

Threaten Suit Against Supplier Of Equipment

Given Until Sept. 8
To Complete Contract

The Farmington Township School Board Monday evening threatened court action against one of the grade school equipment contractors unless their work is completed by September 8.

The action followed a legal opinion by School Attorney Archie Leonard which, sanctioned the legal right of the Board to take action against the Stella Products Company for breach of contract.

The Board subsequently voted to inform the bonding company to the effect that if work by Stella Products is not completed by September 8, the Board will let a new contract for the remainder of the work and bring suit in court for the established damages. In the case that this action would be necessary, the Board set the September 14 regular meeting date as the time when a new contract would be let.

The contract with Stella Products covered purchases and installation of stoves, sinks and cabinets in school kitchens. The (Continued on Page Eight)

Board Considers Zoning Changes

A meeting of the Township Zoning Board has been tentatively set for Thursday evening to discuss two proposed changes in the zoning ordinance. Leo Kelly, Board Chairman, announced Monday.

Kelly stated that a preliminary study of the proposed amendments would be made at the meeting. The chairman added that the Board is also expected to see the date, time and place of a public hearing on the proposals as required by law.

Copies of the two proposed amendments were turned over to the chairman by the Township Clerk, Harry McCracken, shortly after the last Township Board meeting on August 11. Kelly stated that Thursday was the first date available when all the members could be present.

The two proposed changes concern the zoning of Schroeder Farms Subdivision, which is not included in the ordinance at the present time. With the changing character to industrial of a portion of land at the corner of Nine Mile and Farmington Roads.

IF WE SEEM . . . to have gone overboard on school news this week don't blame us . . . it's just that time of the year again. In fact the next few weeks will be pretty heavy on the school side but a lot of you have asked for it. We will try and give it to you. This week we are concentrating on registration information and next week we will run bus schedules for both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts. The following week we will try and have information on the results of the opening day enrollment. With the addition of new classrooms, new opening day enrollment. With the addition of new classrooms, new opening day enrollment. With the addition of new classrooms, new opening day enrollment.

WIFE KNOCKING - In a wood, but this is the first week in we don't know how long that we haven't had a serious accident to report. Believe me it is a mighty welcome relief for us, and no doubt for you. This business of writing about injury and death on our highways gets to be a spine-chilling affair. We wished that everyone might get a taste of spelling out names of the dead and injured as well as the account of what happened. No, it isn't pleasant writing or reading either, but maybe it would help to cut down the pain and suffering that follows every auto accident. Maybe it would cause us to slow up a little, to pay closer attention to the traffic laws and to be a little more courteous toward one another. We worry about all kinds of things until we settle down behind the wheel of the family car . . . then something happens and usually it's too late!

SPEAKING OF SCHOOL . . . and things that come with the fall season, we ought to be getting some of those amazing exhibits of the Farmington harvest. Now, don't misunderstand us, we aren't fishing for any treats or anything like that . . . just interested in the news and feature angle, that's all. You aren't convinced, eh? Seriously, if you have any "left over" vegetables, fruits or flowers, we would like to know about it and we're sure our readers would be interested in it too. We've seen some mighty terrific carrots, cabbage and cucumbers come out of Farmington gardens in the past few years and it seems like there ought to be some this year. Let us know about it, will you? . . . and we promise not to take a bite . . . unless you insist, of course!

ROADS IN AND AROUND . . . the Farmington area are getting lots of attention these days and good many readers have said "we've been waiting" . . . but it's road and it's good news. The latest project is the widening and resurfacing of a portion of Eight Mile Road from Grand River to Inkster Road and on east. At the same time work is continuing on the widening of Orchard Lake Road from Eleven to Fourteen Mile Road. Let us give you another glance to remind you to take it easy when traveling Orchard Lake Road or, better yet, take an alternate route if possible. It will be a lot easier on you . . . not to mention the construction crews.

Four Days Left

Tax Deadline Set For Monday

City property owners have just four more days in which to pay their 1953 summer taxes without penalty.

Kathryn Cotter, City Treasurer, announced Tuesday that approximately 70% of the taxes had been paid to date, which means that there will be quite a rush at the Municipal Building this week end, or quite a few penalties, one or the other. Mrs. Cotter explained, however, that many of the larger mortgage holders do not make their payments until the deadline.

All city taxes paid between September 3 and October 31 are subject to a 2% penalty. Taxes paid between November 1 and February 28 are penalized at the rate of 4%. After February 28 taxes must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer in Pontiac.

Classes To Open Without Use Of Westbrook School

Westbrook School Ready In October

Clarenceville School officials announced this week that the new Westbrook Elementary School will not be ready for use by the opening of classes on September 10. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that the completion date on the building was set for October at the time when the contract was let, but officials had hoped to get into the school by September.

Still, the school will not be completed by September 10 a number of changes in schedules will be required. Youngsters who were previously assigned to the new school will be transferred to other schools temporarily. Schmidt added, "Those children who would have attended kindergarten, first, second and third grades will start at the Central School. Students who would have entered fourth grade at the Westbrook School will be transferred to the Botsford School and fifth and sixth graders will start at the Clarenceville High School."

Schmidt emphasized that "as soon as the Westbrook School is completed students will be transferred back to the new building."

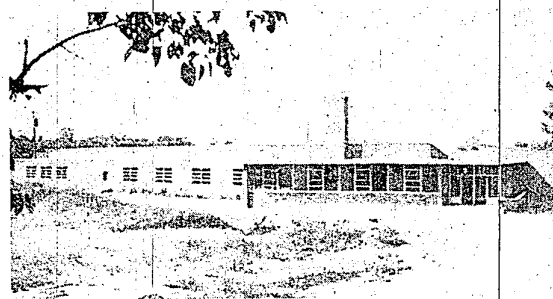
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TOWNSHIP BOARD CALLS FOR REVIEW OF HEALTH CODE

New Classrooms Bring Relief To Clarenceville



One of the principal additions to the Clarenceville School District is the new Botsford School located on Lathurs Street in the southeastern section of the District. The new school will provide 13 modern classrooms, greatly reducing the crowded conditions in the elementary grades. The Westbrook Elementary School, now under construction on Osmus Street, is of the same general architecture as the Botsford School and will provide seven classrooms. The picture at the right is the new industrial shop and high school addition, where equipment is being installed this week. The high school addition also contains science laboratories, homecoming rooms, a cafeteria and study hall.

Title Search Started On Proposed Parking Lot Site In Business Area

City Takes Initial Steps To Secure Property For Additional Off-Street Parking Facilities

A title search is now being conducted by the City Attorney on the property included in the site of the proposed public parking lot located on the west side of South Farmington Road.

The search is being made to determine the legal owners of the property and to locate any persons who may have a financial interest in the land other than title holders. This procedure is necessary before any attempt can be made by the city to purchase the property. City officials stated that as soon as the search has been completed action will be taken to contact the legal owners.

The lot included in the property has been owned by the boundaries of the various parcels outlined. The proposed parking lot site includes the interior property located directly behind the stores on the south side of Grand River and on the business frontage on the east side of Farmington Road. One outlet and inlet is available on Grand River and two on South Farmington Road.

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The first official proposal to open up Fourteen Mile Road from New Hudson on the west to Grand River on the east has been introduced by the Birmingham City Commission, the Birmingham Eccentric announced last week. According to the Eccentric, "the Commission has approved a resolution requesting the Oakland County Road Commission to acquire the last remaining right-of-way for Fourteen Mile Road along a portion of Birmingham Country Club's southern boundary." The action is proposed to take some of the heavy traffic off Maple Road. The Eccentric stated that a "study on the advisability of Fourteen Mile Road . . . began in 1946."

Fourteen Mile Road is the northern boundary of Farmington Township from Inkster Road on the east to Haggerty Road on the west. There have been repeated rumors for several years that this section of road would be developed into a main east-west artery.

City Takes Action To Condemn Unsafe Buildings

Mail Letters To Three Alleged Violators

Official condemnation notices are being mailed out this week by the city to three property owners who have buildings classified as hazardous under the building code and health ordinance.

Owners will have until September 15 to abate the condition. If corrective measures are not taken by that time the Council will take action to condemn the buildings.

Citizens of Farmington have been requested to keep their use of water at a minimum during these hot days.

Alfred Skellorn, head of the Farmington Public Works Department, states that during the past few days pressure has run low due to increased usage and that present facilities make it impossible to meet the pressure until around 10:00 p.m.

by that time the Council will take action to condemn the buildings. The buildings involved are classified as fire or safety hazards or are in violation of sanitary regulations.

THIS NOTICE is being mailed at the direction of the Council. Elimination of the hazards has been under discussion by the city for several months. The three letters going out at this time involve buildings owned by Arnold Green at 22425 Orchard Lake Road, Jennie Grace at 4368 Grand River, and John P. Harman and J. Witek on Grand River near Lathurs. Green's building is classified as a fire hazard and is in violation of sanitary regulations. An old barn on the rear of the Jennie Grace property.

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Farmington Sets Dates For Grade School Enrollment

New Students To Enroll Tuesday, Wednesday

Registration of new students in the elementary schools of the Farmington Township School District will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1 and 2. Miss Minnie Ziegle, elementary coordinator, announced this week.

The special registration is for students who were not enrolled in the District last year. Students attending Farmington grade schools last year were registered prior to the close of school in June. Enrollment of kindergarten children was held in the spring.

Miss Ziegle stated that new students should enroll on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and on Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the principal's office in the respective schools. The evening hours are being provided as a convenience for those parents who can not enroll their children during the day.

PARENTS are requested to bring their child's birth certificate with them for registration as well as school records if their child attended classes prior to moving to Farmington. All students must be registered by the school principal before entering any classroom. If parents do not know at which school they should enroll, they are advised to call Farmington 3155 for information.

Both elementary and junior and senior high school students should secure their books at the book store located in the basement of the old grade school next to the high school building. The store opened Monday and will remain open through the beginning of school. Store hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, September 4, and Friday, September 11.

SEEK MORE BIDS ON EXTENSION OF OSMUS STREET

Bids are now being secured on the extension of Osmus Street from Junction south to the new Westbrook Elementary School. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Tuesday.

Blanchard stated that several bids have been secured so far. He added that as soon as sufficient proposals have been received, a survey of the extension will be made. The Oakland County Road Commission has agreed to handle the engineering work.

The project is to be financed jointly by the Township Board and the Clarenceville School District.

Board Seeks Opinion On Possible Changes In Present Ordinance

A complete review of the present Township Health Ordinance was called for by the Township Board Tuesday evening in an effort to determine the enforceability of the code.

The Board directed that the Township Attorney, as well as the Township and County Health Officers, be requested to attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss the ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is now being studied by Archie Leonard, Township Attorney, Thomas Tardy, sanitary inspector and Board member, suggested that the study be made.

Tardy stated that there was some question on the possible enforcement of certain phases of the ordinance. He added that the Board should get a legal opinion on the matter and if necessary make some changes in the code. No specific parts of the ordinance were cited as being unenforceable.

Tardy explained that it has not been determined whether or not all of the ordinance is enforceable or not. This will have to be determined after a review of the legislation.

A LETTER was read to the Board from the State Highway Department announcing the establishment of a 45 mile per hour speed control zone on Grand River between Eight Mile Road and the east end of the Farmington-Corpus Christi Highway. The zone will go into effect September 17. The letter accompanying the notice was signed by J. Carl McLaughlin, director of the planning and traffic division of the State Highway Department.

The Board directed the Township Clerk to draft a resolution giving its endorsement to the fund campaign for the construction of St. Joseph's General Hospital. The action follows the reading of a letter from Sterling Eaton, general chairman of the building fund campaign. Eaton stated that the hospital, to be located in Livonia, 70 miles from Farmington, is being established to conduct a drive in this community.

Action was taken by the Board authorizing the printing and mailing of new names that they must secure a certificate of occupancy before they can move into a home. The notices must be posted in a prominent place on the property or building. Under the ordinance (failure to comply with the regulation will, upon conviction, result in a fine not to exceed \$100 or 30 days in jail or both.

The printing of the notices is intended to prevent occupancy of "shell" homes until proper sanitary and electrical requirements are met.

Step-Up Travel Series Ticket Sale

Members of the Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series Committee are now selling tickets for the "Step-Up Travel Series" ticket sale, as the climax for the sale of series tickets.

The members of the club resolved to contact as many persons in the Farmington area as possible between now and September 26 regarding the purchase of tickets. Al Benjon, chairman of the ticket sales, reported a very enthusiastic reception of the program from every section of the community.

C. U. Applegate, chairman of programs, pointed out that similar series in 30 other Michigan communities are complete sell-outs each year, and that many of these communities are being forced to establish two nights in order to take care of the demand.

Whyte, in charge of coverage, stated that tickets can be secured from Charley Crockett's Antique Shoppe, May's Florist, Thomas Jewelers or the Farmington Enterprise.

Interest In Special Hunting Ban Election On Increase In Township

On October 3 the qualified electors of Farmington Township will go to the polls to decide whether or not hunting shall be banned in the township.

The question has already created considerable interest and it is expected to increase as the special election draws near. Action on the proposed ban was initiated by residents of the township through the efforts of George Higgins.

After a survey of the township and a public hearing the legislation was approved by the House and advanced to the State Senate under the sponsorship of George Higgins. Just prior to the adjournment it was passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor. Included in the legislation is a provision that the proposal must be approved by the voters before it can become law.

Prior to the hearing before the House Conservation Committee, letters both for and against the proposal were sent to Lansing residents of the township. In addition, a number of citizens attended the hearing.

The legislation shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting in the special election.