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School District Files Application For Federal Aid

Farmington Requests Funds To Meet Growth

Officials of the Farmington Township School District announced this week that formal application has been made through the U. S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare for assistance in the construction of building facilities to meet anticipated population growth.

O. E. Dunkel, Superintendent, emphasized that there is no assurance that the District will receive any Federal Funds as a result of this application. The necessary forms have been filed in accordance with legislation allowing Federal Aid to School Districts who have a large formal application as a result of occupation in government contract work. The Superintendent stated that a survey of present enrollment as well as anticipated growth was filed as part of the application.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS pointed out that the request for assistance involves primarily future needs. Funds for the construction of three elementary schools plus an addition to the high school was approved by the voters last summer and work is now well under way. The basic problem is to meet the future needs which are developing as a result of the tremendous building boom in both the city and township. Dunkel added that the rapid development of Farmington and the surrounding area has completely changed present projections in enrollment and population.

Processing of the application is expected to require several months. Thus it will be some time before officials will know whether or not any Federal Funds will be available to the District.

WORK STARTED ON NEW PUMP HOUSE IN CITY PARK

Work was started this week on the construction of a new pump house in the City Park, North Ratsky, City Engineer, announced Tuesday.

The pump house, to be located in a present concrete building, will house the new pumping facilities, which were installed this fall. According to Ratsky, the building is to be of concrete construction with outside dimensions of approximately 16 feet by 14 feet.

The building will have a special construction to permit easy removal of the pump house for easier repair of pumping facilities. This will allow for the pulling of the pump without damage to the building. The concrete for the new pump house was poured approximately two weeks ago. The contract for the construction work has been awarded to the Rogerson Construction Company of Farmington. Completion of the building is expected to take several weeks.

AROUND THE BLOCK

OLD MAN WINTER . . . apparently decided early this week that he had better serve notice on the general public as he had arrived. All the while, he has been dropping a hint to that effect about Sunday and the results are still being felt. We have had unofficial reports that the thermometer dipped to around the 12 degree mark in the Farmington area early Tuesday morning, which is good solid winter weather in any man's opinion. Besides receiving a special Christmas gift package, each boy and girl will have a chance to whispser any last minute instructions to Santa before he completes final preparations for his annual visit on Christmas Eve.

WORD HAS COME . . . from Santa Claus that he will be in Farmington on Sunday, December 10, for his annual pre-Christmas visit with all the good and girls. Santa is making his annual trek from the North Pole, and the invitation of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce. Special plans are being made by the Jaycees to escort Santa and his sleigh into the city immediately following his arrival. A short tour will be made through the business district before Santa begins receiving the youngsters in the Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. Besides receiving a special Christmas gift package, each boy and girl will have a chance to whispser any last minute instructions to Santa before he completes final preparations for his annual visit on Christmas Eve.

Lions Ring Bell For Children's Christmas Party

Farmington Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party



Here's another contribution to the Farmington Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Party. William Skoushet, 31835 Merton Street, right, drops a donation in the container as three members of the Farmington Lions Club look on. They are, left to right, Kenneth Lamm, President Ed Stauch, and Ed Stauch, Members of the Lions Club will be back out on the corner of Grand River and

Plans Completed For Observance Of "Safe Driving Day" December 15

Farmington Officials Urge Citizens To Cooperate In Effort To Establish Accident-Free Day

Added forces are being mobilized in the Farmington area and throughout Michigan this week in an all-out effort to educate the public to the importance of "Safe-Driving Day," Wednesday, December 15.

Last week, Trace Gabor, Mayor Pro-Tem, issued a special proclamation declaring Wednesday as "Safe-Driving Day" in Farmington and calling upon all citizens to cooperate in the life-saving project. This week Sergeant Henry P. Kozowicz, commanding officer of the Detroit Post of the Michigan State Police, added a new slogan to the "Safe-Driving Day" observance, "Keep Five Alive."

Kozowicz stated that the significance of the slogan lies in the fact that last year there was an average of five traffic deaths each day in Michigan. "We're calling on drivers and pedestrians to show that we can have a death-free day through careful driving and walking," Kozowicz added.

FARMINGTON City and Township police are cooperating in the nation-wide project. Joseph De-Vriendt, City Police Chief, has been appointed director of "Safe-Driving Day" in the city. Each driver has been requested, beginning December 15, to make warning stops for all violations, no matter how minor in nature. De-Vriendt stated that this practice will continue at a high level during the last two weeks of December because these are classified as the most dangerous of the year.

PLANNING GROUP TO MEET TUESDAY IN FARMINGTON

Representatives of the Southwestern Oakland County Region of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will meet Tuesday afternoon, December 14, at the Farmington Municipal Court Room to discuss recent developments and population trends in the area.

William P. Edmondson, assistant director of the Planning Commission, will be present at the meeting. The Region is composed of Farmington City and Township as well as Novi, Commerce, and Lyon Townships.

County Asked To Share Cost

Board Of Supervisors To Consider State Proposal For Financing New Farmington - Brighton Highway

A special meeting of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors has been called for next Wednesday to discuss a proposal of the State Highway Department regarding county participation in the construction of the new U. S. 16 expressway from Farmington to Kent Lake.

Delos Hamlin, Farmington, chairman Pro-Tem of the Board, stated that the proposal was heard over from the last meeting of the Board of the present regular business. According to the proposal, the county's share in the project would be three million, with the remaining 60% to be provided by the Federal Government. The cost of the total project has been estimated at 11 million dollars.

The proposal has been in the hands of the Road Committee for study and recommendation. Although the exact method of financing will not be set until final action has been taken by the Board of Supervisors, it is expected that approval will be necessary for a state-county bond issue to finance 40% of the funds for the project.

The bulk of the proposed U. S. 16 relocation lies in Oakland County. It will cover approximately 23 miles and will run from Middlebelt Road on the east to U. S. 23 on the west. The route from Farmington to Kent Lake lies in the county, with the balance in Livingston County. According to Highway Department plans, the new limited access highway will bypass the City of Farmington slightly south of the present Cut-Off, crossing the present highway near Halsted Road and swinging north to bypass Novi. The new road will then continue

Spree Of Crime End For Five Township Youths

Admit Several Thefts, Break-Ins In Area

The answers to a countless number of break-ins and thefts in and around Farmington township during the past year have now been uncovered as the result of two separate police pick-ups of five township youths.

Four of the boys, all pre-teens, ages 8, 10 and 12 years old, were picked up in Rochester, Michigan, enroute to Florida following a spree of house-breaking and looting on the way. The other two youths, Broder Daley, 17, and Thomas Daley, 19, of 21305 Rensselaer, were picked up Sunday for investigation in a series of area school burglaries.

POLICE STATED that the pre-teenage trio, since their apprehension, have admitted breaking into at least a dozen homes and more than 50 automobiles. They admit the custody of their parents awaiting action by county juvenile authorities.

The Daley brothers, as adults, were brought before Judge John J. Sisk on Monday in Municipal Court. They pleaded guilty to charges of committing five Oakland County school burglaries. They waived examination and were bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for trial later.

Unable to furnish 5,000 bonds, they are being confined in jail until their trial. When picked up the Daley boys were awaiting sentence on a sixth school burglary. Statements made by them indicated that they had been in trouble for numerous other break-ins and thefts in homes in towns in which they had previously lived.

Plan Two New Building Projects

Plans were announced this week for the development of two new subdivisions in Farmington Township containing a combined total of 384 building sites.

The plans were announced in a joint statement by Gordon Williamson, president of the Gordon Williamson Company, and Ross S. Campbell, vice-president of the Thomas-Brown Company. The largest of the two subdivisions will be developed at the northwest corner of Twelve Mile and Farmington Roads and will contain 204 homes. The new development, known as Kendallwood, will be serviced by community water and sewerage systems. The subdivision covers 160 acres, with the first homes expected to be (Continued on Page 5A)

WORK COMPLETED ON TOWNSHIP DRAINAGE PROJECT

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Monday that the township drainage project has been completed on the installation of a culvert along Powers Road north of Ten Mile Road.

The construction work was done by the Oakland County Road Commission and paid for by the township. The culvert will carry drainage under the road and prevent flooding. Blanchard stated that the Road Commission crews are expected to begin work on the drainage and rebuilding of roads in portions of the township during the next few days, weather permitting.

UNITED FUNDS DRIVE TOTAL CONTINUES TO INCREASE

Contributions to the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest are continuing to come in, even though the registration closed over a month ago.

Omar Sanderson, Campaign Chairman, reported Monday that the total collection has reached the \$15,700 mark with the possibility that it may go as high as \$17,000. This represents almost 70% of the \$25,500 goal set for the 1954 campaign. The campaign is designed to give students full-time teaching experience in the classroom prior to their entering the profession.

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Committee To Submit Report On Sites For Proposed New Township Office Building

Travel Speaker



KENN BUTTON

"The Florida That Few Tourists Know" will be the subject of the next Town Travel and Adventure Series to be held this Saturday, December 11, starting at 9:30 p.m. in the Farmington High School auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club.

James Tennant, Farmington City Manager and chairman of the Township and City Council, stated that the meeting is being called to further discuss plans for the possible establishment of a sewage disposal authority. Notices are being mailed to the other members of the five-man committee requesting their participation in the discussion. The other members include: William Towner, supervisor of Southfield Township; Ernest Blanchard, supervisor of Farmington Township; Harlan Thatcher, supervisor of West Bloomfield Township; and Fraser Stamm, supervisor of Novi Township. Ralph Main, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, and Russell Carlson, County Sanitation Engineer, are expected to be present at the meeting.

COLLEGE STUDENTS TAKE TRAINING AT FARMINGTON H. S.

Two teacher training students, one a former graduate of Farmington High School, are participating in extern work in the Farmington Township School District. O. E. Dunkel, Superintendent, reported this week.

Barbara Howie, a 1951 graduate of Farmington High School and a student at Central Michigan College of Education, is teaching history and library science in the high school. She will complete her extern work at the close of the Christmas holiday. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Howie, 27571 Rollers.

Arthur Baker, a graduate of Redford High School and a student at Michigan State College, is teaching high school mathematics under the extern program. He will complete his training at the close of the winter term. The program is designed to give students full-time teaching experience in the classroom prior to their entering the profession.

Hostess Gets New Welcome Wagon

Farmington's Welcome Wagon hostess, Mrs. Dawson Hubert, left, receives the keys to a new Nash Rambler which will be used to distribute gifts from Farmington merchants to the group of keys is Robert Shaw, who with his brother, Donald, center, operate Tavern Auto Sales, Farmington-Hudson - Nash Dealer. Tavern Auto Sales is the newest member of the group of Farmington merchants who are participating in the Welcome Wagon program.

Group Expected To Recommend Several Locations In Township

Several suggested sites for the location of a new township office building are expected to be presented to the Township Board at its regular meeting next Tuesday.

Ward Eagle, member of the Board and chairman of a special committee investigating possible building sites, indicated last week that progress was being made toward a recommendation of specific locations. Eagle did not indicate where the suggested sites are located, but stated that they are all in the township proper.

The majority of the Board members have expressed the opinion that any new office building should be located in the township. Members of the Board have also indicated that they are anxious to secure a site as soon as possible in view of the rapid development in the township. Present office space in the Town Hall is no longer adequate to take care of the increased township business.

Sewage Group To Hold Second Meeting Dec. 16

A second meeting of the recently appointed Southwestern Oakland County sewage disposal study committee will be held next Thursday afternoon, December 16, at the Farmington Municipal Building.

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This will be the first session of the committee since its appointment last Tuesday evening at a meeting called by the State at Farmington (Continued on Page 5A)

Five Injured In Auto Accidents

Three auto accidents in the northeast section of Farmington Township during the past week resulted in injuries to four people. A fifth person was injured slightly in a crash at the Grand River Cut-Off and Halsted Road.

Most serious injuries were suffered by Clarence F. Jakee of Garden City when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his car and ran off Northwestern Highway a short distance from Wollington Drive. Jakee, 29, received severe forehead lacerations and fractured ribs. He was taken to St. Carnel Hospital for treatment. The accident occurred shortly after 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

Less than an hour earlier Shirley Pines of Kankakee, Illinois, was injured slightly in a car crash at the Grand River Cut-Off and Halsted Road. Her injuries about the face were minor, however, she is recovering. (Continued on Page 5A)

WELCOME WAGON TAVERN AUTO SALES FARMINGTON

