

Ban On Hunting In Township Passed By House

Bill Now Before State Senate For Action

A bill to prevent hunting with firearms in Farmington Township was approved by the Michigan House of Representatives Thursday, March 15. Representative Howard Estes announced Friday. The vote on the bill was 56 yes, 26 no, with 10 members present but not voting. According to Estes, the bill now goes to the State Senate for consideration and action. In addition to banning hunting in the township, the bill authorizes the arrest of violators and prescribes certain penalties. The exact text of the proposed law is not available as yet. The bill must be approved by the State Senate and signed by the Governor before it can be returned to the township for a referendum vote. If the bill is approved, a special election will be set up at which time the voters of the township will be asked to express themselves on the proposal. The election of the township must approve the proposal by a majority vote before it becomes law. The bill was introduced by Representative Howard Estes and has been approved and signed, the complete (Continued on Page Eight)

Still Short

Red Cross Drive In Final Week

Farmington and Clarencerville residents have just five more days to give to the 1953 Red Cross Drive. According to Charles Stuart, co-chairman of the Farmington Drive, a lot of people will have to give, too, if the \$5,000 goal is to be reached. The annual campaign closes on March 31. Stuart reported Tuesday that a total of \$2,665 has been collected to date. This represents about 47% of the quota set for Farmington. Stuart emphasized that persons who have not been contacted at their homes by a Red Cross volunteer may contribute at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. The booth is open every day except Saturday during regular banking hours. (Continued on Page Five)

Band Concert Set For Friday

Two hundred and fifty boys and girls of grades four through twelve of the Farmington School will present their annual band concert on Friday evening, March 27, at 8:00 in the high school auditorium. Three bands and four soloists will perform in the fifty minute concert. The intermediate band, made up of boys and girls from grades four through six, will start the concert with "America" and other selected numbers. Soloists will include Robert Esterline, Herbert Brugman, John Clark and Alice Annette. The beginning flute band will play three numbers followed by the Senior Band, which will play, among others, Dvorak's "Symphony No. 8" and "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin. Proceeds from the concert will go toward new band uniforms. The concert is free-will.

Mrs. Clarence Bernt, president of the Farmington P. T. A., announced the plan that the Band Uniform Drive is progressing nicely and that \$930.30 has been collected. (Continued on Page Eight)

TINE 'N DANDY SHOW DRAWS NEAR RECORD AUDIENCE

A near-capacity crowd filled the Farmington High School gymnasium last Friday evening for the "Tine 'N Dandy" Minstrel Show, sponsored annually by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. According to Jaycee officials approximately 470 persons witnessed this year's show. This represents one of the largest crowds in the history of the show. Proceeds from the activity will be used by the Jaycees for various community projects and for the Junior Chamber. The annual show is the principal money-raising project of the club.

AROUND THE BLOCK

HAVE YOU NOTICED . . . how much cleaner and better the streets and sidewalks in the town have been lately these days? It is all part of the city's new program of daily clean-up and we can't think of anything that has been more badly needed than this. It not only makes an amazing difference in the appearance of the city but will in the long run save countless dollars in solid waste disposal for Farmington's citizens. This new clean-up program is a wonderful way to welcome in another spring. Maybe it will serve as an added stimulus to all of us to tidy up our individual homes and yards. There is nothing that makes a community more pleasant and more prosperous looking than neatness and cleanliness.

WE'RE ALL MIGHTY PROUD . . . of our Farmington Garden Club and its members, but we're even a little more proud than usual this week. Farmington is really being heard at the Michigan Flower and Garden Exhibition being held this week at the State Fair Coliseum. Not only is Mrs. Glenn Leland an official at the show, but Mrs. John Grant and Mrs. Walter Coon are the proud recipients of blue ribbons, won in the flower arrangement classes. Mrs. Glenn's arrangement, "Easter Cove" was composed of a basket shaped like a hat and filled with red and white flowers with a corsage and gloves beside it. Mrs. Coon's "Wedding Arrangement" was an impressive all-white display, including white lilies, arranged in a pedestal base. Yes, Farmington is very definitely in the show!

MANY RESIDENTS . . . have probably been wondering why the flags at the various schools have been flying at half mast the last few days. It is a tribute to former Governor Alexander J. Groesbeck, who passed away March 10. Groesbeck, one of the best known citizens of Michigan, served as governor of the state from 1921 to 1925. Flags on schools and other public buildings will fly at half mast for 30 days in tribute to the former governor.

FARMINGTON'S HEART . . . is showing and it makes us feel good all over. Only hours after the tragic fire destroyed the home of the Harry Foster family on Haggerty Road, we began to get calls from citizens offering their help. In the meantime a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Joseph Gadsbaw was set up to begin collecting money to help finance the rebuilding of the Foster home. The Red Cross, through its disaster chairman, Pierre Delmonico, began purchasing needed clothes for the family and making arrangements for temporary housing. Used clothing being poured in to the Farmington police station for the parents and their five children. Although Mr. Foster is in Veterans' Hospital with critical burns and Mrs. Foster and her tiny baby are under treatment, they don't need to worry. Their neighbors are doing everything they can to get them on their feet again and from the response they are going to succeed.

WHY GO SOUTH . . . we got 'em right here in Farmington. That's the word we've heard from Vance Kefauver down at Rainbow Park on Grand River. And besides that he says if you doubt it, stop in and take a look. He not only has two orange trees but, in addition, full blossom besides. The trees are a main attraction in Vance's office right now, so why not join the crowd and see 'em yourself. As for us, we're waiting around until the oranges come out full and juicy . . . wonder how long that will be?

Seven Left Homeless In Fire Sunday



This is the scene only a few minutes after the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster, 27409 Haggerty Road, caught fire late Sunday evening. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the kitchen. The fire destroyed the home and left seven people homeless. The fire department arrived quickly and fought the fire for several hours. The damage was extensive, with the roof and walls of the house being destroyed. The family, including Mrs. Foster and her five children, were rescued unharmed. The fire department is now working to clear the debris and assess the damage. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the kitchen, which was discovered by a neighbor. The fire department arrived quickly and fought the fire for several hours. The damage was extensive, with the roof and walls of the house being destroyed. The family, including Mrs. Foster and her five children, were rescued unharmed. The fire department is now working to clear the debris and assess the damage. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the kitchen, which was discovered by a neighbor.

Heater Explosion Creates Inferno; Heroic Father Seriously Burned

Wife And Five Children Escape Serious Injury; Red Cross And Civic Groups To Aid Family

Harry Foster, 33, of 27409 Haggerty Highway was seriously burned Sunday evening while rescuing his five children from their fire-wrecked home. Foster was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital by Farmington City Police for emergency treatment. He was later transferred to the Veterans' Hospital in Dearborn where he is recovering from second and third degree burns of the face, arms and hands. Mrs. Foster and her four children were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac. Mrs. Foster was treated for a sprained ankle and broken toes while the baby was placed under observation.

The fire apparently started while Foster was attempting to light an oil heater. When flames enveloped the heater, Foster attempted to carry it from the house, but was unable to get it through a doorway. He then got his wife and children out of the burning house.

APPARENTLY THE fire had disrupted the telephone service because Foster could not get a call through to the fire department from his home or the home of a neighbor. (Continued on Page Eight)

LEGION AUXILIARY RECEIVES TAPES, READY TO RECORD

The tapes for recording voice messages on "Homefront - U. S. A." have been received and broadcasting dates are to be set later this week, according to Mrs. Mary Markell, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Groves - Walker Post, American Legion.

Recordings will be made at the Legion Home on a recording machine which will be borrowed from Boys Republic. The program will enable Farmington residents to send messages on tape recordings to various radio stations, which in turn will broadcast the information to service men and women both stateside and overseas.

It is planned that service personnel will then transmit messages by similar means to "the folks back home."

City Begins Land Survey Of New Parking Lot Area

Proposed Site Would Accommodate 200 Cars

A land survey of the proposed new city parking lot, located south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road, will be made this week according to James Tennant, City Manager.

The survey is the first step in the actual purchase of the property which was authorized by the City Council at its regular meeting last Monday evening. As soon as the actual boundaries of the property can be determined, the City Manager and City Attorney Paul Fare will begin negotiating with the owners for the purchase of the site. The Council has indicated that if the property can be secured at a reasonable price condemnation proceedings will be instituted.

TENNANT STATED that the purchase will probably be financed through revenue bonds levied against the parking meters. The City Manager stated that the proposed public parking lot will handle approximately 200 automobiles. The site is located on two interior lots in the center of the business district.

Because of the lay of the property, some filling will be required before the lot can be used, Tennant added.

Officials Warn Against Increase In Grass Fires

Point To Law Requiring Permits To Burn Fields

Township officials expressed growing concern this week over the needless increase in the number of grass fires throughout the community.

Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that as a result of the early spring, the number of grass fires is far above normal for this time of the year. During the past week and both the Farmington and Clarencerville Fire Departments were kept busy answering grass fire calls. The Clerk emphasized that these grass fires not only cause a considerable amount of property damage but take tax dollars that could be used for constructive projects.

OFFICIALS INDICATED that it may be necessary to tighten up on the enforcement of the law requiring that permits be secured before grass or brush is burned in the open. Under the law presently in effect, a permit is required for burning in the open. (Continued on Page Eight)

ROBBERS TAKE RADIOS, MONEY IN TWO BREAK-INS

Burglars broke into two different places of business in Farmington early Saturday morning, March 21, and made off with two radios and sums of money.

Interdusters entered the Farmington Automatic Laundry at approximately 2:30 Saturday morning after forcing a rear door and stole two clock radios and some change from the cash drawer.

The coal yard office of Carl A. Goers, 31526 Grand River, was also broken into later the same morning but discovery of the theft of money was not made until the place was opened for business later that day. Entry in this case had been gained by breaking a window. Farmington City Police answered both calls and are now carrying on further investigation.

Proposed Amendments To Be Filed With Twp. Zoning Board Next Week

School To Open Bids On Library Furniture Monday

Preliminary Budget To Be Presented

Sealed bids on furniture and equipment for the library in the new Farmington High School building will be opened and read by the Board at a special meeting to be held Monday evening, March 30.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that the Board may or may not act on the bids at the Monday meeting. He added that a number of bids are expected on the furniture and equipment. According to the specifications, the equipment is to be delivered in time for the opening of the building this fall.

Dunckel stated that plans and specifications for homecoming and art equipment for the new high school building will be presented to the Board at the March 30 meeting. The Board must approve the plans before the bids on the equipment can be advertised. It is expected that the Board will set the deadline for bids at the meeting.

A TENTATIVE budget for the school year 1953-54 is expected to be presented to the Board by Dunckel. The superintendent emphasized that the budget figures will be preliminary and are subject to change. It is expected that the Board will devote considerable time in the next few weeks to the proposed budget. A portion of this year's operating budget, as last year, will be earmarked for the equipping of the new high school building.

Start Formation Of Citizens' Group

Letters are going out this week to various civic and service organizations in the Farmington community asking them to name representatives to a Citizens Advisory Committee of the Farmington Township School District.

Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that the letters are being mailed in accordance with a directive from the Board of Education. Each of the groups is being urged to name representatives as soon as possible so that an early meeting of the committee can be held. The names of the delegates should be forwarded to the Superintendent's office.

Dunckel emphasized that the committee will play an important role in the future development of the school district. The superintendent added that the committee will discuss more than just the future building needs of the district, but also the type of educational program to be established. Plans are now being made to bring in leading education experts to outline various class programs to the committee. From this information plus detailed discussions it is expected that a broader school program will be developed.

Board To Hold Public Hearings On Suggested Changes In Code

Five proposed amendments to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinances are expected to be filed with the zoning board in the next few days. It was announced at the regular meeting of the Township Board Tuesday evening.

A final draft of the fifth proposal was presented at the Board meeting by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. The amendment pertained to the re-zoning of a portion of the Anshut Hotel. Property owner residential to commercial. The declaration to amend the ordinance in this matter was approved by the Board last week. The other four proposed amendments were acted upon by the Board in January.

The actual filing of the proposals has been delayed pending the new draft of the Anshut Hotel amendment. An earlier amendment, which would have rezoned the entire property was rescinded and a new proposal was drawn. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, stated that as soon as the copies of the amendment are typed they will be filed with the Zoning Board.

Start Preparation For Spring Election April 6

Polls To Be Open From 7 a.m. To 8 p.m.

Registered voters of Farmington Township and City will go to the polls Monday, April 6, to elect various state and local officials in the Biennial Spring Election.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in all four precincts of the township as well as the one precinct in the city. Voters in Precinct One of the township will vote at the Farmington Town Hall. Precinct Two voters will cast their ballots at the Clarencerville Fire Hall building on Wheeler Street. Voters in Precinct Three will mark their ballots at the Middlebelt School. Precinct Four voters will go to the polls in the Bond School. City voters will mark their ballots at the Farmington Town Hall. At the April 6 vote include three Councilmen, one Municipal Judge and one Associate Judge. The lone contest in the city election will be for Councilman with seven candidates running. The candidates are: James W. Cavanaugh, Robert B. Lindbert, James M. Norrison, Emory O. Hutton, W. A. McCreary, Marion M. Tomlin and Earl G. Vivier. John J. Schulte, Jr., is the lone candidate for Municipal Judge and Max Hulet is unopposed for Associate Judge.

There is no contest in the township election with only Republican candidates qualifying in the Primary. (Continued on Page Eight)

SIX VOLUNTEERS RESPOND TO CALL OF MOTOR CORPS

In answer to an appeal which appeared in The Enterprise several weeks ago, a total of six women have volunteered for the Farmington Red Cross Motor Corps. Mrs. Farrel Weber, director, announced this week.

The women are now available to transport Farmington residents who have no car or who can not use public transportation, to hospitals and clinics for special treatment. Mrs. Weber stated that the response is very gratifying. The volunteers are: Mrs. Russell Roberts, Mrs. E. S. Goodspeed, Mrs. Kenneth Lord, Mrs. Joseph Gadsbaw, Mrs. Anthony Brunet and Mrs. Ellen Langford.

Residents requiring this service are requested to call Mrs. Weber at Farmington 1669.

Board OK's Water System At School

The Clarencerville School Board, at a special session last Thursday, approved the construction of a new water system at the school. The system will include a water tower and a water main line. The system is being installed by the Westbrook Elementary School.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that the school will plan chlorination was satisfactory to the Oakland County Department of Health. The decision to proceed with the new water system followed a discussion of the problem with well drillers. Efforts to strike water by deep well drilling on the school grounds have been unsuccessful.

William Larsson and Schmidt appeared before the last meeting of the City Council to request the extension of city water to the school site. The Council verbally agreed to grant the request if no other means could be found. The cost of laying and maintaining the water line would be the responsibility of the School District. Schmidt and Larsson emphasized that because of the cost of extending the water line, every effort would be expended to secure water on the property.

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, APRIL 6

The Annual Meeting of Farmington Township will be held Monday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the Farmington Town Hall. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

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Camera's-Eye View Of The Proposed City Public Parking Lot Site



This is a composite view of the new proposed Farmington City parking lot located south of Grand River and east of South Farmington Road in the center of the Farmington business district. The white dotted line marks the general boundaries of the parking lot site. In the extreme right hand corner is the yard of the L. and H. Wood Manufacturing Company. Looking south and in the background of the photo is Orchard Street. In the extreme left of the photo is South Farmington Road. The purchase of the property will not affect the business frontage on the east side of Farmington Road or the residential property facing onto Orchard Street. The property covers only two interior parcels of land with easements from Grand River and Farmington Road.