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1,475 Youngsters Receive Polio Shots Wednesday

Second Inoculation To Be Given In Month

Approximately 1,475 boys and girls in the public and parochial schools of the Farmington and Clarendenville areas received the first of a series of Salk Polio Vaccine inoculations on Wednesday.

The polio shots were given to youngsters in the first and second grades as well as those children who received inactive serum during the test program last year. Approximately 602 youngsters from the Farmington and Our Lady of Sorrows Schools participated in the program Wednesday.

Clinics were set up in the Ten Mile and Middlebelt Elementary Schools. Students from Our Lady of Sorrows were processed at the Ten Mile School while the clinic at the Middlebelt School took care of youngsters from the Botsford and Noble areas. The students were transported to the clinics by bus.

A TOTAL of approximately 466 boys and girls from the Clarendenville and St. Paul's Lutheran Schools were processed at the clinic set up in the Central Elementary School. Youngsters from Westbrook, Botsford, Edgewood, and St. Paul's Schools were transported to the clinic from their regular classrooms.

Officials stated that two shots will be given in the present series. The second inoculation is to follow the first in one month. A third shot will be given in about seven months, or sometime next year. This is a slight change from the original schedule based on the recommendations of Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the vaccine.

Because of the restricted supply of vaccine, no booster shots were given during the inoculation Wednesday. It is proposed that youngsters who received an active shot during the test year last year be given a booster inoculation as soon as sufficient quantities of the vaccine are available.

City Council Introduces Record Budget Of \$268,557 For Fiscal Year 1955-56



THIS SCENE was repeated in three clinics throughout the Farmington and Clarendenville areas Wednesday as approximately 1,400 youngsters received their first Salk Polio Vaccine inoculation. The boys and girls were processed at two clinics in Farmington and one in Clarendenville. This picture was taken a year ago during the polio vaccine test program, and shows Johnny Thurman, a student at St. Paul's Lutheran School, receiving a shot from Dr. Leo Halsted at the clinic held in Clarendenville's Central Elementary School.

Annual Public Hearing On Proposed Budget Set For Monday, May 2

The Farmington City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, introduced a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 1955-56 in the amount of \$268,557, an increase of approximately \$25,500 over last year's budget.

James Thompson, City Manager, requested that the Council study the proposal as is and reserve any changes for the annual budget hearing to be held May 2. Estimated revenues for the year 1955-56 have been estimated at \$268,557 as compared to \$233,999 for last year. The largest increase in revenue is expected in the General Property Taxes and Water and Sewer Departments. A decided drop is expected in revenues from building permits. The revenue section of the budget also includes anticipated receipts from various bonds, covering water and sewer, paving and sewer disposal in the amount of \$175,000.

The principal increase in expenditures is listed in the Water and Sewer Department with an item of \$23,845 compared to \$15,435 for 1954-55. This includes \$17,500 for debt service in connection with the proposed bond issue and \$6,345 for the purchase of a new water meter. New sewers and general equipment are listed at \$6,000 each, with a contingent fund of \$7,174. The proposed Brown of Thompson-Brown Company. It was proposed that the center include neighborhood shopping facilities plus sites for a new elementary school, and a church. Brown emphasized that this was strictly an offer and that no effort would be made to push the sale of the property if it was not accepted. He added that should the Board want to proceed with the suggested plan, an amendment would have to be made changing the zone from residential to commercial.

Following the discussion, Board members indicated that they were opposed to the plan as presented and requested that Brown submit a legal description of the property at the next regular meeting so that further action might be taken. The Board suggested that the proposal be discussed with the Farmington School Board to determine its attitude regarding the suggested school site.

PRIOR to the presentation of the community center proposal, the Board gave final approval of a plat for the Kimberly Subdivision located at the northeast corner of Eleventh Mile and Middlebelt, and the Old Homestead Subdivision, located at the north corner of Drake Road and Eleventh Mile. The approval of the Kimberly Subdivision was conditioned on the approval of the County Road Commission and the State Health Department as well as an agreement that no septic tanks be installed except upon approval of the State and also that connections to the main sewer line be made by Farmington Interceptor when installed. The Old Homestead Subdivision was also accepted.

JUST ONE of thousands of visits being made in the Farmington area by technicians of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company is this installer Joseph Zembroski working on the telephone while

Mrs. Laura Harrington and daughter, Marcia, look on. The calls are being made to change telephones to dial service in Farmington on August 21.

Collect 166 Pints At Blood Bank

A total of 166 pints of blood were donated by Farmington area residents at the American Legion Home on Tuesday during the semi-annual visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank. Mrs. Fred Leach, chairman, reported Tuesday.

In spite of the record advance registration of 367 prospective donors, only 231 appeared at the Legion Home. Of this total, 52 were rejected for various reasons. Tuesday's contribution, however, was considerably higher than the 107 pints secured during the bank held in April of last year and was only slightly under the record total of 172 pints donated in November of 1954. Out of the 367 registrants, approximately 100 were secured through the Clarendenville Blood Bank.

Red Cross officials stated that they were well pleased with the results of the bank. They also expressed their appreciation to the American Legion Auxiliary for preparing and serving a special dinner for the donors and nurses as well as all the volunteers who assisted with the blood bank.

Bell To Convert Farmington Phone Exchange To Dial On August 21

More than half of Farmington's telephones have been provided with dials in preparation for conversion to the new telephone system on August 21, 1955, according to R. D. Maurer, area manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

A special crew of technicians has moved in from other areas to supplement local forces in the big job of equipping some 6,500 telephones in the Farmington area with dials.

ON WEDNESDAY front, cable construction crews are installing cable on poles and underground to serve telephone users from the new office located at Grand River and Powers Road. Maurer said that outside cable is being installed so that both the old and new telephone offices are connected to the phones at the same time. "That will permit us to make the conversion from the present manual exchange to the new dial system in only a few seconds when the change comes on August 21," the manager added.

While installers and construction men are busy with the outside phase of the cut-off job, dial equipment specialists of the Western Electric Company are working in the new central office, erecting frames and installing switching equipment. Maurer explained that the dial equipment is tailor-made to the specific requirements of the Farmington office. The equipment is manufactured by the Western Electric Company according to specifications of Michigan Bell engineers.

Once installed and tested, the equipment is taken over by Michigan Bell for operation and maintenance.

Maurer stated that the Farmington program culminates years of study by company engineers who had to evaluate not only current telephone service needs but also the long range requirements of the Farmington area.

Adjoin Sewage Case To Monday

The scheduled hearing in Oakland County Circuit Court regarding the city sewer connection has been postponed to Monday, April 25, at the request of Paul Pare, City Attorney.

Pare asked for the delay in order to give more time for the preparation of an answer to the Bill of Complaint served on the city last week. The attorney is also working on a possible amendment to the court order of October 13, 1954, which set up a schedule of deadlines in connection with sewage treatment facilities. The city is presently engaged in a study of the area around Southfield, West Bloomfield and Waterford Townships, in the possible establishment of an area-wide sewerage system with connection to the City of Detroit.

The progress of this proposed system will be presented to the Court during the hearing on Monday. In the opinion of the Court, the progress is sufficient, an amendment may be added to the original Court Order setting up a new schedule of construction deadlines. The case is being brought into Court at the request of the State through the Attorney General's office.

Plans For Expansion Of City Water System Filed With County And State

Draft Bid Applications On Pumping Equipment For New Wells And Water Main Extensions

City officials were notified early this week by L. N. Hayden, engineer, that design, location, and specifications for the main connecting the new water wells with the present system have been completed and submitted to the various state and county agencies for approval.

The plans call for the construction of a 10-inch main to run from the new well site south of the Grand River Cut-Off and west side of Farmington Road to an intersection with the present system at the north end of the Cut-Off to Gill Road north on Gill to Grand River and east on Grand River to Pickett. City officials stated that the new installation will primarily service the west section of the city with the surplus going into the reservoir.

The engineer's report must be approved by the State Highway Department, the Oakland County Road Commission, and the State Health Department before actual construction contracts can be awarded. Approval of the Highway Department is necessary because the main will have to cross beneath the Cut-Off.

CONTRACT BIDS are also being prepared by the engineer and bid applications will be made available within a few days. It is proposed that bids be started on Monday, April 25.

Propose New Community Center In Township

Offer Town Hall Site At Farm Rd. - 12 Mile

A proposal for the establishment of a general community center at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Twelve Mile Road was introduced at a recent meeting of the Township Board held Tuesday evening in the Town Hall.

The suggested lay-out for the center was presented by City Manager James Thompson. The proposed Brown of Thompson-Brown Company. It was proposed that the center include neighborhood shopping facilities plus sites for a new elementary school, and a church. Brown emphasized that this was strictly an offer and that no effort would be made to push the sale of the property if it was not accepted. He added that should the Board want to proceed with the suggested plan, an amendment would have to be made changing the zone from residential to commercial.

AROUND THE BLOCK

ARE YOU PLANNING... Whether it's a week or a Sunday afternoon drive, you will want an extra excursion or get 'em for you! Copies of the latest edition of the 1955 Official State Highway Map of Michigan have arrived and are available free of charge. They contain the kinds of valuable information for the home wanderer such as the State Parks along the way, and of course the many lakes and streams you will want to look at. Just one word of caution, these maps are not only valuable but they are free, and they don't stay around the office very long, so get yours early or you may be disappointed!

School To Review Pay Schedule

The Farmington Township School Board will hold a special session this Thursday evening, April 21, to review pay schedules for the 1955-56 school year.

The matter was brought up at the regular meeting of the Board on April 11 following disclosure of the complex nature of the elementary school administrative personnel over alleged pay injustices under the new pay schedule. Due to the Board decided to call a special session to examine the entire program.

Although the meeting has been called primarily to discuss the pay schedule, Superintendent O. E. Dunckel stated that the Board may consider earlier talks concerning the placing of a bond issue on the June election ballot for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to purchase additional school slips.

City Plans Zoning Hearing Saturday

Four proposed amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance will be discussed at a public hearing scheduled for Saturday morning, April 23, at the Municipal Building.

The purpose of the hearing, to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon will be to hear any comments or objections to the proposed amendments. The hearing will be held in the Council chambers.

The first two proposals concern the rezoning of property on the south side of the Cut-Off east and west of Farmington Road. The property on the east side of Farmington Road between the Cut-Off and Nine Mile Road and extending west to Gill Road would be rezoned from Suburban to General Industrial. These two proposals were discussed at a hearing on Saturday, March 26, but a new hearing was scheduled because of a lack of a Council quorum.

A third proposal involves the rezoning of the former Our Lady of Sorrows School property on Grand River at Mooney, from residential to commercial for a distance of 600 feet north of Grand River. The final proposal concerns the rezoning of a parcel of land at the corner of Farmington Road and Sloum and extending east to the intersection of Nine Mile Road and Sloum as well as a parcel, 130 feet north of Sloum in the rear of the lots fronting on Grand River.

Board Approves \$508,194 Budget At Clarendenville

Represents \$71,000 Increase Over 1954-55

A total budget of \$508,194 for the fiscal year 1955-56 was approved by the Clarendenville School Board at its regular meeting held Thursday evening in the high school building.

This represents an increase of \$71,102 over the estimated budget for 1954-55. The largest increase in revenue items is the State School Aid. Tax collections for 1955-56 are estimated at \$147,733 as compared to \$121,519 last year. It is estimated that State School Aid will total \$256,523 in 1955-56 compared to \$186,015,46 in 1954-55.

The largest single expense item is listed at \$340,407 for instruction. This is compared to \$310,122 last year. It is estimated that school enrollment next year will jump from 1,929 to 2,100 and that a total of 84 teachers will be required on the staff. Operational costs are the second largest item at \$71,750, as compared to \$67,470 in 1954-55.

THE BOARD instructed Eberly M. Smith Associates, Inc., school architects, to make test borings to determine soil conditions preparatory to the construction of a seven classroom addition to the school building.

APPLICANTS for the new position of building inspector in Farmington Township are to be interviewed by the Board next week, officials announced Tuesday.

Harry McCracken, Clerk, reported that a total of 19 applications have been received for the building inspector position.

Hit New High In March Farmington City-Township Library Announces Record Book Circulation

During the month of March a record total of 2,080 books were circulated through the Farmington City-Township Library, reported this week.

There were also a total of 65 new registrations during the month for another new record. Mrs. Leach stated that the average circulation during January, February and March of this year has been 1,900 books per month. It was expected that this total would continue to increase during the balance of the year.

Mrs. Leach added that although the population of the Farmington community has increased tremendously in the past few years, the growth of the City-Township Library has been even greater. From 1950 to 1954 the population of Farmington has increased by about 20% while the city population has grown approximately 23%. However, the number of registered borrowers and the circulation during the same period and the number of books circulated has increased 38%. In 1950 about 9% of the population were registered borrowers compared to about 15% during 1954.

Because of the increased number of patrons, additional hours should be provided for circulating in order to better serve the growing community. Mrs. Leach added that the Citizens Library Committee stated in a recent report that the library should be provided with facilities in the Town Hall which are wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the community. The committee has recommended that the City Council and the Township Board that action be taken to construct a new library building as early as possible.

The committee has proposed that funds and property from the Clinton Wilber and Ruth Carlisle Estates be utilized for the library building. It is estimated that a total of \$1 million plus thousands of dollars of assessed valuation be levied to supplement funds from the estates and to provide for equipment and books and to pay the expenses of maintenance and operation.

The recommendations have been submitted to both the City Council and Township Board and are now under study.

CONGRATULATIONS

... volunteer workers and donors who are in order to the blood bank held Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Legion Home. Arranging and conducting these semi-annual blood banks is a king-sized job, requiring a lot of time and effort on the part of a lot of people. In spite of the rather disappointing turnout of donors as compared to the record participation, the bank was definitely a success. A total of 166 pints of blood were secured, which will help save a lot of lives, maybe some right here in the Farmington area. It is impossible to recognize all of the groups and individuals who took part in the program, but we can't help but feel the contribution they have made to the future health and welfare of the entire community. We are proud to live among neighbors like these.

Melody Circus Ticket Sale Opens

Season tickets are now available for the Melody Circus Theater Summer Season which will be held on the grounds of Botsford Inn, Grand River and Eight Mile Road, beginning June 16.

The theater will open with the production of "Show Boat" on June 16 and close with the presentation of "South Pacific" on September 11. John Abart, president, announced this week. A bright season of Broadway musical comedies and operettas, staffed by all-professional casts, will be presented in the unique tent-theater arrangement on the Botsford Inn property.

Tickets may be secured at Botsford Inn, Grinnell Brothers and Melody Circus, Inc., 521 Ford Building, Detroit.

The complete list of shows includes: "Baragoodon," "Desert Song," "Carousel," "Merry Widow," "Finian's Rainbow," "Kiss Me Kate," "Song of Norway," and "With You We're Here." The various productions will run from Tuesday evening through Sunday evening with Saturday matinee. The tent arrangement will accommodate seats for approximately 1,600 persons, all within close proximity to the stage. Free parking space will also be available on the grounds.

CLARENCVILLE H. S. RECEIVES 3 YEAR ACCREDITATION

Clarendenville High School has received a three year accreditation from the University of Michigan Bureau of School Services, officials announced this week.

The addition to the high school building in 1952, which includes facilities for science, library, industrial arts and homemaking, has enabled the school to move from a two year to three year classification.

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