seating capacity for 84 customers, Sullivan said. The Automobile Association of America (AAA) will establish its new service area offices in one of the stores and will be employing 20 or more people, the corporation's president stated.

The Bon-Ton Gift Shoppe, now located in the center in one of the smaller stores, will be moving into much larger quarters in one of the new buildings now being built.

The fourth store being constructed, is expected to be leased to the largest future Sullivan said.

North Farmington High Accredited By Schools Of North Central Assn.

North Farmington High School, which will be graduating its first class of seniors in June, has now been fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

North Farmington High was one of six new schools in the entire state of Michigan to be accredited this year at the annual meeting of the North Central Association held in Chicago on April 9.

At an earlier date, NFHS was accredited by the University of Michigan. It now has the same full accredited status as Farmington High, and accomplished it in time so that the graduating class could benefit from the advantages of such high accreditation.

The North Central Association was founded in 1885 as a voluntary association of higher educational institutions and secondary schools for the improvement of education. The NCA operates through a membership of 3,700 member schools including 303 Michigan high schools.

THE DETAILED work and preparations required to obtain accreditation by the North Central Association began back in 1961 almost as soon as North Farmington High was opened to students.

Donald Howell of the school staff was appointed chairman for the detailed evaluation work to be done and designated to work in close coordination with Harold Hambley, school principal, and members of the staff on necessary work to assure accreditation by NCA.

The school staff actually began working on the evaluation in January, 1962 following a presentation of the procedures to be followed by a Mr. Hayden, NCA chairman from the University of Michigan.

Between this time and December of 1963 two half-day workshops were held by the staff as well as countless hours of working at the school. On December 17 a visitation committee consisting of 16 NCA members spent an entire day visiting at NFHS and evaluating the program of educational and extra-curricular activities offered. Several consultants also visited the school from other states. Principal Harold Humble stated.

Notified officially of the North Central Association's decision by NFHS Monday night, the board of education was high in its praise of the entire staff at the school and particularly of Principals Humble and Donald Howell, evaluation committee chairman, for the extra effort put forth on this project.

Landscaping Plans Scuttled

Landscaping plans for East Junior High and the Highmeadow elementary school which the Farmington Board of Education had retained a professional landscape architect earlier to develop turned out to be much too rich for the school board's budget. The school board's plan for East Junior High would have cost \$19,663 and that for Highmeadow \$4,716.

Even these amounts were not satisfactory to the board members, however. They authorized an expenditure of \$2,500 for planning materials at East Junior High and \$1,500 for Highmeadow with the stipulation that the planning be made by school maintenance and grounds personnel.

Hamlin Named Chairman Again

Delos Hamlin, City of Farmington representative on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and chairman of the county board, was elected to an unprecedented ninth term as chairman by a complete assembly of supervisors on Tuesday of this week.

The board of supervisors' vote for Hamlin as chairman for another year was unanimous, and he was given a standing ovation by the supervisors for his services over the past several years.

Lower Fees for School Building Users Approved

A new schedule of reduced fees developed by the Farmington public school system's administrative staff at the request of the board of education was officially adopted with only one revision at the regular board of education meeting Monday night. The new rates became effective immediately.

The rate reductions were called for by the board in an effort to allow greater use of school facilities by groups in the community at the least possible cost.

The administration had proposed a token fee of \$1 for the first three hours of use for each classroom or all-purpose room and 50 cents for each additional hour along with custodial fees at the rate of \$2.65 per hour.

THE BOARD modified this, however, setting the fee for classrooms at a flat \$1 per hour plus custodial fees.

The fee for the use of cafeterias and multi-purpose rooms will be \$3 for the first three hours or less plus \$1 per hour for each additional hour and the regular \$2.65 per hour custodial fee.

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A VEHICLE SAFETY-CHECK program is set to take place May 15 and 16 in Farmington for the first time, under the auspices of the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee and local car dealers' clubs and organizations are joining in to make the two-day program a success. Pictured above at a planning session last Thursday night are (L to R) Chief Maurice Foltz of Farmington, Chief Irving Yakes of Farmington Township, Ed Balden of the Downtown Farmington Center Corporation, Russ Gilbert (general chairman) of the Farmington Board of Commerce, Dr. Don R. Krpyn of the Board of Commerce, John Richardson of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce and Tom Isley of the Farmington Optimist Club.