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School Board Authorizes Purchase Of Two Elementary School Sites

Individual Board Members Asked To Complete Transactions For Sites In Sections 9 And 10

Authorization was given at a meeting of the Farmington School Board Monday night for individual Board members to proceed with final arrangements for the purchase of two new elementary school sites.

The authorization was granted following a discussion of reports on the progress of negotiations by Board members for sites now under consideration. Bayard Tupper was instructed to proceed with the purchase of a site in the central portion of Section 9, northwest of the Kendallwood Subdivision No. 1 development. Authorization was also granted to Wendell Brown to continue negotiations for an option or purchase agreement for a site of about eight acres between Westbrook Manor and Kendallwood No. 2 development in Section 10 of the Township. According to a report by Brown, developers in both subdivisions are agreeable to selling the property, centrally located in the middle of the subdivisions.

President Brown reported that negotiations for a proposed site in the City of Farmington would not be possible until owners of the site return to this area in March.

A LEGAL opinion has not yet been received from the school attorney regarding a proposal to levy a special tax for transportation. The proposed tax would provide sufficient funds to make up the difference in transportation costs and the funds received from the state. Dunckel stated that the attorney had submitted a verbal opinion that such a levy would be legal. The Board withheld action until the opinion is received in writing. The question will likely be taken up in detail at the next meeting of the Board.

Reports were received by the Board from James Read and Gerald Harrison, assistant superintendents, relative to the setting up of a driver training program for the Farmington Schools. They indicated that between 250 and 300 students would be eligible to take the course when started this summer or at the beginning of the next school year. Each student will be required to take 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of training behind the wheel. Three cars and three instruct-

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Schedule Review Of Building Plans At Clarenceville

Study Committee, Board To Meet March 5

A joint meeting of the Clarenceville School Board and the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be held next Monday, March 5, to discuss sketches and drawings of the proposed new high school building.

The sketches will be presented by Walter Anicka, architect. School officials emphasized that the sketches are only preliminary and are being presented for discussion only. It is expected that as a result of the meeting a number of changes will be incorporated into the final drawings. Preparation of the sketches was authorized by the Board several weeks ago.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Board was originally planned for March 1, but was delayed in order that the joint meeting could be held. The Board is expected to meet shortly before the joint meeting to discuss a number of minor matters. The meeting with the Advisory Committee is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. at the high school.

The Board has already set April 23 as the date for a special election to consider the proposed $750,000 bond issue for the new high school. It is estimated that the amount of the proposed bond issue will cover the initial unit of the high school. Plans call for the construction of the building on property located across from the present high school.

ADULT EDUCATION ART CLASSES OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Registration and opening sessions in two art classes being offered in the Farmington Adult Recreation program will begin next week, James Read, assistant superintendent, disclosed.

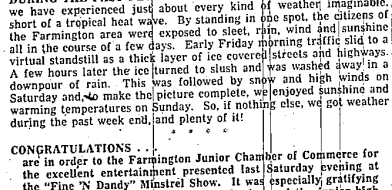
Monday night's art class, under the direction of Jim Bryan of Cranbrook, will start its final eight week session Monday, March 5. Registration for Mrs. B. Tewksbury's Wednesday night art class will begin on March 7.

Both classes will be conducted in the instrumental music room at the Farmington Senior High School on Shiawassee Street and will be open to both beginning and advanced students. Classes run from 7 to 10 p.m.

POWER FAILURE CAUSES BRIEF WATER SHORTAGE

Water pressure in the west side of the city dropped below normal for several hours Sunday morning when a fuse on one of the pumps in the City Park blew out, causing a breakdown of facilities.

According to City officials, the power failure apparently occurred early Sunday morning. The pump was put back in operation about 10:30 a.m. Residents in the area reported difficulty in getting sufficient water during the early morning hours.



DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS . . . we have experienced just about every kind of weather imaginable, short of a tropical heat wave. By standing in one spot, the citizens of the Farmington area were exposed to sleet, rain, wind and sunshine all in the course of a few days. Early Friday morning traffic slid to a virtual standstill as a thick layer of ice covered streets and highways. A few hours later the ice turned to slush and was washed away in a downpour of rain. This was followed by snow and high winds on Saturday and, to make the picture complete, we enjoyed sunshine and warming temperatures on Sunday. So, if nothing else, we got weather during the past week end, and plenty of it!

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CONGRATULATIONS . . . are in order to the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for the excellent entertainment presented last Saturday evening at the "Fine 'N Dandy" Minstrel Show. It was especially gratifying to see the record number of people who jammed the junior high school gymnasium for the performance. Extra chairs had to be set up at the last minute to accommodate the overflow audience. They not only saw an outstanding show, but they contributed materially to the well-being of their community, since the proceeds from the program and ticket sales will be used by the Jaycees for future civic activities in the Farmington area. The various committees, the cast, the advertisers and the audience can take pride in having a part in this worthwhile community project.

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THE SUCCESS . . . of any community newspaper is directly dependent upon the support it receives from the people. We are especially pleased with the excellent cooperation being extended to us by the citizens of this community. Our circulation is continuing to grow in ever-increasing numbers and more and more people are taking an active part in the submitting of news and feature material. We are anxious to publish just as large and complete a newspaper as we can in a continuing effort to serve the community better. Unfortunately, it is necessary at times to leave important news material out because of limited space. It is impossible to add pages without the necessary advertising volume to support them. We urge that you patronize your home community merchants, let them know that you are reading The Enterprise regularly, and encourage them to tell their story where you and your neighbors will see it and read it.

REQUEST REZONING FOR RACE TRACK IN TOWNSHIP

EMPLOYEES of the Farmington Branch of the Secretary of State's Office were kept on their toes early this week handling the last-minute rush of applicants for 1956 auto license plates. At the time this picture was taken Saturday morning, approximately two applicants a minute were being processed. According to Kenneth Loomis, Branch Manager, license plate sales were far in excess of any previous year. The deadline on the purchase of 1956 plates was Wednesday, February 29.

Board To Confer With State On Water Problem

Blanchard Takes Steps To Arrange Meeting

Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated Monday that efforts are now being made to arrange a meeting with officials of the Michigan Department of Health to discuss the water problem in Farmington Township.

The meeting is being called in response to a letter from John E. Vogt, Sanitary Engineer of the Department of health, offering assistance in trying to solve the problem. Blanchard stated that he planned to confer with Pate and Hirn, engineers, and Judge Arthur E. Moore, attorney, this week regarding a meeting with Vogt.

IN A LETTER to Blanchard and Dr. Joseph Gadhaw, Health Officer and chairman of the Township Water Development Association, Vogt stated that the Department is concerned with the water problem in the Township and is anxious to be of assistance. He added that the Department has met with the Board and residents of the area on at least two occasions and "was under the impression that action was being taken to correct the situation, inasmuch as we have not heard further from either the Township or the residents of the area."

Vogt suggested in his letter that a meeting be held with members of the Township Board and the Water Committee in addition to representatives of Pate and Hirn. He added that he would be very happy to meet with this

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Board Employs Heating Inspector To Work In Building Department

Raymond Melvin To Begin Work March 1 As Full-Time Inspector In The Township

The Farmington Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved the hiring of Raymond Melvin as a full time heating inspector in accordance with the provisions of the Gas and Oil Burner Code.

Melvin will begin work March 1 at a salary of $5,600 a year. He becomes a member of the Township Building Department and will work directly under Albert Gain, Building Inspector. Melvin was selected from a group of five candidates interviewed recently by the Board.

Action was also taken by the Board approving a formal resolution requiring the installation of water meters in new subdivisions having water systems. According to the resolution drafted by A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, the installation of meters must be completed before a certificate of occupancy will be issued. The resolution supersedes a similar motion which was passed by the Board on February 14.

PROPERTY owners on Floral Avenue, north of Ten Mile, presented a suggested resolution to the Board asking that the Clerk certify to the fact that the Township has expended public monies on the repair and maintenance of the road and that a copy of the

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Complete Schedule For Cage Tourney

Pairings for the annual District Basketball Tournament, to be held March 7, 8, 9 and 10 at the new Farmington High School gymnasium on Shiawassee Street, were completed Tuesday afternoon.

The tournament, being held this year at Farmington, will include both Class "C" and Class "B" contests. The Class "C" games are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Class "B" games to be held at approximately 8:30 p.m. The only exception will be on Wednesday, March 7. Since only one contest is scheduled, the starting time has been set for 7:30 p.m.

According to tournament officials, the pairings are as follows: Wednesday, March 7, Oak Park vs. Bloomfield Hills in a Class "C" game. Thursday, March 8, South Lyon vs. West Bloomfield. Class "C" and Clarenceville vs. Garden City, Class "B." Friday, March 9, Orchard Lake St. Mary vs. winner of the Oak Park - Bloomfield

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Travel Series Program To Feature Color Tour Of Gulf Coast Saturday

"The Fabulous Gulf Coast" will be the subject of a beautiful color tour to be presented Saturday evening, March 3, at the Farmington Junior High School gymnasium as part of the Kiwanis Club World Travel Series.

Julian Gromer, one of the most popular travel lecturers, will serve as host for the adventure. The tour begins at the Suwannee River in Florida and extends all the way to the Rio Grande, the border between Texas and Mexico. On the way the audience will visit Kakulla Springs for some exciting underwater photography, Pensacola, Bellingrath Gardens, famous Biloxi and colorful New Orleans.

The tour will then shift to the Delta country, with its salt, sugar and Tabasco sauce, and where the poem "Evangeline" comes to life on the screen. Then into Texas where the camera records the shipping of cotton and sulfur at Galveston, the huge King's Ranch and Brownsville, the gateway to Mexico. Of course there is more, a lot more, and Gromer's outstanding photography, his delightful narration and his soft musical background make this travelogue a "must" for every armchair adventurer.

Individual tickets for the program may be secured at the door of the Junior High School gymnasium prior to the lecture. The program is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p.m. sharp.

JULIAN GROMER

Vote Registration Deadline Set

Friday, March 16, has been set as the final date of registration for the special Farmington School District bond issue election, to be held on Monday, March 26.

Eligible voters living in the City of Farmington may register at the Municipal Building any week day between now and March 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Electors living in the Township may register at the Town Hall during the same regular office hours. Residents in the District living in the City of Livonia or the Township of Novi may register at their respective city or township offices.

On the final day of registration, March 16, all of the affected city and township offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of taking registrations. Only those persons whose names do not appear on the books at the present time need to register.

The special election concerns a proposed $2,000,000 bond issue, which, if approved, will be used by the District for the construction of new school buildings and the acquiring of additional school building sites. The proposed buildings include a new junior high school and three new elementary schools.

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Philip J. Brewer Fatally Injured In Auto Accident

Car Hits Tree, Split In Two By Impact

Philip J. Brewer, 22, of 21004 Renselear, Farmington, was fatally injured in an auto accident on Eight Mile Road at Poinciana near Grand River Friday afternoon.

Brewer, traveling west on Eight Mile Road, was in the process of passing another vehicle when he ran into a large puddle of water on the highway. Apparently losing control of his auto, he ran off the left side of the road and traveled approximately 350 feet before striking a tree. The car hit the tree with such force that it was split in two near the doors.

SUFFERING severe head lacerations and internal injuries, Brewer died enroute to Redford Receiving Hospital.

Considerable property damage was inflicted and a minor personal injury was suffered when a car driven by Gary Renox of Detroit traveled wildly from the beginning of the boulevarded portion of Grand River to the Middlebelt Road intersection last Sunday.

Traveling east on Grand River, Renox ran off the road near the beginning of the divided highway. Striking a sign at the Hopkins Service Station, his auto proceeded across Colgate, striking the front of Johnson's Market and knocking over a mail box. The auto then collided with a car which had stopped on Middlebelt at Grand River and then struck a tree before being halted.

Renox was not injured, but Shirley Vizzini of Detroit, a passenger in the car stopped at the intersection, suffered minor leg injuries. She was treated at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

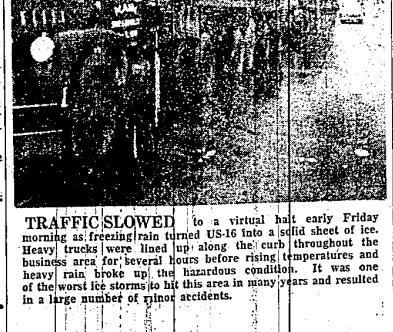
Consider Public Parking Survey

The newly appointed committee, called to study off-street parking needs in the City, met Monday evening at the Municipal Building to discuss plans for the conducting of a parking survey.

Delos Hamlin, a member of the Committee stated that he had contacted the Oakland County Planning Commission and that they were in a position to conduct a survey if the city so desired. John Allen, chairman of the Committee, stated that he was now in the process of securing information from other nearby communities regarding location and financing of off-street parking facilities.

Another meeting of the Committee will be held next week at which time G. N. Skrubb, director of the Oakland County Planning Commission, will be present to outline the survey work. The County Planning Commission has conducted similar parking surveys in other communities.

The special off-street parking committee was appointed by the City Council on February 27 following an offer of assistance from the Farmington Exchange Club. Members of the Committee include the City Manager, Councilman Paul Calkins, and businessmen Delos Hamlin, John Allen and Harry Lapham. The committee is purely advisory with powers limited to making recommendations to the Council.



TRAFFIC SLOWED to a virtual halt early Friday morning as freezing rain turned US-16 into a solid sheet of ice. Heavy trucks were lined up along the curb throughout the business area for several hours before rising temperatures and heavy rain broke up the hazardous condition. It was one of the worst ice storms to hit this area in many years and resulted in a large number of minor accidents.

Board Initiates Steps To Rezone 244 Acres At Ten Mile And Haggerty

At a special meeting Monday afternoon, the Farmington Township Board approved a motion declaring its intent to amend the Zoning Ordinance to make way for the proposed construction of a race track and recreation center in the vicinity of Ten Mile and Haggerty Roads.

The declaration of intent, which was unanimously approved, sets up the machinery for the consideration and recommendations of the proposal by the Township Planning Board and Zoning Board. Officials emphasized that the proposed rezoning will follow the same pattern as any suggested zoning change, including public hearings.

George Kovacs, representing the developers, stated that options have been secured on the 244 acres of land which would house this proposed race track and recreation center. He added that the complete plant would cost an estimated $4½ million and would include a track, stadium, stables, baseball diamond, tennis courts and miscellaneous buildings.

THE PROPERTY is zoned as Residential 4 at the present time, with the proposal that it be rezoned as Commercial. Kovacs stated that the property must be rezoned before a license can be secured from the State. According to Kovacs, the project is being backed by a group of prominent businessmen.

Several members of the Board stated that this type of development would greatly increase the amount of revenue being received by the Township and the School District. It was also pointed out by a number of the Board members that this area has not been developed to any great extent as yet and thus would not create any particular hardship on existing home owners.

The proposal was submitted to the Township Planning Board Monday evening and it was recommended that action be delayed until more details on the plan could be secured. It was further suggested that after a complete layout of the proposal has been filed by the developers that the matter be taken up at a regular Township Board meeting and that the proposal be advertised so that affected property owners could be heard.

Following the reading of the minutes of the special meeting at the regular Board session on Tuesday, a number of questions regarding the proposal were asked by citizens. One of the questions asked was whether or not the wording "declaration of intent" meant that the Board had already made up its mind to approve the proposal. Although the question was not thoroughly answered, the "declaration of intent" in previous zoning questions has simply served as a means of bringing the matter before the Planning Board and the Zoning Board for consideration and public hearing.

Mrs. Elise Avery, Board Trustee, raised a question as to whether or

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Council Appoints New City Manager

EARL SCHERFFIUS

The City Council Monday evening appointed Earl Scherffius as City Manager to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Tennant.

Scherffius, Assistant City Manager of Port Huron will take over his new duties on Thursday, March 8. Mayor Robert Lindbert stated that the Council unanimously approved the appointment at a special meeting Monday evening. He was originally interviewed Saturday afternoon, along with three other candidates.

The new City Manager is 34 years old, married, and has two daughters. Prior to his appointment is Assistant City Manager at Port Huron. Scherffius was general manager for the Oelas Manufacturing Company in Cleveland. He served in the U. S. Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945.

Scherffius graduated from the University of Kentucky with a B. S. degree in 1943. He took graduate work at Western Reserve University, Cornell University, University of Kentucky, and University of Michigan.

BOARDS OF REVIEW TO HOLD OPENING SESSIONS MARCH 6

The Board of Review of Farmington City and Township will open their annual sessions next Tuesday, March 6, for the purpose of hearing complaints and inspecting the assessment rolls for the year 1956.

The City Board of Review will meet in the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, and on Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13. The Township Board of Review will hold sessions in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, and Monday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday March 13, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Upon the request of any person who is assessed on the City or Township rolls, and upon sufficient cause being shown, the Boards of Review will correct the assessment in such manner as will in their judgment make the value relatively just and equal.

Ask Zone Change For Baptist Home

Petitions bearing over 300 signatures of qualified electors of the Township were presented to the Board Tuesday evening requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of the Detroit Baptist Manor, a home for the aged, on Thirteen Mile Road between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt Road.

The Board declared its intent to amend the ordinance and authorized A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, to draft the proper legal notice for publication and filing with the Zoning Board. The amendment involves an enlargement of the land use provisions presently allowed in residential zones.

A total of 50 Baptist Churches in the Detroit area will launch a special campaign early next month in an effort to raise $500,000 for the first units of the Detroit Baptist Manor. The total cost of the completed project is expected to exceed $1,000,000. The new Manor will eventually include 30 cottages as well as a central dining hall, library, chapel and infirmary. The project is being sponsored by the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society.

Edward R. Board, executive secretary of the project, stated that ground-breaking ceremonies for the initial portion of the Manor is expected to be held on Mother's Day of this year. The campaign for funds will open March 6 at a dinner in the Royal Oak First Baptist Church.

Rev. M. R. Walter, pastor of the North Farmington Baptist Church, has been invited to attend the meeting. The North Farmington Baptist Church is affiliated with the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society.