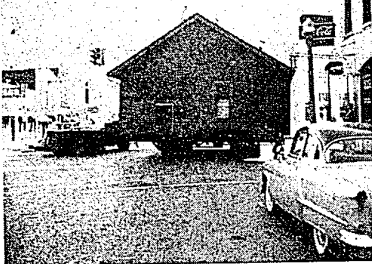


In One Week... Out The Next



This is the concluding chapter of the story of the moving house. It started a week ago last Friday, when the house was moved from Birmingham to a lot on Grand River near Pickett in the city. After some rather heated debate and considerable negotiation, the house and lot were purchased by residents in the area. The first action after the purchase was the removal of the house to a location outside of the city. The final moving operation, which is pictured here, took place last Thursday.

Farmington Examiner Reports New Decision On Driver License Law

Extend Effective Date On Some Licenses

Farmington area residents are being advised this week that driver's licenses issued before October 2, 1953, will be extended for a period longer than three years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, Farmington examiner, explained that a new decision in Lansing will continue the effective period of a license until a driver's next birthday following the expiration date shown on its face. This move is designed to permit drivers to change over to the new law which is expected to reduce loss of life and property from highway accidents.

Under the new law, which becomes effective October 2, drivers are expected to renew their licenses without reminders from the department of Motor Vehicles. Licenses will expire on the driver's birthday at three year intervals.

Mrs. Snyder suggests that persons who expect to drive outside the state contact the Farmington Driver's License Bureau for an official card which will explain why the license is legal even though it seems outdated.



AROUND THE BLOCK

FARMINGTON GRABBED the spotlight in one of the Detroit dailies again this past week... this time in the form of pictures. The Sunday section of the Detroit News ran a beautiful color photo of an autumn farm scene right on the front cover which, according to the cutlines, was taken near Farmington. Then on the inside of the same pictorial section were interesting photos on the recent moving of polo patients to the new Slater Kenny Hospital in Farmington. So altogether we got a pretty good spread of local and regional news. It was a nice change from the usual news of the city. Members have made on the farm in our own home community that are worth looking at and reading about.

IT WAS MIGHTY QUIET

around here last Saturday in spite of the fact that it was Halloween, and we don't think anyone was very mad about the situation, either. In fact, the police, the merchants and city officials were mighty happy about it all. You will notice elsewhere on this page a commendation of the service Americans have made on the night to add our congratulations to it. Everyone seemed to have a good time and with a minimum of discomfort to others, which is the way it should be. Window soaping was about the only aftermath of the Halloween celebration and there is a wonderful way of eliminating that problem. It consists of some water colors, a few pieces, and lots of windows to be painted. The youngsters have a lot of fun, the business area is attractively decorated, and then there are the prizes. It is worth thinking about!

NEXT WEDNESDAY

November 11 is Armistice Day, which means that the bank, the Post Office and the city and township offices will be closed. We hope that this will serve as a helpful reminder and maybe save you an extra trip... but we hope that it will serve as a reminder of something else far more important. Armistice Day has been set as a commemorative day for the service Americans have made on the battlefield to protect our way of life. It serves also to remind us of the obligations we owe to them and to our country, to work for the preservation of peace. They did not want to die... they wanted to live so that they might come back to their homes and families. And if they could speak today their voices would be joined in one single prayer for peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Farmington Optimist Club on their receipt of two trophies awarded for attendance and membership. The awards cover records compiled by the club during the last fiscal year. Out of 35 charter members, a total of 16 have perfect attendance records. In addition, the club has increased its active membership to 46 men. As a result, the Farmington organization has received special attendance and membership quota awards from the 17th District, Optimist International. These awards are particularly appropriate since November 8 to 14 is Optimist Week. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

School Prepares To Borrow Second \$50,000

Expect Board Action At Monday Meeting

Final action on the borrowing of a second issue of \$50,000 by the Farmington Township School District is expected to be taken at the regular meeting of the Board Monday evening.

Approval of the loan application was granted by the Municipal Finance Commission several weeks ago. The money is being borrowed against undistributed state aid and is to be used for operational purposes.

In previous action last month, the Board secured a \$50,000 loan to cover current operating expenses. Under the provisions of a new law, school districts may borrow up to 100% of undistributed state aid for operations.

THE BOARD is expected to authorize the borrowing of the funds immediately in order to meet present obligations. The notes will be dated November 10 and will bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4%. School officials explained that the money is being borrowed in order to cover the period until state aid and local tax funds are received.

Superintendent O. E. Dunkel said Monday that the total state aid due to the District will amount to \$235,000. He added that approximately \$22,000 is expected in sales tax diversion money in the next few days. This plus the \$50,000 in borrowed funds will take care of present operating expenses, Dunkel added.

Adult Dance Class To Open Tuesday

Adults in the Farmington area who wish to learn to square dance will soon be afforded the opportunity, according to an announcement made Monday by James Read, Director of Adult Education in Farmington.

The initial organizational meeting will be held at Middlefield School on Tuesday, November 10, at 8:00 p.m. The class schedule, held Wednesday, November 11, at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington Municipal Building.

Further reports on the progress of the class will be presented to the Commission by Malcolm Waring, planning consultant.

According to Read, Gordon McLeod has again been commissioned to instruct the classes. Anyone wishing further information regarding the course has been invited by Mr. Read to call Farmington 9073.

RECREATION GROUP TO HOLD DANCES AT CLARENCEVILLE

The Clarenceville Recreation Commission will sponsor square dances for both adults and youngsters during the month of November.

According to plans of the commission, dances will be held for adults on November 7 and 21, and one for the younger set on November 28.

A professional call will be in charge of the proceedings, which are scheduled for the Clarenceville High School gym from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

City Manager Outlines Progress Of Proposed Sewage Disposal Plant

Back as far as 1928, various departments of the state government have attempted to get the City of Farmington to construct a sewage disposal plant. The city has not been until the last year that positive action has been taken. The history and progress of the present sewage disposal project is contained in this outline prepared by James Tennant, City Manager.

Reams of correspondence from the State Department of Health and the Water Resources Commission fill the old files in the Municipal Building. These files are evidence of a problem long existing in the city. The rapid growth of the city in recent years has not been without a corresponding increase in the need for correction for some time.

OPEN STUDY

In an attempt to satisfy this need, the City Engineer and the City Manager initiated a study of

Express Thanks Residents Enjoy Quiet Halloween

Halloween's ghosts, goblins and tiny gnomes carried out their on-air program of "tricks or treats" in the Farmington area Saturday night and city officials have reported little or no property damage as a result of the festivities. Hundreds of tiny tramps, colorful clowns and painted ladies made their rounds and added goodies to their sack at each stop. One humorous incident occurred when a young boy walked into a restaurant and begged the offered candy. What he did demand, however, was a cigar for his Dad, who was outside in the family car.

A score of private parties was undoubtedly responsible for keeping many of the celebrants indoors. The principal damage reported by city officials was soaped windows and a few expended trash cans.

Officials voiced their thanks to everyone in the area who helped make Halloween in Farmington a safe and sane celebration.

Township Zoning Board To Study Proposed Change

Group To Set Hearing Date On Amendment

The Farmington Township Zoning Board is expected to meet next week to consider a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and to make arrangements for a public hearing on the proposal, Leo Kelly, chairman of the Board, announced this week.

The proposed amendment would rezone a parcel of land on the north side of Northwestern Highway near 11 Mile Road from Commercial to Light Industrial. The Township Board, at its regular meeting October 13 approved a resolution of intention to amend the Zoning Ordinance regarding this proposal. The request for the rezoning was made directly to the Board by the owners of the property.

According to the Zoning Map, the area adjacent to the property is classified as Industrial. UNDER THE LAW governing zoning amendments, the Zoning Board must upon receipt of a proposal from the Township Board, make a recommendation to the Township Board.

Recommend Zone Change In City

The Farmington City Planning Commission, at a special meeting Wednesday evening, unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the area bounded by the Grand River Cut-off, Farmington Road, Nine Mile Road and Gill Road be rezoned from Residential to Industrial.

The area includes approximately 38 acres of city owned property. It was pointed out at the meeting that the city has had a number of offers to purchase the property for small industrial development. Members of the Commission pointed out the need for the rezoning in order to establish a more sound tax base.

A copy of the recommendation has been forwarded to the City Council. The Council is expected to hold a special meeting or at the regular meeting set for November 23.

City Manager Outlines Progress Of Proposed Sewage Disposal Plant

City officials responsible for the technical selection and most feasible methods of financing the disposal system, deliberately engineered the Water Resources Commission charge of pollution and subsequent decree for abatement into Circuit Court. There were definite reasons for this action. Two courses for financing the project were available. One method was to issue revenue bonds backed by water department funds and carrying a probable interest rate of 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. In order to meet annual installment payments on the principal and interest requirements, the city would have been forced to levy an annual charge of \$25 to \$40 against each household in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The other course was to call a special bond election for the purpose of obtaining voter approval of a general obligation bond. Had either the bond issue

New Survey Of Proposed Parking Lot Site In Business Area Filed With City

Board Discusses Policy Set-Up At Clarenceville

Plan Revision Of Rules Covering School District

Revision of policies and procedures of the Clarenceville School District was the subject of a special meeting of the Board of Education held last Thursday evening at the high school.

Although no formal action was taken, a detailed discussion of the subject was held. The policies and procedures cover the entire field of school operation, including student regulations, bus schedules, teachers' salaries, qualifications of the administrative staff and responsibilities of the school employees. The Board indicated that it would be several months before a final draft could be presented for action.

THE MAIN discussion centered around various recommendations and suggestions secured from the State Department of Public Instruction and the Michigan Education Association. Requests were sent to both agencies by the Board asking for advice. A preliminary draft of policies and procedures, which was previously prepared by the Board, was included along with the request.

The Board pointed out that a set of regulations was approved in 1948, but because of the tremendous growth of the District and changes in state laws, a revision of the policies and procedures is necessary. New state regulations as well as recent Board policies will be incorporated into the new set of rules.

Adult Classes Still Open At C'ville

Two courses are now being conducted as part of the adult education program of the Clarenceville School District. The first, a two-week course in bookkeeping, is being conducted by the district's superintendent, stated Monday.

The one course, driver training, has six sections of four students each. Classes are being held each evening except Friday at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Irish stated that the district driver training has attracted more enrollment than has been handled during the first session. The course consists of two hours on the road and one hour in the classroom. Registrations are now being taken for the second six weeks session, Irish added.

The second course being offered at Clarenceville is typing. The course meets Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Irish stated that there are still open spaces for this course. Classes are being held once a week for a period of twelve weeks.

Efforts are now being made to stimulate interest in a combination bookkeeping - shorthand course. Irish stated that only about six more registrants are required to start the class. Residents of the Clarenceville area interested in any of the three courses are requested to contact Irish at the Board of Education office, phone Farmington 2529.

Chairmen Discuss Hospital Plans



Herbert Hart of Farmington, left, chairman of the Memorial Gifts Committee of the St. Mary Hospital Fund, congratulates Harry S. Wolfe, Memorial Gifts Chairman of Livonia, for the outstanding work being done by his committee.

Dr. Joseph C. Wolfe and his Memorial Gifts Committee in Farmington are also doing an excellent job, as are the other local committees, in behalf of the new hospital.

Hospital Building Fund Solicitors Plan Final Briefing Wednesday

Community Appeal Phase Of Campaign To Open November 16 And Continue Through December 18

Two training sessions for volunteer solicitors working on the community appeal phase of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund have been planned. One was held in Farmington on November 4 and another is scheduled for November 11.

The November 4 session was held at 8:00 p.m. at the Farmington Town Hall and the November 11 session will be held at the new high school cafeteria. Volunteer solicitors will be briefed on the methods and procedures to follow when contacting possible donors.

Training sessions will be handled by solicitation experts with the assistance of local chairmen. Mrs. Louis Nolan and Mr. Fred Harrison are Farmington chairmen of the community appeal committee. The community appeal phase of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund will open about November 16 and continue to December 18.

WHITE PLAINS are being held for the opening of the community appeals phase, the Memorial Committee, under Dr. Joseph Gadhavi; the Professional Committee, under Dr. Theodore Liss; and the Business and Industry Committee, under Tracy Conroy, are busy covering their phases of the campaign. The Friends and Benefactors Committee, under the chairmanship of Wendell Brown, is now holding planning meetings.

WARN MERCHANTS TO BE ON LOOK-OUT FOR BAD CHECKS

Joseph DeVriendt, Farmington City Police Chief, issued a warning to merchants this week to watch out for possible bad checks.

The Chief added that several such checks have been cashed by Farmington merchants in the past week. DeVriendt urged businessmen to avoid accepting checks from persons they do not know.

Council To Adopt New Resolution Of Condemnation

The results of a new survey of the proposed city parking lot to be constructed south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road have been filed at the Municipal Building. James Tennant, City Manager, stated Tuesday.

As a result of the latest survey, the Council will be requested to draft a new resolution of condemnation. Tennant stated that this action is required to conform with new readings presented in the survey. The City Manager added that because of inconsistencies found in the original layout of the subdivision involved in the property, it has been necessary to make a new survey in order to establish correct boundaries.

With the adoption of a new resolution of condemnation, action can be started to secure the property. Paul Fure, City Attorney, indicated that a petition to condemn will be filed in Oakland County Circuit Court as soon as the resolution has been approved by the Council. This is the first legal step in the process of purchasing the land.

PENDING formal action by the Council and the City Attorney, Tennant stated that information being secured by various methods of financing the development of the parking lot. The City Manager added that there are several courses of action possible. One might be the leasing of stalls to businessmen and their employees. Another proposal might be contributions from merchants in the business area. A third would be the installation of parking meters. The City Manager stated that revenue from the present street meters could be used to help finance the improvement of the property. He added that the city is open to any suggestions.

A considerable amount of filling and surfacing will be required to put the property in shape. Tennant indicated that some type of advance financing would be required in order to open the lot for use.

The parking lot site contains approximately 34,110 square feet of usable space. The lot would afford parking places for about 200 cars, Tennant stated. The lot would have four driveways for ingress and egress. These include one on Grand River, two on Farmington Road and one on Orchard Street.

Falcon Grid Star Seriously Injured

The Farmington High School football team, riddled by minor injuries and suffering from the ill effects of a winless season, took another setback following the game with Berkley on October 30.

The latest loss is Dick Ainsworth, Francis Lineman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ainsworth of 21718 Parker in Farmington.

Ainsworth, according to Coach Earl Iye, has shown more spirit and ability than any other member of the Falcon squad this season. He was, at the time of his injury, in top physical condition and was playing football with the consent of both his parents and the family physician.

Legion To Hear State Commander

Billy R. Wickens, State Commander of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the Groves - Walker Post 346 and Auxiliary Armistice Day Dinner, to be held Saturday, November 14.

The dinner has been set for 7:00 p.m. and is open to members and friends. Wickens, 34, of Detroit, is a World War veteran and served as commander of the Berryhill Post of Midland. In 1949 he was elected to the Legion Department Executive Committee and will be following year was appointed to the Department American Activities Committee. He served as chairman of this important anti-subversive group until 1951.

Born and raised in Ohio, Wickens (Continued on Page Eight)

KIWANIS ELECTS LLOYD SMITH 1954 PRESIDENT

Lloyd Smith was elected president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club for the year 1954 at the annual election of officers held Tuesday evening at Botsford Inn.

Other officers elected include: Don DeGroot, first vice-president; George Wehling, second vice-president; Bill Wilson, secretary; and Ralph Jackson, treasurer. Jack Jackson, Billy Weston and Vince Adamaki were elected to the Board of Directors for two year terms. Leo Gildemester is the present president of the club.

The new officers will take over their new duties in January.

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