

City Speeds Work On Off-Street Parking Projects

Study Various Methods Of Financing Lots

Plans are now being developed by the city for the possible financing of the new off-street parking lot to be constructed on South Farmington Road, officials announced this week.

The Council has also informally agreed to extend the off-street parking program to include the area north of Grand River between Farmington Road and Warner Avenue. This is the area in rear of the stores facing south on Grand River.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that a great deal of study and investigation is being conducted in an effort to find the best way of financing the proposed project. A definite plan of financing must be established before action can be started to acquire the property, the City Manager added.

At a recent meeting, a recommendation would be presented to the Council in the very near future.

There are a number of methods by which communities in this (Continued on Page 5A)

Jaycees Schedule Rehearsal Sunday

The first rehearsal for the coming Junior Chamber of Commerce Minstrel Show "Fire and Pudding" has been tentatively set for this Sunday, February 14, in the Farmington Masonic Temple.

James Tennant, show director, announced Monday that general casting will be made on Sunday and that songs to be used in the show will be reviewed.

He stated that Lloyd Smith will furnish accompanying music for the entire show. All members of the cast, with possibly one or two exceptions, will be Farmington residents and business people.

Members of the chorus are scheduled to rehearse their songs on Sunday and soloists will be fitted into the general program. Entertainment by the group will be assigned at the first rehearsal.

According to show officials, the committee members are going all out to make this year's production the "best ever".

To prove their point they have secured the well-known Eddie Alexander, who will return to the show after an absence of several years. The show will be announced to date and headliner announced to date is banjoist Harry Farmer, who will appear on the Jaycee show for the first time.

Barthel, Isley Win All Contests



Lee Barthel and Thomas Isley, pleaded left to right, will represent Farmington High School in the coming State District Elimination Debate Tournaments. Barthel and Isley, veteran debaters, won all of the Farmington tied with Plymouth the first place in the league, making it the fifth consecutive year in which a Falcon squad has either tied for first or topped the league.

March Of Dimes Chapter Collects \$9,870 In Drive

Totals Announced At Meeting Monday

A total of \$9,870.25 was collected by the Southwest Oakland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis during the January March of Dimes Campaign, according to a report issued Tuesday afternoon.

The final figures were announced at a special pot luck luncheon held Tuesday noon at the Farmington Town Hall. Volunteer workers from Farmington, Clarksville, Novi, South Lyon and Commerce were present at the luncheon.

Mrs. James Lilly, chairman of the chapter, stated that the contributions resulted from the Mothers' March, special activities held in the various communities, individual donations and the special "text table" chintz.

A TOTAL of \$3,811.96 was received from all sources in the Farmington City and Township area. The other totals were: Clarksville, \$2,457.18; Novi, \$1,242.31; and Commerce, \$2,777.77.

Mrs. Lilly stated that the many hours of work contributed by the (Continued on Page 8A)

AROUND THE BLOCK

AS OF MONDAY . . .

we're going to remind you to vote in the special election for State Representative. It's the last time because today is election day, and besides, we are running out of space for this week. Seriously, however, we don't think this important subject can be emphasized too much. A lot of ink and paper has been expended in an effort to improve the voting record in the Farmington Community. This does not mean that we are necessarily better off than other communities, but it does mean that we are trying to improve. We've had a chance today, Thursday, February 11, so if you haven't cast your ballot yet . . . do it now!

HERES ANOTHER . . .

This Friday, February 12, is Lincoln's Birthday. This holiday is a legal holiday, and it also means that city and township offices, as well as the bank will be closed. So if you have any business to transact at any of these establishments, don't try to do it on Friday. Although most of us are not lucky enough to get a day off, we should take a few minutes to pay attention to our greatest American, Abraham Lincoln who was more than just President of the United States. He was and still is a symbol of America and all that it stands for. He was an inspiring leader, a great humanitarian and, above all else, a humble servant of God and the people. His example and his teachings live on as a guiding light for all of us to follow.

A TREMENDOUS JOB . . .

is being done by a comparative handful of volunteers in behalf of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund. The latest report of the Community Appeal Committee is an example of the outstanding work being accomplished. We have expressed continued confidence that Farmington would do its share in the realization of this dream, but we were never more sure of it than now. The willingness of the workers and the generosity of the citizens of Farmington can mean only one thing . . . success!

Board Requests Dog Quarantine In Township

County Health Officer Asked To Take Action

Action requesting the County Health Officer to establish a dog quarantine in Farmington Township was approved by the Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Dr. Frank Bates, Director of the Animal Welfare Division, Oakland County, appeared before the Township Board to explain the need and the function of the quarantine. The director stated that the only case of rabies in Oakland County during January occurred in Farmington Township. He stated, however, that the quarantine was needed not only because of the case of rabies but also because of the tremendous number of complaints being received concerning stray dogs.

Under the provisions of the quarantine, all dogs in the township will have to be confined to the property on which they are kept or taken off the property. The quarantine will be effective for 30 days following official action by the health officer.

Dr. Bates directed the Township Attorney to proceed with the drafting of a proposed amendment to the court decree which would enable the township to handle stray dogs in accordance with an opinion submitted by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney. The City Council approved a motion (Continued on Page 8A)

Township To Hold Dog Clinic Sunday

A special township dog vaccination clinic will be held Sunday, February 14, at the Clarenceville Fire Hall. A staff of veterinarians from the county will handle the vaccinations. A similar clinic was held at the Clarenceville Fire Hall last year.

According to all dog owners, the township must be vaccinated against rabies before a license can be issued.

Gopers stated that the clinic will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. He added that the cost of the vaccination will be \$1.50 per dog. Dog licenses will be available at the Fire Hall during the clinic. The law requires that all dogs in the township be licensed.

Special emphasis is being placed on the clinic this year in view of increased attention on rabies control in the county.

U F BOARD PLANS ANNUAL MEETING FOR TUESDAY

The Annual Board Meeting of the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest will be held Tuesday evening, February 16, at the Justice Court on Grand River just east of Middlebelt Road.

According to Vern Willard, chairman, the meeting is being called to secure authorization from the Board for the final disposition of the 1953 funds. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Step-Up Inspections

The growing health and sanitation problem in Farmington Township came in for a month ago. What has happened in the meantime?

According to officials, some definite progress has been made. A great deal more has been done to increase attention and concern has been placed on the sanitation problem as a result of the tremendous growth of population in the township. The sanitary situation, as well as local and county health officers have expressed increased alarm over certain conditions.

This alarm resulted in a meeting several months ago, of the Board of Health and township and county health officers. A number of important procedures were established at the meeting which should facilitate the improvement of sanitary conditions. One of the most important results was the determination to enforce the health ordinance wherever possible. Another was to cooperate with the county sanitary inspector in his work. Still another was to call to secure authorization of the Board of Health and the various health officers.

Officials stated that as a result of these recommendations, the township has been able to enforce the ordinance. Inspections by local and county officers have been increased and an improved method of sewage disposal has been developed. Several cases of violation have been turned over to the Township Attorney for legal action.

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School Board Directs Bond Attorney To Prepare Special Election Resolution

Solicitors Check Hospital Pledges



Members of the Community Appeal Committee of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund look over a group of pledge cards which were turned in by solicitors at the regular report meeting Monday evening. The women, left to right, are: Mrs. Mel Stevens, Mrs. Louis Nolan, chairman; Mrs. Philip Gannon and Mrs. Malcolm Delaney. It was announced at the close of the meeting that a total of \$12,901 has been pledged in the Community Appeals Phase of the campaign.

Over \$12,900 Pledged In Community Appeal Phase Of Hospital Campaign

Total Receipts For St. Mary Hospital Building Fund Reach \$54,837 In Farmington Area

According to the latest report of the Community Appeal Committee of the St. Mary Hospital Building Fund, a total of \$12,901 has been pledged in the Farmington area in behalf of the proposed hospital.

This is the largest amount of money ever raised in a single door to door solicitation campaign in the history of the Farmington area. The latest report was issued Monday evening at a meeting of volunteer workers held at the Farmington High School. The new figure represents an increase of about \$4,000 over last Monday's total.

According to officials, \$54,837 has been pledged to date in the Farmington area from all phases of the campaign, including memorial gifts, professional contributions, commerce and industry donations, friends and benefactors gifts and community appeal contributions. A number of these committees have completed their phases of the project.

REPORTS from Community Appeal committees in the other areas are equally encouraging. Livonia represents an increase of about \$1,000 over last Monday's total.

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Police Cooperate In Nabbing Gang

Farmington police cooperated this week with the Detroit Police Department in rounding up members of a gang which has admitted 27 cases of breaking and entering in the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County areas.

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WENDELL BROWN CONSIDERED FOR U. S. JUDGESHIP

Wendell Brown, Detroit attorney and resident of Farmington Township, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for the new Federal Judgeship in the Eastern Michigan District.

Brown, who is president of the Farmington School Board, served as legal advisor to Senator Ferguson during the latter's term in Detroit. He is also grand juror of the Detroit Bar Association.

Brown has been active in Farmington community affairs, having served as a member of the school board since 1950 and president for the past two years. He is also a past president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club and a member of the board of trustees of the Franklin Community Church.

DEFENSE LEADERS INVITED TO COUNTY MEETING

Officials of the Farmington Civil Defense Council have been invited to participate in a three-day "Disaster Preparedness Institute" February 23 through 25 under the sponsorship of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Brundee Pruden, the Red Cross Chapter's disaster chairman, will preside at the general sessions. Keynote will be Arthur Jones of St. Louis, Missouri, Red Cross assistant director of the Midwest Emergency Area Disaster Service.

The purpose of the institute is to draft a detailed disaster plan, which will define who does what, how and when, if a storm or fire should hit the county.

In addition to one general session, the program will feature a series of smaller group conferences.

Information on the meeting is available at the Red Cross Office, PEderal 4-3575 or Lincoln 2-6740.

Township Continues Effort To Improve Sanitation

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Voters To Consider \$1,573,000 Issue On Proposed Building Program

The Farmington Township School Board took initial steps at its meeting Monday evening to bring the \$1,573,000 proposed school building program to the vote of the people. A Board of motion was made to have bond attorney Charles H. Stevens draw up the necessary proposals and resolutions which would come before the School Board for approval before a school election would be held. Superintendent of Schools O.E. Dunkel estimated that an election on the bond issue would be held approximately a month after Board approval of the legal resolution.

Superintendent Dunkel and Stevens will meet on Friday to go over final details and it is possible that the papers will be prepared for School Board action at a special meeting, which has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 24.

City Manager James Tennant was present at the Monday evening meeting of the Board to discuss the dedication of school property for use as a city street. The land in question is a 60 foot strip along the western boundary of the new high school property which would be improved and used as an extension of Prospect Street.

TENNANT pointed out that the dedication would furnish the high school with additional fire protection in that a fire hydrant would be placed on the street, thus facilitating the pumping of water to any fire which might occur at the back of the building.

Superintendent Dunkel pointed out that the high school, in any case, would need another road way from the west side of the building.

The Board agreed to have Tennant change the wording of the dedication resolution so that the dedication of water and electric services could be made. Under the agreement the property is dedicated to the city and will revert to the School District if, improved, it is not made within a specified time.

The Board discussed to some extent a plan for an open house at the new high school in the latter part of March. The exact date will be announced later.

The matter of teachers' salaries was given further consideration by the Board, which formally passed (Continued on Page 5A)

Couple Killed In Auto Accident Near South Bend

Farmington Children Left Homeless By Crash

A young Farmington couple was killed in a head-on collision with a truck near South Bend, Indiana, Monday evening, February 6, in a head-on, automobile crash ten miles northeast of South Bend, Indiana.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frederick Shelman, of 2550 Colgate Avenue in Farmington were traveling with their two youngsters at the time of the mishap. The children escaped with minor injuries.

Mrs. Shelman was the former Mrs. William Tallman. She was born October 9, 1925, in Livonia Township, the daughter of Ernest and Irene Kitchen Tallman. She attended Farmington High School and was married to Frederick Shelman January 15, 1944.

Frederick Earl Shelman was born April 7, 1919, in Detroit, the son of Daniel and Rose Ella Shelman. He attended the Detroit public schools and at the time of his death was employed by the Baydell Paint Company in Detroit.

Mrs. and Mrs. Shelman had lived in Farmington Township for the past seven years.

Mrs. and Mrs. Shelman rested at (Continued on Page 8A)

The Farmington Township is slated to receive a total of \$2,464.07 as its portion of the net receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for the fourth quarter of the calendar year of 1953.

According to the release from the State Highway Department, a total of \$27,054,596.71 now being distributed to the Department, the counties, cities and incorporated villages of the state. The breakdown of the funds is made in accordance with Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951.

Under the 1951 Act, all the state gasoline and weight taxes, the diesel fuel tax and a small amount of miscellaneous fees are deposited in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for distribution.

CITY TO RECEIVE \$2,464 UNDER HIGHWAY ACT

Expect Light Vote In Election Today

Qualified electors of the city and township are casting their ballots today, Thursday, February 11, in a special election to name a new State Representative from the Third Oakland County District.

The special election has been called to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Edward R. Estes of Birmingham. Two candidates, Republican Richard C. Vandusen and Democrat John C. Westerdale, are opposing each other in the election. The two candidates were nominated at the special Primary Election held on January 21.

During the Primary only about 6% of the registered voters, in a special election, while the township recorded about a 4% vote. Officials have predicted that the percentage will be about the same for the February 11 election.

City voters are casting their ballots at the Town Hall. Precinct One electors in the township are also voting at the Town Hall. The Clarenceville Fire Hall is the casting place for Precinct Two voters. Electors in Precinct Three, are casting their ballots at the Middlebelt School. Precinct Four electors are voting at the Bond School. The polls in both the city and township will remain open until 8:00 p.m. tonight, Thursday, February 11.

CITY RESIDENTS ASKED TO ASSIST RUBBISH PICK-UP

City residents are being requested by Fred Sallig, head of the Public Works Department, to refrain from putting objectionable material in their rubbish.

Sallig emphasized that garbage of combustible matter should not be placed in rubbish containers. Garbage should be placed in separate receptacles and paper should be burned.

Public works crews have been authorized to tag and leave rubbish containers which fail to comply with these regulations.

TODAY

Thursday, Feb. 11
is Election Day
In Farmington.
City and Township

You have an opportunity to help select your new State Representative. Take advantage of it!

The Polls Will Remain Open 'Til 8:00 p.m.

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