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PROPOSED SCHOOL BOND ISSUE TO BE PUT TO VOTE MARCH 4

City Takes Steps To Protect School Crossing

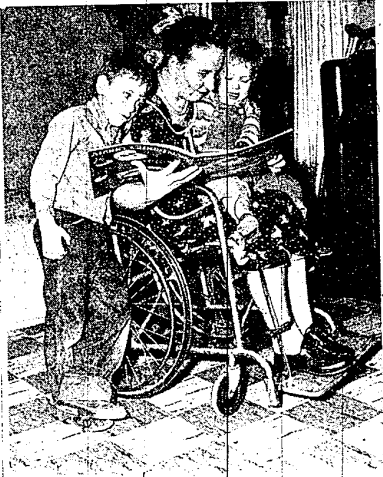
Plan Restricted Parking Zone At School Street

Earl Scherffus, City Manager, reported this week that steps are now being taken to protect the school crossing on Grand River at School Street in accordance with a request received by the Council from a committee of the Junior-Senior high school P.T.A.

The City Manager added that no parking signs have been ordered and will be installed on both sides of Grand River east and west of the school crossing. The signs will provide for no parking in the restricted zone during the hours when students will be coming to or leaving the school building. The exact parking zone will be laid out in cooperation with school officials.

Scherffus stated that in the meantime discussions are being held between the City and the School District regarding the possible employment of a crossing guard at this intersection. It was indicated at the last Council meeting that such a plan would be advisable since the State Highway Department will not authorize the use of mechanical devices or lights along this section of Grand River.

Scherffus stated that students will be requested by school officials to use this intersection exclusively for the crossing of Grand River. As soon as weather permits, crosswalks will be painted on the paving as a guide to motorists and a guide to pedestrians. City Police have been instructed to halt traffic if necessary to assist students across the street.



A YEAR AGO this week, Mrs. Betty Wagner, 3470 Harlow Street, was confined to her wheel chair, the victim of polio. Tonight, Thursday, January 31, she will be one of 350 volunteers who will be participating in the annual Mothers' March to officially close the 1957 Polio Drive in Farmington. Mrs. Wagner, who was stricken with polio in September of 1955, is still receiving therapy treatments from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In the picture at the left, taken a year ago, Mrs.

Schedule Zoning Hearing Feb. 6

A large turnout of citizens is expected at the Public Hearing next Wednesday evening on two proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance.

School Need Talk Scheduled Feb. 9

The next scheduled talk by the Farmington School Board on the proposed school bond issue of \$4,000,000 to be voted on March 4 will be presented at the Farmington Senior High School cafeteria on Shawanawee Road on Thursday evening, February 7, at 7:45 p.m.

Also to be discussed will be the \$3 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation tax increase for school operation proposed by the Board and which needs anticipated after 1958. In their talks members of the Board will outline what immediate school needs are, what steps are proposed to meet these needs and how much such a program will cost.

The School Board presentation will be made jointly by the Kendallwood Civic Association and the Bond School P.T.A. Since the bond issue is of interest to all steps are proposed to meet these needs and how much such a program will cost.

The same program will be presented at the Gill Road School on February 18 under the auspices of the Gill Road School P.T.A.

Annual Polio Campaign To Close Thursday Night With Mothers' March

Volunteer Women To Conduct Door-To-Door Solicitation Throughout Area From 7 to 8 P.M.

Farmington's 1957 March of Dimes campaign will officially close this Thursday, January 31, with approximately 350 volunteer workers taking part in the Annual Mothers' March.

The final project of the campaign will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a record number of volunteers conducting the door-to-door solicitation throughout the Farmington area. Officials explained that in some of the outlying areas of the Township, the solicitation will be held in the afternoon. However, the major portion of the drive will be conducted during the hour from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Persons who wish to contribute to the Mothers' March are requested to turn on their porch lights during the one-hour period of the drive.

Officials stated that efforts have been made to organize the campaign so that persons in all sections of the Township and City will have an opportunity to meet and hear the various local Primary candidates at a giant political rally to be held Wednesday, February 13 at the Farmington high school gymnasium on Shawanawee Street. The rally is being jointly sponsored by the Farmington Township Civic Association and the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women. Officials of the two organizations stated that letters are being mailed this week to all of the major candidates inviting them to participate in the rally, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Each candidate will be given an opportunity to make a short campaign speech after which questions will be accepted from the audience. Refreshments will be served at the close of the rally and a program of entertainment is being planned. Officials are requesting that only persons of voting age attend the rally so that there will be sufficient seating space for all.

Political Rally Set For February 13

Officials of the Farmington Township District Library Board disclosed this week that over \$2,000 in contributions have been received from citizens toward the construction of a new library building.

The announcement was made by C. Goddard Smith and Edward Moorman during talks before the Newcomers Club. The officials stated that the contributions have been received since the formation of the new District Library Board last November. Names of the individual contributors will be published at a later date.

Members of the Board stated that while every effort is being made to increase the building fund, they do not wish to refer to the program as a "drive" or "campaign." "We are leaving it up to the citizens of Farmington City and Township as to what size of library they want, as evidenced by the contributions they make," Moorman stated. It was pointed out that if the citizens want a library to accommodate 50,000 people which the forecast predicts our population will be by 1960, then a building comparable to the Henry Chas. Branch of the Detroit Library System should be built.

According to statistics a library should have a book volume of one and one-half per person. Our present library has 4,300 volumes for an estimated population of 26,000. Officials of the Library Board have estimated that a building of the size necessary to meet our projected requirements would cost approximately \$160,000.

At the present time the new Library Board has available from all sources \$60,817.91. The largest single total is involved in the Clinton W. Wilbur Estate with \$13,437.45 in land contracts receivable, \$56,000 in savings certificates

Board OK's Minor Addition To H. S.

A minor change order in the construction plans of the new Clarenceville high school, to provide a vault room for electrical controls, was approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Thursday evening.

The change, as proposed by Walter Anick and Associates, architect, will cost \$1,400. Several other changes, submitted by the architect were tabled.

Action was taken by the Board accepting the bid of Northwest Studios, Inc. for the furnishing and installing of green plastic window curtains in the multi-purpose room of the Edgewood Elementary School. The contract was awarded at a bid price of \$240, which will be paid for by the Edgewood Mothers' Club.

The Board approved a motion that the Livonia Planning Commission be requested to disapprove a proposed plat for Heartbreak Subdivision No. 2 on the grounds that no provision has been made for paving the full width of Pease brook Street.

THREE INJURED SLIGHTLY IN 2-CAR ACCIDENT MONDAY

Three persons were injured Monday morning around 7:30 a.m. in a two car accident on Middlebelt Road a short distance north of Nine Mile Road. None were injured.

Evelyn M. McDonald, 22459 Springbrook, Farmington, driver of one of the autos, suffered only minor cuts and bruises. John A. Stark of Detroit, driver of the second car involved, suffered injuries to his right knee and his young son Donald sustained a hand injury. Don required hospital treatment.

Suggest New Plan To Bring Water Into Township

Study Plan To Extend S. E. Oakland Main

A new proposal for the supplying of water to the "dry area" in the southern and eastern portion of Farmington Township was discussed at a joint meeting of officials Friday evening.

The proposal involves the possible extension of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority to include both Farmington Township and City. At the present time the Authority is supplying water to areas in the eastern and central portions of Southeastern Township. Officials have indicated that there is a sufficient supply to extend the facilities to include the individual Township of Farmington Township, the eastern section of Farmington Township and the City of Farmington.

Albert Gain, Farmington Township Supervisor, stated following the meeting that while this proposal provides a new possibility, present planning for an independent connection with the Detroit system will continue. The Supervisor added that Pate and Hirm, engineers, have been instructed to complete final plans and cost estimates for the individual Township system as quickly as possible.

Officials attending the Friday evening meeting included: Earl Scherffus, Farmington City Manager; Eugene S. W. Southfield Township Supervisor; Lawrence Pace, engineer; and Judge Charles R. Moore, Farmington City Judge. Moore advised the group that he would attempt to arrange a meeting with officials of the Water Authority to discuss the proposal. (See NEW PLAN, P. 6A)

Name Subdivision League Officers

Elliott S. Rogers was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the temporary League of Subdivision Associations in Farmington Township at a meeting of the Board held Wednesday evening.

Other newly elected officers are: Robert W. Burton, vice-chairman; and Robert H. Nelson, secretary-treasurer. The Board considered preliminary drafts of constitutional provisions and then appointed a subcommittee to produce the first complete draft of the League constitution and By-Laws in accordance with recommendations of the Board. The subcommittee consists of Robert H. Nelson, Elliott S. Rogers of Normandy Hills and Charles W. McCaughan.

The Board of Directors, whose job will be to study the proposed plat included: W. J. Boas of Farmington Hills; Robert W. Burton of Glen Orchard; Frederic W. Fairchild of West Franklin Estates; Kenneth J. Fung of Eastwood; Charles W. McCaughan of Crestview; Arnold M. H. Franklin Forest and Fairway; Robert H. Nelson of Kennelwood; Elliott S. Rogers of Normandy Hills and George L. Squires of Normandy Hills.

TOWNSHIP SEEKS BIDS ON STONE FOR ROAD REPAIR

Sealed bids for the purchase of 2,000 tons of crushed limestone, to be stockpiled for use on roads in Farmington Township, are being accepted this week by authority of the Township Board.

According to Floyd A. Cairns, township clerk, all bids must be filed at the Township office prior to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8. The Board has secured approval of school officials to stockpile the limestone on a portion of the Fairview School property.

The material will be used to fill low spots and chuck holes in Township roads this spring. The stockpiling of the crushed limestone was recommended by the Township Road Committee.

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Second Proposal To Seek Increase In School Operation Tax Rates

Monday, March 4, taxpayers of the Farmington School District will go to the polls to vote on a proposed \$4,000,000 school bond issue and a proposal requesting a \$8.00 increase per \$1,000 State equalized valuation in the school operation tax rate for a five year period.

Formal action setting the election date was taken by the School Board meeting in regular session Monday evening following the reading of formal resolutions on the two proposals by Superintendent O. E. Dunkel as drawn up by the bonding attorney.

In a separate resolution, the Board approved the appointment of an 11-member election board from a recommended list of applicants submitted by Superintendent Dunkel.

Final date for registering to vote in the school election for all persons not already registered was established to be Tuesday, February 25. Voters will cast their ballots at the school and polls to be located in the Junior High gymnasium on Thomas Street.

A REPORT made at the request of the Board by the Tarapata architectural firm indicated that the steel needed in the construction of the building. Since the steel is not promised until June, he pointed out, completion of the building by the opening of school next September will be hampered.

It was hoped by the Board that steel might be obtained from warehouse stock earlier than the mill. Tarapata's report indicated, however, that no guarantee could be given of getting the steel completed before school opening. A warehouse and that it would be more expensive than this source.

Plans for wood cabinets and metal lockers in the new junior high and counters and storage units in the offices submitted by Tarapata to the Board were approved. The approval was made subject to the Board's final approval by school administrators. The architectural firm was authorized to advertise for bids on the locker units and wood cabinets.

Lists and layouts for equipment and furnishings desired for the new junior high school and two new elementary schools were submitted to the Board by the architect. (See SCHOOL BOARD, P. 6A)

STATE OFFICIAL OFFERS TO DISCUSS WATER WITH BOARD

The Township - Clinton's Water Committee has been advised by John E. Vogt, sanitary engineer of the State Health Department, that he would be willing to meet with the Committee and the Township Board to discuss future plans for the proposed water system.

Vogt's offer to assist in the Township water problem was contained in a letter to Mrs. Philip Newburg, secretary of the Committee. It was agreed, at a meeting of the Committee held Sunday at the home of Dr. S. A. Broadman, that the offer be forwarded to Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, with a request that such a conference be held as quickly as possible. The Committee also asked that Gain advise the secretary of the date and time of conference.

NEW VAULT ROOM AT TOWN HALL NEARS COMPLETION

Construction is nearly completed on the new vault being erected at the Farmington Town Hall. Township officials announced this week.

The vault, being constructed as an addition to the Town Hall Building, will provide safe keeping for the various Township records. The vault is located on the west side of the Town Hall and opens into the Township office. Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated that the installation of shelves in the vault room are now being completed.

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STEADY, BOY, this will only take a minute. A lot of comforting words were expended last Sunday afternoon as a record number of dogs received rabies vaccinations during the annual Oakland County Dog Clinic held at the Township Fire Station on Wheeler Street. Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, reported that 301 dogs were processed through the Clinic during the three-hour period Sunday.



AROUND THE BLOCK

TWO NEW ITEMS have been added to the spring election calendar since the publication of this column a week ago. One pertains to the \$75,000 bond issue for expansion of the City Public Works Department, which will be placed on the April 1 ballot. The other involves the \$4,000,000 bond issue for additional school facilities in the Farmington District, which will be voted on at a special election on March 4. Add to this list the regular Township Primary on February 18, plus the General Election, the special annexation election and the Woodcreek Farms Village Charter Election, all on April 1, and you have a pretty busy calendar. There is one thing you can be sure of and that is that the democratic processes of government are getting a real work-out right here in Farmington.

SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS and the big task that lies ahead of all conscientious citizens of the community, we sincerely hope that you will take advantage of the political rally which is to be held February 13 at the Farmington Senior High school gym. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you as a voter to not only meet the various candidates whose names appear on the Township Primary ballot, but to hear their views and to ask them questions. It's no easy job to make up your mind on the candidates you want to support, yet it's a decision you must make on February 18. This rally, co-sponsored by the Farmington Township and the Farmington Association and the Farmington Chapter of the A. A. W. V., is designed to help you make that important decision. We hope that there will be standing room only in the Senior high school gym on the evening of February 13.