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GREETING NEW PRINCIPALS who will be taking positions at elementary schools in the Farmington School District this fall is Nicholas Abid (left), principal at William Grace School and chairman of this year's elementary school principals' administrative

Noon Aides To Be Hired, Teachers Get Lunch Time

A recommendation to spend up to \$30,000 during the 1965-66 school year for employment of noon aides was approved by the Farmington Board of Education at a regular meeting on August 9.

The decision to spend the extra money—about \$15,000 more than originally planned for the year—stems from a request made by a committee of elementary teachers on June 28. The committee had conducted a survey of how other school systems handle the noon hour, providing proper supervision for students in the lunchroom and on the playground, and how it is handled in Farmington schools. It was found that noon hour teacher duty in Farmington schools ranged from daily every other week to daily one week out of six, varying widely from school to school.

THE COMMITTEE requested that some better procedure be found so that teachers would have an adequate private time for lunch and a period of preparation for afternoon classes.

Approval of the hiring of additional noon aides will provide for two aides in each elementary school and should provide for considerably more released time for teachers. In scheduling noon aide supervision on the playground or in classrooms, not more than three rooms will be supervised by an aide at any one time. Teachers will still have some non-hour supervision, but the principals in the various schools will be expected to schedule the noon aides so that a maximum amount of released time will be provided for teachers.

SINCE THIS matter came up before budget approval in June, the \$30,000 was allocated and included in the approved budget.

After considerable discussion, the board authorized administrators to conduct a study during the 1965-66 year, together with the elementary staff and parents, concerning the desirability of this plan.

Elem. Registration, Book Store Hours Set

The date and time for registration for kindergarten through grade 6 and the opening of the Farmington Public School system's book stores were announced this week.

This Friday, August 13, has been established as a special registration day for all those living in the Farmington Public Schools district.

All new residents with elementary age children, kindergarten through grade 6, are urged to register on this day. Parents of children eligible to start kindergarten in September, and who did not register during spring registration, are also urged to do so on Friday. A child must be five years of age on or before December 1, 1965, to start kindergarten.

Children who attended kindergarten through grade 6 last year need not register.

THE HOURS FOR registration on Friday, August 13, will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A birth certificate or other legal certification of birth date is required at the time of registration. Additional information regarding immunizations received, contagious diseases contracted, and other pertinent information is also desired.

Parents are requested, if unable to make their registration period, to contact the office of the principal of the elementary school which services the area. There will be four book stores in operation this year, opening next Wednesday, August 18, and continuing through Friday, September 3. Book stores will be located at O.E. Dunkel Junior High, 22800 Twelve Mile Road; East Junior High, 25000 Middlebelt; Farmington Junior High gymnasium and the Main Book Store of Farmington Junior High, 33000 Thomas Street.

REGULAR STORE HOURS will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at all locations. Extra hours will prevail at all book stores on August 20 and August 27 when they will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on August 31.

Woman Struck By Auto Dies

Farmington Township recorded its fourth traffic fatality of 1965 this week as a 27-year-old Farmington woman died at 6:20 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10, of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car while walking along Ten Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road on Saturday night, August 7, at about 10:35 P.M.

Mrs. Mary Lee Daisy, 27, of 21615 Middlebelt Road in Farmington Township never regained consciousness after being admitted to Botsford General Hospital. She was struck by a car driven by Frederick W. Sauerberg, Jr. of 26211 Willowood Trail in Farmington who was driving west on Ten Mile Road. She was walking west in the traffic lane and apparently stepped in front of Sauerberg's car.

WITNESSES told the Oakland County Prosecutor's office that Sauerberg had no chance to stop before striking the woman and he was released after making statements to police.

Farmington Township is well below the record fatality count set at this time last year when nine persons had died by July 4 in traffic accidents. The total for all of 1965 was 12 killed. Deaths on area roads so far this year included two separate fatal accidents in January and one in July.

THE ASSISTANT librarian at the Farmington District Library, Mrs. Catherine Vogt above, brings to her new job an academic background and experience which should prove invaluable. She holds a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan in library science. The head librarian in Farmington is Mrs. Mildred Droegge.

3-Year Twp. Master Plan Study Outline Presented

A detailed report was submitted to the Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night on the scope of services called for in the extensive program being planned to completely update the township's present comprehensive master development plan.

An outline of the proposed program which will extend over a three year period was made by Charles F. Leman of Wilbur Leman & Associates, planning consultants for the township.

The extensive study is planned under the 701 Planning Assistance Program of the Federal Government whereby two-thirds of the cost will be borne by the Federal government in the form of a grant and the remaining one-third by the township itself. Several other neighboring communities have already taken advantage of this

federal aid program to update their communities' existing master plans including the City of Farmington.

THE TOTAL cost of the three year study and updating program as set forth by the planning consultants in applying for the 701 Planning Assistance aid will run \$69,000.

Of this total cost the township's one-third share during the three years would run only \$22,936. Included in this amount would be nearly all of the costs that the township is presently paying for planning consultant services which has been running almost \$6,000 per year. The total additional cost to the township for the three year study should, therefore, run less than \$5,000 or a little over \$1,300 annually.

During the first year of the study, according to Leman, a complete updating of present township maps will be made including the development of a large, scaled wall map as well as the development of a second township plot book.

Also planned the first year is a complete survey of present

housing conditions with hopes of immediately implementing a planned program of improvements in areas where such study should be needed, Leman said.

A DETAILED analysis of present population as well as population projection figures will be made during the first year in an attempt to clearly establish future needs, the planning consultant commented.

Highlighting the second year planning study program will be a thorough investigation of the storm water run-off problem that not only exists presently

but that will become more pronounced as the township continues to develop. The cost estimate for this phase of the study has been set at \$3,500. Also planned during the second year of study will be recreational and open space needs as the township continues to develop and a review of library and other public building needs including fire stations, Leman said.

THE PLANNING consultant stated that particular emphasis will be placed on giving the township better control in determining how much open space and recreational areas should be allowed adjacent to or in conjunction with new residential developments as they come about. There are several beauty spots and areas where more recreational land area and facilities should be provided for, he commented.

Another phase of study during the second year is the **MASTER PLAN** Page 8A

Twp. Bd. OKs Re-zoning of Two Parcels

Two rezoning requests that had been approved earlier by the Farmington Township Zoning Board were concurred with by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The action now makes official the change in zoning from R2 (residential) to light industrial (I-1) on a 2.25 acre triangular parcel of land just north of Old Grand River between Hilsdale Road and the 196 Expressway. The property owned by Hubbard Associates is hoped to be developed with a number of smaller sized industrial buildings.

CONSIDERABLE discussion on the rezoning of this parcel had developed at the Township Zoning Board meeting and on August 9, the Board finally came up for action the vote was 5-2. The Township Board vote Monday night was all ayes with the exception of Trustee Thompson, Duke who chose to abstain from voting.

Twp. Board's Position On Union Established

The Farmington Township administration indicated that it is perfectly willing to have its employees represented by a union and negotiate in good faith with that union on employee matters. But, the unanimous feeling as expressed at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night was that it should be a union representing all township employees at least a majority of them and not just a small percentage.

This is the position that has been reported behind the scenes Monday night after he had reported that this was the position he was taking.

SUPERVISOR Curt Hall pointed out that only five or six members of the building department have joined the union and that this number represents only one-seventh of the total number of township employees.

The Township administration's refusal to meet with officials of the union representing the building department inspectors has resulted in a call for intervention by the State Labor Mediation Board by the bargaining agent for the union.

If a union is to represent township employees at all then township officials want it to be one union only and feel that a vote by all employees on whether the majority want to be represented by a union or not would be in order.

THE TOWNSHIP administration would be in a very unfortunate position if it had to negotiate with five or six different unions or employee groups all the time and would have very little time to carry on other important township duties, Supervisor Hall commented.

Court Rules Against Halt on Parking Lots

At a show cause hearing Monday in the Oakland County Circuit Court the judge ruled against enjoining the City from collecting special assessments and going ahead with its special assessment parking lot improvement to the rear of stores on the north side of Grand Avenue east of Farmington Road.

Curt Hall and his wife started legal action against the City recently on grounds that the special assessment levy placed against the Pioneer Oldsmobile property which they own and are leasing is unjust. Monday night was just concerned with whether or not the city should be stopped from going ahead with this project until the question of whether the special assessment was just or not.

THIS MATTER of the justice of the assessment placed on the Hall property must still be settled and hope is that the actual trial on this matter can be scheduled for the early part of September, according to Joseph Brennan, attorney for the Halls.

Following Monday's court action, the City Council wasted no time.

Only Half of City Taxes Paid to Date

With less than three weeks left in which to pay City of Farmington tax bills without a penalty being added, there are still an awful lot of bills outstanding.

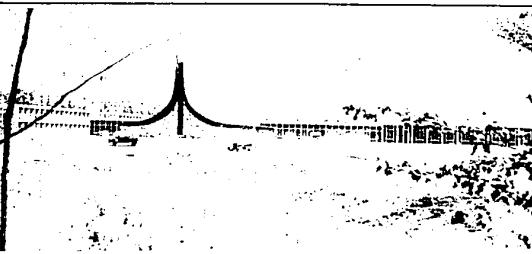
The City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter reported Monday that out of the billing made by her department in July only \$143,319.25 has been paid against the total billing of \$284,540.13. This means that almost half of the total amount of the tax billing had yet to be paid.

Twp. Studying Elm Disease

The problem of Dutch Elm disease and methods of checking the spread of this tree killing disease came in for brief discussion at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, August 9.

Supervisor Hall, along with two or three other Board members, indicated that they had read about some new kind of solution that has been developed to prevent this disease, and called for a future investigation to be made.

Treasurer Mrs. Elise Avery agreed to check into the new solution more thoroughly and report back to the Board.



THE CAMPUS OF MERCY COLLEGE is well along in construction and the high school facilities are scheduled to be ready for classes to begin next month. The site, 11 Mile and Middlebelt Road, will also include

Provincetown facilities as well as high school and college facilities. The above picture was taken of buildings in the central campus area, northeast of 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

Annexation Vote Set For Nov. 2

Tuesday, Nov. 2, has been set by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors as the date for the special election on the proposed annexation of 560 acres of Farmington Township into the City of Farmington.

The triangular parcel proposed for annexation lies between Grand River Avenue and the 196 Expressway and extends from Gill Road to Hilsdale Road in the township.

Those qualified to vote on this annexation question will be all registered voters in the city-at-large and all those owning property in the area proposed to be annexed. Approval by both those in the area proposed for annexation in the township and City of Farmington voters is necessary for the annexation to go through.

THE CITY Planning Commission has been working with its planning consultants in preparing a proposed master plan outlining how the city would plan to develop the area if it becomes a part of the city. The plan was fairly well finished at a meeting of the commission Monday night and would be ready for City Council approval early in September and presentation to the general citizenry by mid-September. City Manager John Dinan indicated.

Supervisor Curt Hall reports that information is also being developed by the township by contacting the property owners in the affected area showing the advantages to them of remaining in the township.

Temporarily Closed

Improvements always result in some accompanying inconveniences and no one is immune.

The 11 Mile Road entrance to the Farmington Township Hall has now been closed off while ditching and preparation of the road base preparatory to the asphalt surfacing of the roadway is completed.

Supervisor Curt Hall reported that the 11 Mile entrance would probably be closed off for the next week to ten days.

A ONE LANE roadway has been cut approximately 400 feet south of 11 Mile off Orchard Lake Road and this is the path the township employees and others visiting the Township Hall will have to use until the 11 Mile Road entrance is opened up again.

The supervisor cautioned that the temporary roadway was winding and that since traffic traveling both ways would be using it some problems were sure to arise.

The short term inconvenience is being accepted, however, since before year's end asphalt roadway will be provided west of Orchard Lake to the end of the temporary road. A new asphalt roadway will also be provided all the way from Inkster Road to Orchard Lake to the east as well as turning lanes off Orchard Lake Road.

The backlogging will not be done, however, until after

School Bldg. Heat Question Flares Again

The question of gas heat as opposed to oil heat for the proposed new Farmington District School rekindled the sparks of old debates on the issue at the August 9 meeting of the Farmington Board of Education.

Richard Peters suggested that the matter should be reviewed in view of the fact that there has been a change in the heating fuel used by the Fairview School. Preliminary plans for the school approved on June 28, called for gas heat which was opposed by Peters. Neal and Nahsholtz but was voted down in favor of oil heat by Brown, Dater, Clifford and Fisher.

HEATED WORDS were exchanged on the subject by Neal and Fisher. Fisher said he couldn't understand why the question kept coming up since it is his understanding that a policy of using oil heat in elementary buildings has been established, Neal said. Fisher's opposition to gas heat was based on incorrect facts.

The specifications for the building now call for oil, so the matter was resolved by adding an alternate on gas heat.

Assuming that members will vote the same when the question is covered again, the decision will hinge on the vote of Sylvia Schwartz, the new board member who was elected at the last meeting of Patricia Dater. Expired. Mrs. Schwartz was absent and unavailable for comment.

Road to Township Hall Temporarily Closed

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