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TOWNSHIP BOARD SETS DATE FOR SPECIAL VOTE ON LIBRARY PROPOSAL



SCHOOL blinker lights have been placed in operation at some of the elementary schools in the Farmington school system. Blinkers for the other schools in the district are on order and will be erected as soon as they are obtained by the Examining one of the blinkers at the Ten Mile School are, left to right: Mr. Whitney James, safety patrol director, and safety patrol boys Paul Flagg, Jim Anderson and John Wyman. Photo, explains the operation of the blinker to the safety patrol boys and their leader. Purchase of the blinker signs was authorized by the School Board early in the school year.

School Board Approves Formal Bond Resolution

Date For Election To Be Set Shortly

Details of a forthcoming bond election seeking approval of voters to raise necessary funds for the construction of additional classroom buildings in the Farmington Public Schools were discussed by the School Board at a meeting Monday evening.

A resolution of the formal bond election set up by bonding company attorneys, was heard and the resolution approved by the Board with minor changes.



MARCH OF DIMES

volunteer workers staged their first special project of the 1956 polio fund raising drive last Friday with the blue crutches being sold throughout the day in the City of Farmington, Clarenceville and Novi, with over \$300 being realized from the sale. Volunteer workers at the Bel-Aire Shopping Center are shown making another sale. Purchasing a crutch and making her donation in the 2211 Eastern Drive, Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision, extreme left in photo. Accepting her donation is Mrs. Evelyn Kendrick. Looking on is Mary E. Hill.

Millage Question To Be Decided February 21

A resolution was approved by the Township Board Tuesday evening setting February 21 as the date for a special election on the question of a tax levy to finance the maintenance of the proposed new City-Township Library.

It is proposed that a tax levy of 2/10 of a mill be spread on the assessed valuation of the Township as equalized by the State for the purpose of securing sufficient funds to operate and maintain the proposed library. However, before the tax can be assessed, it must be approved by a majority of the voters. The proposed tax levy would raise an estimated \$10,334.90 which is sufficient to qualify for state aid under the law.

Approval by the voters is only required in the Township since the City's share in the project can be obtained from the regular operating budget. The allocation from the City would be \$2,908.07 on the basis of state aid qualifications. According to Harry McCracken, Township Clerk, the date for the special election will be accepted up to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21. Persons should register at the Township Office, 10000 Michigan Hill during regular business hours.

Final U. F. Total Reaches \$19,000

Final collections in the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest Campaign total approximately \$19,000. Omar Sanderson, Campaign Chairman, announced this week.

This is approximately \$2,000 more than last year's collections. Sanderson added, The chairman stated that the residential solicitation functioned very smoothly throughout the campaign, thanks to the excellent cooperation of the coordinators, captains and volunteer workers. Sanderson expressed particular thanks to the Farmington State Bank for acting as deposit center and to Dorothy Smith and Mrs. Fred Carr for heading the deposits, as well as the Civic Theatre for running public films, the Girl Scouts who contributed time and effort on collection and the Farmington Enterprise for news information.



AROUND THE BLOCK

PRIOR TO THE CLOSE of the City Council meeting Monday evening, a resolution was proposed by Harvey Chapman recognizing the contribution which has been made by James Tennant in behalf of the City and wishing him well in his new capacity as City Manager. Tennant would participate in the final Council meeting in Farmington. He plans to leave this week end for his new post in California. All of the members of the Council voiced their approval of Chapman's resolution and expressed individual appreciation to Tennant for the services he has rendered to the City.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS

last Friday's Blue Crutch Day was a booming success, with plenty of contributions being collected in behalf of the fight against polio. This is but one of a number of projects being sponsored locally and conducted by the local March of Dimes Committee during this month of January. The next major project is the annual Mothers' March which will be held on Thursday, January 26. But you don't have to wait that long to join the continuing battle. You can help by making a contribution to the March of Dimes. You can be a member of this cause right now. Just drop a few dimes or a dollar in the container for help you will be an active participant in the campaign for a better health and security in the future. So, join up today... be a March of Dimes crusader!

IT IS THE OPINION

of a sizable number of citizens, who should know what they are talking of, that Farmington Township is in for the biggest building boom in its history as soon as the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor is placed in operation. According to reliable reports, many as 12 or more new subdivisions are being planned in the Township. Interceptor District. What it will mean in actual homes or families, no one has ventured a guess, but it will be sizable to say the least. Add to this the possible development of a Township-wide water system on a graduating scale and you get a pretty good idea of the outlook for the future. And regardless of some opinions to the contrary, the future is not too far away!

Approve Rezoning Of City Property For Proposed New Shopping Center

Property Owners On Lakeway Voice Objection To Proposal At Public Hearing Monday

Action was taken by the City Council Monday evening approving the rezoning of the former Our Lady of Sorrows school property, Grand River at Mooney Street, from residential to commercial to make way for the proposed construction of a shopping center. The action followed a special hearing which was held prior to the regular Council meeting. Approximately 21 persons attended and participated in the discussion of the proposed zoning change. Under the provisions of the rezoning, all that portion of the property lying north of Grand River for a distance of 690 feet along the west line and then east along a line perpendicular to Mooney Street will be designated as commercial building area. The remaining area to the north, covering a distance of 511.7 feet along the west property line and east to Mooney Street, will be parking area.

A NUMBER of objections were raised to the proposed rezoning by property owners along Lakeway Street, which abuts the property. They presented a petition signed by 27 affected property owners registering objections to the proposal. Clarke stated that existence of the shopping center would interfere with the privacy of the property owners, because of lights in the parking area, traffic congestion and the existence of rubbish and debris.

A representative of the developer stated that a wall would be erected between the commercial and residential area in accordance with city ordinance and that the lights on the parking area would be controlled as to time and need. Use of several property owners in the area stated that they were in favor of the rezoning.

It was agreed by the developer that a clause be inserted in the deed to the effect that the purchaser will not secure property along the contract prior to ingress or egress from or to Lakeway Street.

Township Board Suggests Changes In Contract From Planning Firm

At a special meeting Friday evening, the Township Board approved a motion directing A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, to meet with Wilson-Leoman and Associates, planning consultants, on the re-drafting of a contract for the development of a master plan for the Township.

Wilson To Head School Committee

Thomas C. Wilson was elected permanent chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Clarenceville Public Schools at the organizational meeting held Monday evening at the high school building.

Other newly elected officers include: Leroy Taggart, vice-chairman; and Clemens, secretary. The election was conducted following the report of the nominating committee. The election of permanent officers of the new organization of the newly created Citizens' Committee, authorized by the Board to assist with the planning for a new high school building.

Following the election of officers, the Committee approved two recommendations for consideration by the Board of Education, one group subject to the Board's action at its target date of September, 1957, for completion of the first unit of the project. They also recommended that the Board should attempt to secure the services of an architect.

Both recommendations will be filed with the Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

Police Attend Safety Conference

Representatives of both the City and Township Police Departments attended a special meeting Thursday afternoon in Detroit at the invitation of the Michigan State Police. The new traffic law were explained and discussed.

The meeting, sponsored by the State Safety Commission, was one of a series of conferences being held throughout the state this month in an effort to build support for the new speed law, which goes into effect February 3, which was one of the principal items on the agenda. The new speed limit during the day and a 55 mile per hour limit at night.

Other items on the program included a discussion of the "Firemen's enforcement policy" announced by the State Police. (Continued on Page 8A)

City Grants Request From Policemen For Hearing On Wage Grievances

Council Agrees To Discuss Salary Schedule Increases With Officers On February 13

The City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, set February 13 as the date for a hearing on wage grievances as requested by members of the Police Department.

The meeting will be held Thursday evening, January 12, at the Town Hall for the purpose of discussing various problems in connection with the proposed water system in the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

Representatives of Park and H.M. engineers, will be present. Arthur E. Moore, attorney for the city committee. The meeting is expected to deal with various questions which have arisen in connection with petitioning in the proposed water district. A report on the progress of distribution of questionnaires as well as the collection of signatures on petitions will also be presented.

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CITY FILES SEWER PROJECT PLANS WITH STATE

James Tennant, City Manager, reported to the Council Monday evening that plans and specifications on the Farmington portion of the proposed sewer interceptor have been filed with the State for consideration.

The manager added that the plans cover both the main trunk line from the Detroit System to Middlebelt and Shiawassee as well as the connecting line from the Farmington system to the proposed interceptor. The announcement was made during a discussion of proposed contracts for engineering services in connection with both the water and sewer projects. Paul Pare, City Attorney, recommended a number of changes in the proposed contracts submitted by him and the Farmington system for the proposed interceptor. The Council authorized Pare to re-draft the contracts in accordance with the recommendations and to submit them to the engineers for consideration.

Blue Crutch Day Sale Successful

The Blue Crutch Sale conducted in Farmington and surrounding communities last Friday as a part of the 1956 March of Dimes fund raising campaign was termed as highly successful.

A total of \$320.76 was raised in the sale of miniature blue crutches. The sale was conducted Monday by Mrs. Hazel Stevens, March of Dimes director for South-west Oakland County. In the City of Farmington collected donations of \$155.00. Workers were stationed throughout the day in front of the Farmington State Bank and at the Bel-Aire Shopping Center. Clarenceville area workers turned in \$65.00 for their chairman, Mrs. Nicholas Ianni. Mrs. Frazier Stain, chairman of the Novi drive, made sale at the Detroit Edison office in Farmington on January 20 and the Mothers' March on January 26. The Mothers' March will climax the 1956 drive.

Those wishing to donate baked goods or their time at the bake sale are asked to contact Mrs. L. Schaeppeler at GR. 43941.

Donations will be solicited during the month of January. Other special events scheduled during the March of Dimes Drive are a bake sale at the Detroit Edison office in Farmington on January 20 and the Mothers' March on January 26. The Mothers' March will climax the 1956 drive.

Township Water Groups To Meet

A joint meeting of the Township Water Development Committee and Water Study Committee will be held Thursday evening, January 12, at the Town Hall for the purpose of discussing various problems in connection with the proposed water system in the southern and eastern sections of the Township.

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Council Appoints Acting Manager

The City Council, Monday evening, designated Norbert Ratsky as Acting City Manager pending the appointment of a new administrator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Tennant.

Tennant's resignation will be complete effective January 13, 1956. The appointment of a new administrator for the City Manager's post has been set for February 1. Ratsky will serve as acting manager from the effective date of Tennant's resignation until a new appointee has been hired.

The selection of Ratsky as acting manager was recommended to the Council by James Tennant, who has been employed by the City as assistant manager since July of 1954. He has also served as building inspector and city engineer since joining the City.

City officials reported Monday that approximately 12 applications had been received thus far for the Manager's position. The applications will be screened by the Council immediately following the February 1 deadline. It is expected that the preferred candidates will be interviewed by the Council prior to the final selection.

Plans Completed For Open Houses At Three New Elementary Schools

Open houses will be held at the three new elementary schools in the Farmington Public School system on Wednesday evening, January 12. The first open house is scheduled at the Eagle School, Fourteen Mile and Middlebelt Road. This Thursday evening, January 12, an open house at the Gill School, Gill Road at Colfax, will be held on Monday evening, January 16. The last of the open houses will be held at the Shiawassee School, Shiawassee at Truck Road, on Wednesday evening, January 25.

Similar programs will be presented at each of the three new school open houses. All programs will start at 8 p.m. and will conclude prior to 10 p.m. for the benefit of children attending. Following selection of the elementary school plans, the Township will be extended by a member of the School Board at each of the open houses and by O. E. Dunckel, superintendent of schools. After greetings are given, programs will then be served.

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