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File New Petition For Rezoning Of Gas Co. Property

Modified Request Submitted To Board

Officials of the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company Tuesday evening resubmitted to the Township Board a modified petition for rezoning of property adjacent to their existing facility on North Western Highway at Fourteen Mile Road.

The Township Zoning Board, several weeks ago, following a public hearing, recommended that a previous petition submitted by the Gas Company not be approved. A large number of residents appeared at the public hearing. The initial petition was forwarded to the Oakland County Zoning Board for recommendation, but has not been formally acted upon by the Township Board.

According to the new petition, the large parcel of land to the east of the present plant is not to be rezoned. The new petition seeks a rezoning of five parcels of land on Northwestern and Fourteen Mile roads from residential to commercial to light industrial. The initial petition included six parcels.

Township officials explained that the new petition will follow the same procedure as the first request. The proposal will be turned over to the Township Zoning Board for consideration and a public hearing. Advertisements will be published in accordance (Continued on Page 3A)

City Gets \$2,656 In Highway Funds

The City of Farmington will receive a total of \$2,656.74 as its portion of the State Motor Vehicle Tax.

According to the report released this week by Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, Oakland County will receive a total of \$257,162.77. Net receipts of the Highway Fund for the third quarter amounted to \$26,900. This figure represents a decrease of \$46,164.15 from the same period in 1953.

The Highway Fund includes all State taxes and West Lake tax. Diesel fuel tax, plus a small amount of miscellaneous fees. This money is deposited in the Fund and after deductions for non-highway use and collection fees, is distributed to the state, counties, cities and villages for expenditure on roads and streets. The amount of the Highway Fund is given to the State Highway Department. 37% is given to the counties and 19% is given to the cities and incorporated villages.

AROUND THE BLOCK

JUST IN CASE . . . you are wondering why the early mailing this week, it all has to do with Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11. Because the Post Office will be closed for the day, we had to step things up a notch so you would receive your Enterprise on time. Incidentally, if you have any business to transact at the city or township offices, do it on Wednesday or Friday, because they will be closed on November 11 too. And don't forget to take a few minutes sometime during this day to think about those Americans who risked their lives all over the world. Their crosses are a reminder to all of us that we have a job to do . . . a job for which they gave so much. Let's not forget!

IF FARMINGTON'S . . . pride is showing just a little bit, it's certainly understandable, and mightily justified. A total of 172 prospective donors signed for the Tuesday night of the Red Cross Blood Bank, setting a new high for the town. The highest previous total was set in October of 1953. The record bank should go a long way towards easing the serious shortage of blood in Oakland County and will help considerably in replenishing the Farmington "credit bank." We want to extend our congratulations to the many people who contributed to the Bank and to the committee who worked so hard to make this record a proud reality.

INDIAN SUMMER . . . has finally arrived after several wrong turns and quite a few detours. At least it is here right now . . . although it may disappear again by the time you cast your eyes on these sentences. We always have to cover ourselves since we don't seem to have a very reliable connection with the weatherman. But we can safely say that the past week and was enough to delight any Indian, not to mention the pale faces. The bright sun, the crisp air and the smell of burning leaves was like something out of a poem. Maybe it was a long time coming, but it was worth waiting for just the same.

WE SINCERELY HOPE . . . that the American Legion Home will be packed to the rafters next Monday evening for the public meeting on civil defense. We hope so for several important reasons, and all of them have to do with the future security of your home and mine. Both the Farmington Ground Observer Corps and the Civil Defense Organization must be given some just relief. A broader feeling of responsibility must be created throughout the community. We must be alert and prepared to meet any emergency. Show your interest by attending this important meeting Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Legion Home.

Probe House Fire In Clarenceville

An investigation is being made of the fire which seriously damaged a large unoccupied house at 15348 St. Francis Street early Saturday morning.

Ray Geary, Chief of the Clarenceville Fire Department, reported that the State Fire Marshal has begun an investigation of the fire. He stated that the building, which had been set on fire, was a two-story house. The fire broke out in the kitchen in the early morning hours. The fire was extinguished by the Clarenceville Fire Department. The house was moved into the city some time ago from Detroit.

The Clarenceville Fire Department was called to the scene at approximately 1:30 a.m. The fire was extinguished by the Clarenceville Fire Department. The house was moved into the city some time ago from Detroit.

Blood Bank Draws Top Registration

Over 172 Farmington area residents participated in the Red Cross Blood Bank program at the Town Hall Tuesday afternoon and evening, according to Mrs. Ed Lenz, chairman.

Red Cross officials expressed extreme pleasure with the turnout from the Farmington area. This was the largest number of donors to participate in the Bank since World War II. A special corps of local women assisted the regular Red Cross staff in handling the large number of donors. Mrs. Lenz stated that the Bank ran very smoothly throughout the entire afternoon and evening.

The blood donated at the blood bank will be made available immediately to the Armed Forces. It will also be available to residents of the Farmington community through the local "credit bank." Under this program, any resident of the Farmington area can secure needed blood free of charge by calling Farmington 3506.

PLANNED DRIVER TRAINING CLASS AT CLARENCEVILLE

Four new sections of the Clarenceville adult education offering training program will be held at the Clarenceville Community Center, Stanley Hill, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

Driver training classes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Persons interested in the course are requested to call the Clarenceville Board of Education, Office of Farmington Incorporated villages.



Veterans' Memorial, Farmington Town Hall Park

VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 1954

Collections In 1954 United Fund Campaign Reach \$12,000 Mark

Latest Report Sets New Record Total With Final Tabulation Expected In About A Week

Omair Sanderson, chairman of the 1954 Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Campaign, reported Monday that over \$12,000 has been collected to date in the Annual Drive.

This represents an increase of \$3,000 over the last previous report issued a week ago. Sanderson stated that a preliminary check indicated that several thousand dollars more may still be collected before the final tabulation is completed. The chairman emphasized, however, that this is only an estimate which may or may not materialize.

The \$12,000 figure is a new record total for the Farmington campaign. During the 1953 drive, \$10,177 in cash and \$656 in pledges were collected. Sanderson stated that a number of individual solicitors' reports have not been turned in as yet and some canvassing is still being conducted in the business and industrial areas.

A FINAL REPORT is expected to be made by the chairman in about a week or ten days. It is expected that a special meeting of the Board of Directors will be held as soon as the final tabulation is completed. Sanderson stated that he would also submit a report to the Board on the conduct of the campaign along with suggestions which may be of assistance to future chairmen.

Persons who have not been contacted in regard to the Farmington United Fund but who wish to contribute may send their donations to Joseph DeNier, Treasurer, 31635 Allison, Farmington.

FARMINGTON PLANS ADULT SQUARE DANCE CLASS

The latest addition to the Farmington Adult Education Program will be a square dancing class which will open on Tuesday, November 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the Midvale School.

James Reed, director of the adult education program, stated that the class will meet each Tuesday evening, with the exception of the Christmas holidays, for a period of ten weeks. Gordon McLeod will be the instructor and caller. Persons interested in joining the course are requested to call Farmington 1220 immediately.

New Home Construction Continues At Rapid Rate In Farmington Area

Both Farmington City and Township are well on their way toward establishing another record in new home construction. The latest tabulation of new construction permits.

During the three month period of July, August and September the city issued an amazing total of 416 permits for new home construction, representing an estimated value of \$1,370,000. The bulk of the new permits were for homes in the Bel-Aire Subdivision in the northwest section of the city, and the Warner Farms Development in the southern portion of the city. During the same period last year a total of 15 permits were issued, representing an estimated value of \$207,300.

August was the largest single month during the period, and according to city officials, the largest on record. A total of 228 permits were issued during the 30-day period for new home construction. July was fairly close behind with 156 permits issued. Officials stated that the building boom is expected to continue at a high rate with the opening of the new Alto Loma Subdivision in the northwest section of the city and further development of existing subdivisions.

New construction in the township is also continuing at a rapid rate. During the three month period of July, August and September, a total of 101 permits were issued, representing an estimated value of \$1,038,681. Although this total is slightly under the figures for the same period a year ago, the yearly total is expected to reach a new record high.

During the three corresponding months in 1953, a total of 111 permits were issued for an estimated value of \$1,017,000.

August was the busiest building month during the three month period. During the month of August, a total of 53 permits were issued for new home construction. The total value of new homes is estimated at \$592,300. During September a total of 33 permits were issued, while 25 were signed in July.

Public Meeting On Civil Defense Set For Monday

Attempt To Stimulate Interest In Program

Efforts will be made next Monday evening to stimulate new interest in the Farmington Ground Observer Corps and Civil Defense organization at a public meeting to be held at the Legion Home.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., is being sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, Vern Willard, head of the Ground Observer Corps, and Charles Layton, director of the Civilian Defense. He is expected to be present at the public meeting. In addition to the local officials, an Air Force officer assigned to the Ground Observer Corps will attend the meeting.

Cleo Violette, National Security Officer of the American Legion Post, emphasized that all residents of the Farmington community are urged to be present at the meeting. A special invitation is also being extended to members of other civic or service organizations in the Farmington area.

THE PURPOSE of the meeting is to better acquaint all residents with the importance of home security and to enlist additional volunteer help in manning both the Ground Observer Corps and the Civil Defense organization. During the meeting on Monday, residents will have an opportunity to learn the function and operation of the defense organizations and to ask questions of the various officials.

Crashes Injure 3 On Northwestern

Two auto accidents on Northwestern Highway during the past week resulted in injuries to three persons.

On Saturday, October 20, and Sunday, October 21, two accidents occurred on Northwestern Highway. On Saturday, a 1953 Oldsmobile, driven by a local resident, was involved in a collision with a 1954 Chevrolet. The Oldsmobile was damaged and the driver was injured.

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On Wednesday, members of the Farmington Optimist Club, along with a number of other guests, were present at a meeting of the Club. The meeting was held at the Clubhouse and was attended by a large number of guests.

Board Asks Court To Condemn Lots

Condemnation proceedings have been initiated by the Clarenceville School District in regard to six lots facing on Colwell Street, owned by Howard Eldridge, 20325 Oxford Street.

The property is desired by the School District for the expansion of school facilities at the Edgewood School. Officials stated that negotiations have been going on for several months in regard to the property. However, the two parties have been unable to reach agreement on the sale of the property.

The school attorney has entered formal condemnation proceedings in Oakland County Circuit Court and the case has been placed on the docket. No date has been announced as yet for the hearing.

School officials stated that the property in question does not affect plans for the proposed addition to the Edgewood School. The property is desired for expanded playground facilities and possible future building. The lots are in rear and adjacent to the present school property.

State Takes Preliminary Steps To Create Sewage Disposal Authority In Farmington Area

Board Discusses Individual School Problems, Policies

Agree On Uniformity In Handling Bus Routes

Confronting individual school problems and Board policies, the Farmington School Board met Tuesday afternoon for a regular meeting Monday evening.

The question of bus transportation service and the policy of the Farmington community was the prime topic of discussion. A group of residents appeared before the Board seeking bus facilities on their individual streets. After a lengthy debate, the Board agreed to do everything possible in providing the best of service, but would not make individual exceptions. Any policy adopted would be uniform for the entire School District, the Board agreed. Further study was recommended.

IN A SEPARATE motion it was also agreed by the Board that in the future all matters of bus maintenance, economy in operation, and the determining of routes should be the responsibility of school administrators and not require Board action.

Individual problems arising from non-resident students now attending Farmington schools were brought about the establishment of a policy by the Board. It was unanimously decided that non-resident students should no longer be accepted in the school system. (Continued on Page 3A)

Optimists Observe Special Week

A number of special activities are being conducted this week by the Clarenceville Optimist Club in observance of Optimist Week, November 7 through November 13.

One of the highlights of the week was the presentation of an honorary membership in the Clarenceville Optimist Club to Bud Guest, WJR radio personality, along with a special citation for his optimistic treatment of newsmen and events on his various programs. The presentation was made by Harold Young, chairman of the Clarenceville Optimist Week program, and Louis Schmidt, president of the Club, during "Guest House" on WJR Monday evening.

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Air Force Recruiting Booth Set Up In City



The booth you've noticed in front of the old Grace Hotel building in the city is an Air Force recruiting booth, set up for a recruiting drive here. Air Force recruiting personnel are now in the booth every day Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. to talk with any young men interested in the Air Force. They will be at the booth during those hours until November 16. After that time they will be located in the Municipal Building and on hand from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Shown above at an official opening of the booth are, left to right, City Manager James Tennant, Postmaster Henry Trombley, Lt. Col. W. C. Chapel, and Mayor Kenn Loomis.

Proposed Project May Include Entire South Central County District

City officials reported this week that preliminary steps are now being taken by the State Health Department and the Water Resources Commission in an effort to establish a sewage disposal and drainage authority in the south central portion of Oakland County and the northern part of Wayne County.

The decision to investigate the possible creation of an authority came during a meeting of city and state officials held Thursday afternoon in Lansing. The meeting was called at the suggestion of James Tennant, City Manager. Tennant and L. N. Hayden, engineer, attended the conference along with officials of both the State Health Department and the Water Resources Commission. The proposal to create an authority was enthusiastically received by the State officials. Tennant added, "Although Ralph Main, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting, he sent word that his office would cooperate in the project."

Architect Asked To Draft School Specifications

Start Preliminary Study For Edgewood Addition

The Clarenceville School Board has asked Walter Anika, architect, to begin preparing preliminary specifications for the proposed addition to the Edgewood School on St. Francis Street.

Officials stated that the Board has no authority at this time to proceed with the formal drafting of plans since official word has not been received as yet regarding the Federal Aid for the proposed project. However, the Board did agree to ask Anika to begin preparing preliminary specifications for the addition pending action on the Federal assistance.

THE BOARD has committed itself to considering the addition at the Edgewood School whether Federal or local funds are used. However, actual contracts can not be awarded until notification is received regarding the Federal Aid request. The Board was notified (Continued on Page 3A)

VIOLATOR FINED FOR HUNTING IN TOWNSHIP

Two men have discovered the hard way that dumping along the road and hunting are both illegal in Farmington Township.

Wilson C. Westerfield, 33493 Myrna, Livonia, was fined \$30 by Judge Arthur C. J. J. last week for dumping rubbish in the vicinity of Drake Road and the Cut-off. A citizen observed the dumping and notified Township Police. Officer C. J. J. responded to the call and found Westerfield dumping rubbish. Westerfield was sentenced to five days in the Oakland County Jail and fined \$25 or 30 days for the same offense.

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Hammill Named To School Board

Douglas Hammill, 25497 Ridgewood, has been appointed a member of the Farmington School Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Samuel Turner.

The appointment was announced following a special meeting of the Board Saturday morning. Hammill took over his new duties as trustee at the regular meeting Monday evening. He will serve until the next school board election, which will be held in June of 1955.

Hammill has been a resident of Farmington Township for the past three years, although he has owned property here and has been active in community affairs for over eight years. He is employed at General Motors as an editor of technical publications. Hammill is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Farmington. He is married and has two children, a boy who graduated last year from Farmington High School and a daughter who is in the fifth grade at the Ten Mile School.

Mrs. Chester Downing, trustee, was appointed secretary of the Board several weeks ago to fill the office held by Turner.