

Prize Winner
MICH. PRESS ASSOC.
General
Excellence
1954

The Farmington Enterprise

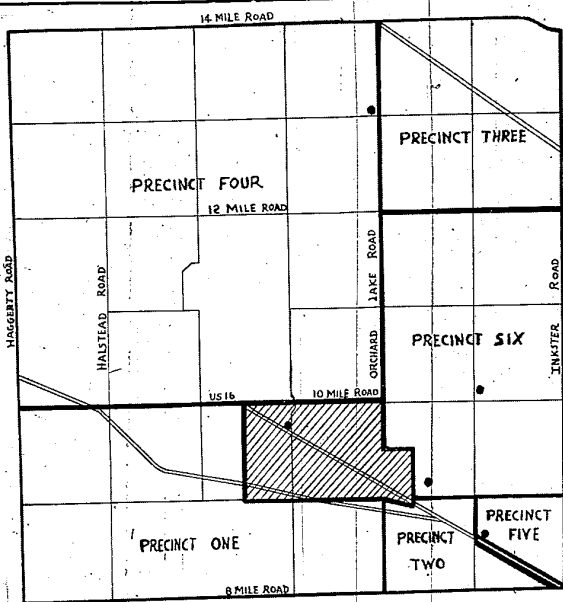
LEADERSHIP-OUR PURPOSE SERVICE-OUR GOAL

SINGLE COPY
10c
\$3.00 PER YEAR
Wayne and Oakland Counties

SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR - NUMBER 42

FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1956

SIXTEEN PAGES



ON AUGUST 7 a large number of Farmington Township electors will cast their ballots in new voting precincts. This is due to the formation of two additional precincts as required by the increased registration and the provisions of the new State Election Laws. The boundaries of each precinct are outlined on the above map. The dots designate the location of each polling place. Precinct One voters will cast their ballots at the Town Hall, Farmington Road and Grand River. Precinct Two and Five electors will vote at the Fire Hall on Wheeler Street, just east of Middlebelt and north of Grand River. Precinct Three voters will cast their ballots at the Middlebelt School, just north of Ten Mile Road, while Precinct Four electors will vote at the Bond School, Orchard Lake Road and Thirteen Mile. Precinct Six voters will cast their ballots at the Shawnee School near Tuck Road.

Board Purchases New Water Meters

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Thursday afternoon, authorized Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, to purchase 800 water meters to be installed in various subdivisions within the Township. The system will include those in Kendallwood Subdivision and in Westbrook Manor Subdivision as well as any future facilities which may be turned over to the Township for administration and operation. Thomas Tardy, Board Trustee, was appointed chairman of the special committee to work with the Thompson-Brown Company on the hiring of a sanitary engineer to operate and maintain the new Kendallwood Sewage Disposal Plant. The other members of the committee include Mrs. Elise Avery and Robert Harris, Board Trustees. The establishment of a procedure for the inspection of water and sewer traps was discussed, along with methods for determining adequate rates for water and sewer services.

Council And Board Schedules Joint Meeting To Discuss School Sites

Plan To Review Request From School Board For Purchase Of City Land On Farmington Road

A joint conference between members of the City Council and the Farmington School Board has been scheduled for Thursday afternoon, July 26, to discuss the proposed purchase of city-owned land on South Farmington Road. The conference was suggested during a discussion of the proposal at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening. Mayor Robert Lindbergh proposed that the two groups get together at a specific time in order to survey the city-owned property which might be used. Members of the School Board present at the meeting agreed to meet with the Council. The meeting was held on July 26 and was set.

SCHMIDT ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF OPTIMIST CLUB

Louis Schmidt, past-president of the Farmington Optimist Club, was elected vice-president of the Metropolitan Council of Optimist Clubs, it was announced this week. Schmidt, who served as secretary of the group during the past year, was elected to the new position at a meeting of the organization held July 10.



AROUND THE BLOCK

AT THE CLOSE of last Monday's Council meeting, the members gave a unanimous vote of confidence and appreciation to City Manager Earl Scherffius for the excellent job he is doing in handling the administration of the City. In our opinion, this is a vote well deserved. Since March, when Scherffius took over his duties as the new City Manager, he has devoted a great deal of extra time and effort in getting a variety of different improvement projects under way. In addition, he has promoted further streamlining of the administration and instituted a long-range program of planning designed to meet the growing needs of the City. We would like to add our vote of appreciation, not only for the fine job that Scherffius is doing, but for the excellent spirit of cooperation he has shown to the press and the public.

WITHIN THE NEXT

two weeks or so the people of the Farmington community will go to the polls to vote in another Primary Election. You may wonder why all the noise at this time with the election still almost three weeks away. It is very simple... we are trying to keep the time as well as paper and ink will not be wasted. So do yourself a favor... make a note to vote on August 7!

LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM

The possible establishment of a separate sewer interceptor district to service Farmington Township and a part of West Bloomfield Township is now under discussion by the Sewer Authority, Ward Eagle, Township Supervisor, announced this week. The proposed formation of a new sanitary district was outlined at a meeting of the Authority held recently in the office of Ralph Mann, Oakland County Drain Commissioner. During the course of the meeting it was suggested that a separate sanitary line be constructed to take care of Farmington Township and the southeastern part of West Bloomfield Township as far north as 16 Mile Road to service an area approximately up to 16 Mile Road. The new plan was proposed following an announcement from Donald Pierce of the State Health Department that additional capacity was available through the City of Detroit's sewer system at the Southfield Road outlet. Pierce stated that with storm water treatment facilities approximately 130 cubic feet per second capacity would be available through the Detroit system for the Farmington and Evergreen Interceptors. Prior to the issuance of these statements, it was felt that the proposed Sewer Interceptor was out of the time being at least. In the meantime the City of Farmington has been proceeding with its own facilities to connect into the Detroit system. However, as a result of the information presented by Pierce, Stewart Bogue, of Pate and Hirm, engineers, requested that a meeting be held to discuss the new developments. Those attending the meeting included Hiram Thatcher, Supervisor of West Bloomfield Township; Eagle; Earl Scherffius, Farmington City Manager; Donald Pierce, Chief Engineer of the Drain Office; Max Scheid, coordinator between restorers and land owners; and Ralph Mann.

Reopen Discussion On Township Sewer Interceptor

The group, following some discussion, decided that an attempt to finance the proposed interceptor should be started immediately. Scheid was authorized to contact Pate and Hirm and get estimates on the proposed sewer line. This information would then be used in an effort to secure commitments from land developers in the affected areas. It is expected that as soon as definite progress has been made on the new plan that another meeting of officials will be held.

Farmington Man Injured In Car, Cycle Accident

Two Others Injured In Crashes Sunday

Frank Sundra, 21, of 28500 Medbury, Farmington, suffered serious injuries Sunday evening when he crashed into the side of a car with his motorcycle on Middlebelt Road, just north of Northfield Street. The accident occurred shortly before 8 o'clock. Sundra suffered fractures to both arms and possible hip and internal injuries. David E. Feldman, of Detroit, driver of the auto, told police that he saw a light-colored sedan ahead on Middlebelt, but figured he had plenty of time to make a left turn onto Middlebelt. He was completing the turn from Middlebelt when Sundra's motorcycle, proceeding south of Middlebelt, smashed into the right side of his auto.

Patricia Feldman, the driver's wife, suffered a slight bump on the head in the crash. LESS THAN an hour after the Sundra-Feldman crash another accident occurred a short distance to the south at the intersection of Middlebelt Road and Northwestern Highway. An auto operated by Allen King of Detroit smashed into the left rear of a car driven by Keith R. Thorp of Walled Lake which was stopped at the intersection for a red light. Josephine A. Thorp, a passenger, suffered a neck dislocation.

A third person injury crash occurred at 8:05 p.m. Sunday on Twelve Mile Road about a quarter mile west of Orchard Lake Road. The crash resulted in a car operated by Stanley Edwards, slowing down for traffic ahead of him on Twelve Mile Road, was hit in the rear by an auto driven by Ray Struman. The Edwards car was driven, driven into one operated by Frederick A. Nauphoef.

Freida Struman, a passenger in the Struman auto, suffered injuries to her knee.

Officials Prepare For Primary Vote

Final arrangements are now being completed by both the City and Township Clerks for the Annual Primary Election to be held Tuesday, August 7. Voting machines will be used for the first time in all election precincts in the Farmington area. The City recently purchased machines for its three precincts while the Township has been using machines for several years. Tabs bearing the names of various candidates seeking nomination are being printed and will be installed on the machines just prior to the election. Under the new redistribution plan, a total of six voting precincts will be set up in the Township while three have been established in the City. Staffs of election workers are now being organized and briefed in preparation for the election. The qualified electors of both the City and Township will nominate candidates from the various political parties for state and county offices. They will also nominate candidates on the non-partisan ticket for Circuit Judge, Judge of Probate and Circuit Court Commissioner. Delegates to both the Republican and Democratic County Conventions will also be elected by the voters. A Republican caucus will be held and members from each of the voting precincts will be named.

Paint-Up, Fix-Up, Cleanup Projects Are Now Getting Under Way In And Around all of the various Farmington schools.

Painters are shown as they began the big task of giving the Junior High School building a new and brighter look both inside and out. Other improvement projects scheduled at the school this summer include the repair of all stairways, remodeling the provide more office space, fencing of the parking lot and playground area, and blacktopping the walk area in front of the school.

Board Approves Cut In Tax Rate At Clarenceville

Reduce Debt Fund Levy By One Mill

A one mill reduction in the school tax levy of the Clarenceville district was approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting last Thursday evening. In establishing the tax rate of the School District, the Board approved a cut in debt service levy from 14 mills to 13 mills. Officials explained that this was possible under the provisions of the new unlimited tax bond law. As a result, the tax levy in that portion of the District located in Farmington Township and Livonia will be 24.95 instead of the previous 25.95 while the rate in that portion of the District located in Redford Township will be 24.95 instead of the previous 25.95.

THE TOTAL valuation of the District is listed at \$11,236,520 as compared to \$10,413,365 last year. In the case of Farmington Township and Livonia, 8.95 mills is for operation, 5 mills voted increase for operation, and 13 mills for debt fund. Of the Redford Township total, 6.95 mills is for operation, 5 mills voted increase for operation, and 13 mills for debt fund.

The Board authorized the Superintendent to secure prices on materials needed for the school building. A motion was also made suggesting that an additional school building. A motion was also made suggesting that an additional school building. A motion was also made suggesting that an additional school building.

A contract was awarded to the William Grace School for the supplying of milk to the District during the school year 1956-57. The Board also approved the appointment of Louis Schmidt and Mrs. Lydia Lear to the State Committee on Conference and Curriculum Planning.

A special meeting of the Board to finance the proposed sewer interceptor should be started immediately. Scheid was authorized to contact Pate and Hirm and get estimates on the proposed sewer line. This information would then be used in an effort to secure commitments from land developers in the affected areas. It is expected that as soon as definite progress has been made on the new plan that another meeting of officials will be held.

Council Lets Contract For Street Improvement Program In City



A contract for the construction of permanent street improvements in the amount of \$21,397.74 was awarded by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening. The City Manager was authorized to sign a contract with the Detroit Concrete Products Company for the construction of a bituminous concrete surface on portions of Powers Road, Shawnee Street, and Farmington Road. The bid of the Detroit Concrete Products Company was the lowest of two proposals received by the City. The project will include the paving of Powers Road from Ten Mile to a line 600 feet south of Shawnee, North Farmington Road on both approaches to McGee Hill, Shawnee Street for 650 feet both sides of Power, and Prospect Street from the Bel-Aire Subdivision to Shawnee. The Prospect Street portion of the project, totaling \$2,573, will be paid for by the developers of the Bel-Aire Subdivision.

Authorize Expenditure Of \$18,824 For Primary Road Paving Projects

A contract was also awarded for the construction of the State Street storm sewer as well as a number of other smaller storm and sanitary sewer projects. The contract was awarded to the Suburban Construction Company at a bid price of \$6,152.22. The original proposal included a sanitary sewer to be constructed along the west side of Lakewood. However, it was recommended by both Earl Scherffius, City Manager, and N. Haydel, engineer, that this sewer be left out of the project since it was not needed at this time.

Printing Of School Bond Certificates Now Under Way

Prepare Final Plans For Junior High School

Farmington school officials reported this week that bond certificates in the amount of \$2,000,000 are now being printed by order of Halsey, Stuart & Company, successful bidder for purchase of the school for the school issue.

12 Mile - Orchard Lake Light OK'd

The Oakland County Road Commission, this week, advised Township officials that a new traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that the work order calls for erection of the light by September 15, 1956. The intersection is marked with a red and amber blinker light at the present time, as well as stop signs on Twelve Mile Road.

Authorization to proceed with the erection of the traffic light brings to a close repeated efforts by Township officials and residents to secure additional protection at the intersection. Numerous traffic accidents have been made by the County Road Commission to determine if there was sufficient volume to warrant the erection of a light. Until recently the County has declared that there was not enough traffic at the intersection to require the installation. However, the ever-increasing volume of cars on both Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road has reached a point where a traffic light is essential at the intersection.

City Schedules Vote Instruction

A concentrated program of instruction in the operation of voting machines will be conducted by the City during the week prior to the Primary Election, Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, announced this week. Cotter added that members of the various precinct election Boards will assist in the instruction program, which will be held during the week of July 20 to August 1. It is hoped that as many electors as possible will take advantage of the special instruction, Mrs. Cotter stated.

In addition to the instruction program, sample training boards will be set up at each precinct on election day for the purpose of explaining the voting procedure to electors. The State law requires that at least one training board be available for each voting machine in all precinct polling places on election day. Besides the training boards, various election officials will be designated to assist voters in the operation of the machines on the day of the election.

DROP PLAN TO HIRE SPECIAL TEACHERS AT CLARENCEVILLE

Clarenceville School officials reported this week that no visiting teacher or special education instructor will be hired for the school year as a result of changes in the rules and regulations as specified by the State. Under the new provisions, only one teacher with a student enrollment of 2,500 or more are eligible to receive state reimbursement for visiting teachers or special education instructors. It has been proposed that Clarenceville employ such teachers on the staff.

Authorize Expenditure Of \$18,824 For Primary Road Paving Projects

A contract for the construction of permanent street improvements in the amount of \$21,397.74 was awarded by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening. The City Manager was authorized to sign a contract with the Detroit Concrete Products Company for the construction of a bituminous concrete surface on portions of Powers Road, Shawnee Street, and Farmington Road. The bid of the Detroit Concrete Products Company was the lowest of two proposals received by the City. The project will include the paving of Powers Road from Ten Mile to a line 600 feet south of Shawnee, North Farmington Road on both approaches to McGee Hill, Shawnee Street for 650 feet both sides of Power, and Prospect Street from the Bel-Aire Subdivision to Shawnee. The Prospect Street portion of the project, totaling \$2,573, will be paid for by the developers of the Bel-Aire Subdivision.

Printing Of School Bond Certificates Now Under Way

Prepare Final Plans For Junior High School

Farmington school officials reported this week that bond certificates in the amount of \$2,000,000 are now being printed by order of Halsey, Stuart & Company, successful bidder for purchase of the school for the school issue.

12 Mile - Orchard Lake Light OK'd

The Oakland County Road Commission, this week, advised Township officials that a new traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that the work order calls for erection of the light by September 15, 1956. The intersection is marked with a red and amber blinker light at the present time, as well as stop signs on Twelve Mile Road.

Authorization to proceed with the erection of the traffic light brings to a close repeated efforts by Township officials and residents to secure additional protection at the intersection. Numerous traffic accidents have been made by the County Road Commission to determine if there was sufficient volume to warrant the erection of a light. Until recently the County has declared that there was not enough traffic at the intersection to require the installation. However, the ever-increasing volume of cars on both Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road has reached a point where a traffic light is essential at the intersection.

City Schedules Vote Instruction

A concentrated program of instruction in the operation of voting machines will be conducted by the City during the week prior to the Primary Election, Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, announced this week. Cotter added that members of the various precinct election Boards will assist in the instruction program, which will be held during the week of July 20 to August 1. It is hoped that as many electors as possible will take advantage of the special instruction, Mrs. Cotter stated.

In addition to the instruction program, sample training boards will be set up at each precinct on election day for the purpose of explaining the voting procedure to electors. The State law requires that at least one training board be available for each voting machine in all precinct polling places on election day. Besides the training boards, various election officials will be designated to assist voters in the operation of the machines on the day of the election.

DROP PLAN TO HIRE SPECIAL TEACHERS AT CLARENCEVILLE

Clarenceville School officials reported this week that no visiting teacher or special education instructor will be hired for the school year as a result of changes in the rules and regulations as specified by the State. Under the new provisions, only one teacher with a student enrollment of 2,500 or more are eligible to receive state reimbursement for visiting teachers or special education instructors. It has been proposed that Clarenceville employ such teachers on the staff.

Start Construction Of City Sewer

City officials reported Monday that construction work has been started on the sewer interceptor project near Farmington Road and City of Detroit outlet at Hassell and Berg Roads. A contract for the construction of the Tri-Conway Construction Company, low bidder on the project. The actual signing was scheduled to take place last week, but was postponed on account of the specifications. A cost adjustment was required. The change involves approximately 600 feet of tunneling which was originally planned to start starting at \$100,000. Officials explained that all bids were based on the (Continued on Page 8A)

Outdoor Band Program Slated Monday Evening

An outdoor musical program will be presented this Monday evening, July 23, by the Farmington Summer Community Band. The band, directed by Bob Zimmerman, band director. The program will be given on the front lawn of the Farmington Senior High School on Shawnee Street, starting at 8 p.m., weather permitting, Zimmerman stated. A variety of band and musical selections are promised. The concert will have been extended to all residents of the area to attend. The program will be presented free of charge.

Children To Visit Zoo Friday, July 20

The second of three Summer Recreation field trips scheduled for this year by the Farmington Recreation Department, will be to the Detroit Zoo on Friday, July 20. Youngsters will be taken on a visit to the Detroit Zoo where they will see the various animals as well as ride on the Zoo train and attend the "chimp show." Buses will be loaded at 8 a.m. and will leave the playgrounds promptly at 9:30 o'clock. Children are asked to bring lunches, as they will be at the Zoo most of the day. The first field trip, a visit to Briggs Stadium to see the Detroit Tigers play a baseball game, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18. It is anticipated that an equal number will make the trip to the Zoo.

Inside Features

- Classified Ads 4A, 5A, 6A
- Correspondence 12A, 8A
- Figures 4B, 5B, 7B, 2B
- Editorials 12B
- Looking Back 12B
- Michigan Mirror 12B
- Sports 12A