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Zoning Proposals To Be Introduced At Board Meeting

Township Plans Action On Three Amendments

Three proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance are expected to be introduced at the regular meeting of the Board next Tuesday evening.

All three proposals have been discussed at previous meetings of the Board. Petitions requesting specific zoning changes have been filed in two of the three cases. The other is expected to be initiated by the Township Board.

FIRST petition concerns the proposed rezoning of five parcels of land adjacent to the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company installation on Northwestern Highway near Fourteen Mile. This is a revision of an earlier petition which both the Township and County Zoning Boards recommended be turned down. However, the new petition recommends the large parcel to the east of the installation. According to officials, this will remain as a buffer zone, but only a few feet. The two parcels to the west would be rezoned from commercial to industrial and three would be rezoned from residential to industrial.

A second petition, signed by approximately 420 registered voters, would rezone a parcel of land on the west side of Farmington Road near Planders from residential to commercial. Approval of the request would make way for the establishment of a grocery store in a building located on the property.

A proposal is being drafted by the Township attorney at the request of the Board to include all the remaining unclassified areas in the zoning ordinance. Officials stated that only a few elderly scattered parcels are still unincorporated in the township.

WE'RE DREAMING OF A ROAST TURKEY

You can help us make this dream a reality. No, we're not asking for a donation, just early news and advertising copy. In order for you to get your Enterprise on time and for all of us here to get our turkey, we must go to press a day before Thanksgiving. News and display advertising copy must be in by Monday noon with the Want Ad deadline set for Tuesday at 10 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation!

AROUND THE BLOCK

IT'S BEEN PRETTY QUIET . . . along the home front the past several days with a large percentage of the population taking up temporary residence in the neighborhood. The object of the mass trek is to bring back a trophy of the hunt. The thrill of the hunt and a few days in the out-of-doors has something to do with it too. One hunter we noticed didn't get too much of the out-of-doors stuff, but he did get by trophy. Only a few hours after the opening of the season, he was seen traveling through town with a fine buck strapped to his car. There will probably be more trophies showing up in the next few days as Farmington becomes re-populated again.

THE TURN-OUT . . . for the public meeting on civil defense at the Legion Home Monday evening was a little on the disappointing side. However, the meeting was far from a failure. The 25 citizens that did show up got a real careful and courteous listening to the meeting of helpful suggestions. It was pointed out during the meeting that the seriousness of the situation can not be exaggerated. We are in a key position in the center of one of the major target areas of the nation. We are not prepared, we must organize now. Civil defense is everybody's business and everybody has a job to do. We sincerely hope that this is the birth of a new awakening.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED . . . by a number of readers, "what has happened to the question and answer column?" The answer is simple and direct. . . no questions. For several weeks immediately following the introduction of the new column, we received a number of excellent questions. We attempted to answer them as best we could. Many readers seemed to enjoy the new feature and said so. But it has apparently stopped there, as we have not received any further inquiries. We are still anxious to develop this column as a public information service, so let's have your questions. It is essential that you sign your name to the letter, but your name need not be published if you so request. Have you got a question?

IT'S DIFFICULT . . . to ignore the weather when it comes in such an attractive package, so we won't even try. The weatherman has been a mighty fine fellow the past few days and we appreciate his efforts. We don't want to be a weather vane, but let's have your comments. We don't only want to hear and cause him to lose his good sense of control. As long as he has his finger on the "fine weather" button, we hope that he will keep it there for a few more days, at least.

New City Well Gets Final Check



Water flows abundantly as a final check is made on the first new city well, sunk on the city-owned property south of Grand River Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road. Shown above making the check are: kneeling, left to right, Garbath Graham, drill operator, and Norbert Kitzky, City Engineer. Looking on in the background, left to right, are drillers' helpers, Kilevone, Jack Liddle and Wilbur Lutton. With work on the first well completed, drilling operations have now been started on a second well in the same vicinity.

Eight Injured In Farmington Area Auto Accidents During Past Week

Livonia Driver Critically Hurt As Car Rolls Over; Youth Knocked From Bike, Injured On Grand River

A heavy auto accident toll was reported in the Farmington area during the past week with eight persons being injured in six separate crashes.

Joseph P. Jordan, Jr., of 20328 Louise, Livonia, was hurt critically last Tuesday evening in a crash on the north side of Ten Mile Road in the first of the series of accidents. The accident occurred when he lost control of his car and ran off the roadway, rolling over in a ditch. He was taken to Pontiac General Hospital in critical condition with chest injuries and severe lacerations of the head and right hand.

The following morning, Wednesday, two were injured in a three-car mix-up on U. S. 16 east of Meadowbrook Road. Injured were Violet Krenzel of Holt, Michigan, with lacerations of the head and face; and Edward Pryor of Lansing, possible rib fracture and lacerations about the left eye. Both were taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

YOUNG BARRY MILLER, 22, of 2125 Tuck Road, received cuts about the right leg early Thursday evening when he was knocked from his bicycle by a car on U. S. 16 west of Tuck Road. According to Cecil N. Nichols, Farmington driver, the driver of the car, the bike was unlit and he was unable to see it in time to avoid the accident.

Shortly after noon, Friday, George Osborne of Detroit was injured in a crash on U. S. 16.

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City To Consider Traffic Ordinance Addition Monday

Fire Ordinance Change Also To Be Introduced

Possible revision of the City Traffic Code as well as an addition to the Fire Prevention Ordinance is expected to be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Council, set for Monday evening at the Municipal Building.

The proposed revision of the Traffic Code is expected to include the establishment of no parking zones along Grand River at the intersections of Mayfield, Maple, Powers and Brookdale. It is also expected to incorporate the provisions of the new State Law governing the installation and use of mechanical turn signals on certain vehicles operating in the city. The proposed revision was discussed at the last meeting of the Council and the City Manager and City Attorney were instructed to prepare a proposed amendment for the Monday meeting.

THE ADDITION to the Fire Prevention Ordinance is expected to cover the control of type and use of incinerators in commercial areas of the city. Such provisions were discussed at length during the last Council meeting. The two existing public incinerators in the business district were ordered to be closed. The City Manager stated that plans are now being made for the relocation and reconstruction of the existing burners as well as the possible erection of a third incinerator east of Farmington Road and immediate vicinity.

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Work Completed On New City Well

Work has been completed on the developing and testing of the first well to be located on the city-owned property between Nine Mile and the Grand River Cut-Off and Farmington Road and Gill Road.

Final tests were completed last week and showed that the capacity of the well is now being complied. James Tennant, City Manager, announced. Pumping equipment is to be installed in the well next spring. The equipment will be designed to provide a maximum water supply and at the same time maintain a margin of safety to prevent overflowing the present pumping facilities. Tennant added that this is essential in order to avoid serious damage to the stratum conducting underground water.

Work was begun early this week on the drilling and developing of a second well on the city-owned property between Nine Mile and the Grand River Cut-Off. It is expected that this project will be completed about the middle of December. Tennant stated that the volume of water from the two wells will be equal to or not greater than the total existing supply.

PRESENT HIGHWAY TO BECOME PART OF CITY SYSTEM

The State Highway Department has requested approval and consent of the City Council for the establishment of a new U. S. 16 Cut-Off around Farmington and the abandonment of the present Cut-Off and U. S. 16 as a state trunk line.

According to the request, the resolution would become effective when the new highway is completed and open to traffic. Under the plan, the present section of the Cut-Off as well as the existing portion of U. S. 16 running through the city would become a part of the regular city street system.

The State has agreed to maintain both sections of the roadway until the new highway is completed.

GOODFELLOWS SEEK NAMES OF NEEDY FAMILIES IN AREA

Fred Menke, Jr., president of the Farmington Goodfellows, announced this week that plans are now under way for the securing of names of needy families in the community who will need help at Christmas time.

Anyone knowing of such families is requested to relay the information to their minister, their school superintendent, or advise the City or Township office. All names of needy families must be in by December 15.

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Outline Dangers

A handful of Farmington citizens were urged Monday evening to become super salesmen in an aggressive campaign to awaken the community to the dangers of enemy attack.

Alman First Class William Loades, attached to the Ground Observer Corps Filter Center in Grand Rapids, stated at a special Civil Defense meeting in the American Legion Home that this is not a scare campaign, but rather a recognition of fact. Loades emphasized that "it can happen here."

"We need leadership in the building of an effective civil defense program," Loades stated, "and you men must carry the burden. Tens of thousands of lives plus countless millions of dollars can be saved if we awaken to reality." Loades concluded.

Lewis C. Jarrendt, Oakland County Civil Defense Director, stated that "Farmington is in one of the most critical spots in Michigan as far as enemy attack is concerned." He added that a renewed effort must be made to alert the people to the dangers and to stimulate interest in the aggressive defense program.

An outline of the basic organization of the Farmington Civil Defense and presented by the City Manager, L. E. Layton, stated that volunteers are urgently needed to man the various departments. He added that repeated efforts have been made to secure personnel, but that little progress has been made. It was suggested that a concentrated drive be initiated through the service clubs, P.T.A.

School Board Awards New Contracts For Construction Of Elementary Units

United Fund Drive Total Expected To Reach \$15,000

Board Approves Plan For Allocating Funds

Members of the Board of Directors of the Farmington United Fund and Community Chest met last week to discuss the 1954 fund drive is expected to reach the \$15,000 mark.

Omar Sanderson, Campaign Chairman, stated that approximately \$11,000 in cash and pledges have been collected to date with a few more reports yet to come in. This is the largest total ever collected in the Farmington area during a United Fund campaign. The previous record was set in 1953 when approximately \$10,800 was collected.

This year's total is still short of the \$15,000 goal.

THE BOARD, after hearing the report of campaign chairman, approved legislation establishing the distribution of funds to the respective organizations. A total of about \$3,500 in contingent fund and some money was set aside prior to the pro-rating of the balance, on a percentage basis, to the United Fund and local community chest agencies. Following the distribution of the \$3,000 contingent fund was also pro-rated to the Farmington groups on a percentage basis.

It was explained that any funds over the \$15,000 mark would also be distributed to United Fund and Community Chest agencies according to the same formula.

Travel Lecturer



DICK BIRD

Farmington residents will be treated to a specially conducted tour of "Newfoundland and Canada's Newest Province" during the second program of the 1954 Kwanza World Travel Series to be held Saturday evening at the Farmington High School auditorium.

Guide for the evening will be Dick Bird, Canadian explorer and outstanding travelogue artist. Bird's camera records the beauty and color of picturesque Newfoundland with its teeming wildlife and unspoiled country-side. Travelogue series, Kitiwakes, healthy Newfoundland fishermen engaged in the catching of salmon, cod, caplin and squid plus the exciting adventure of rounding up 150 "moose" whales. The audience will also be taken on a visit to the bird islands where tens of thousands of gulls, boobies, murres, kittiwakes, etc., are nesting.

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Blood Bank Visit Nets 109 Pints

A total of 109 pints of blood were donated during the visit of the Mobile Red Cross Bank at the Farmington Town Hall last Tuesday afternoon and evening.

James Tennant, chairman of the bank, stated that 131 prospective donors showed up for their appointments. A total of 172 pints were donated during the visit. The bank is now accepting 22 prospective donors were rejected because of various health reasons. Officials stated that this is an unusual low number of rejections. During the Blood Bank visit last October a total of 96 pints of blood were donated with 31 rejections.

As in previous years, members of the local Blood Bank committee assisted the staff of regular nurses and doctors with the administration and operation of the bank. The blood bank was served to the staff by the Farmington committee.

PLAN OPEN HOUSE AT GRADE SCHOOLS IN CLARENCVILLE

All four elementary schools of the Clarencville District will hold "open house" Thursday evening, November 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., officials announced this week.

Home room mothers, along with members of the teaching staff, will act as hostesses during the program. A receptionist will be present in each building to direct parents to the respective classrooms. Refreshments will be served in each of the four schools.

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CITY RESIDENTS REMINDED OF NEW RUBBISH PICK-UP

City officials issued another reminder this week that both rubbish and garbage collections are being made on Saturday in accordance with a new contract arrangement.

James Tennant, City Manager, stated that some residents are still putting rubbish out on the street. A receptionist will be present in each building to direct parents to the respective classrooms. Refreshments will be served in each of the four schools.

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Expect To Renew Work This Week On Three Farmington Grade Schools

A new contract for construction of three elementary schools in the Farmington Township School District was awarded by the Board of Education at a special meeting held Tuesday evening.

The designated X-4 bid of the Wallace Construction Company, Farmington, was accepted at a total cost of \$282,000. According to school officials, the bid covers all general, mechanical and electrical work on the three grade school buildings. Wallace Construction Company submitted the only composite bid, four mechanical bids and four electrical bids submitted.

The various proposals were filed with the Board at a special meeting last Wednesday. After opening and reading the bids, the Board directed the architect to check the proposals and submit a recommendation at the special meeting on Tuesday evening. The Wallace Construction Company has been notified of the Board action and has been instructed to proceed with the construction.

This is the second contract to be awarded to the Wallace Construction Company for the erection of the buildings. An earlier contract was contested and taken to the Oakland County Circuit Court. A permanent injunction was issued by the Court against the School District necessitating the establishment of a study committee to review possible restrictions regarding certain commercial buildings which may be constructed near school buildings.

The resolution was approved at the regular meeting of the Board held Thursday evening at the high school. E. M. Hartman, Mayor of Livonia, had forwarded a letter to the Board requesting recommendations on location of future buildings. The Board, in its resolution, stated that certain commercial buildings might, when erected near schools, be considered a hazard to the education, health and general welfare of children. It further suggested that if a study committee is to be named, that it include representatives from the various P. T. A., civic clubs, and city commissions.

A MOTION was also approved by the Board adopting the specifications proposed for a high school of new lighted athletic field on the high school property. It was emphasized improvement of the athletic field is a long-range program, with the Board committing itself only to the grading and fencing of the property at the present time. Louis Schmidt, superintendent of schools, was thanked.

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PLANS COMPLETED FOR ROAD PROJECT

Township officials stated this week that work is expected to begin in the next few days on the ditching and rebuilding of several roads in the Clarencville area. A preliminary survey of the various streets has been completed by officials of both the township and the Road Commission. The initial step in the project will be the establishing of grade and the laying of stakes preparatory to the actual construction work.

The streets involved in the project are Independence, Redwood, Wheeler, Jefferson, Jackson, Liberty, and Wittington. The Township Board several weeks ago authorized the expenditure of approximately \$5,000 for ditching and road re-building in this area, as well as the installation of a culvert across Powers Road north of Ten Mile Road.

The Clarencville project will consist of the digging of ditches, the installation of driveway culverts, and the grading of the roads. Officials stated that the entire project, with the exception of the driveway culverts, will be paid for by the township. The expense for the culverts must be borne by the property owner.

Recommend Study Of Zoning In School Areas

Board Files Suggestion With Livonia Mayor

The Clarencville Board of Education, in answer to a letter from the Mayor of Livonia, has approved a resolution recommending the establishment of a study committee to review possible restrictions regarding certain commercial buildings which may be constructed near school buildings.

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Scouts Given Use Of Township Land

The Farmington Township Board has granted tentative approval to the Boy Scouts for use of five acres of township-owned land near Greengate and Thirteen Mile Road.

At Jean, along with other Boy Scout leaders, appeared before the Board last week to request the use of the property for supervised activities. The leaders declared their intention to erect a building on the property in the future for public use. A G. Leonard, Township Attorney, was directed to draw up an agreement between the two parties outlining the provisions for use of the land.

The Board approved a motion formally approving the zoning of the property adjacent to Rollcrest Street, the Township Zoning Ordinance.

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Enjoying A Round Of Bowling

Enjoying a round of bowling at Norwest Recreation, 32905 Northwest-Highway, Farmington Township, last week was the group of handicapped persons pictured above. They are a determined group who see no reason for being out of normal activities. A buck, lawn, basketball, archery, square dancing, or the like. An invitation is now being extended to all handicapped persons in and around the Detroit area to join this group. Sites and instructors have been lined up for this group. All that is now needed is sufficient handicapped persons. All that is now needed is sufficient handicapped persons. All that is now needed is sufficient handicapped persons.

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