

Location Of New Proposed City Parking Project



The latest proposal for the extension of parking facilities in the business section of the city is being set up along Thomas Street in rear of the stores facing onto the north side of Grand River. Survey work on the proposed layout was started Tuesday morning. The preliminary proposal includes a widening of the narrow portion of the street to provide two-way traffic as well as setting up of diagonal parking spaces on both

City Begins Survey Work On New Proposed Off-Street Parking Area

Plan Layout Of Diagonal Stalls On Both Sides Of Thomas Street In Central Business District

Survey and lay-out work was started this week on the proposed parking area along Thomas Street in the center of the business district. James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

Tennant was instructed to proceed with the preliminary engineering work on the proposed project and to have a lay-out ready by the next meeting of the Council on March 15. The survey and lay-out work is being done by Russell Cole. Tennant stated that the preliminary work is expected to be completed in about a week.

Under the tentative proposal, Thomas Street, which runs in the rear of the stores facing onto the north side of Grand River, would be made two-way. This would require a widening of the 16-foot portion. The balance of the street has sufficient width at the present time. It is further proposed that diagonal parking be set up on both the north and south sides of the street. One row would be provided on the north side with two rows on the south side.

ACCORDING to the proposal about 50 parking spaces would be made available under the plan. It is expected that the Council will consider the proposal at its March 15 meeting. An informal discussion of the plan was held at the February Council meeting. Action on the proposed off-street parking lot on South Farmington Road is being delayed pending completion of the Thomas Street project.

AROUND THE BLOCK

IT WAS OPEN HOUSE at the home of Conroy's Market late Tuesday afternoon, but with a little formal twist than usual. This open house wasn't planned and occurred rather suddenly, to put it in mild terms. The whole thing started when a light plane took a notion to go places even though the driver was absent at the moment. It rolled smoothly down and across Farmington Road and came to an abrupt stop just inside one of the large plate glass windows in the front of Conroy's store. Like most open house affairs, it did attract a goodly crowd and fast. Fortunately no one was injured, although it was a rather shocking experience for the guys and gals in the store. One house idea is fine, but there are more gentle ways of doing it.

DURING THE PAST WEEK
or so we have received an unusually large number of requests for blood. The requests come in because The Enterprise is serving as the clearing house for the Farmington Blood Credit Bank. We are especially happy to perform this service to residents of the community and we receive many expressions of thanks. But, we want to remind the citizens of Farmington that you, with the help of the Red Cross, make this service possible. It is you who deserve the thanks. The credit bank is composed of blood donated by residents of the community and is available on call to anyone in Farmington area who needs it. We appreciate the "thanks" but it belongs to you who give. This is a good thing to keep in mind when the next blood bank rolls around!

CONGRATULATIONS
to Mrs. Kathleen Bremer, who for the past four months has been serving on the Federal Grand Jury in Detroit which tried the six Michigan Communists. Mrs. Bremer, who, along with her husband, operates the Gamble Store, was the first of 12 Jury members to be called on October 2 and she continued to serve until the end of the trial on February 10. Membership on a grand jury is an important public service which requires a lot of time and personal sacrifice. Mrs. Bremer, along with the other members of the Jury, have been commended for their duty. We want to add our congratulations.

Date Of Zoning Hearing To Be Set This Week

Three Amendments To Be Considered

A public hearing on three proposed amendments to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance is expected to be set this week by the Zoning Board, officials announced Tuesday.

The hearing is being called to give residents an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the proposed changes. The opinions will be recorded and considered by the Board prior to the filing of recommendations. The holding of a public hearing on proposed amendments to the ordinance is required by law. Public notice of the date and time of hearing will be published in The Farmington Enterprise.

THE FIRST of the three amendments concerns the proposed rezoning of a parcel of property in the Middlebelt - Ten Mile Road section from Residential to Light Industrial. The property is owned by the Split Manufacturing Company, whose address is listed as 24509 Middlebelt. A group of residents from the area appeared before the Township Board in January to protest the change. Several officials stated at the meeting that the company was occupying the property at the time the ordinance was passed, and through an error was not classified as Light Industrial.

The second proposal involves the rezoning of a parcel of land on the north side of Northwestern Highway near Fourteen Mile Road from commercial to Light Industrial. The property is owned by Harvey Tracy, 32368 Northwestern Highway.

The third proposed change to the ordinance was not classified as Light Industrial.

Youth Injured By Car Monday

A Farmington Township youngster was injured Monday when he was struck by an automobile on Orchard Lake Road, just north of Twelve Mile Road.

The injured boy, Edward Buck of 23275 Orchard Lake Road, was treated for head injuries and a broken left leg upon admittance to St. Carmel Hospital.

According to police reports, the car, driven by Aaron J. Erzoff of 18823 Quincy in Detroit, was traveling north on Orchard Lake at the time the accident took place. SKD records showed that "Erzoff was driving the car. The boy who apparently had not looked for traffic before he started to cross the road.

The mishap occurred at approximately 4:40 p.m.

PLAN NEW DRIVER TRAINING SESSION AT CLARENCEVILLE

Plans are now being made by Clarenceville school officials for the third session of adult education in the Township, which will open early in March.

Registration for the course will begin on March 2. Residents of the Clarenceville area who are interested in enrolling for the course are requested to call the Board of Education office, Farmington 2529. During the first session a total of six sections were organized with four persons in each class. These were slightly less than that during the second session.

Must Top 5,682 Boxes

Girl Scouts Shoot For New Record In Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts throughout the Farmington area are really on the go these days making orders for their annual cookie sale, which will continue until March 15. The girls report plenty of business as they strive to beat their last year's record of 5,682 boxes. Girls from all over the township and city are participating in the annual sale. The project began on February 15 and early reports indicate that the record will probably be broken and then some.

The cookie sale is the largest of two projects conducted annually by the Girl Scouts. The second project is the sale of Girl Scout calendars. The proceeds from the cookie sale are used to improve the facilities at Camp Narrin, the South Oakland County Girl Scout

Board Agrees To Consider Drafting Of Township Building Ordinance

Will You Help? Intensify Drive For Air Spotters.

Would you be willing to spend couple of hours of time once every two weeks in the protection of your community and your country?

That's the question being asked this week in the Farmington area by members of the Ground Observer Corps, who are engaged in an intensified campaign to secure new volunteer air spotters. The present members of the Corps are justified in asking for help, since many of them are standing watch as often as once or twice a week. The campaign to sign up new volunteers is being stepped up in Detroit and throughout the Metropolitan area. According to state and local officials, the Ground Observer Corps must be strengthened to insure the proper defense of the nation.

Persons interested in volunteering for the Farmington Ground Observer Corps are urged to request to contact Mr. Vern Whitford, Chief Spotter, at MAYfair 63081.

Cage Tournament To Open March 4

The Farmington Falcons will meet the Bentley Bulldogs in the first round of the District 17 State High School District Basketball tournament to be held March 4 at the Bentley High School in Livonia.

Clarenceville and Redford Union will be paired in the other play-off contest on March 4. The Redford Union-Clarenceville game will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Clarenceville game scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. The

Falcon Varsity and JV teams were both defeated by the Bentley Bulldogs on Tuesday evening. The varsity, trailing by 15 points at halftime, was defeated 53-42. The JV had its 12-game winning streak stopped by a 55-43 setback.

Drawings for the annual tournament were held on Tuesday afternoon at Bentley. Coaches, school and tournament officials participated in the drawings.

The winners of the two contests on March 4 will meet in the District finals on March 5 at Bentley. All four schools participating in the tournament are in Class B.

Ceramics Added To Adult Program

A complete course in ceramics is to be added to the Farmington adult education program starting on Monday, March 8. James Reed, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

Read stated that the recent installation of an oven in the art department of the high school has made the class possible. Each class session will be limited to 12 members. Read added, however, that additional sessions may be formed if there is sufficient demand. There have been a great many requests for a ceramics class in the past, Read stated.

A complete course will be offered. (Continued on Page 5A)

State Approves Basic Design Of Sewage Plant

Suggest Three Minor Changes In Plans

Tentative approval of the basic design for the proposed city sewage disposal system has been granted by the Michigan Department of Health. It was announced this week following a meeting of state and local officials in Lansing last Friday.

Preliminary plans for the proposed disposal plant and interceptors were presented to the Health Department officials by James Tennant, City Manager, and N. Hayward, City Engineer. Three minor changes were suggested by Department officials. They include enlargement of the sludge digester tank, enlargement of the aeration tank, and increase the size of the grit basin.

THE CITY engineer was authorized to proceed with final plans for the system with the provision that the suggested changes be incorporated in the final plans. The plans is to be completed as soon as possible and submitted to the state for final approval.

Ground work on the financing of the project has been completed. The project, which is a program is being worked out (Continued on Page 6A)

Dog Quarantine Now In Effect

A dog quarantine has been established in Farmington Township effective from February 22 to May 22, 1954, by order of the Oakland County Department of Health.

The quarantine was formally requested by the Farmington Township Board at the suggestion of the Health Department. Under the provisions of the quarantine, dogs must be chained, confined and under physical control of the owner at all times. No dog shall be allowed to run at large in the quarantine area, and no dog may be removed from the quarantine unless accompanied by a permit from the Oakland County Department of Health.

Officials stated that the quarantine has been established because of several cases of rabid dogs in the township and because of numerous complaints from residents regarding animals running at large. Under the quarantine, officials of the County Health Department will pick up dogs which are not confined and impound them at the county animal shelter. Violators of the quarantine are subject to a fine of \$10 to \$100 or to imprisonment for a term of not less than 10 days or more than 30 days of both, in the discretion of the court.

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS TO OPEN MARCH 2

The first sessions of the City and Township Boards of Review will be held on Tuesday, March 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Officials announced this week.

The second and third sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 8 and 9. Members of the Township Board of Review will meet at the Town Hall while City Board members will conduct their sessions at the Municipal Building. The purpose of the meetings is to review any questions or complaints regarding individual cases.

If it is in the opinion of the Board there is sufficient cause for an adjustment, it will be entered on the rolls. Upon completion of the meetings the assessment rolls will be closed and can not be re-opened during the year 1954.

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Suggest Appointment Of Special Committee To Write Proposed Code

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, agreed to give serious consideration to the possible drafting of township building code. Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated that a building code should be adopted to tie-in with the present zoning ordinance. Thomas Tardy, Board Member, suggested that a committee be appointed by the Board to draft a proposed building code. Several other members of the Board indicated they favored such a plan.

Award Contract On Orchard Lake Road Resurfacing

Work On Project To Begin This Spring

The contract for the resurfacing of Orchard Lake Road from Eleven Mile south to Grand River has been awarded. Leon Belknap, Oakland County Road Commissioner, announced this week.

Work on the project is expected to begin this spring, Belknap added. The contract was awarded to the A & A Asphalt Company of Birmingham. The Road Commissioner stated that no definite starting date has been set. It is expected that the work will begin as soon as winter permits.

THE PROJECT included the application of a bituminous concrete surface to the road from Eleven Mile to Grand River. The section from Fourteen Mile to Eleven Mile Road was widened and resurfaced last summer. A concrete widening strip was also added on the southern section last year. This only the resurfacing is required to complete the project from Fourteen Mile Road to Grand River.

Auto License Deadline Near

Automobile license plate sales were 2,000 ahead of last year's mark as of Tuesday of this week in the Farmington area. This report was made by the branch office of the Secretary of State located in the Court Hall building.

Motorists have been warned that 1954 tags must be attached to vehicles by midnight Sunday, February 28.

Officials stated that the earlier buying trend experienced thus far is probably derived from the campaign of "Buy Your Tags Early", which was staged earlier this year. The Farmington branch office will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Friday and will be open for business until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27.

To Perform In Concert Thursday



These high school students will be featured in solo acts at the Farmington Senior and Junior High School Band Concert in the new high school cafeteria tonight at 7:30 p.m. Featured in front are Herbert Bruggman, Ben Hiddings and George Parsons, who will be spotlighted as a cornet trio. Looking on in the background are the trio reevers, Eric, left to right, Lynda Hayes and Roberta Spiller. Lynda will play clarinet solo and Roberta will be the featured guest vocalist.