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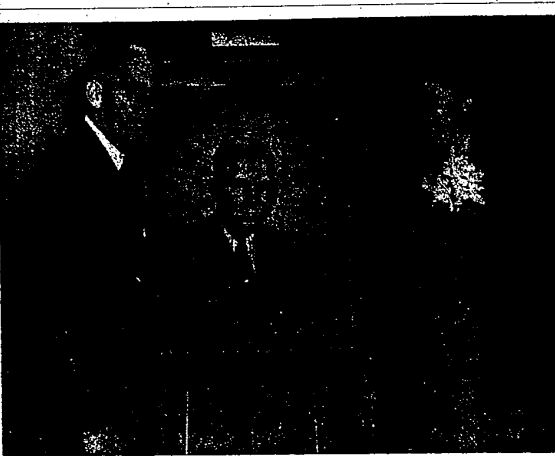
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## CITY ORDERS NEW SIDEWALKS TO FILL IN ON SHIAWASSEE



### Land Fill Is Proposed For Keller Area

A proposed land fill of a problem township area, plus forthcoming appointment of a Board of Review member and other important matters kept the Farmington township board busy to a late hour Tuesday night.

The land fill plan was proposed by Attorney Gilbert A. Davis, representing Mrs. Emma Keller, 29105 Grand River. Property involved is a hairpin curve of the Rouge just east of Middle Belt, between Grand River and 8 Mile.

THE BOARD appeared favorable to the plan, but stated that a definite plan of operations and some kind of performance bond be submitted for further study.

In that area property drops off from Grand River and the river bed is 27-28 feet lower. The river would be re-routed across the neck of the bend, and the resulting "island" filled.

Sanitary Engineer Berger of the City of Detroit said Detroit would furnish all manpower and equipment. He described the method to be used.

THE LANDFILL is actually rubbish from the City of Detroit. Once the river is diverted, they would remove that rubbish and pile it. Working a portion of the property at a time, it would be filled and covered, then work moved to an adjoining portion.

Berger said it might take up to a year to fill, that no work would be done during summer months because of dust and possible odors that would eventually stay long in a landfill area because of the activity.

SUPERVISOR Frank Stephenson said he had no objection to the township and urged serious consideration of the plan. He thinks it filled properly the area would provide proper sanitation.

Mr. A. Broadman, health officer, said this is the worst sanitary problem in the area, and agreed with Stephenson the need for a plan is being completed. Other board members questioned various phases of the proposal.

A committee was named and all board members will acquaint themselves with the area first hand. Then the definite plan will be studied at the next meeting. Board members will determine effect on neighbors, and have requested an up-dated letter of (Continued on Page 6A)



### Work On Grade School Additions Progressing Favorably, Board Told

Work on additions now under construction at the Bond, Gill and Middlebelt elementary schools is progressing satisfactorily, representatives from the contracting firm for all three jobs informed the School Board at its meeting Monday night.

W. Lorenz, spokesman for the Boyd-Lorenz Construction Company, stated that he saw little difficulty in having all additions completed on schedule, by January 1, or before. He indicated that at the present time progress was being hampered at the Gill and Middlebelt schools because of a delay in getting laminated wood beams out that they were promised by the contractor.

Lorenz stated that they should be ready to put roof slabs in on the Bond School addition by the end of the week. In the Bond School, the contractor and Trustee Douglas Hammett that a record be kept on the number of men working at the school each day.

Following the opening of bids, a contract was made to award a contract to Leslie Construction of Ferndale for all phases of construction a multi-purpose, all-purpose room addition at the school provided a favorable review is given by the architect. Leslie Construction submitted a low bid of \$81,489 for the entire job in a field of eight bidders.

Final plans for a multi-purpose, all-purpose room addition at the Farmington Junior High School were approved and instructions given him to proceed with advertising for bids. The date for opening bids has been set for October 14. The Board also approved revisions in plans for an addition and remodeling work proposed at the Ten Mile School. The architect, John Allen, has planned to proceed with final drawings.

A request by the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School for use of the Farmington Junior High gymnasium was granted at a rate of \$10 per evening.

Authorization was given for the awarding of a contract to the Cyclone Fence Company for erecting fencing along the north

### THREE INJURED IN CRASH AT 8 MILE, FARMINGTON ROAD

Three persons were injured in a crash last Wednesday evening in a collision at Eight Mile and Farmington Road.

The crash resulted when a car operated by Orville L. Neal of Ypsilanti ran through a red light on Eight Mile and smashed into a car driven by William Thomas of Livonia, proceeding north on Farmington Road.

Neal suffered multiple cuts and bruises and his wife, Bernice, shock. Thomas suffered a bruised right shoulder.

A rear end collision on Grand River in the city Sunday night resulted in injuries to a car driven by Rudolph Yost of 2188 Hamlin, a passenger in one of the cars involved. A car driven by Rudolph Yost of 2188 Hamlin, a passenger in one of the cars involved, smashed into the rear of the second car operated by John Moon of Detroit in which Evans was riding.

### 2 Breakins At C'ville Schools

Two more breakins at Clarenceville schools, the third in four days, occurred last week. Police are investigating, according to Supt. Louis Schmidt.

Monday night someone broke a rear window in the junior building, now used as a junior high school. He then broke down the door which is not steel. Ordinarily no money is kept overnight in any of the schools, but there was a small amount taken this time.

Tuesday night someone entered the Edgeway elementary school on St. Francis street, and tried to break into a similar vault. A hammer and pipe were used. Money was not broken. Nothing was taken in this attempt.

In the first two school breakins police quickly solved the crimes.

### City Council Meets Thursday On Bond Bids

Farmington's city council considered several zoning matters Monday night, then adjourned to meet Thursday night when it will act on bids for the purchase of \$77,000 in special assessment bonds.

These bonds will provide for paving of three streets in the Floral Park section, and the Municipal Finance Commission has already approved the sale.

OBJECTIONS to the already approved Twin Valley Subdivision occupied much of the evening's business. A petition from nearby property owners and a communication from Arno J. Schneider, 35614 Hillcrest, were considered.

The objectors were asking the city council to make changes in a plat which had been received last December, upon which hearings were held and there had been considerable publicity. It was officially approved as meeting city requirements, the engineering approved, and fully registered.

THE DEVELOPER, V. O. Roy, has already expended considerable money, the sewer work is partly done for a short while, Farmington Road will be opened long before Powers is closed.

Mr. Roy said the Rouge River bed has now been cut to the proper width and depth, but the grading is not yet completed. When completed, he said, the lowest house site would find the house level from 9 to 12 feet above the river level.

The restrictions mean construction of a basic house around 1,250 square feet, the developer said, which should sell around \$23,000 to \$25,500. He doesn't think this will knock down any property values in the neighborhood.

AREA WEST of Farmington Road is that which the objectors wanted rezoned. They felt the river might flood the area, and the proposed houses might affect valuation of some much more expensive homes in the area.

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### A PORTRAIT OF G. V. Harrison, Superintendent of Schools, was displayed last Sunday at a preview showing at the home of the painter, Mrs. Stanley Krentel of 30780 N. Greenbair, Southfield.

In attendance at the afternoon social gathering were Mr. Harrison's relatives, as well as his many close friends and associates. Funds for the painting of the portrait, to be hung in the high school library, were left by the 1956 graduating class at Farmington High to show their appreciation for the guidance given to them by Mr. Harrison as their high school principal.

### Broomfield Plans Visit Here Oct. 2

The mobile Congressional office of Congressman W. S. Broomfield, presently on a two-month tour of Oakland County communities, will be in Farmington on Wednesday, October 2, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Republican Congressman for the 19th District devised the idea of using a 40-foot house trailer as a mobile office to provide residents of the District with an opportunity to meet him and discuss any problems concerning Federal Government matters they may wish to with him.

THE TRAILER is equipped with sewers to social security in his new office designed to bring Washington closer to residents of the county.

He indicated that he intends to keep the traveling office in operation until the middle of November. "I want every citizen of Oakland County to have the opportunity of talking over his problems with me," Broomfield said. "I want to know how the people of my District feel about the way things are going in Washington and to be advised on what new legislation might be drafted for consideration by Congress next year."

### Dry Area Plan Twp. Problem

How to handle hardship cases as possible exemptions in the proposed plan for the "dry" area north of 8 Mile was discussed Tuesday night by the township board.

Supervisor Frank Stephenson called attention to several such cases. Dr. S. A. Broadman, township health officer, agreed there should be some planning here.

Mr. Broadman brought out that his ordinance has included in its ordinance a plan under which hardship cases may be exempted until they actually look into the matter. He said that such a plan could be done in a township form of government, the township attorney will have to investigate.

It was pointed out also that in such a case, the township attorney charges may be paid over a period of time, and not an immediate heavy burden.

### Despite being considerably handicapped because of the substantial amount of construction work remaining to be done, regular class sessions were begun the first of last week in the classroom portion of the new O. E. Dunckel Junior High.

Since offices were not yet ready for occupancy, temporary measures had to be taken with offices being set up in one of the corridors. Principal Byron Oliver, left, is shown above going over some operation details with two members of his staff. In the background a workman can be seen moving some files. When the picture was snapped last Friday, workmen had just started moving the office equipment into a classroom to prepare the corridor for the laying of tile.

### McGee Hill To Be Open Soon

Farmington Road at the McGee Hill area will probably have the new curve open soon, says City Manager Earl Scherffels.

The work was slowed by rain, but the contractor says if there is no more rain the road may be traveled and opened up this week.

Work has now started on the Powers Road bridge site, but the road will not be closed until much of the work is completed, and then only for a short while. Farmington Road will be opened long before Powers is closed.

### Buy A Pumpkin, Help Old "Kids"

Some of the older "kids" are going to be out selling pumpkins for Halloween in a couple of weeks.

The Exchange Club of Farmington has set its first annual pumpkin sale for Saturday, Sunday, October 26-27. Members will sell door-to-door the two days in an area bounded by Tux and Haggerty, 8 Mile and 14 Mile.

Proceeds will go to the Farmington Youth Fund.

### Twp. Treasurer Audit Okayed

At the request of Township Treasurer Elise Avery an audit will be made of the accounts up to the time she took over September 1. Her former chief of staff was approved by the board Tuesday night.

This is a mere formality, and customary. The audit will run from the time of the last regular audit (about last April 1).

She said it was the understanding of the resigning Treasurer, Arthur Coers, that such an audit was to be made, and that she wanted one so the record would be clear. Supervisor Frank Stephenson argued that a financial statement was available and that an audit was not necessary.

Mrs. Avery asked Twp. Attorney Charles Coers to sign on the audit, which he did. He said such an audit was not demanded, but was customary. On roll vote the audit was unanimously approved.

### Announce New Hours For District Library

Library hours will be extended to 48 hours beginning October 1, of which the Farmington City and Township District Library disclosed this week.

The library, located at the town hall, will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hours on Mondays and Thursdays will be from 1 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed all day Tuesdays.

### City Engineer Starts Oct. 1

New city engineer for Farmington is Dean J. Elwart, 50, who will take over his duties here October 1.

Engineer Elwart was hired Monday night by the city council upon recommendation by City Manager Earl Scherffels. Among his first duties will be an engineering check on the Twin Valley Subdivision planning.

Mr. Elwart received his BS degree in civil engineering in June 1951 from Lawrence Institute of Technology. He was with the City Engineer's office for 10 years and a half has been assistant city engineer at St. Clair Shores. He is married and the couple has three children.

The city has planned this step some time, and funds are set aside for the new position.

### Peanut Sale Set For Saturday

Members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club will be stationed at shopping centers and major street corners throughout the city Tuesday through Saturday, September 24, for its Annual Kids Day Peanut Sale.

The entire Kiwanis organization will participate in this year's sale. The club has contracted for 2,500 bags of peanuts to sell which is 1,000 more than were ordered last year. The sale is being held in order this additional amount based on the highly successful results of last year's sale, the club president said.

All proceeds from the campaign will go into a fund for the aid of handicapped children. Mr. A. E. Elwart, president of the club, pointed out.

"Already this year, the club has actively participated in more than 25 projects aimed at helping children and unfortunates," said President Martin.

### Herzog Is Ass't City Attorney

Albert P. Herzog, Jr., was named Farmington's assistant city attorney by the city council Monday night. He will assist City Attorney Paul Ferey, his law partner.

Mr. Herzog pointed out he is recovering from a severe illness, and there might be times he could not attend a meeting. Mr. Herzog said he had considerable experience in public matters.



### AROUND THE BLOCK

NEW SIDEWALKS in Farmington City are being laid quite rapidly under the new city program, and city officials appreciate the fine cooperation of property owners. It's indeed gratifying to residents to see sidewalks being built in areas where it has been necessary to walk in the streets for years. While the city does the engineering, the property owners bear the cost, which not only enhances the general appearance of the city but should increase their property values to some extent. The city itself took a long step this week in providing sidewalks for school pupils who use Shawassee and Powers Roads.

FUTURE REQUESTS for blood, through the local credit bank, will be handled by Mrs. Fred Lenz, 21620 Hamilton, GR. 43522. Mrs. Lenz, who has served as chairman of the majority of mobile blood bank visits, is talking over the administration of the credit bank from James M. Tagger, former publisher of the Enterprise. All Farmington area residents who wish to draw blood from the credit bank are requested to contact Mrs. Lenz. During the past four years, the city has released hundreds of pints of blood to citizens of the community who were urgently in need of the life-saving liquid. This continuing bank has been made possible through the generous donations of blood from Farmington citizens during the various visits of the bank to the community. It is something that all of Farmington can be proud of.

### New Cut-Off Name Is Up To County

Numerous new names for the Farmington cutoff, suggested in a letter to the township board by Professor Thomas Ford Houli, has been referred for further study.

It was pointed out Tuesday night at the board meeting that any change in road names must be approved by the Oakland County Road Commission.

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### TAX ALLOCATION TO WOOD CREEK IS SET BY TWP. BOARD

A joint resolution was adopted Tuesday night by the township board regarding the tax allocation plan previously worked out for the Village of Wood Creek Farms. The township attorney gave his opinion that the plan was satisfactory.

Allocation of various funds will be based on a population total figured on number of homes in 1950, compared with township population at the same time. When the 1960 census is taken the proportion will change, not only in the village of Wood Creek Farms, but other communities.

Date of incorporation will be determined by the township clerk from county records.

### Twp. Approves In Principle Industrial Land Use Study

The Township Planning Board Tuesday night recommended to the Township Board adoption of a resolution approving in principle the use of the Farmington Township Industrial Land Use Study in the township.

The board passed this resolution, and laid aside for further study the remainder of the report on various matters made by Charles E. Gresham, chairman of the planning board.

This is mostly a matter of form, and is no positive action toward rezoning for industrial section in the township. After considerable study, when a proposal is forged, there will be a couple of hearings. There is also a last resort for property owners, that a referendum vote might be forced if the proposed plan is unsatisfactory to enough property owners.

### Mr. Ghesquiere submitted the final plan to Kimberly Subdivision, Section 10, 30th west of Haynes Road, and approval will be pending further study.

The board recommended approval of a request to rezone Lot 3, Survey 1, Subdivision 17, 7th Mile Plat No. 3, Section 23. This would put Lot 3 in a commercial status. Two similar lots are also in that subdivision. About a third of the present acreage is not in use. The adjacent area is predominantly residential.