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Water Ordinance Set For Council Meeting Monday

May Lift Partial Ban On Outside Water Use

Two proposed ordinances, covering water use control and garbage and rubbish collection, will be introduced at the September meeting of the City Council to be held Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

The water control ordinance would set up regulations on use and consumption during emergency periods. It would also designate one official who would be entrusted to establish and lift control periods. Officials stated that the ordinance is patterned after the water control system set up by the City of Detroit.

POSSIBLE LIFTING OF PRESENT water restrictions may be initiated by the Council following the first reading of the proposed ordinance Monday evening. Although the ordinance will only be introduced, the action, if taken, is expected to follow the provisions of the proposal. James Tennant, City Manager, indicated Monday that at present water supply and pressure is being maintained. However, residents are advised to conserve water in the event of water being still in effect.

The second proposed ordinance will establish regulations for the collection and disposal of rubbish and garbage in the city. It will cover the size and types of containers to be used and methods of disposal as well as the establishment of collection days.

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Vote Registration Deadline Set

Monday, October 4, has been designated as the final day of registration for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 2, both the City and Township Clerks announced this week.

Eligible electors may register at their respective township or city office up to and through October 4, 1954, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

Persons must be registered to be eligible to vote in the November 2 election. Electors whose names already appear on the books need not re-register. Because of the large influx of new residents, particularly in the new subdivisions, a fairly heavy registration period. Special hours will be provided on the final day of registration for the convenience of residents.

AROUND THE BLOCK



AT LONG LAST... the skies opened up and we got what weathermen called a bit of precipitation. Normally this kind of rain doesn't even raise a eyebrow, but Monday it was very much the topic of conversation around the block, mainly because this is the first real soaking we have had in over a month. It should go a long way toward putting the green back in the landscape and making it more pleasant to look at. It was a bit of a relief, but the only question is whether the welcome dew has arrived on the scene too late. Not being an expert on such things we wouldn't know for sure, but there is an old saying about "better late than never" and we'll go along with that.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

On topics of vital concern to residents of the community are getting to be mighty popular. This is one of the most encouraging signs to appear among us, and it is a sign that the welfare of the entire community is dependent upon an informed and progressive citizenry. As has been pointed out, no problem is so difficult that it can't be solved when everyone pulls together. So it is with the water situation in Farmington Township. A lot of preliminary work has been done, and you are invited to hear about it and participate in the discussion at a public meeting Thursday evening, September 16, at the Farmington High School gymnasium on Thomas Street. Make it a point to be there!

MR. TOUCHDOWN

Will take over the scene this Friday afternoon on the Clarenceville gridiron as the 1954 football season officially gets under way. At least, that's the big hope of both the Farmington Falcons and the Clarenceville Trojans as they assume their annual inter-community contest. Just how Mr. Touchdown will make out, no one knows, but he will definitely be the man of the hour on both sides of the field. So make it a point to get in on the excitement and there will be plenty, you can be sure of that. Get behind your favorite team right at the start and stay with them all through the busy season ahead. It's lots of fun and the team will appreciate it too!

A MIGHTY FINE SUGGESTION

has been thought of and we're going to pass it right on to you. One of our newer readers has suggested that we start a public information column for questions and answers on various topics about the Farmington community. We like the idea very much, but we need your cooperation to make it a success. So, if you will send us the questions we will attempt to dig out the answers. Please give us your name along with the question. However, if you prefer, we will not print the name in connection with the inquiry. So, let us know what you want to know... we'll try and give you the answer!

Issue 228 Permits City Building Boom Continues

Residential building in the City and Township of Farmington continues at a rapid pace with new one-family homes springing up in all sections.

An all-time record number of 228 new home building permits were issued by the city during the month of August while the township awarded 42 permits during the same 31 day period. The only month during 1954 when more permits were issued by the township was in April, when 68 were taken out. In the city, July ranks second as the monthly period when the largest number of permits were awarded. A total of 156 permits were issued.

Heaviest city building has been going on in the northeast corner of the community where the 40 Bel-Aire Hills residential development is going up. Of the 228 new home permits issued by the city during August, over 500 were for homes in this development. The remainder were for homes in the southern part of the city, where steady home building development continues but at a much slower rate.

In the township building was scattered as permit reports indicate, with the heaviest outside the city limits.

TOTAL ESTIMATED valuation of the 228 new homes for which permits were given by the city was placed at \$2,457,000. Total valuation of the 42 new homes to be built in the township was estimated to be \$492,000.

Continued heavy remodeling, rebuilding and home addition construction was also revealed in the

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First Test Well Favorable In City

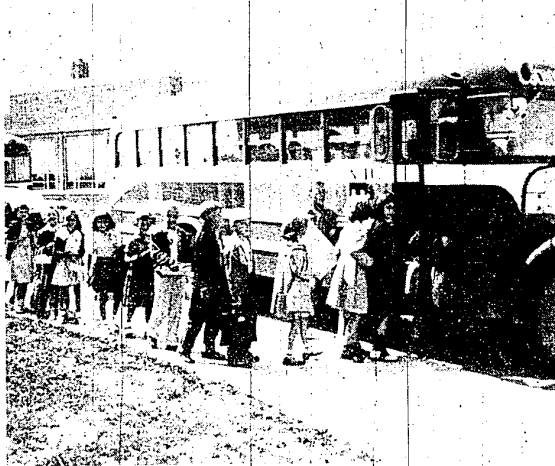
Drilling operations are expected to be completed this week for test well in the city-owned property south of the Grand River Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road.

Officials stated that drilling thus far has been very satisfactory with indications that an excellent source of water will be located on the site. Operations began Monday morning and are expected to be completed later this week. Soil samples taken from the initial borings are extremely favorable, officials added.

If an adequate source is located, wells will be developed as soon as possible. The new supply will be hooked into the present city water system through the existing reservoir. Plans for the well being developed for the pumping facilities and connecting water mains.

Drilling operations for the test well are being handled by the P. Miller Company through its local representative, the William A. Daley Company.

A Familiar Scene As Another School Year Begins



This was a familiar scene last Thursday as boys and girls of the Farmington and Clarenceville areas flocked back to school in record numbers. These kindergarten youngsters have just completed the morning session at the Ten Mile School in the Farmington District and are heading a bus for the trip home. School officials report that enrollment, especially in the lower elementary grades, is continuing to increase. Farmington reports a total enrollment to date of 4,807 while Clarenceville's registration is 1,200 thus far.

School Districts Report Record Opening Day Enrollment Figures

Registration At Farmington And Clarenceville Shows Marked Increase Over Last Year's Total

New enrollment records were set in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts last Thursday and Friday as the 1954-55 school year officially got under way. According to O. E. Dunkel, Superintendent of the Farmington Township School District, a total of 3,467 students reported for classes on opening day, Thursday morning. This figure represents an increased enrollment of 112 students over the same period last year. It is also only 23 students below the estimated total presented by school officials last spring.

Dunkel emphasized that enrollment is expected to increase sharply for the next few days, which will bring the total well above the estimate. Of the 2,467 students enrolled at Farmington to date, 2,435 are registered in the elementary grades and 1,095 in the junior-senior high school. In spite of official estimates of a downward trend in kindergarten enrollment this year, the opening day figure reached 160, which is 36 higher than the same date a year ago.

ENROLLMENT in the Clarenceville School District also reached a record high last week, although the percentage of increase was not as high as originally anticipated. The total registration as of Friday was 1,200 students, as compared to 1,287 for the same period last year. Friday's total represents 1,200 in the elementary grades and 760 in the junior-senior high school. Louis Schmidt, superintendent, stated that this year's figure is approximately 170 under the original estimate. It is expected, however, that enrollment will increase steadily during the next few days.

The Court also ruled that a writ of Mandamus would be issued against the Building Inspector to compel him to issue a building permit for the continued construction of the house located at the northwest intersection of Liberty and Alta Loma Streets. The excavation and footings for the building were put in prior to the issuance of a stop order by the Building Inspector. City officials indicated Tuesday morning that there is a "very good possibility" that the Circuit Court decision will be upholding the permit.

Little Leaguer Meets Big Leaguers



The Annual Farmington Little League Banquet was held Monday evening at the Farmington High School with a good turnout of boys and their dads, along with others taking part in this year's program. A lot of happy boys' faces could be seen as they were presented with awards. Banquet at the moment is a member of the championship Blackstone Cards team as he shakes hands with Detroit Tiger Manager Fred Hutchinson before receiving his trophy. Helping with the presentation of awards, at the extreme right in the picture, is rookie Tiger Pitcher Bob Miller. John W. Gorman, Little League president, can be seen in the background.

Township Lacks Authority To Levy General Tax For Rubbish Collection

Board Considers Attorney Submits Legal Opinion

Buying Additional School Buses

Increases Enrollment Creates Bus Problem

Problems resulting from preschool and opening day programs in the Farmington School System received the major attention of the Farmington Township School Board at a regular meeting held Thursday evening. One of the biggest problems discussed was that of transportation. According to James Reed, assistant superintendent of schools, two extra buses were needed to maintain regular schedules on opening day of school, leaving only one spare. At least three are deemed necessary. The Board agreed that unless a schedule leaving more spare buses had been worked out, every effort will be made to add to the present fleet.

AN UNEXPECTED heavy enrollment of kindergarten children at the Board School presented another problem. O. E. Dunkel, superintendent of schools, revealed to the Board that almost 80 youngsters had been enrolled there and that the present staff could not handle that number. Superintendent Dunkel was authorized to seek additional teaching help as he saw necessary. Problems developing at the book store prior to the opening of school were also discussed. Additional help, it was agreed, was needed for faster and more efficient handling.

The controversial question of whether or not to permit character education classes to be taught in school buildings was again raised with a decision being reached by the Board. The Board decided to postpone the question until the next meeting. The Board also approved a resolution to receive and open sealed bids for the sale of \$350,000 in bonds on Thursday evening, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. Advertisements on the bond sale will be published on September 13 and 14. The Municipal Finance Commission has approved the application of the District for permission to sell the bonds. Authorization to issue bonds for classroom additions was approved by the voters in July.

Action was taken by the Board setting Sunday, October 10, as the date for dedication of the new Westbrook School on Oakes Street. Plans for the dedication service are now being developed by school officials and board members. The Westbrook Elementary school was completed last fall.

Plan To Set UF Quota Tuesday

Reports from both the Budget and Campaign Committees will be presented at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest to be held Tuesday evening, September 21.

The meeting, which has been scheduled for 8:00 p.m., will be held at the home of Al Benson, chairman, 30725 Twelve Mile Road. Joseph DeNies, chairman of the Budget and Administration Committee, will be in attendance. (Continued on Page 5A)

Schedule Water Meeting Thursday

A progress report on the work of the newly created Township Citizens' Water Committee will be presented at a public meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, September 16, at 8 o'clock in the Farmington High School gymnasium on Thomas Street. Dr. Joseph G. Gahan, chairman of the committee, issued a special plea Monday for all residents of the affected areas to be present at the public meeting. The affected areas include those sections of the township which are without adequate water supply. This includes the southern section as well as a portion of the eastern part of the township. Gahan stated that members of the Township Board have agreed to attend the special session. Land and Water Conservation, Michigan State College. In addition to his address, Barrett will show colored slides on various phases of water conservation. Official of the Garden Club stated that Barrett will also discuss information of vital interest to hunters and fishermen.

CONSTRUCTION ON NEW BELL BUILDING GOING AS PLANNED

Work is progressing according to schedule on the construction of the new Bell Telephone Company building located on the southeast corner of Grand and Power Road. According to company officials, the new building is expected to be completed in December with the installation of new dial equipment to be finished by September of 1955. The building as well as the dial system will cost an estimated \$1,400,000.

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Board Appoints School Architect At Clarenceville

Employed For Addition At Edgewood School

The Clarenceville Board of Education Thursday evening approved the selection of an architect to handle the construction of a proposed four-room addition to the Edgewood Elementary School. Walter T. Anick, An Arbor architect, was employed by the Board at its regular meeting Thursday for the Edgewood School project. The District has been advised by the U. S. Office of Education that a total of \$85,500 is being reserved for additional pending completion of certain detailed information. The Board applied for the federal aid in November of 1953.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 3

Plans are now being completed for the dedication services of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church to be held Sunday, October 3. Rev. Walter Rutkowski announced this week.

Interior work on the new church, located at Middlebelt and Eight Mile Roads, is nearly completed. Rev. Rutkowski stated. The dedication program will be highlighted by addresses from the Rev. O. G. L. Riss and Rev. A. W. Wilkerson. Music will be furnished by the new organ, now being installed in the church, with anthems by the Detroit Lutheran High School Choir under the direction of Laverne Franzen, and the Order Drive Faith Choir. A special dinner will be held Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. with a dinner scheduled from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Library Installs Return Book Drop

A new book drop box was recently set up at the entrance of the Farmington Library, located in the Town Hall Building, as an added service to persons using the library. The drop box permits persons returning books to leave them at any time of the day or evening when the library is not open. Making use of the new convenience Saturday morning before the library opened, the three girls pictured above. They are, from left to right, Ruth Schmitz, Diane West and Jane Schultz.