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TWENTY-TWO PAGES

TORCH DRIVE residential chairmen from Farmington conferred recently with United Foundation officials concerning the coming "give once for all" fund-raising campaign to be held October 15 through November 7. Seated, from left to right, are: Roger J. Walker, Farmington, chairman, Oakland County Township's Advisory Committee; Mrs. Victor Marsh, Royal Oak, campaign vice chairman for residential and small business; Mrs. James M. Tagg, 33916 Glenview Drive, Farmington Township residential chairman, and Mrs. Jane Goodrich, Farmington City chairman. Standing are Mrs. Frank Heib, UF associate for Women's campaign, and James M. Christianson, UF director for Women's Campaign Unit.

Voters Approve Two Proposals At Clarenceville

In one of the lightest votes in the history of the school district, Clarenceville electors Monday overwhelmingly approved two proposals on the special election ballot.

According to election officials only 80 votes were cast in Monday's special election out of a total registration of over 4,000. Voting was extremely light throughout the entire day with only 30 votes recorded in the early afternoon.

Proposition No. 1, involving the proposed exchange of two parcels of land adjacent to the Botsford Elementary school, was approved by a vote of 79 yes to 1 no. As a result of the approval, the Board is now authorized to enter into a formal agreement with Practical Home Builders for the exchange of property. Under the plan the Board will give to Practical Home Builders a parcel of land approximately 60 foot by 300 foot along the north side of the Botsford School property in exchange for a parcel approximately 50 foot by 330 foot adjacent to the west side of the property. This will permit access to the Botsford school property from the west.

THE SECOND proposition, concerning the transfer of funds from the 1956 Building, Site and Equipment Fund to the 1952 Building, Site and Equipment Fund, was approved by a vote of 75 yes to 4 no. The transfer involves $15,000, which is currently being held as surplus in the 1956 fund. As a result of the voters action, the money can now be transferred to the 1952 Fund where it will be applied on principal and interest payments.

Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, stated that the Board met Tuesday evening following the election to certify the vote. Action will be taken immediately to complete the exchange of property and execute the transfer of the Building, Site and Equipment Funds.

Officials expressed disappointment with the small turn - out of voters at the special election on Monday. A total of 220 votes were cast in the last special election, when voters approved the construction of the new high school building.

Supervisor Urges Study On Possible Incorporation Of Township As City

THE IMPACT with which the car above smashed into a tree on Grand River Avenue just west of Middlebelt Road early last Friday morning is graphically told in the picture. The car, driven by Dennis Mahaney who was fatally injured, hit with such force that the left side of the body was pushed to within inches of the other side of the auto.

Dennis Mahaney Fatally Injured When Car Crashes Into Tree Friday

Dennis R. Mahaney, 19, of 33216 Thomas Street, Farmington, was killed almost instantly early Friday morning when his car went out of control on Grand River Avenue just west of Middlebelt Road and smashed into a tree.

He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident as the result of a basal skull fracture shortly after the time of the crash at 12:40 a.m.

A police report revealed that Mahaney's auto skidded almost 100 yards on wet paving and another 43 paces after running onto the boulevard between the divided highway before crashing broadside and wrapping around the tree.

Early Sunday morning, around 12:30 a.m., John E. Cornelius of Royal Oak and his wife, Phyllis, were injured when their auto went out of control on rough roadway on 12 Mile west of Farmington Road. The car rolled over after hitting two large stones along the side of the road.

Cornelius suffered cuts, bruises and broken teeth. His wife also suffered cuts and bruises as well as a possible broken leg. They were taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment.

Sunday afternoon about 4:30 p.m. Claine J. Griffith of 21504 Farmington Road was injured when he

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Report Progress On Sewer Project

Frank Stephenson, Township Supervisor, reported this week that approximately $10,000 in advanced funds have been turned over to the Oakland County Department of Public Works for preparation of preliminary plans on the proposed Farmington Interceptor.

The funds were released to Harold K. Schone, Director of the Public Works Department, on Friday. Stephenson stated that of the $10,000, approximately $8,000 has been advanced by land developers, $1,000 by the Franklin Knolls Association and $1,000 by Farmington Township. Additional land developers are being contacted in an effort to increase the total.

Officials explained that the advanced funds are being used by the newly organized Department of Public Works to finance the preliminary engineering work on the proposed project. All monies loaned to the Department will be returned upon sale of the bond issue.

Stephenson reported that work is progressing on the preliminary plans and specifications for the Interceptor. The system will serve much of Farmington Township as well as sections of West Bloomfield Township, Southfield Township and Keegor Harbor.

Report Continued Rise In Record School Enrollment

The latest attendance figures, released this week by school officials, show that enrollment is continuing to increase in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts.

As of Monday, enrollment in the Farmington schools reached 6,082, an increase of 201 over the previously published figures. Of this total 4,219 are enrolled in the various elementary schools of the district; 1,110 are enrolled in the junior high school and 753 in the senior high school. School officials had predicted earlier in the year that enrollment would probably reach the 6,000 mark.

Last year at this time attendance in the Farmington School District was 5,265. A total of 3,633 students were enrolled in the elementary grades a year ago while 1,532 were enrolled in the junior-senior high school.

CLARENCEVILLE officials reported that as of Monday, a total of 2,106 students were enrolled in the District. This represents an increase of 35 students over the figures published last week. Officials stated that from the current enrollment, 1,316 students are attending the various grade schools in the District while 290 are registered in the junior high school and 500 in the senior high school.

At this time a year ago, Clarenceville had an enrollment of 2,000. Of this number 1,203 were registered in the elementary grades and 795 in the junior-senior high school.

Suggests Idea As Subdivision League Meeting

A suggestion that Farmington Township incorporate as a city, and numerous other problems were brought up and discussed Monday night at the quarterly meeting of the Farmington Township League of Subdivision Associations.

Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson made the incorporation suggestion, and answered many questions about progress of various projects.

FARMINGTON Road between Thirteen Mile and Twelve Mile should be blacktopped yet this year, he reported.

With the acceptance and seating of delegates from Westgate Civic Association and Old Farm Colony Association, there are now 18 member groups working together for all types of improvements, and exchanging information.

There were observers present from Franklin Knolls, Wooderoft Springbrook Civic and Stamau Acres subdivisions.

In League business, President Elliott S. Rogers reported regular board meetings, with 22 committees established and working. The League has at least one member attending all Township board meetings and reporting.

ONE COMMITTEE will study all angles of township incorporation and the various forms possible.

There will be an October roundtable for subdivision restrictions committee members, with the idea many subdivisions will be able to learn the experiences of older groups. A roundtable for maintenance committee groups will likely be held in November.

A mass mailing program to fully acquaint each family in each subdivision was planned. The plan is to send the literature to each association which will in turn distribute to each family.

MARLEM MORRIS was nominated for the vacancy existing in the Community Group, as committee director in charge. The board must make the actual appointment.

Mr. Stephenson asked to go on record as suggesting the group start discussion of incorporation,

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Wood Creek Council Adopts Village Ordinance Regulating Culverts

An ordinance governing the maintenance of roadside drainage ditches, culverts, laterals, catch basins and providing rules and regulations for the issuance of permits to construct culverts and driveway approaches was adopted by the Wood Creek Village Council at a special meeting Wednesday evening.

The ordinance which was posted on Saturday, September 14, will become effective 20 days from this date. The special meeting on Wednesday was called specifically for the purpose of acting on the proposed ordinance.

Specifically the ordinance provides the obtaining of a permit before a culvert can be constructed. Application for such a permit must be secured from the Village Clerk on a form to be provided by the Village. The ordinance also makes it unlawful to proceed with the construction of driveway approaches or with the excavation for the construction of a new building until a culvert has been installed and covered.

THE ORDINANCE stipulates that no person, firm or corporation shall move or deposit any soil, debris or material into a roadside ditch or right-of-way area which will impede the flowage of water within the limits of the Village. All culverts shall be installed under the supervision of the Road Administrator. Fill for culverts shall be an approved grade of road gravel, slag or crushed stone. All machinery, equipment and materials must gain access by means of a completed culvert and approach. No soil, refuse from construction or debris must be allowed to accumulate in ditches. No machinery, equipment fill or materials may be stored or piled on roadway, shoulders, ditches or other public property.

Where culverts have not presently been provided for access to property or where culverts have been improperly installed, such corrections can be requested by the Road Administrator if it is necessary to proper road maintenance or control of drainage. On notice of correction, property owners have 30 days in which to comply. Violation of any provisions of the ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $100 or imprisonment in the Oakland County Jail for a period not to exceed ninety days, or both at the discretion of the Court.

Board Schedules Public Discussion Of School Matters

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved a resolution setting up a series of community meetings for the purpose of discussing various phases of the school program.

Board officials stated that the initial meeting of the series will be held on October 17 at the Clarenceville high school. A second meeting will probably be held in December with additional meetings to be scheduled as the discussion program progresses. Officials added that the first meeting will consist of a general discussion of various problems now confronting the Board of Education. The basic purpose of the program is to help keep the public informed on school matters and at the same time better acquaint the Board with the feelings and desires of parents.

ACTION was also taken by the Board setting the date of Sunday, November 3, for the formal dedication of the new Clarenceville high school building. Details of the program, which is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., are now being organized by a committee composed of Richard Gault, chairman; Arthur Mann and Louis Schmidt.

The Board approved a resolution to proceed with the purchase of visual education equipment for the new high school in the amount of $790.80. The equipment will consist of a motion picture projector, tape recorder, film strip projector, record player, screen and table. A motion was also made and approved authorizing the purchase of $1,181.62 in custodial and maintenance equipment for the new high school building.

The Secretary of the Board was directed to prepare and forward a letter of appreciation to the P.T.A. Council and Mrs. Warren LaClair for their assistance in obtaining housing for new teachers in the District. The Board also accepted a requested change order on construction plans at the new high school in the amount of $292.00 for additional wiring facilities.

SCHEDULE SECOND POLIO CLINIC AT BOND SCHOOL

Dr. Sylvan A. Broadman, Township Health Officer, will conduct a polio immunization clinic at the Bond School, Orchard Lake Road and Thirteen Mile Road, on Monday, September 23, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Although the clinic is sponsored by the Bond and Eagle PTA, it will be open to all residents of Farmington Township from one year of age to adulthood. A charge of one dollar per injection will be made. Officials emphasized that children must be accompanied by a parent.

The Township Health Officer stated that a fourth shot will be given to those persons who received their third polio innoculation at least one year ago. Dr. Broadman stated that the clinic is being held at the request of the joint Bond and Eagle PTA's as a convenience to residents.

Officials stated that over 500 innoculations were given at the polio clinic held earlier this year and that no one had to wait more than 20 minutes.

COUNCIL TO OPEN BIDS MONDAY ON PAVING BONDS

Sealed bids for the purchase of $77,000 in special assessment bonds for the paving of three streets in the Floral Park section of the city, will be received and opened by the Council at its regular meeting on Monday.

Authorization to sell the special assessment bond issue has been granted to the city by the Municipal Finance Commission.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE EXPECTED HAPPENED . . . at Clarenceville on Monday. That's right, only a mere handful of voters took the trouble to journey out to the polls on a bright sunny day. No one was exactly surprised and yet there was hope that maybe the turn-out would be different this time. When we checked on the number of votes cast at 3 p.m., the election workers asked us not to publish the total. They, as civic minded citizens, were ashamed, and we can't blame them. It is true that the two proposals on the special ballot lacked the color of controversy, and yet they were important enough to require a vote of the people, by law. None of us can afford to overlook an opportunity to exercise our democratic rights. Speaking of "afford," one official estimated that the special election cost the District "just about a dollar a ballot."

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EVERY SO OFTEN . . . a series of happenings take place which make a fella feel good all over. That's just the way the former publishers of the Enterprise feel this week, thanks to the kindness and thoughtfulness of a lot of Farmington people. Since the announcement of the sale of the Enterprise, a considerable number of citizens have stopped in to thank the Taggs for their efforts and both the City Council and Township Board have approved resolutions commending the Enterprise for its public service. We know from first hand observation that these kind words are deeply appreciated. We know also that these words and deeds reflect the true spirit and friendliness of the people who are the citizens of Farmington. It's a pleasure to be a part of such a community!

Drive Opens October 15

New UF Affiliation To Aid Local Community Chest

The seven community chests in the 12 Oakland County Townships which joined the United Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit will receive approximately 50 per cent more money next year than this year, Roger J. Walker, chairman of the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest, announced this week.

Altogether, local, state and national health and community services are guaranteed $99,965 from these 12 townships, instead of the $62,456 they received last year. Walker pointed out that "last year, the 12 townships contributed a total of $47,519 to state and national services. That figure should have been $63,382, but the quota was not obtained. Under the United Foundation, these agencies are guaranteed $78,490 in behalf of the 12 townships. The seven community chests will receive a total of $21,475. This year they received $14,837," Walker stated.

The townships, including Farmington, will participate for the first time in the Torch Drive, which has raised $104,000,000 in the past eight years in the Detroit area for local, state and national services. The over-all quota for this year will be $16,350,000.

"We in the Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest want to do our part to make this drive a success," Walker said. "It will be well worth while for everyone in the community to do his utmost to assure success of the drive by volunteering to serve as a solicitor and by giving his fair share."

Walker added that, not only will the community chest receive 50 per cent more money with which to meet their obligations to health and community services, but residents will be spared additional drives by the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross, whose quotas are included in the Torch Drive budget. The townships will also receive without cost to them, supplies, literature and expert counsel and guidance. Two staff experts, Braxton Tewart, Cancer Society suburban director, loaned to the UF for the campaign, and Al Turner, UF Oakland County director, have been assigned to work with Oakland Township volunteers.

The Farmington Area United Fund and Community Chest will retain full administration of dispersal of funds and the administration of its agencies. The funds will come in quarterly payments, and will be received in the exact amount designated, Walker stated. The United Foundation, which covers almost the entire tri-county area, conducts its Torch Drives without cost to individual townships. More than 95 per cent of the funds collected go to beneficiary agencies. Last year, it cost an estimated 14 per cent of the money raised in Oakland County townships to pay administration and campaign costs.

The 1957 United Foundation campaign will run from October 15 to October 25.

WORK STARTED ON NEW POWERS ROAD BRIDGE

Construction work is now underway on the erection of a new bridge structure on Powers Road just south of Grand River, Earl Scherffius, City Manager, announced Tuesday.

The bridge construction work is being handled by the Gerritt Posthumus Company at a bid price of $10,672. Plans call for the installation of an enlarged tube as well as the construction of new footings, concrete surface, sidewalks and guard rails. When completed, the bridge will be wide enough to permit three lanes of traffic.

Work on the project is expected to be completed this fall.

Discuss School Boundary Change

A detailed discussion on the proposed transfer to Livonia of a small portion of the Farmington School District extending into the northwest corner of Livonia was conducted at a joint meeting of Livonia and Farmington School Board and administrative officials held here Monday night.

Both school system governing bodies agreed that the transfer, proposed earlier by the Farmington Board, would be desirable if legal details can be worked out.

It was generally agreed that the matter should be turned over to bonding attorneys for both school systems for further study. Another joint meeting has been scheduled for October 21. Reports on legal aspects of the proposed transfer will be given by the bonding attorneys at this time.

In other action at the special meeting, the Farmington Board unanimously approved the awarding of the mechanical contract on the new Westbrooke elementary school to be built to H.L. Johnson, Inc., at a bid price of $104,140. Action on the awarding of a kitchen equipment contract was withheld for further study.

A report made to the Board by Architect Earl Meyers indicated that work on floors and roofing at the new Kendallwood elementary school under construction was scheduled to get underway the latter part of this week.

Douglas Hammial, Board Trustee, and Donald Hossler, assistant superintendent in charge of elementary education, agreed to meet with Architect John Allen later in the week to go over details regarding the location of drives at the Bond School.

DETROIT REASSURES TOWNSHIP OF WATER SUPPLY

Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson reported Monday that construction work on the proposed water system for the southern and southeastern sections of the Township should be ready to go in six months.

Stephenson added that officials of the Detroit Water Board have assured him that they will be ready for construction as soon as the Township has completed engineering and financial details. The Supervisor stated that work is progressing rapidly on the obtaining of signatures on water petitions. It is expected that the required number of signatures will be obtained within the next few weeks.

FRANKLIN KNOLLS SEWER HEARING TO RE-OPEN TUES.

The hearing on the proposed special assessment district for the Franklin Knolls Subdivision sewer system, which was recessed last Tuesday, will reconvene, on September 24 at 8:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

At that time the Board is expected to approve a resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor to proceed with the preparation of the special assessment rolls. Action on the resolution was delayed at the last hearing pending a clarification of the procedure.

The proposed system will serve the property owners of Franklin Knolls Subdivision and Franklin Knolls Subdivision No. 2, with the exception of a series of lots facing onto Middlebelt Road. It is planned to connect the system to the Interceptor as soon as the latter project has been completed.

New Adult Classes To Open Sept. 30

The Fall Term of the Farmington Adult Education program will officially open on Monday, September 30, with at least 10 courses being offered to the public, Marion Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent, announced this week.

Van Ameyde stated that there are now sufficient registrations to assure classes in art, cake decorating, sewing, typing, bookkeeping, bridge, shorthand, great books, ceramics and upholstering. Persons interested in enrolling in any of these courses may do so by calling the Board of Education office at GR. 4-1133. Van Ameyde stated that efforts will be made to obtain qualified instructors for additional courses if there is sufficient demand.

As a convenience to residents, a special registration period will be set up on Wednesday evening, September 25, at the Farmington Junior high school. Persons who wish to enroll in the adult education program are invited to register between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The majority of the courses include 24 hours of instruction based on three hours a week for a period of eight weeks, at a fee of $6.00 per course. The upholstery class will cover three hours of instruction per week for a period of 10 weeks at a fee of $7.50.

Van Ameyde stated that although the great books course is already in process, registration is still open. Classes meet on Thursday evenings and registrations can be made by contacting the Farmington City-Township Library.

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