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Record \$178,050 Budget Proposed By City Council

Represents Increase
Of \$28,000 Over '52-'53

A record budget of \$178,050 was presented to the City Council at a special meeting held Monday evening at the Farmington Municipal Building.

This represents an increase of approximately \$28,000 over the anticipated expenses and revenues for the current year. A considerable amount of time was spent by the Council in discussing the various items of income and expenditure set up in the proposed budget. James Tennant, City Manager, who drafted the proposed budget, explained that the proposal is a conservative estimate of the financial program for the year.

A public hearing on the proposed budget has been set for Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmington Municipal Building. All taxpayers of the city are invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion. The final budget will be approved by the Council at the next regular meeting, May 13.

The largest source of income (Continued on Page Ten)

TROJAN COACH CRITICALLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Robert Selke, 22614 Power, basketball coach at the Clarenceville High School, was critically injured Sunday afternoon in an auto accident near Merrill, Michigan.

Selke was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw where he is being treated for head injuries. According to reports, Selke was alone in the car when the accident occurred about noon on Sunday.

AROUND THE BLOCK

MAY DAY . . . is just around the corner, according to the calendar. And if you take a look at the picture above the day will probably find a warm-looking scene with fruit trees in bloom or a May pole with costumed youngsters romping around. But from where we sit, this is strictly a picture. So far the weatherman has been mighty careful about dishing out many of these "pictures" thus far this year. In fact, the weatherman is now warning us that the weather before May 1 or two pleasant days, just to taunt us a little. Maybe this is his idea of making up for the mild winter we experienced. But if it is, he can cut it out anytime. We are ready for some of those "pictures" days . . . and they can't start a bit too soon.

IN SPITE OF THE RAIN . . . and cold, a record number of boys showed up for the initial practice sessions of the Little League and Little Bigger League. From the enthusiasm displayed at the initial meetings it looks like another big year not only for the boys but for the parents as well. It won't be long now before family schedules will have to be changed to meet the requirements of the young ball players. There will be more early and late dinners, more leaving the dishes in the sink so that Mom can watch too. But all the inconvenience is well worth the while when our young boys have an opportunity to get the kind of wholesome recreation that the Farmington Little League and Little Bigger League are providing.

THE CAMPAIGN . . . for the Farmington High School band got a "shot in the arm" Monday and Tuesday as a result of the "On Stage America" show sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post American Legion. Not only did the Uniform Fund get a boost, but a lot of Farmington residents enjoyed an evening of good entertainment. The campaign will continue this week end with the Band Fair, which will be held Saturday at the Farmington High School. This will be the final effort to reach a goal that has been long strived for . . . so let's put it over the top. Buy a "Tag" from a member of the Band on Saturday, and then come to the Fair. You'll have a lot of fun and be helping a lot of deserving youngsters at the same time.

DON'T FORGET . . . to register for the Blood Bank which will visit Farmington on May 18. Registration will begin Tuesday at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. Education the Bank will be in Farmington only one day. It is even more important that you register and do it early. Blood is still urgently needed both overseas and at home. In recent weeks we have read several articles calling attention to the appalling lack of blood on the part of Americans in the blood program. Right here in Farmington alone, many citizens have been loaned blood through the community blood bank. Any citizen of Farmington who urgently needs blood can secure it through this source immediately. There is no substitute for blood. All the money in the world will not save a life if blood is needed. So help save lives . . . register now for the blood bank!

THAT FIRE SIREN . . . has been comfortably quiet the past few weeks but city and township officials are keeping their fingers crossed. They realize that the weatherman has been on their side, dishing out plenty of rain to keep the fields wet and the fire hazard down. However, they know that this is going to end one day, and then what? You know the answer! Keep that fire siren quiet by taking precautions before you burn rubbish in the field. Get a permit if you are going to burn off fields of brush. Little care will save a lot of money and possibly a lot of damage to property.

TOWNSHIP TAKES ACTION TO ENFORCE HEALTH CODE

Outstanding Citizens Receive V. F. W. Awards



Two Farmington residents are awarded special citations from the Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary at their annual installation of officers held last week at the Farmington Town Hall. Mary Lou Ackerson, second from the left, receives a citation from Mrs. Howard Jones, Americanism chairman of the Auxiliary. Mary Lou is credited with saving her brothers and sisters from a fire that damaged their home at 2335 Gills Road on December 31. Dr. Joseph Gudnow, third from the left, receives a citation from J. H. Kohn, State Commander of the V.F.W. Dr. Gudnow also received the Citizenship Medal, which is the highest to be presented in the state in 39 years. He was cited for his outstanding work in behalf of the Mary Foster family and for his efforts in behalf of the youth of the community.

Added Equipment Contracts Let At Clarenceville

Includes Furniture
For Botsford School

Contracts on furniture and equipment for both the Botsford Elementary School and the high school addition were awarded by the Clarenceville School Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

The Board approved the purchase of two planes, a dayvapor, chairs, tables, a mimeograph machine, adding machine and steel cabinets for the Botsford School. Also approved was a motion to install additional supplementary equipment in the kitchen of the new high school addition. John M. Campbell, Inc., Plymouth, Michigan, was awarded the contract for ventilation equipment to be installed in the high school gymnasium.

Louis Schmidt, superintendent, was authorized by the Board to proceed with the hiring of an additional high school teacher for the school year 1953-54. The new teacher is being added because of the increase in enrollment expected next year.

SALARY INCREASES were authorized for both the clerks and custodians in the School District. The increases were made on an individual basis rather than in (Continued on Page Ten)

Hospital To Hold Open House May 8

A special invitation is being extended to Farmington area residents this week to visit the new Northville State Hospital during the annual open house scheduled for Friday, May 8.

The hospital will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Planned tours will be shown and lectures by members of the staff will be presented. The open house is a part of the observance of National Mental Health Week, May 3 to May 9.

Chrysler Secures 600 Acre Site In New Hudson

No Definite Plans Made
For Use Of Property

Word was received early Wednesday morning that the Chrysler Corporation has purchased approximately 600 acres in New Hudson, presumably for the construction of one of its major manufacturing plants.

The information was secured from Glenn Cummings, publisher of the Northville Record. Cummings stated that a company spokesman emphasized that no definite plans for use of the property have been made as yet. The site is located on the south side of Grand River and is bordered on the west by the Grand Trunk Railroad in New Hudson.

THE PROPERTY was reportedly purchased on March 12, 1953, from Charles E. Sorenson, former vice-president of the Ford Motor Company and Assistant Chairman of the Board of the Willys Overland Corporation. Sorenson had formerly owned considerable property in Farmington Township. The land purchased at New Hudson includes approximately half of the Sorenson farm.

A Chrysler Corporation official stated that the purchase is "in line" with the Corporation's confidence in the future of Michigan as an "industrial center." He added that "We had an opportunity to buy the property and regard the purchase as a good long-term investment even though we have no present plans for it."

Lloyd Gullen, Farmington realtor, handled the sale of the property. It is reportedly one of the largest sales by a single broker in the Detroit area in many years.

Special Band Fair Set For Saturday

Final arrangements are now being completed for the Farmington P. T. A. Band Fair to be held Saturday, May 2, at the Farmington High School gymnasium. Mrs. Samuel Turner, chairman, stated Monday.

Proceeds from the fair, designed as a Town and Country setting, will be used to purchase new uniforms for the Farmington High School band. Doors of the gym will open at 12 noon on Saturday. Thirty-two attractive and original booths will decorate the hall as bakers go into action. There will be a silhouette booth by the art class, a cookie booth by the home making classes, home made and cotton candy booths, not to mention Pa Kettle's egg booth with "Pop" loaded with ninety dozen of his freshest eggs. Not only that, the atmosphere will be completed with some of Pa's "Egg and I" chickens.

The student council will have charge of all game booths and the Girls' Athletic Association will put on some novel floor shows. Mrs. Turner stated that all persons in charge of booths will be working on them as early as 7:00 p.m. Friday evening.

No one should go hungry at the fair, because the Band Mothers (Continued on Page Ten)

Sanitary Inspector Given Authority To Cite Violators Of Ordinance

Positive action was taken by the Farmington Township Board Tuesday evening calling for the tightening up on the enforcement of the existing Township Health Ordinance.

In a motion by Ward Eagle and supported by Edward Shaffer, the Sanitary Inspector, Thomas Tardy, was given the authority to proceed with the enforcement of provisions of the Health Ordinance. The action followed a discussion by the Board regarding numerous unsanitary conditions in the township. Tardy mentioned several instances where raw sewage is being allowed to flow into open ditches. He also cited cases where outside toilets exist in spite of provisions against them in the ordinance.

Tardy stated that he would notify all known violators in writing and would give them a set period of time to comply with the ordinance. If they fail to comply, court action will be taken. Eagle emphasized that the existing ordinance should be enforced if it is to remain in effect.

City Faces Court Action On Sewage Disposal Plant

Wait Ruling From State
Attorney General

An order is expected to be issued this week by the State Attorney General requiring that the City of Farmington appear in court to hear judgment on the delay in the construction of the sewage disposal plant.

The action is expected as a result of a special hearing held last Thursday before the State Stream Control Commission in Lansing. The hearing was held to give the city an opportunity to show cause why a court order should not be issued against the city.

James T. Tennant, City Manager, stated that the question concerned the delay in the filing of plans and specifications for the proposed plant. The deadline for the filing of plans was set for March 1, 1953.

TENNANT STATED that the plans have been delayed pending the receipt of specifications from one more bidder. Because of the less expensive construction and operation of this type of plant, the city has been anxious to secure this proposal. If satisfactory, the construction will save the taxpayers a considerable amount of money, Tennant added.

What action the court may take is not known. However, the city will be given an opportunity to appeal if they desire following the court judgment. The City Manager stated that the city is proceeding with plans for the construction. The plant is expected to be completed prior to the July 1954, deadline set by the state.

GOODWILL NAMES REPRESENTATIVE FOR FARMINGTON

Miss Lora Ault, 2130 Shady-side, has been employed by the Goodwill Industries of Detroit (set as Farmington - Livonia representative).

Her duties are to take pick-up calls for discarded materials which are used at Goodwill workshops to provide employment and training for physically handicapped men and women.

The next pick-up by the Goodwill trucks in Farmington is scheduled for Monday, May 4. Anyone desiring to contribute reusable clothing, shoes, hats, toys, furniture and small appliances may contact Miss Ault by calling Farmington 1461-M.

Set School Board Petition Deadline

Deadline on the filing of nominating petitions for school board in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School District has been set for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

Two board trustees are to be elected in the Farmington District at the Annual Election to be held June 3. The terms of Wendell Brown and Bayard Tupper expire this year. Nominating petitions may be secured at the office of the Board of Education in the Farmington High School.

In the Annual Clarenceville School Election June 8, two trustees are to be elected. The terms of Richard Pribe and Robert Rickert expire this year. Persons desiring nominating petitions may secure them from Rickert, Board secretary, at his home at 19327 Mathers, or from the Board of Education office in the Clarenceville High School.

Petitions must be signed by not less than 50 nor more than 75 qualified electors of the respective school district. Each person must sign no more than two petitions, as that is the number of candidates to be elected.

These Dolls Are Going To The Fair



Janice Schweizer, 51504 Alameda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schweizer, poses with her doll collection which will be displayed at the Band Fair to be held this Saturday, May 2, at the Farmington High School gymnasium. Doors of the gym will open at 12 noon and will remain open through the afternoon and evening. Proceeds from the fair will go toward the purchase of new uniforms for the Farmington High School band.

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CITY POLICE OPEN NEW TRAINING PROGRAM SERIES

Special bi-monthly training conferences are being renewed within the City Police Department, James Tennant, City Manager, stated Monday.

The training sessions are expected to begin in May and continue through the summer, Tennant added. The conferences will consist of lectures by experts in the law enforcement field, special inter-departmental conferences and physical training. This type of training program was first initiated last year in the city.

Tennant added that similar conferences will be held in other city departments in the near future. In addition, plans are being made for sessions with various departments in order to better coordinate the activities of the city.

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