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Man Dies In Auto Accident West Of Novi Friday

Blair Moody, Jr., And Wife Injured In Crash

State Ad local police departments reported an unusually quiet Memorial Day week end in the Farmington area. The tragedy, marred only by one fatal accident which occurred Friday evening west of Novi.

The accident, involving two cars and resulting in the death of Blair Moody, Jr., and injury to two others, occurred at 9:25 p.m. one-half mile west of Taft Road on U. S. 16. The fatality was Ralph Horney, 28, of Farmington. He was driving a 1953 Buick Wildcat when Blair E. Moody, Jr., son of former Senator Blair Moody, Sr., and his wife, Mary Lou,

HORNEY was pronounced dead at the scene. Moody, suffering head injuries, and his wife, injured internally, were treated at Northville and removed to the University Hospital at Ann Arbor.

The collision occurred when Horney, traveling east on Grand River, apparently lost control of his car and crossed the three-lane highway directly into the path of Moody's car. Moody was unable to pull off the road and onto the shoulder. Moody crashed into the side of Horney, who was traveling alone.

Other accidents reported in the area over the holiday were minor, resulting in only limited property damage.

Clarenceville Sets Recreation Dates

An expanded recreation program will be offered children in the Clarenceville school district this year. It was disclosed this week. Playgrounds at the Westbrook and Detroit Schools will be used along with grounds at the high school and Edgewood School in past years.

To start June 28, the summer recreation program this year will continue for eight weeks.

The summer program calls for field trips to various points of interest and swimming outings to Kent Lake weekly along with regular activities at each of the playgrounds. Four adult instructors and two junior assistants have been appointed to handle the recreation program.

Four trips will be made to Kent Lake weekly, each school group make one trip each week. Field trips have already been arranged to many points of historic and scenic interest in nearby areas.

AROUND THE BLOCK

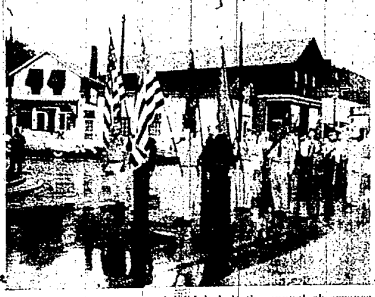
THE UNTIMELY... Memorial Day Monday didn't seem to much of a whim in the Memorial Day parade. The pretty red sized crowd turned out under umbrellas and raincoats to watch the marchers. Still more viewed the parade from the shelter of their cars parked along the route. The weather sun pulled a sneaky one, giving out with stuff during the parade and then giving the sun during the rest of the afternoon. But there was nothing quiet or peaceful about the show he staged Monday evening. Maybe the thunder and lightning, wind and rain, were just his way of competing with all of the bands and all of the parades staged on Memorial Day throughout the history of ours. At any rate, he cemented lots of attention, didn't he?

ARE YOU REGISTERED... For the coming Farmington and Clarenceville School District June 14 school elections. No one is going to forget you if you are not registered for the election. It's up to you. But if you are interested in the education of your youngsters... If you are helping to pay the way for necessary educational facilities, then you should register and you should vote. It's your business... tend to it!

THE HEADLINES... This week tell a grisly story in spite of repeated pleas and warnings. During the Memorial Day week end in Farmington and Michigan, over 200 throughout the nation lost their lives on our streets and highways. Thus the terrible predictions of state and national safety officials have once again come true. And once again thousands of citizens everywhere shake their heads in horror. It is too horrible for those who have come, but what about those who are still alive? In the interest of reducing this slaughter, The Enterprise is planning to renew its efforts in the coverage of traffic violations in Municipal and Justice Courts. This will not be the most popular feature in the paper, but if it saves a life... it will be worth it and then some.

SUMMER WILL OFFICIALLY... arrive in Farmington this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. when the Little League players and managers step off in their opening day parade. We hope you will be on hand to witness one of the most exciting and most satisfying movements ever to hit this community. Baseball in Farmington has become a sweeping challenge to hundreds of boys and a thrilling experience to the parents of parents. Don't miss it... Join the fun this Saturday and you'll be around all season!

Rain Fails To Halt Memorial Parade



A soaking downpour of rain didn't halt the annual observance of Memorial Day in Farmington. Here the parade stops for a moment at the intersection of Farmington Road and Grand River while service organizations place floral wreaths at the foot of the monument in the Tom Hall Park. The march then continued to Oakland Cemetery where special memorial services were held with Rev. Carl Schultz of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church officiating.

Draft Final School Building Plans

The Farmington Township School Board met in special session Wednesday night, May 26, to make final changes in building plans for the three proposed new elementary school buildings and the addition to the high school.

Changes are now being incorporated into the plans by Peter Tarapata, representing school architect Eberle Smith Associates. Upon completion the plans will be checked by Board member Bayard Tapper, a one-man committee named for the purpose.

Site selection for the three proposed new elementary buildings will be announced shortly. Superintendent of Schools O. B. Duncel disclosed.

At the special meeting the Board signed four more teaching contracts for the 1954-55 school year.

LIONS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS; KEN KEMP NAMED PRESIDENT

Kenneth Kemp, 21400 Power Road, was elected president of the Farmington Lions Club for the coming year at a regular meeting of the club on Tuesday, May 25. Secretary John Jenkintz, Edward Stauch, first vice-president; Dr. Herbert Vierztz, second vice-president; Benjamin Bonner, third vice-president; Ken Lechman, secretary; John Jenkintz, treasurer; Carson Baldwin, Lion Tamer; and Charles Totton, Tail Twister. (Continued on Page 6A)

Fine Arts Program Set For Friday

Approximately 350 students from Farmington Township Elementary Schools will take part in a first annual Fine Arts Program, to take place at the Farmington Junior High School auditorium this Friday evening starting at 7:15 p.m.

Participating students from the kindergarten through the eighth grade will open the program with an exhibition of art education. Tables displaying samples of various types of art education will be arranged around the walls of the auditorium.

At 8:00 p.m. the vocal portion of the program will be given. Various types of vocal education from the rhythmic bands to the choir of 80 voices will be featured. The elementary band, composed of 70 members, will present a half-hour program beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The program is a fine arts factor which members that this program will illustrate to parents the methods of education children in the elementary grades are receiving in the field of fine arts.

Slight Change Over 1953 County Sets Equalized Valuations In Township And City

Farmington Township taxpayers will carry a slightly larger percentage of the Oakland County tax load this year and the city a little less, according to a resolution approved by the County Board of Supervisors last week.

Final School Vote Registration Date Set For Friday

City, Township Clerks To Close Books at 5 p.m.

City and Township Clerks advised this week that registration for the Annual School Election has been on the increase the past few days as the Friday, June 4, deadline draws near.

In spite of the increased activity, new registration is expected to be fairly light. Only persons not already registered in the respective school districts need to apply. Officials stated that the majority of the registrants are new residents of the community.

ANNUAL SCHOOL elections will be conducted in both the Farmington and Clarenceville Districts on Monday, June 14. Persons must be registered prior to the June 4 deadline to be eligible to vote in the annual elections. Registrations will be taken at the various city and township offices both Thursday and Friday.

The Farmington District covers the City and Township of Farmington as well as a portion of the City of Livonia. The Clarenceville District covers the portions of Farmington and Redford Townships in addition to a part of the City of Livonia.

Voters of the Farmington District will elect one member to the Farmington Board of Trustees. Voters of the Clarenceville District will elect two Board Trustees. In addition, both Districts will vote on a special county-wide proposal regarding educational facilities and instruction for handicapped youngsters.

One question concerns whether or not the districts will participate in the election and the other party to whether or not a 1/2 mill levy will be authorized for a 15-year period to finance schooling for handicapped children in Oakland County.

Planners Study Zoning Proposal

The final section of the proposed City Zoning Ordinance will be introduced and discussed at the next regular meeting of the City Planning Commission to be held Wednesday, June 9, at the Municipal Building.

Louis Nolan, chairman of the Commission, stated that the discussion Wednesday evening will provide the final input into the project. As soon as possible, efforts will be made to publicize the proposal so that the public will be informed of the revised ordinance. The Commission will hold a series of open meetings in order to secure suggestions from citizens. These are separate from the public hearings that will be held following the formal presentation of the proposal.

Enlarged copies of the tentative ordinance are available at the City Public Works Department, Work on Shawwassee Street, between Power and Prospect, has been set at \$1,237,992, which is a little lower than the 1953 equalized valuation.

According to the approved report, the county valuation as equalized is set at \$96,824,144. This is approximately \$121,000,000 higher than the 1953 equalized valuation. The total figure represents the valuation as equalized on all property in the townships and cities of the county. The equalization simply establishes the percentage each township and city will carry in relation to the total county budget.

Engineers Rush Completion Of Plans For New City Sewage Disposal System

Diamond Put In Shape For Opener



Upon the recommendation of William Hira, sanitary engineer, the city is proceeding with the development of final plans for a trickling filter type of sewage disposal plant.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that after a series of conferences with Hira, newly appointed engineer for the project, it was decided to proceed with the filter type of plant. Hira stated during the meetings that new materials are now being used in this process which materially reduce the cost of construction and operation. Officials added that the filter system is accepted by the State Water Resources Commission, which must approve the plans before construction can begin.

The reduction in cost is largely due to the acceptable use of slag as a filter media and the installation of air lift type pumps rather than mechanical pumps.

These improved materials have only recently been developed and approved by health officials and sanitation experts.

FINAL PLANS on the proposed sewage plant are now being drafted in an effort to meet the deadline set by a court order. Numerous delays have been incurred by the city in connection with state approval for the type of plant to be constructed. Detailed plans for a contact aeration type of system were drafted and filed with the State Water Resources Commission failed to approve them.

Last week the Council employed Hira, well-known sanitary engineer, to proceed with new plans for the plant. Hira also set up a tentative time schedule on the progress of the project.

Under the schedule plans are expected to be completed in approximately nine weeks. As soon as the final draft is finished, it will be forwarded to the state for approval. The legal procedures for the securing of bids under the letting of the contract is expected to require approximately four weeks. It is estimated that the actual construction of the plant will take about 29 weeks. The plant should be in operation sometime during February of 1955 which will be approximately six weeks prior to the deadline stipulated in the court order.

The proposed plant is to be constructed on the site of the present city dump, Nine Mile Road east of Brookdale. An estimated \$300,000 has been set up in the proposed bonded capital outlay budget to finance the new plant and necessary interceptors.

Board Sets Date For Special Vote At Clarenceville

School Bond Election To Be Held July 19

A special election to determine whether or not a new expansion program will be initiated in the Clarenceville School District will be held Monday, July 19, at the Board at its regular meeting last Thursday evening.

The Board, upon the recommendation of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, approved a motion setting the July 19 date for the special election. According to the motion, the bond issue will be in the sum amount of \$250,000. This is expected to cover classroom additions to two and possibly three elementary schools. Superintendent Louis Schmidt stated that no action is being made for an addition to the Central elementary school.

DETAILS of the bond proposal are now being drafted by the attorneys. In the meantime the Citizens' Advisory Committee, is continuing its study of classroom needs in specific areas of the District. It is expected that the bond issue will be presented to the Board (Continued on Page 6A)

Groups To Study Library Expansion

A joint meeting of the City Council, Township Board, Friends of the Library and Library Board will be held Tuesday evening, June 15, to discuss possible expansion of library facilities.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court rooms located in the Five Star Building on Liberty Street in the city. The Council has mailed invitations to all of the groups involved, asking them to participate in the meeting.

Officials stated that the primary purpose of the meeting will be to explore various possibilities in connection with the expansion of library facilities. A second purpose will be to set up a continuing study of the problem under the supervision and cooperation of the various groups.

The Friends of the Library have been holding a series of discussions on the problem in an effort to develop a practical proposal. The June 15 meeting will be coordinated by the City Council.

Draft Specifications For Latest Type Of Standard Sewage Treatment Plant

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Little League To Open 1954 Season Saturday With Traditional Parade

Opening Day Celebration Set For 12:30 p.m. At City Park Followed By Busy Doubleheader

The Farmington Little League will open its third season of baseball play this Saturday with a parade and official opening ceremony followed by two baseball games. Officials of the Babe Ruth League, which will open its season the following Saturday, June 12, will also take part in the program.

Led by the Farmington High School band starting at 12:30 p.m., members of the four Little League teams and their farm clubs, along with players in the Babe Ruth League, will start their march through town. The parade will start at Oakland and Farmington Road and proceed to Grand River, then east on Grand River to Clarenceville Street, and south to Shawwassee and east again to the City Park.

Official ceremonies at the park will start with flag raising under the auspices of the American Legion, Groves - Walker Post. Mayor Ken Noonis will throw out the first ball with City Manager James Tennant receiving, and the 1954 Little League season will be under way.

Immediately following the ceremonies the first game of a doubleheader will begin. The opening contest will pit the Blackhearts Chevrolet Cards against the Farmington Dairy Yanks while the second game on the twin bill will match the Star Cutlers Cubes against the Farmington State Bank Tigers.

Opening games of a doubleheader in the Babe Ruth League the following Saturday will see the Farmington Enterprise Giants go against the R. L. Pink Dodgers and the Red Sox playing against the Arrowsmith Indians.

Poppy Sales Top Last Year's Totals

Farmington and Novi residents responded enthusiastically to the Memorial Day poppy and white clover sales conducted in the area on Saturday, May 27, 28, and 29. Complete reports disclosed Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph LeMieux, chairman for the Farmington American Legion Auxiliary poppy sales, reported \$927.48 collected by a group with two canisters still unfulfilled. Of this amount, \$147.00 was for the poppies, leaving \$780.48 profit plus the amount from the two canisters not yet in.

The Farmington V. F. W. and its Auxiliary collected a combined total of \$950.56 with two canisters yet to come in. Mrs. Ronald Courtney, chairman of the V. F. W. Auxiliary sales, disclosed it is estimated that this figure will be raised to over \$1,000 with the money from the last two canisters.

The Perry Kennel Amvet Post and its Auxiliary at Novi received \$135 from the sale of white clovers, chairman Kenneth Rippey revealed. The sale was conducted only one day, Thursday, in Novi.

FARC Program To Open June 28

The summer program of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission will open on June 28 and continue until August 6. It was announced at a meeting of the Commission held last week at the junior high school building.

The dates as well as other details of the program are included in a report prepared by Warren Piche, new recreation director, and approved by the Commission. This year's program will include organized activities for youngsters five through sixteen years of age. Supervisors will be on duty at the Farmington Park, Bond School, William Grace School and Clarenceville Park.

Piche stated in the report that the popular swimming program at Kent Lake will be continued this summer. Youngsters from the Clarenceville Park will be picking various playgrounds will be picked (Continued on Page 6A)

Speed Work On New Bell Building

It didn't take long for things to get started at the site of the new Bell Telephone building at Grand River and Power Road. Work has been in progress since the big shovels moved in. This is the fourth last Friday, just four days after the ground-breaking ceremonies. According to Bell officials, the new building is expected to be completed by December, 1954, with the new dial system in operation by September of 1955. The total cost of the system, including building and equipment, has been estimated at \$1,400,000.