

Farmington Gets Additional School Funds From State

New Payments Ease Financial Situation

Sufficient moneys are anticipated from the State to operate the Farmington Township School District for the balance of the school year, O. E. Duckel, superintendent, stated this week.

Duckel stated that this opinion is based on information received from W. J. Emerson, Oakland County School Superintendent. Emerson, 70% of the state aid owing from January 15 plus 70% of the amount owing as of March 15 will be paid to the District in the next few days. In addition to this sum the District will receive a payment of sales tax diversion moneys.

THE LETTER also pointed out that it is anticipated that the State will pay out the full amount of state aid due on or before June 30. With these funds available, Duckel stated, the District will have no difficulty in meeting its obligations for the balance of the school year.

LEGION AUXILIARY PLANS TO RECORD LETTERS TO G.I.'S

Plans are nearly completed for the "Homestead" program being sponsored in Farmington by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion.

Under the program Farmington residents will be given an opportunity to make and send messages via tape recordings to various radio stations for broadcast to service men and women overseas in the state. The auxiliary personnel then may in turn send messages back which can be broadcast to relatives and friends at home.

AROUND THE BLOCK

GET OUT THE BOOTS . . . and shovels, the rainy season seems to be here again. It really came down in buckets full on Sunday, transforming low spots into junior sized lakes and the river into a raging torrent. But the mud is not the worst part of the mud. We witnessed the results several times Sunday with cars buried to the hubcaps in the stuff. And thus it will probably be until the spring rains finally go. There is one encouraging note, however, from the road experts. Because of the mild winter, the roads should hold up much better than they have for the past few years. Remember, that's what the experts say. . . . we are just quoting!

COOKIES, COOKIES . . . the Farmington Girl Scouts. They are not only delicious, but the money collected from the sale will go to support Camp Natin, the Southern Oakland County Girl Scout Camp near Orionville, as well as four Day Camps. Hero's a chance to enjoy some mighty fine eating and get a good deal of help in the process. This time is not the time to miss out your order in right now. . . . Just call Mrs. Steele Cox at Farmington 1700 or any Farmington Girl Scout. They will be awfully glad to take your order and they will deliver your box of cookies right to your door on April 15. Help yourself and help the Girl Scouts today, women.

A PHOZO . . . of interest to the people of the Farmington community hit the columns of The Detroit Free Press last Friday. It was an associate and accomplished pianist, going over a musical score with Maestro Carlo Zechl, noted teacher, in Rome. June is in Italy on a music scholarship sponsored by the National Federation of Women's Clubs. Many Farmington residents will have heard of her. Her name is June Many, Farmington resident who has been in Rome, Italy, since June. Her local contacts are June, who lives at 2694 Grand River, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Toth.

MAKE IT A DATE . . . the Farmington High School gymnasium for plenty of good laughs plus lots of music, dancing and song. It's the annual "Fine and Dandy Show" sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. We have had a chance to extend a quick glance at the program. It looks like a real good time. There are lots of new acts, plus a number of the big hits from former shows. And, oh, yes, we don't want to forget the end men. In fact, we are sure you won't forget them after you have split your sides laughing at their jokes and antics. So make it a date this Friday and be in your seat when the fun begins.

NO, IT'S NOT URANIUM . . . or oil they are digging for up and down Farmington's main street, although you might see them in operation with all the news about such things as the front pages these days. It is just the laying of new gas lines by the Consumers Power Company. Workmen are hard at it digging ditches, putting down new pipe and then filling up the holes again. The work has already been completed on Orchard and Grove Streets as well as the north side of Grand River. And incidentally if you see a fellow walking around with a contraption on his back with a long attachment running along the ground, don't grab for that shovel and claim stakes. . . . It isn't a Gieger Counter. . . . It is just a plain everyday "gas sniffer". You can't always be sure will find these modern devices floating around.

Intruders Slip Phone Tip Halts School Break-In

Once again an alert Farmington Bell operator may have averted a possible robbery of an elementary school in the Farmington area, Irving Yakes, Township policeman, stated Monday.

Mrs. Twila Hogan, Bell operator, noticed a signal on the Farmington telephone exchange at 7:45 p.m. Sunday. Recognizing that there would be no regular school personnel in the building at that time, she immediately notified the Farmington police. Yakes was called at once and he in turn notified State Police.

Two Men Injured In Auto Accident

Two men were injured, one seriously, in a three-car auto accident early Sunday morning on Grand River near Grove Street, Farmington City Police report.

The injured men, Chester Watkins of 21745 Jacksonville, Farmington, and Thomas Courtney, 1775 South Millford Road, Milford, were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by the Thayer ambulance. Courtney, the most seriously injured, was treated for a cracked breast bone and lacerations. Watkins was treated for lacerations of the face and braces. Grace Evelyn Bates, 23052 Violet, driver of the third car, was uninjured.

According to police, the accident occurred about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. Courtney, traveling west on Grand River, reportedly sideswiped the car driven by Grace Bates, who was traveling east. The Courtney car then went out of control, plowing into the car driven by Watkins, which was also going east on Grand River. The front ends of both the Courtney and Watkins cars were severely damaged.

CITY TO BUY SITE FOR NEW PUBLIC PARKING LOT

Seven Candidates Certified For City Council Race

Election Commission Rules Out 3 Petitions

A contest is assured in the race for the City Council in the coming Spring Election April 1. It was announced Monday by Harry W. Moore, City Clerk.

The announcement followed the certification of nominating petitions by the Election Commission. A total of seven candidates qualified for the Council race with three to be elected. Moore stated that three of the proposed candidates were disqualified because of assiduous requirements. Only one candidate filed for Municipal Judge and one for Associate Judge, thus there will be no contest for either of these offices.

THE SEVEN candidates qualifying for the Council race are: James Carvannah, Emory O. Hillon, Robert B. Lindbert, W. Allen Nelson, James W. Nordin, Milton M. Tomlin and Earl G. Vivier. Several signatures on Hutton's petition were ruled out, putting the number below the required number. However, the Commission granted him five days, in accordance with the charter, to file an amended petition. He complied and his name was certified.

In the election of Councilmen, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of four years each and the highest vote shall be elected for a term of two years.

Zoning Changes Nearly Completed

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, approved the draft of a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance involving the Anhut Hotel property on Grand River between Oxford and Colwell Streets.

At the same time the Board directed A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, to prepare the legal draft of the proposed amendment. Under the new proposal all that portion of the Anhut property lying south of a line drawn parallel to and 1,100 feet south of the northerly property line would be rezoned from residential to commercial.

Several weeks ago an amendment rezoning the entire property to commercial was approved and later rescinded by the Board. Objections to rezoning the entire area were voiced by some residents in the area. Under the new proposal, only the southern portion would be re-zoned. The change is being requested by the Anhut Hotels in order that they may proceed with a group of motels on the property.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that as soon as the amendment has been drafted by Leonard it will be added to the other amendments already approved by the Board and forwarded to the Zoning Board.

Headliners In 'Fine 'n Dandy' Show



Tommie Bartel and Sandy Sok, pictured above, are headliners in the Farmington Jaycee Minstrel and Variety Show which will be presented in the Farmington High School auditorium tomorrow night, March 20, at 8:15 p.m. The young top dancers are included in the show.

Stage Prepared For Jaycee Show Performance At School March 20

Ticket sales reported good by Co-Directors. Current time . . . certain time . . . that's all the members of the east of the 1953 Jaycee Minstrel and Variety Show are waiting for. They haven't long to wait, however; the big date is March 20 in the Farmington High School Auditorium at 8:15 sharp.

At that time some 25 well-rehearsed acts will take to the stage to provide a full evening of entertainment. The "Fine and Dandy" show is sponsored annually by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds are used by the Jaycees for various civic projects.

The back-faced end men will be there in full costume with Theresa Smith, who will take the part of "Mandy". With Phil Thomas out front as interlocutor, this group will keep the show moving at a fast pace.

A male chorus under the direction of Lloyd Smith is the new attraction to the production this year. Smith is band and debate instructor at Farmington High School.

The Clarenceville High School dance band, under the direction of Joseph Marsell, will handle a part of the program and Maxwell will be on the program in his own right with a saxophone solo.

During one of the recent rehearsals several of the end men were flipping coins to decide whether Virginia Harrington, another participant, or the song she is doing, "Doggie In The Window", was cuter.

Acts that are guaranteed to give the audience plenty of laughs include "21 Rope Grande" with Trip Alton, McClellan, Parson, singing "O Happy Day" and the continuous side play of the end men and the walk-on personnel.

All in all, everyone has worked hard to produce a show that will please. Final rehearsal will be held tonight at the Farmington High School and then . . . certain time.

It is anticipated that a special election will be required on the financing and construction of a sewage disposal plant in the City of Farmington, the City Council was advised Monday night.

The request for a vote by the people of the city on the question comes from the state. Under the proposed plan the sewage disposal plant would be financed on a general obligation bond basis. If, however, the people should vote down the sewage disposal plant question, the state can issue a court order requiring that city proceed with the construction.

New Elementary Principals Named At Clarenceville

Expand Supervision To New Grade Schools

The Clarenceville Board of Education appointed Leo Laruye principal of the Botsford and Edgewood Elementary Schools and Wanda Barnes principal of the Central and Westbrook Elementary Schools at its regular meeting last Thursday.

Both the Botsford and Edgewood Schools are expected to be completed by the opening of school next September. Laruye and Miss Barnes are now employed as grade school principals in the District. Both will serve on a ten-month calendar year basis. The Board also re-appointed Max Miller as high school principal for a 12-month calendar year. Lydia Lear was appointed supervisor on a ten-month basis.

THE BOARD authorized the drafting and filing of a letter with the Farmington Township Board petitioning for the extension of Osmus Street from Eight Mile to Junction. The road is being requested by the Board to provide financing and outfit to the new Westbrook Elementary School being built on Osmus Street near Junction.

A special meeting of the Board has been set for March 19, at which time the question of a well at the Westbrook School will be discussed. William Lawson, Board member, and Louis Schmitt, superintendent, have been requested by the Board to meet with the Farmington City Council to see if any plan for the extension of city water to the school be worked out.

Sealed bids on the purchase of kitchen equipment for the new high school cafeteria and footlocker for the homecoming rooms were received and read by the Board. A motion was approved to take the bids under advisement for further study.

Board Votes Down Parking Lot Plan

The proposal to amend the Farmington Township zoning ordinance to allow for the establishment of a public parking lot on the west side of St. Francis Street behind the Maxwell J. Smith Drug Store has been turned down by the Township Board.

The Enterprise incorrectly stated last week that a motion to drop the proposed amendment had been approved. A motion was made by Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, at the close of the meeting that the amendment be drafted. This action followed a presentation of the proposal by Maxwell Smith and F. J. DeLeulle. However, at the close of the meeting and after the signing of check vouchers, the Board turned down the motion.

Girl Scouts Celebrate Anniversary



An overflow crowd jammed the Farmington High School gymnasium last Saturday evening and watched these Farmington Girl Scouts deep thinking in a convener for the Juliet, Kew World Friendship Fund. It was the closing ceremony of the "International Fair" presented by the Girl Scouts in commemoration of their 41st anniversary. Colorful songs and dances of various foreign countries were presented by the Girl Scouts dressed in native costumes. Special booths containing authentic objects also displayed in the gym. Austin Grant, seen in the extreme right of the picture, was master of ceremonies for the program.

Start Action To Purchase Land In Farmington Business District

The Farmington City Council Monday evening authorized James Tennant, City Manager, and Paul Pare, City Attorney, to proceed with the purchase of several lots south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road in the business section for a parking lot. The property involved includes interior lots behind the stores on Grand River at the rear of the lots facing onto Farmington Road. The property under consideration is irregular in shape but is approximately 200 feet by 300 feet. It has easements providing both ingress and egress from Grand River, Farmington Road and Orchard Street.

The City Council indicated that it would attempt to purchase the property but, if this fails, is prepared to condemn the property through court action. The proposed parking area would be approximately the same size as the present parking lot on the west side of Farmington Road between State Street and the Farmington Post Office.

The Council also directed Tennant to secure cost figures on the extension of the concrete pavement on North Farmington Road from Thomas Street to Oakland Avenue including the intersection of the two streets, and the installation of curb and gutter on Oakland between Grand River and Farmington Road. Tennant stated that the projects would be financed through the Highway Act of 1951. He added that there is money available in the fund which will use this year or the city will lose it.

FINAL ENACTMENT of an amendment to the traffic ordinance establishing truck speed limits on Shawwassee Street was made by the Council. Under the amendment it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a truck at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour between Orchard Lake Road and the easterly limits of the city.

The Council declared its intention to enact an ordinance to prevent the removal of top soil from property within the limits of the City of Farmington. Pare was directed to draft such an ordinance. The Council also directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance allowing the city to install culverts and change the cost to the property owner where the lack of drainage is damaging the road.

A resolution accepting the bequest contained in the C. W. Wilber estate was approved by the Council. The resolution also provides for the establishment of a C. W. Wilber Fund for the benefit of city marked in accordance with (Continued on Page Ten)

SPOTTER STATION NEEDS VOLUNTEER AIR OBSERVERS

Another appeal is being issued this week by Thomas Tardy, director of the Farmington Ground Observation Station, for volunteer air spotters.

Tardy stated that there has been some drop in personnel and volunteers are urgently needed to fill the vacancies. He added that this is essential if the station is to continue its 24-hour schedule. Persons who wish to volunteer for service with the Ground Observation Corps are requested to contact either Tardy at Mayfair 6-2059, or Arthur Bassette, chief spotter, at Farmington 2507-J.

Red Cross Drive Passes Mid-Mark

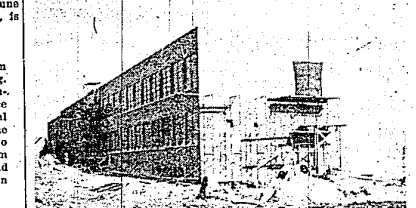
Another \$500 has been added to the Farmington Red Cross campaign during the past week, bringing the total collection as of Monday to \$2,003.30, Charles Stuart, co-chairman of the drive, announced this week.

The quota for the Farmington drive has been set at \$5,500. Thus with the drive approximately half over about 35% of the quota has been reached. Stuart pointed out that the door-to-door canvass is continuing throughout the city and township area. The annual drive for funds will close on March 31. The chairman emphasized that the figures presented represent only money actually in the bank.

On Saturday, March 21, a bake sale will be held at Hutton's Hardware under the sponsorship of the Farmington Red Cross Committee. The entire proceeds of the sale will go to the Farmington drive. Bake goods are being donated by residents of the community. The sale is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

Fred Menke, chairman of the Clarenceville Red Cross Drive, stated Tuesday that solicitation in the area is progressing on schedule. He added that no exact figures will close on March 31. Reports from collectors are beginning to come in. The quota for the Clarenceville drive has been set at \$1,000.

Work On School Addition Progress



Work on the exterior of the new Clarenceville High School addition is nearly completed and activity has shifted to the interior of the building. According to school officials the new addition will be completed in time for the opening of school next fall. The addition is in the right foreground of the picture and will contain a homecoming and industrial arts rooms, kitchen and cafeteria, study hall and science rooms and a library.

LAW MAY REQUIRE CITY TO COOK FOOD WASTE

The city may be required to set up facilities for the cooking of garbage in the next few months, according to a bill passed last week by the Michigan House of Representatives.

According to Representative Howard Estes, the bill was approved by the House and is now under consideration by the Senate. The law would require that all garbage to be disposed of in the city is designed to control the serious outbreak of hog disease known as vesicular exanthema.

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