

Survey Of Sewage Problems Begins In Township

County To Assist In Sanitation Study

A general survey of health and sanitation conditions in Farmington Township was begun this week by Melvin Goldman of the County Health Department and Thomas Tardy, Township Sanitation Inspector.

Tardy stated that a number of locations were investigated and some recommendations made. Goldman, who recently joined the County Health Department, has been assigned to a three-township area of which Farmington is a part. Goldman will be available to the township for inspection and consultation. Tardy stated that the sanitation survey will be continued in the coming week.

The inspector added that when unsanitary conditions are found in violation of the Township Health Ordinance that property owners will be notified and given a period of time to comply with the law. Court action will be taken against those who fail to correct the situation in the prescribed time.

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EXPLOSION CAUSES SLIGHT DAMAGE AT LUMBER COMPANY

An explosion rocked the roof of the building at Courtney Lumber and Supply Company, 27353 Grand River, at approximately 11:30 p.m. on May 5. Apparently a bomb had been tossed on the roof after all personnel had left the place of business.

Companymen Clinton Spies and Donald Dorman could offer no explanation as to why the bomb was thrown. They estimated damages at slightly over \$100. The skylight was broken and some damage was done to the electrical wiring.

State Police answered the call as a result of the explosion, which was heard by many residents in the Farmington-Livonia area.

"Pa Kettle" Makes A Sale At The Band Fair



One of the biggest attractions at the Farmington Band Fair held last Saturday afternoon and evening was "Pa Kettle," his baby chicks and his eggs. Here "Pa," who is actually Frank Annette, 22051 Brookside, makes a big sale to Mrs. Arnold Brumm, 29320 Hemlock. The Band Fair, held in the Farmington High School gymnasium, was the final activity in behalf

of the drive to raise money for new uniforms for the Farmington High School band. In spite of the inclement weather a good crowd visited the gym which was filled with all types of display booths. Approximately \$650 was collected during the one-day fair to bring the campaign total to \$1,923.

Farmington Band Uniform Fund Hits \$1,900 Mark As Drive Ends

Collect \$650 At Special Band Fair Saturday

Farmington's Band Uniform Fund, sponsored by the Farmington P. A., was approximately \$450 richer this week following the tabulation of receipts collected during the Band Fair held Saturday afternoon and evening at the high school gymnasium.

According to Carl Matz, treasurer of the Band Uniform Fund, the total collected to date stands at \$1,923. The bulk of the money collected for the fund came from the presentation of "Huckleberry Finn," the Farmington High School band festival, the Band Fair and solicitation of individuals. Matz emphasized that a number of additional contributions are expected from various civic and service groups. The Band Fair officially closed the campaign. However, contributions may still be made to the Fund by contacting Carl Matz at Farmington 0703.

In spite of cold, rainy weather a good crowd attended the Band Fair on Saturday. Of the \$650 collected, \$225 came from band members who solicited funds throughout the business section (Continued on Page Eight)

COMPLETE PLANS FOR SCHOOL ARTS EXHIBIT FRIDAY

The fourth annual School Arts Exhibit, sponsored by the students of Farmington High School, will be held Friday, May 8, in the high school gymnasium.

Six departments will take part in this year's show which will begin at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening. The majority of the exhibits will be made up by the shop, mechanical drawing, and art departments. Other displays will be furnished by the math, science, Spanish, French, Latin and social studies departments of the high school. All residents of the Farmington Township School District are invited to visit the exhibit. Admission is free.

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What's In The Future?

City Planning Commission Begins Shaping Pattern For Tomorrow

Shaping the future of a city is not a job that can be done overnight, especially when the work must start at rock bottom.

In the few months that the City Planning Commission has been in operation, a lot of basic information has been secured and some definite trends have been established. Both of these ingredients are essential to the development of an over-all plan for the future of the city. However, as was pointed out at a recent Planning Commission meeting, education and attitude is a vital part of any planning program. If Farmington is to develop into a progressive community, the public must be more than just aware of the facts; they must be ready to accept them and to do something about it.

With this in mind, The Enterprise will, from time to time, publish facts and figures as well as

Township Hunting Ban Apparently Lost In Senate

Bill Fails To Clear Committee By Deadline

The proposed bill in the State Senate calling for a ban on hunting in Farmington Township has apparently been bogged down in committee and will not be presented at this session of the legislature.

No official word has been received on the status of the proposed legislation, but all bills must be reported out of committee by last Friday in order to be acted upon by the Senate. Lack of notification would indicate that the bill was not presented. The House version of the bill was approved several weeks ago and sent to the Senate. Representative Howard Estes sponsored the bill in the House.

ACTION was taken on the proposed legislation following the filing of petitions by township residents requesting the hunting ban. The petitions were presented to Estes, who in turn sponsored the initial legislation in the House. A number of township residents appeared before the House Committee prior to the presentation of the bill, seeking its enactment.

Following passage in the House the bill was sent to the Senate where the sponsorship of Senator George Higgins. Two Farmington Township residents, Mr. William J. Spicer and Mr. Mills, Jr., were invited to Lansing Thursday in an effort to stimulate action on the bill, but reported little success.

Tax For School Operation Studied At Farmington

Will Present Proposal At Meeting May 18

A possible tax levy for operation of the Farmington Township School District is being considered by the Board of Education and the Citizens' Advisory Committee. It was discussed Monday at a meeting of the committee held in the Farmington High School.

O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, stated that no definite proposal has been set up as yet. Further discussion of the question will be held at the next meeting of the committee on Monday, May 18. It was pointed out at the meeting that additional funds will be needed this coming year if a reasonably satisfactory program is to be continued. The superintendent pointed out during the discussion that the majority of school districts in this area are levying a tax for operation purposes.

MEMBERS of the Citizens' Advisory Committee have requested that the administration prepare an outline for presentation at the next meeting. In so doing, the program if the tax funds are not available. Dunckel stated that a definite proposal will be made up for discussion by the group at Monday's meeting.

Miss Mielke Ziegler, elementary coordinator, and G. V. Harrison, high school principal, were present at the Monday meeting to discuss facilities, equipment and personnel. They outlined what is available at the present time as well as what is necessary for an improved program. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of a well-stocked library. It was stated that this is the keystone to any educational program. James Reed, assistant superintendent, also discussed various phases of auxiliary facilities.

City Relocates Parking Meters

Work was begun this week on the installation of parking meters along South Farmington Road and a portion of State Street, according to James Tennant, City Manager.

The meters will be located on both sides of South Farmington Road from State Street to approximately 150 feet. A survey was made Monday by the Public Works Department and the setting of the meter poles began Tuesday.

A total of 22 meters are being installed. The meters were removed recently from the north side of South Farmington Road west to Oakland Avenue. Four of the 22 meters will (Continued on Page Eight)

DELMONTIER NAMED TO HEAD OAKLAND POLIO CHAPTER

The directors of the Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, at the annual meeting held April 30 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Pontiac, elected Pierre Delmontier of Farmington to serve for the coming year as chairman of the chapter.

Other officers on the executive committee are: first vice-chairman Ernest Goldsworthy of Farmdale, second vice-chairman Howard O. Powers of Pontiac, secretary Ray Dorris of Pontiac, treasurer Carl W. Donelson of Pontiac and assistant treasurer Mrs. Howard Riemann of Birmingham.

Howard W. Starn of Farmington and Mrs. Vernon Hawley of Clarencville were also elected to serve as directors of the Oakland County Chapter for a one-year period.

FLARE IN SKY OVER TOWNSHIP STILL MYSTERY

The small ball of fire, seen in the sky near Orchard Lake and 12 Mile Roads early Tuesday morning by two State Troopers from the Redford Post, is still a mystery.

Announce Plans For Construction Of New Grand River Highway West Of Farmington Cut-Off

Registrations Open For Annual School Elections

Books To Remain Open Through May 29

Vote registrations for the Annual School Elections to be held in the Farmington and Clarencville School Districts on Monday, June 8, are now being taken at the respective City and Township offices, officials stated this week.

Farmington Township School District includes the Township and City of Farmington as well as a portion of the City of Livonia. Residents are required to register at the city or township office in which they live. The Clarencville School District includes portions of Farmington and Redford Townships as well as the City of Livonia.

PERSONS already registered in their district need not re-register to be eligible to vote. Residents of Farmington Township may register at the township office any weekday except Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The same hours are followed in the other municipalities, with the exception that most are open on Monday. Residents are asked to call the School District office for doubt as to where to register or eligibility.

Friday, May 29, has been designated as the final date of registration. On that date all government offices involved will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking registrations.

Open School With Auxiliary Water

The Middlebelt Elementary School was re-opened Wednesday after a temporary water supply was approved by the Oakland County Health Department. O. E. Dunckel, superintendent, announced this week.

Dunckel stated that the school was closed last week when the screen on the well became damaged. Arrangements for an auxiliary water supply were completed Monday and the inspection of the system was approved by County Health officials on Tuesday.

The superintendent added that work has now begun on the repair of the well screen. The auxiliary supply will be used until the regular well is back in operation. Dunckel emphasized that every effort will be made to get the regular supply of water going again as soon as possible. In the meantime, the temporary system is sufficient and has been carefully (Continued on Page Eight)

Limited Access Road Would Circle North Of Novi And New Hudson

Surveys are now being made for the relocation of U. S. 16 from the west end of the Farmington Cut-Off to Kent Lake, according to Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner.

The Enterprise contacted the State Highway Department Monday, after receiving a number of rumors that the project was being re-evaluated. According to the Highway Department, the layout of the new road as well as the securing of right-of-way will be conducted this year. The actual construction work on the road will probably not be started until next year because all 1953 funds have been appropriated.

According to the tentative plan, the new section of U. S. 16 will run slightly north of the present road and will by-pass both Novi and New Hudson. The distance north of the existing highway will vary with the location. It will begin on the west near Kent Lake and will continue east, hooking up with the Farmington Cut-Off near Ten Mile Road.

NO PLANS have been made as yet for the changing of the Farmington Cut-Off, according to the Highway Department. There have been indications that the Cut-Off might be widened into a two-way express-type highway. However, a spokesman for the Highway Department stated that the present plans call for the development of the road from Kent Lake east, with this phase of the project going only to the west end of the Cut-Off. It was indicated that some study has been made of the Cut-Off but that no definite conclusions have been reached as yet.

The proposed road to the west of Farmington will probably be a four-lane divided access highway and will tie in at the bridge crossing the southern outlet of Kent Lake. Because of the size of the project, it will probably be several years before the new road is open.

Increased attention is being given to this section of U. S. 16 because of the growing volume of traffic. Since the establishment of the Kent Lake recreation area, Grand River has become highly congested, particularly in Farmington, Novi and New Hudson.

Under the proposed plan, the present Grand River would probably continue to be used as a service road with the through traffic using the limited access highway.

FARMINGTON CITY BUDGET HEARING SET FOR MONDAY

A public hearing on the proposed budget of the City of Farmington for the year 1953-54 will be held on Monday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

All taxpayers of the city are invited to attend the hearing and to participate in the discussion. The purpose of the hearing is to afford residents an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed budget and to suggest any changes they desire.

The final proposal will be presented and acted upon at the next regular meeting of the City Council, to be held May 18. The proposed budget is balanced at \$178,050 for an increase of approximately \$28,000 over the 1952-53 year.

Blood Bank Drive Off To Fast Start

A total of 40 registrations have been recorded in the first two days of registration for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank, which will visit Farmington on May 18. The registration opened Monday at the special blood bank booth set up in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. According to Mrs. Fred Lenz, registration chairman, the booth will remain open for one week except Friday evening during regular banking hours. The booth will be operated by Red Cross volunteers. Farmington residents may also register for the blood bank by calling Mrs. Lenz at Farmington 0423.

The mobile blood bank will be set up in the Farmington Town Hall during the one-day visit, and will be open from 1:45 to 7:45 p.m. The registrations are being set up on 15-minute periods as in previous years. Persons are requested to register as early as possible in order to secure a time most convenient for them. Residents who are able to give blood during the afternoon hours are asked to register then, leaving the evening hours open to residents who work during the day.

All persons who donate blood this year will be given a blood donor's pin to signify participation in the program. The pins are being donated by Mrs. Lenz.

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AROUND THE BLOCK

THE GREAT TRAIL has begun once again. If last Sunday was any measuring stick, at least the growing string of cars which continued to flow out Grand River throughout the day looked very much like a mammoth expedition. There were even boats, trailers, and fishing poles as the warm weather brought the first big safari out of Detroit. According to all reports, we can expect another busy summer as far as Grand River is concerned, and last Sunday seems to bear out the prediction. So prepare yourself. Pick out alternate routes if you choose to travel on Sunday, and take plenty of time to get there and back... if you want to be sure of getting back.

LAST WEEK... we had an item in this column encouraging you to register for the Mobile Blood Bank which will visit Farmington on May 18. Apparently quite a few of you noticed it and, more important, you did something about it. So if you haven't registered yet, in the hope that more of you will see it and respond to the plea. In spite of the possibility of being accused of repetition, we will even mention it next week. We believe in the old adage, you can't overdo a good thing, and if giving blood to save lives isn't a good thing, we never saw one. So if you haven't registered for the Blood Bank, do it today at the special booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. Give what even money can't buy... a pint of blood to save a life!

CONGRATULATIONS... to the members of the Farmington P. T. A., the high school band and the many others who have devoted their time, money and effort to bring the Band Uniform Fund within reaching distance of its goal. Collecting over \$1,900 in such a community effort is not easy, it takes a lot of sacrifice and hard work. We are confident that the ultimate goal will be reached and that come next fall the Farmington High School band will step out in bright new togs for everyone to see.

A FEW MORE... complaints have come to our attention during the past week concerning dumping along roads in the township. We are very happy to receive any comments you may have regarding such problems. During the past several years, The Enterprise has devoted considerable space in pictures, feature articles and editorials to this situation. The Township Board is now considering more frequent pick-ups in an effort to eliminate the problem. A number of constructive suggestions were made by residents at the Annual Meeting of the township last month, which has done much to center attention on the situation. We hope that more residents will present suggestions to the Board. This is a community problem and it is going to take community participation and cooperation to find the answer and make it work.

AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED... elsewhere in this issue, the annual public hearing on the proposed budget of the City for the year 1953-54 is to be held Monday at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. This is an invitation to all city property owners to attend the hearing and participate in the discussion. What is a public hearing for and we hope a large number of residents will take advantage of the opportunity. Show your interest in the progress and development of your city. Ask questions, make suggestions or just listen, but make it a point to be there... it's good business and good government.