

Schools Go After Five Mills

Farmington School District residents will be asked to vote Nov. 27 on the fourth School Board request for money since 1953.

The Board voted Monday night to hold a special election on that date for a five mill tax on each dollar (\$5 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized.

The proposal is for operating millage for 10 years.

It also covers the cost of paying operating expenses of the school district.

IN PROPOSING the motion, Board president, Herbert R.

Neal said: "We have been studying the future needs of the school district for several weeks. We have been adding about 1,000 children each year in Farmington schools and we don't expect this to diminish."

He did not pinpoint the salary boost teachers received this year as a contributing factor in the need for money.

School Supt. Roderick J. Smith noted that, "Because of a balance of funds on hand we are able to continue this year. The district is not in the red, but expenditures are in excess of income by about \$1.2 million."

Smith also did not cite teacher pay raises as a factor in the budget deficit.

He said, however, "We must remain competitive. The legislation passed two years ago that put all school employees in a

considerable different position but gave greater power in the hands of the employees and the school board in a different position."

"We must remain competitive to maintain a good educational program."

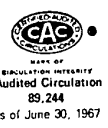
SMITH ALSO outlined current and pending building projects that include the new Harrison High School, Power Junior High and two future elementary schools.

He noted that 1,000 new students a year, "if equated back to a classroom need, means 30-40 new classrooms a year and we need the teachers for them."

"Nobody knows what's down the road," he summed up. "And, of course, we have a new teacher contract to consider next year."

The millage, if approved, would first be collected in December, 1958 taxes.

Farmington voters chose a \$5 million bond proposal in 1953, a \$6.1 million bond proposal in 1955 and \$3 million for pools and auditoriums in June 1956 plus a one mill operating tax.



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MARILYN BORST, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Borst of 36441 Lyman, Farmington, is a member of the Queen's Court for Central Michigan University's 1967 Homecoming celebration Oct. 12-14. A Junior majoring in special education, Marilyn carries a B-plus average at CMU.

Park Sale Idea Causes Comment

The Township's thought about selling an unused five acre parcel originally donated as a park site under some discussion at the Township Board meeting Monday night.

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall read a letter from Catherine Vinton protesting the township proposal.

The land is a five acre parcel in the 13 Mile Rd. - Middle Belt area which was deeded to the township 30 years ago for use as a park.

The land was never developed because of the small size of the parcel and its location at the end of a narrow, gravel street.

HALL NOTED that "certainly everybody recognizes that parks are desirable in the right spot, but this piece of land would be very costly to improve to make it usable."

"We agreed to have planning consultants take a look at the land and make their recommendations," Hall said, "and I would suggest that we wait to hear from them before any decision is made."

Trustee Thomas Nolan pointed out the fact that some 200 elm trees must be removed from the land because of the Dutch elm disease. "It was the cost of removing these trees that made us consider selling the land," he asserted.

If the township should sell the land the proceeds from the sale would be used for recreational purposes.

Nolan said that he thought this would benefit "the community as a whole" and still not be in opposition to the idea behind the gift of the land.

IN OTHER ACTION the Board:

Approved the transfer of the club liquor license and dance permit of the Farmington Elks from its present lodge on Grand River in the City to the new lodge at 2360 Orchard Lake Rd. in the township.

Authorized the seal coating and striping of the parking lot at the township hall at a total cost of \$227.

Voled to pay the Rose Building Company \$7,500 as the township's share of a sanitary sewer line constructed during 1962 from the West Lake Subdivision to Middle Belt Rd.

Authorized the purchase of a 16 MM sound projector for the police department at a cost of \$508.

Authorized the payment of eight additional hours per month for the police force. This is necessary to keep the force at full strength on the midnight shift rather than to provide the time off for hours worked over the normal load.

Registration Rules For School Vote

Because of the vote on incorporation coming up October 24, Farmington Township residents, who are not registered, will not be able to register for the special school election to be held Nov. 22 until Oct. 24, the day after the incorporation vote.

Township offices will be open for school election registration Oct. 24-27.

City and West Bloomfield Township residents will be able to register for the election through Oct. 27, the date registration for the school election closes.

She's Deputy Clerk!

The clerk's right hand and left Friday has been named the Deputy Clerk in Farmington Township.

That's Gladys Thomas, who has served as Township Clerk Floyd Cairns' "indispensable gal."

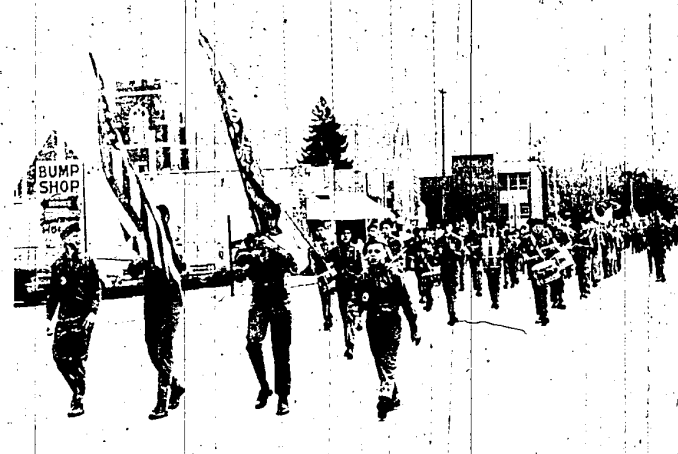
While Cairns is ill she will assume his duties as the township's deputy clerk.

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall said that Mrs. Thomas will accept "the full duties of the clerk and will serve as a voting member of the township board, while Mr. Cairns is out of the office."

Cairns suffered a heart attack Sept. 23 and is currently recuperating. No definite date has been set for his return to the office.

Mrs. Thomas first joined the township staff as a member of the assessor's office. She began to work in the clerk's office in 1964.

She and her husband, Andrew, have two daughters, Sharon, a senior at Farmington High, and Judy, a sophomore at FIS. The family lives at 32181 Donay in the township.



BOY SCOUT Drum and Bugle Corps was a highlight of the parade

Schools Vote To Join Council Of Governments

After some debate about the legality of doing so, the School Board voted Monday night to join the city and township in becoming a member of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

School Supt. Roderick J. Smith assured trustees that a number of school districts have joined the organization.

Trustee George A. Nahstoll in voting for membership commented, "I hope there is a reduction in the number of organizations of this type. If this doesn't do that, it'll be useless."

The council is a five county voluntary organization for mutual cooperation between counties, local governmental units and school boards.

TRUSTEES ALSO approved an supplemental agreement for hospitalization insurance for all employee groups.

Group life insurance for each teacher under regular contract was put in effect from Sept. 21 until permanent arrangements is in force.

The matter of group life insurance and income protection for administrative and supervisory personnel was referred to the board finance committee for study. Forty-two employees are in this group.

In response to a letter from City Manager John Dinan concerning vacation of Salvador St., trustees went on record as opposing it. Their reason was that the street has a great deal of walking and bicycle traffic to Flanders School.

The board made one stipulation on the vacation—if it is approved by the city council there will be no board objection if a 10-foot sidewalk easement is retained with the requirement that abutting property owners construct and maintain the walk.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the trustees:

Referred to the administrative staff for study of the question of an agent of record for insurance.

Referred to the building committee for study and recommendation on the best type of auditorium seats.

Appointed Clayton Graham, Joseph Nicita, Waldon Pate and Minnie Zielke to the professional study committee.

Authorized George W. Otis, board secretary; George A. Nahstoll, board treasurer; and Herbert R. Neal, board president, to sign contracts, bonds and certificates for the high school addition.

Directed the building committee to review the architectural contract for the William Grace proposed learning center.

Approved Fort Wayne Construction Co. and Morado Construction Co. for paving contracts for Shawwassee and Gill Schools, subject to approval of the performance bonds and insurance by school attorney Robert Kelly.

Approved an additional \$420 for structural steel work at Power Junior High and referred to the building committee.

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Parade Delights Everyone

The fire sirens screamed while the youngsters giggled. No it wasn't a scam from a horror or advent-garde movie, but part of the City of Farmington's educational effort to build fire prevention awareness.

It was the City's annual Fire Prevention Parade.

APPROXIMATELY 1,000 people lined the Grand River parade route to see the more than 140 floats, fire engines, clowns, bands and the Boy and Girl Scout troops march.

The Keystone Kops were present and delighted the children with their antics as did the clowns.

Following the parade an equipment demonstration was conducted at the fire facilities at the city hall along with an open house for the public.

AWARDS WERE presented for the best float, to the fire department which had traveled the farthest to participate, and the oldest mechanized piece of equipment and the oldest non-mechanized piece of equipment.

Winners were: Floats, Farmington Historical Society, first; Scout Pack 162, second; and De Molay-Job's Daughters, third; Fire Department, Whitmore Lake Fire Department, department that came the farthest distance; American 1918 La France Engine owned by Bertie Jackson of Birmingham, oldest mechanized piece of equipment; 1874 American LaFrance Steam Engine entered by Highland Fire Department, oldest piece of non-motorized equipment.

Bus Service Plan Eyed In Township

If the Farmington Township Board can influence the decision, chances are that the township will be provided with public bus service within the year.

Trustee Earl Opperhauser told the Board Monday night that he had been in contact with the Great Lakes Transit Company about providing bus service in the township.

"This is a need in the area," he said. "I have had many inquiries and complaints about the lack of public transportation."

"Some years ago a survey was made of the 12 Mile area which showed that there was not enough demand for bus service, but with the growth of 12 Mile and 13 Mile along with the new community college campus the bus company is making a survey on the matter again this week."

"The survey will be on the geographic area of the township," he noted, "and when that is completed the company will probably have a specific route to present."

THE NEXT STEP according to Opperhauser, is a survey of the township residents about whether or not they would use or support a system.

With this in mind the Board voted to go on record that it would split the cost of a direct-mail survey of the residents to determine whether or not there is a need for bus service. The township share of this survey would be between \$200 and \$300.

Pedestrian Hit

Farmington Township police reported that Donald M. Jones, 52, of Holly, stepped in front of a car driven by Douglas Gordon Coxon, 49, of Farnedale.

Coxon was making a left turn from westbound 12 Mile Rd. onto southbound Orchard Lake Road when Jones stepped from the curb directly into the path of his moving vehicle.

Township police said that Jones sought his own treatment. They listed him as having cuts and bruises.

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Bureau Will Survey 6-12 Farmington Homes

From six to 12 Farmington households will be queried the week of Oct. 16 by the U.S. Census Bureau Regional Office (Detroit) for information on how many children and adults under 25 are enrolled in either school or college.

According to Robert A. Yerkey, regional director, selections of households to be questioned are made on a random basis. The tri-county area of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties is split into small segments with six to 12 homes selected in each segment.

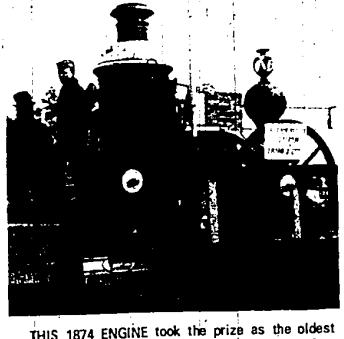
Information on school enrollment is sought each year at this time to update national figures on public, private and special school enrollment, full and part time college attendance, the number of high school graduates and dropouts and the last year of regular schooling for non-high school graduates.

A similar survey taken year ago showed that more than 55 million persons were enrolled in school or college, about 30 per cent of the civilian population.

The survey will be taken simultaneously across the United States. All questions are confidential and the information obtained will be used for statistical purposes only.



SGT. JAY HARRISON thanks the various fire departments for participating in the city observance during ceremonies at the city hall Saturday. On the speaker's platform are, from left: Farmington Enterprise & Observer Publisher Philip H. Power; City Mayor Wilbur V. Brotherton; Harrison; City Manager John Dinan; and City Director of Public Safety Robert F. Deadman.



THIS 1874 ENGINE took the prize as the oldest non-motorized engine present at the City's Fire Prevention Parade Saturday. The engine was entered in the parade by the Highland Fire Department. It is owned by Frank J. Ott of Fowlerville.



THE FARMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY took first prize in the City's Fire Prevention Parade with its float "Make Fires A Thing of the Past."