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Township Makes Survey Of Road Conditions

Plan To Present Cost Estimates To Board

A survey of road conditions in Farmington Township was made last week by officials of the Board and the Oakland County Road Commission in preparation for a repair and maintenance program. Ernest M. MacKinnon, Township Supervisor, Harry McCracken, Clerk, Clayton Goers, Treasurer, and Thomas Tardy, Board Trustee, participated in the survey along with two representatives of the County Road Commission. The survey covered both subdivision and county roads. Those in the worst condition are to be given priority, the officials stated.

COST ESTIMATES on the repair work are now being secured from private contractors. These estimates are expected to be ready for presentation to the Township Board at its regular meeting next Tuesday. The costs are expected to cover both drainage and road work. Officials stated that an extensive drainage before proper roads can be built and maintained.

The amount of work to be done this spring will depend to a large extent on the weather, officials indicated. Some action is expected to be taken at the Board meeting Tuesday. The county has agreed to do the survey work and provide supervision on the program. It is expected that the township will bear the cost of the drainage and road work.

Polio Test Shots Begin With A Wince But No Tears



It won't hurt much, but it'll close by eyes and wig, says little Johnny Thurman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thurman of 36423 N. Mile, as he receives his vaccination for the polio vaccine test program from Dr. Leo Halsted of Farmington.

Citizens To Elect New United Fund Board At Open Meeting Friday

General Membership To Vote On Proposed New Constitution And By-Laws At Public Session

Reorganization of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest will be the principal business at a public meeting to be held Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall.

A new proposed constitution and by-laws will be presented for ratification by the public, and a 21-member Board of Directors will be elected. The meeting is open to all citizens of the Farmington community. If the constitution is approved an annual public meeting will be held each year for the presentation of reports and the election of Board members.

Members of the new Board of Directors are to be elected for staggered terms of one, two and three years. The Board will serve as the administrative body for the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest. They will be responsible for the selection of officers, including the annual campaign chairman, will appoint the various committees and will formally establish fund quotas and other policy matters.

A SLATE of candidates for Directorial was picked at a special meeting of Farmington United Fund officials held last Thursday evening. It was emphasized that this is only a suggested slate and (Continued on Page 8A)

Former Publisher Of Enterprise Dies

Albert E. MacKinnon, former publisher of The Farmington Enterprise, passed away Thursday, April 29, in Roosevelt Hospital, New York, following an injury in a subway fall.

Until recently semi-retired, Mr. MacKinnon was a Public Relations Counselor specializing in the openings of public works installations, among them the new Walter P. Reuther Building. He was 54 years old and a resident of Brooklyn, New York.

Engaged most of his life in newspaper work, Mr. MacKinnon was in 1939 as publisher of The Farmington Enterprise. He helped organize the Michigan Press Association and was elected president in 1940. He was with the paper following 1946 he, with (Continued on Page 8A)

Township Driver License Bureau To Open May 11

Licenses To Be Issued Tuesdays, 1 to 8 p.m.

Final details have been completed on the establishment of a driver's license bureau in Farmington Township. Clarence Hubbell, Oakland County Sheriff, announced Tuesday afternoon.

The new bureau will open next Tuesday, May 11, at the Clarenceville Fire Hall building on Wheeler Street. Hubbell stated that the bureau will be open every Tuesday thereafter from 1 to 8 p.m. Both license applications and road tests will be taken care of at the bureau. One examiner will be stationed at the bureau as well as an officer to give road tests.

OFFICIALS STATED that the bureau is open to all residents of Farmington Township as well as the other townships in southwest Oakland County. Farmington maintains a license bureau in the Municipal Building for city residents only.

The Township Board, at its last meeting, approved the use of the Fire Hall Building to the Sheriff's office for the issuing of licenses. The large assembly room in the building will be completed by the summer. Anne Sach, chief examiner of the Sheriff's office, was in Farmington Tuesday afternoon to confer with township officials and to consider the Fire Hall. Similar bureaus are being set up in four other communities in Oakland County by the Sheriff's office.

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New Plan Suggested To City For Off-Street Parking Area Adjacent To Business Section

Study Financing Of School Building At Clarenceville

Research on the legal and financial aspects of the proposed Clarenceville school building program was started last Thursday at a joint meeting of the School Board and the Citizens' Committee.

Following a discussion of the subject, the Board directed the school attorney to secure information from the Municipal Finance Commission and bond attorneys on the financial picture and procedure. The Board agreed to hold another joint meeting with the Citizens' Committee as soon as the information had been secured.

In the meantime, the Committee is continuing its study of enrollment and population trends as well as the need for additional classrooms. The Committee is conducting the study in cooperation with the Board. The information, along with suggestions and recommendations, is designed to assist the District in the preparation of an expanded building program.

DISCUSSION centered around possible additions to the Edgewood and Westbrook Elementary Schools. The most pressing building needs seem to be in the grade school where enrollment is continuing to increase at a rapid rate. It has been suggested that three classrooms be added to the Edgewood School, six at the Westbrook School and seven at the Westford School.

The Committee has emphasized that the study is continuing and no definite recommendations will be made until all of the information has been compiled.

Proposal Made During Discussion At Public Hearing Tuesday Afternoon

A new proposal for the creation of an off-street parking lot north of Grand River in the center of the business section was made at a public hearing before the City Council Tuesday afternoon.

The Council unofficially directed the City Manager to investigate, prepare appraisal figures on four or five lots running between Thomas Street and Oakland Avenue as a possible site for a central parking area. The proposal was suggested following a detailed discussion of the city's present plans by various residents, businessmen and the Council. The city proposal called for the possible widening of Thomas Street and the establishing of a parking lot on the north side of the street as well as an area on the south side immediately in rear of the business places.

MOST OF the businessmen concurred on the need for off-street parking, and suggested that a broader and more futuristic plan be adopted. The majority also expressed objection to the meeting of entire off-street parking areas. Howard Warner, Curt Hall, and Howard Emory Hutton stated that he felt the city's proposal was inadequate and that a more logical proposal would be the acquisition of land along the north side of Thomas Street. He also suggested that Thomas Street be opened to two-way traffic from the Civic Theatre area to Warner Street.

Howard Emory Hutton stated that he was willing to sell to the city a lot of land on the north side of Thomas Street in rear of the central business section. He indicated that he might be willing to sell to the city a lot of land on the north side of Thomas Street in rear of the central business section. He indicated that he might be willing to sell to the city a lot of land on the north side of Thomas Street in rear of the central business section. (Continued on Page 8A)

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Belknap stated that the road project being handled by the county road crews will not permit immediate action. He stated, however, that as soon as the road is in operation within the next few weeks, the road commissioner disclosed.

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Extensive Work Begins On Repair Of City Streets

Construction work got under way last week end on the repair and resurfacing of the majority of the streets in the City of Farmington. James Tennant, city manager, stated Tuesday.

Practically all of the streets in the city will receive some type of surface treatment, Tennant added. The City Manager pointed out that the program this spring is more extensive than the past year. Two kinds of treatment are being applied dependent upon the condition of the street and the amount of traffic. One is a bituminous dust and the other a hot asphalt surfacing.

PATCHING WORK on most streets has already been completed, preparatory in surface treatment. State Street from Farmington Road west almost to Wilmot is to be resurfaced and leveled prior to the application of an asphalt seal. Shawassie from Pickett east to Orchard Lake Road is to be resurfaced also.

The intersection of Shawassie and Power is expected to be open to limited traffic this week end. (Continued on Page 5A)

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Visiting Official Enjoys Busy Day

"Exchange of Mayors' Day" was a huge success in at least two respects, according to officials of the State of Michigan on Wednesday.

Clarenceville Farmington was playing host to Jesse Stevens, president of Paw Paw, Mayor Loomis was being welcomed by the citizens of Paw Paw. The "Michigan Week" celebration, May 2 to 8. Over 400 mayors and village presidents participated in the day-long celebration in the communities of Paw Paw and Farmington are many miles apart, the visiting officials found a common spirit of friendliness in both municipalities. They also found common ties. (Continued on Page 8A)

Collect Over \$375 For Little League

A total of \$376.72 was collected Friday evening and Saturday in the Farmington business section during the Annual Little League and Babe Ruth League Tag Days. Gene Hymes, treasurer, announced Monday.

Hymes stated that the total collection was almost identical to last year. Money secured during the Tag Days is used to purchase baseball supplies, used during the summer season, by the two leagues. The baseball equipment for each team is furnished by the team sponsors. However, this does not cover other necessary supplies. Collections during the tag days are taken by members of the leagues and their mothers. They were stationed at various locations throughout the business section. Hymes stated that this year's collection was \$2.00 less than the amount received last year. The money will go into the general fund for use by both leagues.

Hymes stated that he would like to see the fund requested to mail their donations to Mr. Gene Hymes, 3339 Grand River, Farmington, in care of the "Little League" section.

Add New Teachers At Clarenceville

Four new teachers have signed contracts to teach in the elementary schools of the Clarenceville District next year, Louis Schmidt, superintendent, announced this week.

Schmidt stated that no definite word on school assignments have been given to the new teachers as yet. These are the first of a number of new teachers which will be added to the staff for the coming year. Approximately five new instructors are to be added in the elementary grades and two in the junior-senior high school.

Two of the four new teachers already are graduates of Hillsdale College. They are Mr. Albie LaBarre, Pontiac, and Miss Joan Bailey, Detroit. The other two instructors are graduates of Wisconsin State Teacher's College of Eau Claire. They are Miss Jacqueline Scott, of Eau Claire, and Miss Laraine Scott of Janesville, Wisconsin.

Discuss School Building Plans With Architect

The Farmington School Board, along with Miss Minnie Zeltke, elementary schools supervisor, and High School Principal Gerald Harrison, met in an informal session with architect Monday night, May 3.

In a continued effort to obtain the best possible school building, the board and the architect discussed the maximum number of classrooms and space, the group again went over details of proposed building plans for both the elementary building and the addition at the high school.

With the assistance of school architect Lynn Smith, further changes in present plans were discussed. The architect suggested by school officials for improvements in rough construction plans.

Further steps are now being taken to determine definite sites for the new elementary buildings. O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of schools, stated that the work will be started at the earliest possible date.

Another Contribution To Baseball

With baseball in their eyes, two members of Little League teams in Farmington made a contribution to the second annual Tag Day program conducted Friday night and Saturday in Farmington. Pictured above awarding a tag and taking a contribution from a resident to further promote Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball play in Farmington are: left, Dan Leake, baseball player, and right, Harold Kneves of 21325 Cass, and right, Billy Truckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Truckner, 23008 Violet.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THAT BIG ORANGE . . . up and down the streets throughout the thing that has been making a few days isn't a new kind of atomic weapon or even a prehistoric beetle, it's a new sweeper being tried out by the city. In spite of its rather unromantic name, this fellow has been attracting plenty of attention. He parades up and down the streets, and he might lay at a pretty good clip, too, sweeping and washing everything in front of him. So far all of his runs have been on a trial basis and it hasn't been determined yet whether he will become a permanent fixture or not. But in the meantime he will keep right on sweeping and washing and attracting attention.

WE'RE INDEBTED . . . to Mr. Roy Hutton, circulation manager of the Detroit Free Press, for the information on the death of E. A. MacKinnon, former publisher of The Farmington Enterprise. Mr. Hutton, who is a brother of Emory Hutton, owner of The Farmington Hardware, was born and raised in Farmington, and remembers well the early days of the Enterprise when Mr. MacKinnon was publisher. Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, has also kept in touch with Mr. MacKinnon down through the years. MacKinnon purchased The Enterprise from McCracken, when the latter was principal of the Farmington schools. Mr. MacKinnon was a very busy man, and he was a very good publisher. If it were not for the diligent efforts of these early newspaper pioneers, The Enterprise would not have this long and enviable record it so proudly possesses.

MORE NEW THINGS . . . are popping up over at the Civic Theatre these days. The first thing that greets your eyes, and it's a real treat, too, is a new panoramic curved screen which is 30 feet wide and 18 feet high. It stretches from one side of the stage to the other and will handle everything from a microscope to 3-D to wide screen and to regular productions. On top of that a whole projection room of new equipment is being added to make your looking and listening more pleasant. And if that isn't enough, Eddie Holler, owner and manager, tells us that new time will be installed throughout the theatre and a program of redecoration is about to get under way.

THE WEEKLY WEATHER . . . We opened our month last week, and look what happened. Saturday, we began to think that maybe we had found the right combination of words, but then Monday arrived. We knew right then and there that we were still off the beam. So we just aren't going to comment down the week. It really isn't necessary anyway, there is enough comment floating around to take care of the situation very nicely.

WARREN PICHE NAMED NEW F.A.R.C. DIRECTOR

Warren Piche will be recreation director for the Farmington area this season, the executive board of Farmington Area Recreation Commission announced this week.

Piche, who holds a degree in physical education from the University of Michigan, is well known in the community, having served as a teacher and coach at Farmington High for the past three years.

A tentative program of recreation activities to be carried on this summer will be presented by Piche to the executive board at the next general meeting Wednesday, May 26.

City Planners Adopt Public Relations Program

A program designed to explain the "why's and how's" of city planning is now being organized by a special committee of the Farmington Planning Commission. It was announced during a meeting last Wednesday.

The three-man committee, composed of Frank Nichols, chairman, and Don McElroy, submitted five proposals designed to educate the public on the objectives and work of the Planning Commission. The first proposal recommended by the committee was the formation of a public relations committee. Immediate action was taken on the suggestion with Louis Nolan, chairman of the Commission, naming the three men to the permanent committee.

A second proposal concerned the establishment of a news letter to citizens as well as the encouragement of comments in the "Sincerely Yours" column of The Enterprise. It was also recommended that periodic public meetings with various civic and service organizations be held to explain the program. The committee suggested that the proposed land use map, now being developed by the Commission, be displayed in various store windows throughout the city along with a container for citizens' comments. The final proposal involves the contacting of civic and government teachers in the high school, inviting them to discuss the proposed planning program in their various classes. The Commission also discussed the probability of holding a series of public meetings on the entire planning and zoning program.

The committee will meet again within the next week to work out the details of the program and set up a time schedule for the promotion. Members of the Commission endorsed the proposals and urged early action in getting the program started.

Another session of the proposed zoning ordinance was presented and read by Malcolm Waring, Planning Consultant. The section concerned regulations for both local and general commercial zones. Each article was read and discussed in detail with several changes recommended.

The Commission decided to hold two meetings per month in order to speed the completion of the zoning program. Waring stated that he hopes to have all the sections in the hands of the Commission within two weeks. Further study and discussion of the zoning proposal will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at the Municipal Building. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

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