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VOTERS APPROVE \$1,500,000 SCHOOL BUILDING PLAN

Farmington Board Takes Immediate Action To Get Program Under Way

A total of 833 ballots were cast in the special Farmington Township School District election held Monday in which the voters approved the proposed \$1,500,000 school building program.

The tax limitation proposition was approved by a vote of 486 to 333. The bond proposition passed by a 583 to 247 vote. A simple majority was needed on both proposals. Inclement weather undoubtedly held the vote down but only about 11% of the registered electorate actually cast ballots. Voting was heaviest during the early evening hours, with a 15-minute lull at the polls near the closing hour.

The Board of Education cancelled the vote as soon as the election officials had completed their work. The Board approved a motion to have the bonding authority prepare a resolution for the sale of school bonds to finance the new program. The resolution will include an application to the Municipal Finance Commission for authorization to sell the bonds.

It is anticipated that the School Board will be able to take formal action on the resolution at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 13. SCHOOL OFFICIALS stated Monday night that several pieces of property are being considered for purchase and that further work will be done jointly by the school board and the superintendent's office in selecting exact locations for new school buildings. The feasibility of taking some options early was also discussed.

In the Monday evening 12 ballots were marked or spoiled on the tax limitation proposition and 13 were invalid on the bond proposal.

The board voted at its special meeting to send letters of appreciation to the various civic organizations for their support of the new program.

City Files Final Sewage Disposal Plans With State

The final draft of plans for the proposed city sewerage disposal plant was filed with the State Department of Health, James T. Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

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Council Ready To Start Bonding Procedure

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By THE STATE: Approval of the draft, it is expected that the City Council will introduce the necessary bond resolution at its regular meeting on April 19. The resolution would then be adopted at the regular May meeting and construction contracts could be awarded immediately following the action. Tennant stated that this would be completed and in operation by the summer. This plan could be completed and in operation by the summer of 1954. Tennant emphasized the approval of the State plans by the State.

Zoning Proposal Filed With Board

Another proposed amendment to the Farmington Township Zoning Ordinance is expected to be filed with the Zoning Board this week, said Larry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING SET FOR MONDAY

The Annual Meeting of Farmington Township will be held Monday, April 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall. Larry McCracken, Township Clerk, announced this week.

THE BOARD ALSO ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERVISOR IN REGARD TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEACHERS' CONTRACTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1954-55. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BOARD WILL APPROVE THE CONTRACTS BY THE MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS PRESENT. THE REGISTERED VOTERS MAY ALSO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF STUDY COMMITTEES TO REVIEW SCHOOLS.

McCraeken stated that the date and time of the Annual Meeting is set by state law.

Oakland Lions Add Safety To Bikes



Members of the Oakland Lions Club assist Farmington boys and girls in the installation of fluorescent tape to their bicycles during a special safety program held Saturday morning in the Town Hall park. Herbert Barum, chairman of the Oakland Avenue, how the tape should be applied. Lt. Al Van Dell of the Farmington Police Department, and First Vice-President of the Oakland Lions, assisted Barum during the Scout-O-Rama to be held this Saturday at the Farmington High School Gymnasium.

Name Committees For County Polio Vaccine Program

Parents To Receive Information On Test

Detailed planning for the polio vaccine test program to be conducted this spring in Farmington and throughout Oakland County was begun last Thursday at a special meeting of representatives in Pontiac.

It was announced following the meeting that the test headquarters will be set up in the Oakland County North Home, 1025 North Telegraph Road. Mrs. Howard Reiman, Birmingham, has been named general volunteer chairman. Mrs. James J. Lillie, Farmington, has been named general chairman of the School Volunteer Committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph DeVriendt, chairman for the Southwest Oakland County District.

School Committee Picks Study Group

Gene Pillar was elected permanent chairman of the Clarenceville School Citizens' Committee at a meeting of the newly organized group held Thursday evening at the Clarenceville High School.

Mrs. Arlene Fell was elected secretary of the committee. After a discussion of future school problems, including anticipated enrollment and expected classroom needs, a special study committee was appointed. Dr. Ramon Prisk was appointed chairman of the committee. Other members include John Clark, Gordon Pomroy, Donald Kelly and Joseph Jackson.

Flames Damage Leonard Maunder Residence Early Friday Morning

Residents of Farmington Respond Generously; Donate Clothing, Money To Burned-Out Family

Fire of an undetermined origin swept through the Leonard Maunder residence at 2227 Power early last Friday morning, completely destroyed the front porch, living room and front bedroom of the structure. A city and a township fire truck answered the call at approximately 7:55 a.m. but were unable to conquer the blaze because of high winds.

No one was injured by the blaze, which was discovered by the Maunders' son, Ronnie. Mrs. Maunder, her two children, Kathleen and Charles, were at school.

The Maunder family plans to rebuild the house as soon as an insurance settlement is made. They carried no insurance on the property.

But THE STORY does not end at this point.

The minute news of the disaster became known, the Farmington community made quick moves to help the unfortunate family. The home of Emory Hutton was opened to the family to stay until they could arrange other quarters. Within hours after the disaster, the Citizens' Committee is to review the entire future school problem and submit suggestions and recommendations to the entire group. It has been pointed out at previous meetings of the Citizens' Committee.

DISTRICT FORENSICS CONTEST SET FOR FRIDAY

The Michigan High School District Forensics Contest will be held in the Farmington Senior High School Library on Friday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m.

First and second place winners of earlier contests from Farmington are scheduled to compete against winners from Walled Lake, Waterford, and Plymouth. Mr. Raymond Sherpits, Farmington speech coach, announced this week that the public is invited to attend Friday's contest.

Judges for the district contest will be three members of the University faculty: William E. Jans, George L. Hinds, and James A. McManis.

Winners of the district contest at Farmington will compete in the regional contest later this month.

PLAN DEDICATION OF WESTBROOK SCHOOL IN JUNE

Ceremonies dedicating the new Westbrook Elementary School have been set for Sunday, June 6. Clarenceville school officials announced this week.

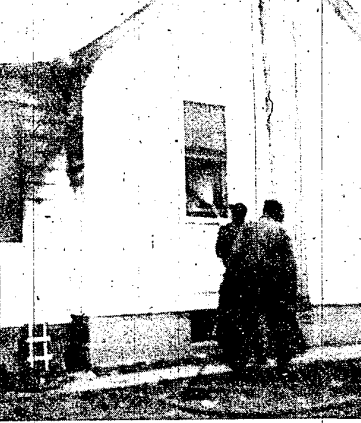
Richard Gault, Board Trustee, will assist Superintendent Louis Schmidt in the preparation of the program.

Rains Turn Highways Into Lakes



Heavy rains Wednesday night and Thursday morning caused minor floods in many areas of the township and city. One of these areas was near Grand River and Rockwell in the southern section of the township. Cars and trucks were slowed to a snail's pace as they waded through the 18 inches of water that flooded the highway. City and township officers reported numerous calls from residents concerning flooded yards and basements. Officials stated that it was one of the heaviest rainfalls in recent years.

Wind Hampers Firemen's Efforts



Farmington firemen pour water into the burning home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maunder, 2227 Power, which was severely damaged by fire early Friday morning. The fire destroyed the front porch, living room and front bedroom of the house, leaving almost completely burned out, destroying practically all of the furniture, clothing and personal belongings of the Maunder family. The cause of the fire, which was reported about 8:00 a.m. Friday, has not yet been determined. Firemen and police, as well as various civic organizations have joined together to aid the family until their home can be repaired. Mr. and Mrs. Maunder have three children.

Board Sets New Salary Schedules At Clarenceville

Plan Covers Custodial And Clerical Employees

Salary schedules for custodial employees and clerical personnel in an agreement with the township were adopted by the Board at its regular meeting last Thursday evening.

The first projected salary schedule to be established in the District for custodial and clerical employees. The custodial schedule includes the chief custodian, maintenance personnel, bus drivers and custodians. It also includes both full and part-time employees. The clerical schedule covers the superintendent's secretary, bookkeeper, business administrator secretary, high school secretary, and the elementary principals' secretaries.

City To Sponsor Dog Clinic Sunday

City officials are completing plans this week for the special dog vaccination clinic to be held this Sunday afternoon, April 4, at the Fire Hall Building on Liberty Street.

The clinic will be conducted by the Oakland County Health Department under the sponsorship of the city. A team of veterinarians from the county will handle the vaccinations. A representative of the city will be present at the clinic to handle the sale of dog licenses.

Officials stated that the clinic will be set up in the fire department building, including 500. The clinic will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All dog owners in the city who have not had their dogs vaccinated for rabies will be present at the clinic. A fee of \$2.00 will be charged for vaccination of male or spayed female dogs and \$1.00 for unspayed female dogs.

Begin Registration For Blood Bank

Advanced registration for the April 26th shift of blood at the Farmington Blood Bank will begin Monday, Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman, announced this week.

Special registration booths will be set up in the lobby of the Farmington Recreation bowling alley. The booth in the bank will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations will be taken at the bowling alley Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and each evening, Monday through Saturday, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Florence Yull has been named chairman of the advance registration.

Garden Club Plans Two Scholarships

Two Farmington teachers will receive scholarships to the Michigan Department of Conservation Training School at Higgins Lake this summer, officials of the Farmington Garden Club announced this week.

The scholarships are provided by the Garden Club in cooperation with the Conservation Department. The purpose of the course is to train instructors in the wise use of our basic natural resources. The course covers all phases of conservation, including soil, forests, minerals, fish and game, and water. The scholarships are a means of spreading the importance of conservation, especially among our young people. The school conducts sessions of one week.

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Survey Driver Licensing Needs In Township

Sheriff Studies Possible Addition Of Bureaus

A survey of driver licensing in Farmington Township and the surrounding area is now being made to determine if additional examination bureaus are needed outside of cities or municipalities. Sheriff Clarence L. Hubbell announced this week.

The survey is being made as a result of complaints from Township citizens regarding the limited number of examination bureaus in the township. The Bureau was closed to residents of the township in accordance with an order from the Secretary of State effective March 8.

Officials To Attend Planning Meeting

Several members of the Farmington City Planning Commission stated this week that they will attend the conference of Michigan Society of Planning Officials at Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3.

City Manager James Tennant and commission members V. O. Bates and Don Pierson said Thursday that they will be on hand for most of the two-day meeting.

The conference, open to the general public, is sponsored by the University of Michigan's College of Architecture and Design, the Washtenaw County Planning Commission and the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission.

U.F. COMMITTEE OK'S PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

A special meeting of the Administrative Board of the Farmington United Fund and Community Center will be held Thursday evening, April 8, at the Farmington Municipal Building to review a proposed constitution and by-laws.

A first draft of the proposal was approved by constitution and by-laws committee at a meeting last Thursday evening. Dr. James Cunningham has been assisting the committee in the drafting of the proposal. Members of the committee are Mrs. Fred Harrison, chairman, Tracy Conroy, Vera Willard and James Tager.

START BUILDING IN NEW BELL-AIRE SUBDIVISION

Work has begun on the construction of five modern homes in the new Bell-Aire Subdivision located east of Power Road and south of Ten Mile Road in the city. Basements have been started for the homes near Power and the near Ten Mile Road. It is expected that these homes will be completed this spring. When the subdivision is completed it will probably have 15 to 20 homes. Work is also proceeding on the construction of streets in the subdivision.

AROUND THE BLOCK

IF THIS IS SPRING . . . March came in like a lion and contrary to the saying, it did not go out like a lion. Old man winter seems to have stored up all of his tricks for one giant effort. Maybe that's the way to make a big impression, but it's not exactly the way to win friends and influence people. The white stuff is fine along about turkey time, but it's not so good in the spring. This spring we don't mean to offend Mr. Winter, not on your life. He is a nice guy, in his place. But look at the calendar, old boy, you're supposed to be gone!

THE SNOW

may have snowed up a lot of people, but it didn't stop them from compiling a pretty respectable voting record at the special Farmington District election on Monday. Although only about 14% of the qualified voters actually voted, the record is encouraging. Only 711 votes were cast in the 1953 bond issue election as compared to 833 in Monday's vote, and we're quite sure the weather was no obstacle in the 1954 election. The heavy snow and sleet to vote on this important program is proof of the vital interest they have in their schools. This we like to see!

ONCE AGAIN THE PEOPLE . . .

OF FARMINGTON have shown their true spirit of helpfulness to a neighbor in time of need. The smoke and flame had hardly died away from the disastrous fire which destroyed the Leonard Maunder home on Friday morning before citizens were rallying to the aid of the family. Money was collected from friends and neighbors, organizations offered to furnish clothing and other needs, and temporary housing was secured for the members of the family. It is a wonderful feeling to know that you live among such neighbors. This spirit of friendliness and generosity is a quality that makes us proud to be a part of Farmington.

DON'T FORGET

the Annual Meeting of Farmington Township next Monday afternoon, April 5, at the Town Hall. Unfortunately the 1:00 p.m. hour is not convenient for many residents, but it's the hour. However, many more residents could and should attend than have in the past. This meeting is important. This spirit of township citizens and the house should be filled to the rafters. Learn the facts first hand, offer suggestions and take part in the discussions and exercise your right to vote. It's your township . . . It's your business.