

today's hot line

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PLYMOUTH—The City of Plymouth has joined with five other governments in the formation of a Refuse Disposal Authority to develop a new mutual sanitary landfill by mid-1970 and to investigate other methods of refuse disposal. The five are, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township, Canton Township and Salem Township.

WESTLAND—The City Council took a major step toward resolving a controversy involving Edward Kane holding two appointed positions within the municipal government by directing the mayor to withhold Kane's \$25-per-meeting salary as a civil service commissioner.

LIVONIA—The forces of primary loser Ron Mardiros humbled those supporting Jerry Raymond during the Wayne 19th District Democratic convention in Redford last week. Mardiros failed in his bid for the nomination for U.S. Congressman, losing to Gary Frink. Raymond served as chairman of the convention. The session was marked by party disunity and verbal clashes.

PLYMOUTH—The city commission has authorized its fire department to join the Western Wayne County mutual fire emergency pact which, explained Fire Chief George Schoenneman, will have the city work in consort with Detroit and 18 other Wayne County fire fighting units in times of emergency.

GARDEN CITY—The Board of Education adopted a tentative operating budget of more than \$8 million but reminded the community that contract negotiations with local teachers have not been completed.

REDFORD—A \$50,000 addition to the township hall was proposed Monday for housing the new district court facilities come January 1. Architects' preliminary plans and estimates are being sought to aid a decision between the addition and temporary rental of facilities required by the new lower court law.

WESTLAND—Contract talks in the Wayne Community School District have not progressed in recent meetings but the negotiating sessions have been scheduled on a more frequent basis. Administrators were optimistic that school would start as scheduled on Sept. 3.

LIVONIA—Contractors have been asked to submit new bids next Tuesday, August 27, for housing of senior citizens with low income. Bids will be opened at the city clerk's office and then reported to the regional office of Housing and Urban Development in Chicago.

REDFORD—Failing to overcome an impasse in teacher bargaining talks after a five-hour meeting with a state labor mediator Monday, the two South Redford teams agreed to submit to advisory fact finding.

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State Audits School Bond Sales

By EMORY DANIELS
A bond application decision made two years ago prompted an audit of Farmington School's finances last week by the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission (MFC).

The decision dates to July 1966 when the district was given approval by the MFC to sell \$6.1 million in bonds to build Forest Elementary School and construct a swimming pool and auditorium at both high schools. Part of that sale involved \$2 million for pools and auditoriums for Farmington and North Farmington high schools. On June 13, 1966, voters had approved a \$3 million issue for pools and auditoriums at both high schools and the proposed third school, Harrison High. Unfortunately, when the application was made in 1966 the \$2 million was taken from the 1965 bond issue. Instead, it should have come from the 1966 \$3 million issue and \$4 million taken from the \$6.1 million issue approved Nov. 15, 1965.

The MFC auditing team, consisting of E. Boomle Mikrut and David Jaye, spent Aug. 15 in the district's business of

checking books to determine how construction money was spent. State law requires that spending of construction money remain the scope of the project approved by voters. The purpose of the audit was to determine the purpose for which

the bonds were sold; how much money has been expended in bond sales; and, was the money spent for the purposes approved by voters? The point being questioned is: can the district properly allocate \$2 million from the \$8 million application to "pay

back" the 1965 issue? THE CURRENT application for \$8 million is a package of the unused \$3 million and \$5 million taken from a bond proposal of \$9 million approved by voters in Nov., 1967. Of the unused \$3 million, one million is tabbed for the swimming pool and auditorium for Harrison and \$2 million to "pay back" the 1965 issue. The \$1 issue has to be "paid

back" because the '66 issue was specifically designated for swimming pools and auditoriums and could not be used for instructional additions. It was proper to spend money from the 1965 proposal for pools and auditoriums; only the move left the district with \$6 million which couldn't be spent for instructional uses without the transfer. The remaining \$5 million of

the current application will be used for Harrison. This leaves an unused balance of \$4 million from the 1967 \$9 million proposal to be allocated for a proposed junior high and an elementary school to be built before 1972. A review of the past two years shows that all the construction completed and now underway has been approved by voters.

What's Happened

NOVEMBER 1965—Voters approved \$6.1 million in bonds to build Forest Elementary and a classroom additions to both high schools.

JUNE 1966—Voters approved \$3 million for swimming pools and auditoriums at Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison high schools.

JULY 1966—Application made to MFC for district to sell \$6.1 million in bonds for Forest, classroom addi-

tions, and pools-auditoriums at both high schools. (Bonds were actually sold in July 1967.)

NOVEMBER 1967—Voters approved \$9 million for Harrison High, one new junior high and two elementary schools.

JUNE 1968—Application made to MFC to sell \$8 million in bonds for Harrison, an elementary school, and completion of site acquisition and development.



READY TO CHANGE — Chuck Postiff gets set to take Rick Alter's place on the "marathon" bicycle as (from left) John North and Bill Gyzanski watch. The junior high youths began their 600 hour marathon on July 31.

Quartet Confident They Will Hold Bike Record

A 600-hour bike-riding marathon can play havoc with your sleep, according to four Farmington boys who should know. Chuck Postiff, 21122 Louisa; Bill Gyzanski, 27751 Richmond; John North, 21046 West Farm Lane, and Rick Alter, 24266 Pembroke, Detroit, began pedaling July 31, and will finish this Sunday, Aug. 25.

With aching muscles and determination at fever pitch, the cyclists are following a weekly schedule so that each boy rides six hours a day in two three

hour shifts. They have already beat the 250 hours and the 423 hours and 20 minutes records which inspired them. With the help of Farmington police who are allowing the boys to be out after curfew, the cyclists are keeping their round-the-clock marathon through the night. Farmington subdivision is only one bike.

They feel that they will be able to retain their record since no other group will have time to match their feat before school

starts. Since the person who rides from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. is alone, this is somewhat of a problem. One claims he nearly ran over a skunk one morning. Another almost ran into a tree, but woke up just in time. The biggest difficulty, according to the group, is waking up the rider for the next shift. The current rider, John North, born about 15 minutes before the next shift begins, but with heavy sleepers this has its problems.

Fun Over Schools Open

Farmington's elementary schools are now open for registration of all new pupils from kindergarten through grade 6. Hours for enrollment are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at each of the 15 schools.

To enter school this September, a child must be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1968. A birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

MICHIGAN law requires that children enrolling for the first

time must submit a statement signed by a physician indicating that the child has been immunized against smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio, and has had a tuberculosis test.

Orientation for junior and senior high students and those new to the district will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3. Seventh grade orientation will be held in the junior highs from 1 to 3 p.m., with buses scheduled to make pickups at 12:30 p.m. Incoming 10th graders will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 3, with buses traveling their regular routes at 1 p.m.

ALL STUDENTS, with the exception of those in kindergarten, will attend classes the morning of Sept. 4 and will be dismissed during the afternoon. School will resume on a full time basis on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Books and equipment must be purchased prior to the first day of classes. They may be obtained in Dunkle Junior High School, East Junior High and the main bookstore, 33000 Thomas St., Farmington.

BOOKSTORE regular hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Special hours have been set from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 17. On Aug. 30, books may be purchased from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but stores will be closed Aug. 31 for the Labor Day weekend.

Again on Sept. 6, the main bookstore only will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 7.

Council And Residents Overflow On Floods

Water, is generally considered a cooling-type ingredient. The 1960—or rather its effects—didn't cool during Monday night's City Council session.

Residents of both Alta Loma and the Bel Aire Subdivisions turned out in force. They were not only in the collar.

The members of the council, who were present were somewhat hot. City Manager John Dinan caught the full force of the rising waters.

FRIDAY night's flash rain caused floods in both Alta Loma and Bel Aire. It's the second time in seven weeks that these homeowners have had flooded basements and yards.

Councilman Howard Thayer's phone calls have rung with complaints this weekend because he came to the council meeting prepared to wage battle with the full time city officials.

In a Thayer manner, he should be pounded on the table and he even uttered an occasional four-letter word. His point was that the city was supposed to take measures to stop this flooding and why didn't it?

"At our last meeting I thought you were going to do something immediately," he told Dinan. "Why isn't it done? This is a devil of a way for a city to open."

That particular outburst occurred when Dinan reported that the City DPW crews were clearing the ditch on Gill Rd. Monday because of the obstruction was noticed during Friday rain.

Dinan told the council that during the last meeting the council had discussed the need for construction work on the Gill Rd. ditch.

Previous to the exchange Dinan had reported to the council the total cost of the

Gill Rd. ditch work was \$6,000. He asked for—and finally received—authorization to have the engineers take bids so that the council might award the contract at its Sept. 3 session.

Thayer retorted that "I thought the city was going to do some temporary work. Why wait so long? The problem is that we wait until the horse is out of the barn and then do something," the irate councilman continued, "I, for one am getting disgusted. Naturally the

people are mad and I don't blame them."

COUNCILMAN Fred Seibert asked what type of preventive maintenance program the city has to check trouble spots in the city's drainage system.

Dinan told him that the DPW had not been "very thorough" and cited the limit of manpower in the department as the reason.

Thayer broke in to ask, "Why Continued on Page 4A

New Dimension Industry Opens

A completely new industrial firm opened its doors for business this week to Farmington Township.

Controlled Power Corporation has set up shop in a 22,000-square-foot building in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park.

The firm contends that it has launched a new dimension in high-power electronic systems with the introduction of the first truly modular power supply for D.C. applications.

CONTROLLED Power designs and manufactures high-power electronic systems to meet the requirements of increasingly sophisticated industrial processes. The firm has developed the modular system through the creation of application-tailored units consisting of individually protected, interchangeable modules in a complete range of sizes.

The firm will employ about 50 people at the start. An additional 40 employees can be added to their shop facility before expansion will be required.



A SWAP — A scale model of a new plant is presented to Farmington Township, while the key to the area is presented to the new industrialist in town. Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall presents key to Controlled Power Corporation President Thomas N. Urquhart, while Thompson Brown Executive Vice President William W. Bowman watches. Controlled Power opened its doors last week in the Thompson Brown developed Farmington Freeway Industrial Park.