

New Enrollments Cause Teacher Need, Board Told

Recommend Changes In Salary Schedule

A shortage of at least three teachers at the T. J. Mille Road elementary school and a threat of more teacher shortages in other schools in the Farmington Public School system was disclosed at a meeting of the School Board Monday night.

Increased enrollment in the schools during the school year is causing the teacher shortage. Superintendent O. E. Dunckel told the Board.

In a separate report, Dunckel recommended that the Board consider some changes in the school's teacher salary schedule. He indicated that changes may be necessary in order to compete with other schools in the Detroit metropolitan area for the best caliber of teachers. Dunckel stated that he would prepare a detailed comparison of Farmington's salary schedule with other school systems in the area and offer specific recommendations for changes in the schedule for future consideration by the Board.

A resolution made by the Livonia School Board seeking state legislation to aid rapidly growing school districts was approved by the Farmington Board. The Livonia resolution requests that legislation be passed requiring boards to pay a privilege fee for new homes.

This, the resolution contends, would help provide money to educate new students enrolled in rapidly growing districts. The school tax money can be realized from new families moving into that district. Homes occupied by new families do not appear on the tax rolls for a year or longer, yet children must be educated with no (Continued on Page 8A)

P. O. COMPLETES PLANS FOR NEW CLOSING HOUR

Organizational plans have now been completed by the Farmington Post Office for the alteration of week-day closing hours. Henry Trombley, Postmaster, announced this week.

Under the new schedule, which will begin Friday, March 16, the Post Office will close on week days at 5:30 p.m. instead of the present 6:00 p.m. Trombley stated that the earlier closing hour on week days will enable the Post Office to prepare and dispatch all mail, including newspapers, by a closing time on the same day. This Postmaster pointed out that there will be no change in the Saturday hours.

Trombley stated that the new schedule is designed to facilitate the handling of mail and packages and it is hoped that it will not inconvenience anyone. Persons who have any complaints regarding the new system are requested to file them directly with the Farmington Postmaster.



AROUND THE BLOCK

FOR THE SECOND WEEK... in a row, the weather has gained top honors as far as this column is concerned. The weather has been the "best," it means the most unusual, and we have been getting plenty of that in the last two weeks. The latest invasion of the unusual hit the Farmington area early Sunday morning in the form of a major windstorm. Before it had blown itself out, it had blown a number of large store windows had been shattered and numerous signs were flattened. In spite of the big blow, we came through in good shape compared to our friends in the northwestern part of the state, who had the wind plus rain, lightning, and an accumulation of snow between 10 and 15 inches of snow. So you see, things could always be worse, especially where the weather is concerned.

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TOWNSHIP CONSIDERS SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS



A TOUR and careful inspection of departments and installations operated by the city was made the latter part of last week by Farmington's new City Manager, Earl Scheriffus. He was accompanied by Norbert Ratsky, city engineer. One of the stops on the tour was at the new pump houses recently constructed at the site of the new city water wells located south of the Grand River Cut-off and west of Farmington Road. The pumping operation for the new wells and the type of system employed is explained to Scheriffus, left, by Ratsky. Scheriffus officially took over as Farmington City Manager on March 5.

Seek Legislation On Builder's Fee For School Relief

The resolution urges legislation whereby subdividers and builders would be required to pay a privilege fee for the construction of new homes within newly created school districts. The maximum fee would be fixed by statute and such fees would be paid to the school district in which such construction is located. The funds would be applied to the increased school cost, operation, construction and debt occasioned from the construction of new residences within the school district.

A resolution requesting the State Legislature to initiate action on assistance to school districts from subdividers was approved by the Clarenceville School Board at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

Vote Registrations Continue Upward

New registrations are continuing to pour into the Farmington City and Township offices all a near record pace as the deadline for the coming Special Farmington School Election draws near.

According to Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, a total of 85 new registrations were recorded during the past week, bringing the overall total to 135. At the same time, 37 new registrations were taken in the City during the past few days, bringing the total to 355. These figures include all new registrations filed during the last period. However, officials stated that the bulk of the activity has occurred in the last several weeks.

The final date of registration for the special school election has been set for 5:00 p.m. this Friday, March 16. Those residents of the Farmington School District living in Farmington, Novi and West Bloomfield Township, as well as the cities of Farmington and Livonia, are requested to register at their respective clerks' offices prior to the deadline. Residents must be registered prior to the March 16 deadline in order to be eligible to vote in the special school election. Only persons not already registered need to enter their names on the books.

Two Injured In Auto Accidents

Watson R. McIntyre, 69, of 24499 Orchard Lake Road, suffered deep scalp lacerations last Saturday afternoon in an auto accident on Grand River at Waldron Street.

Traveling east on Grand River in the center lane of traffic, McIntyre swung into another lane to make a turn onto Waldron. He stated that he did not see another car driven by Richard Schlabach of Detroit, proceeding in the same direction in the next lane. Schlabach told police he was unable to stop in time to avoid the crash when McIntyre swung over.

A three-car collision on Northwestern Highway at Middlebelt Road Friday shortly before 9 p.m. resulted in minor injuries to Rafael Arellano of Wyandotte.

The accident occurred when Arellano's car collided with the rear of an auto driven by Walter Wagner of Birmingham. Wagner's car, in turn, was pushed into the car of James D. Unis of Walled Lake. Both had stopped at the traffic light. All three autos were headed west on Northwestern when the accident occurred.

TEMPORARY relief from the muddy road situation in Farmington was welcomed by the part of last week when temperatures dipped after a short warm spell. Deep holes making when the frost suddenly left the ground, however, making some roads difficult to travel. One such hole, on Hawthorne Street north of Silvasse, is usually studied by a driver before taking a chance and moving on.

Engineers Study Water Extension To Township

Detroit Plans To Have Water Available By 1958

Officials of the Detroit Water Board reported this week that Pate and Hlin, engineers for the proposed Farmington Township water system, are now in contact with Detroit engineers regarding plans for the proposed extension of water facilities to the Township.

The statement was made by Mr. G. Remus, executive head of the Detroit Water System, during a phone conversation Monday afternoon. Remus added that proposed plans for increasing the capacity of the Springwells Pumping Station will enable the Detroit System to extend water to the suburban areas. However, he emphasized that this is not a project which can be accomplished overnight. In addition to the problems of engineering and construction, there is the matter of local financing which will take time to complete, Remus added.

ON THE BASIS of present plans, it is hoped that some water can be secured for the "dry area" of the Township by 1958. Remus stated that more complete coverage of the area should be available by 1960, at which time the capacity of the Springwells Pumping Station will be increased by 60%. According to the proposed plans announced by Ernest Blanchard, Township Supervisor, Detroit would extend its 48" main along Eight Mile Road west to the intersection of Potomac Road. This would permit Farmington Township and possibly Southfield Township to connect a 36" feeder line at that point and thus obtain Detroit water for their respective areas.

Mrs. Philip Newberg, secretary of the Water Development Association, stated that the circulation (Continued on Page 8A)

Zoning Board Gets Race Track Plan

A copy of the Declaration of Intent to rezone 244 acres of land in the vicinity of Ten Mile and Haggerty Roads as a possible site for a race track has been received by the Township Zoning Board. Floyd A. Cairns, Clerk, announced this week.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was forwarded to the Zoning Board by the Zoning Board, following legal publication. It calls for the rezoning of the site from Residential 4 to Commercial. The proposed rezoning was presented to the Planning Commission two weeks ago and it was recommended that action be delayed pending the presentation of more detailed information.

It is expected that the Zoning Board will call a public hearing in April to hear any objections to the proposed rezoning. He gave recommendations for filing with the Township Board. The proposal will then go to the County Zoning Board for final action before coming back to the Township Board for final action.

Officials stated that the public hearing will be advertised twice prior to the actual meeting, so that all property owners will have an opportunity to participate in the discussion.

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Delay Action On Planning Board Recommendation For Plat Layouts

The first of a proposed series of regulations governing future subdivision development in Farmington Township was presented to the Board at its regular meeting Tuesday evening and tabled for further consideration on March 27.

The proposal, pertaining to the preparation of preliminary plans and final plats, was presented by Harvey Faxon, chairman of the Township Planning Board. Freeman stated that the proposal was approved at the Planning Board meeting on March 12 with the recommendation that the Township Board adopt the outline as presented. The regulations stipulate that certain information be required on each plat so that the Board can take prompt action and so that a uniform system will be established.

Large Attendance Expected At City Zoning Hearing

Discussion On Revision Set For Wednesday

A large delegation of city property owners is expected to participate in the public hearing set for Wednesday evening, March 22, to discuss the proposed revision of the City Zoning Ordinance.

Most of the activity centers around the suggested new commercial areas. In addition to the inquiries, several letters have been filed with the Council voicing objections to the new commercial zones, particularly along the west side of Farmington Road and north of the Cut-Off.

The hearing was originally set for February 15, but was delayed to February 23 and finally to March 22 in order to have a full Council present for the discussion. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. In addition to the Council members, Malcolm Waring, Planning Consultant, will be present to discuss the proposals and to answer questions.

The revision includes both the ordinance itself and the accompanying map. The ordinance spells out the various regulations affecting each zone while the map area (Continued on Page 8A)

Suggest Survey On City Parking

The special committee appointed by the City Council to study the off-street parking problem has recommended that a survey of existing facilities and future needs be conducted by the Oakland County Planning Commission.

Action on the recommendation was made at a meeting of the committee held Wednesday evening. John Allen, chairman of the committee, was authorized to draft the recommendation and file it with the City Council prior to its next regular meeting. George Skrubba, executive secretary of the County Planning Commission, was present at the meeting to explain the extension of the proposed survey. He pointed out that the Commission has conducted similar studies in other communities in the county.

The survey would include an inventory of existing facilities, a study of available sites, a determination of need based on actual traffic count during peak periods. Skrubba indicated that such a survey would require approximately two months and would cost about \$350.

Jaycees Sponsor Vote Campaign

An all-out effort is being made by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce to rack up a record vote registration prior to the election on Tuesday evening, March 14.

Charles Bridges, chairman of the Jaycee registration committee, reported that 15,000 handbills have been distributed throughout the community urging residents to register now so they can vote in the Special School Election on March 26. The handbills are being distributed through various food stores in the community and copies are being given to school youngsters to take home to their parents.

In addition to the handbills, a special signboard has been erected in the Town Hall Park reminding citizens of the registration deadline and election date. A second truck made a tour of the community on Wednesday urging residents to register and a telephone campaign is being conducted on Thursday evening, with 12 or 13 Jaycees participating in the project.

Bridges, along with the other members of the committee, consisting of Fred Hamlin, Donald Kosmosky and James Rypenstein, expressed their appreciation to the citizens and the school for their cooperation in the distribution of the handbills.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE ON THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

REGISTER MARCH 15th

VOTE ON MARCH 26th

2% OF FUTURE VOTES

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