

## VOICES PETITIONS FILED FOR CITY ANNEXATION, NEW VILLAGE

### Auto Buy Now Drive To Start

Farmington's new car dealers and other business men are joining in a campaign urging a show of confidence in the nation's economy by making needed purchases immediately, rather than continuing to hoard.

There is "Auto Buy Now," with a sub-theme of "Buy Days Make Pay Days."

**SPEARHEADING** the campaign are Detroit car dealers, who feel an upward in the automotive business would quickly reflect itself in employment figures.

Almost before the Farmington car dealers had their plans complete they were joined by business men here who felt stimulation of all local sales would help bolster both the local and national economy.

The intensive sales campaigns will get under way Saturday, March 31, and continue two weeks.

**BACKERS FEEL** there is money to be made, that it is only a matter of time before a boom is brought about by the reduction in sales. They point to more than \$1,325,000,000 in savings accounts in the metropolitan area, and suggest that a portion of this money be used for goods and services which would automatically create jobs and restore the economy to its normal condition.

Everybody will benefit, it is believed — starting with the man who buys, running through all who work and live here, and returning manifold to the buyer who started the chain reaction.

### Twp. Budget Ready for Meet

One of a township's most important annual features is its annual meeting — it is planned and ready for Saturday, April 5, at one o'clock. It's at Dunckel Junior High.

Here the distinction a township enjoys over any other form of government: At the annual meeting, for all practical purposes, any township member may be elected. He may make or support properly put motions, and he may exercise duties and powers which no other township member has. The group of citizens present may order new actions, increase or delete funds, do anything the board can do by law.

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### Chain of Sales

Last week a chain of events started and continued by Enterprise want ads, took place here.

Paul Braunstein found a piano for sale in the classified ads, looked it over and bought it. Not knowing a mover in the immediate area, he turned again to the classified ads and found one quickly. Presto, the piano was moved.

The man who sold the piano turned around and bought a chord organ. We didn't find out what the organ owner bought, but he probably found it in The Enterprise classified ads, too.

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### Mrs. Downing Resigns as Sec. Of School Board

Official announcement of the resignation of Elizabeth G. Downing as Secretary of the Farmington School Board, effective immediately, was made at a regular meeting of the Board Monday night and her letter of resignation accepted with regret.

In her letter, Mrs. Downing indicated that personal matters had prompted her decision to resign.

A SPECIAL scroll was presented to her by other members of the Board commending her for her unselfish services to the district during the past six years. Mrs. Downing assumed duties as a trustee on the board in June of 1932 and has served continuously since that time. With the resignation of Samuel Turner in October of 1935, she was appointed to the position of secretary and had served in this capacity up to this time.

Mrs. Downing's present term of office expires in June.

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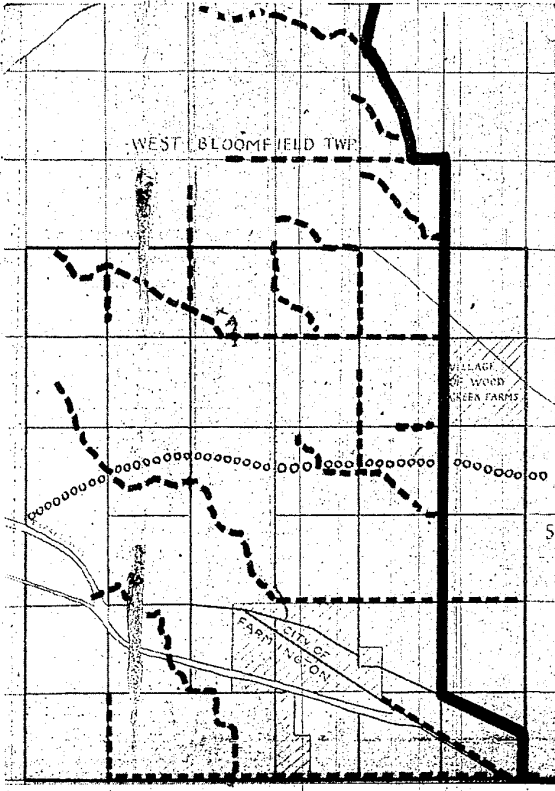
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LATERALS for the proposed Farmington interceptor sewer system are shown here as broken lines, with the solid black line from the lower right corner to the top the actual main sewer line. It hits Orchard Lake there, and goes on northeasterly to Keego Harbor. A news story elsewhere explains the system in more detail.

### Service Station in Twp. Broken Into, Robbed

The Shell Service Station at the southeast corner of Grand River and Middlebelt Road was broken into sometime early last Friday morning with approximately \$50 in change being stolen, the Township Police Department reported.

Entry was made by breaking out a window at the side of the building. The change box was then pried open with a screwdriver, Police Chief Irving Yakes said.

### Twp. Advances Engineer Fee

To aid immediate planning for trunks for the Farmington interceptor sewer, the Township board voted Tuesday night to advance \$5,000 in engineering fees to the Oakland County Department of Public Works. The money will be paid later.

The DPW is going ahead with plans for the trunks for the Farmington interceptor sewer, and land developers who might wish to install them for new housing developments.

**NEW MEMBER** named to the library board is Mrs. Mary Allison, following resignation of Mrs. Ethel Gibson. Mrs. Allison was asked for her services with Friends of the Library, and the board ordered a letter of warm thanks sent Mrs. Gibson for her years of service.

The Oakland County Road Commission reported to the board its past surveys of traffic at Orchard Lake and 13 Mile had failed to warrant installation of a traffic light there, but that it would now take another count.

### Tires, Wheels Stolen

The theft of two tires and wheels at two separate locations was reported this week by the Township Police Department. Both thefts occurred sometime Thursday night or early Friday morning.

One wheel was stolen from a car parked in the No-West Tool Company parking lot and the other from a car parked in front of a home at 2280 Purdue Street.

### Laterals and Cost Estimates for Sewer System Are Revealed

A map showing lateral arms for the Farmington interceptor sewer system has been received by the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works, and some estimated costs have been compiled by the Township League of Subdivision Associations.

Supervisor Frank Stephenson says detailed plans for all lesser connecting links could be ready within 30 days.

**ESTIMATED COST** of the Farmington township's share would be \$2,860,221. The bond issue would be for construction of the interceptor sewer only, but Harold Schone, supervisor of the Oakland County DPW, believes \$300,000 to \$400,000 might be left over toward some of the trunk lines. The League proposes ultimate cost of enough laterals to serve the entire township would be many times cost of the interceptor.

The township board set a \$350 per foot per house, which it estimates would pay its share of the interceptor cost. The League points to that figure in an \$1,550 homes tapping in, estimated number of homes in the township now is 5,280.

LATERALS would be financed through special assessment in those districts where 51 per cent of property owners approve. The same procedure would be followed in subdivisions. When the subdivision sewers were installed, all homes would be assessed \$250 to determine whether the sewer is connected to their home or not. In addition they would pay their share of both the lateral and subdivision sewer bonds by special assessment.

In addition, an estimated minor charge of \$3 per foot of frontage would be charged, more if the work made it necessary. Cost of connecting the house to the street sewer would be \$3 per linear foot. To these would be added the special assessment which is an indefinite amount.

When the subdivision sewers were available each resident would pay a tax of about 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of sewage, which would amount to about \$1.50 per month.

### Suit Is Filed On New Sewer

Hearing has been set for March 31 before Circuit Judge George B. Hartwick on a suit filed to block construction of the proposed \$4,800,000 Farmington interceptor sewer project.

Irvin Cohn, a Detroit attorney living at 3277 Interlake, asked for an injunction to prevent the county department of public works from going ahead with the project, designed to serve Farmington and West Bloomfield townships, Keego Harbor and the western portion of Southfield township.

The county DPW had expected such a suit. Cohn challenged the method of financing set up under legislation passed last year. His petition also alleges that in West Bloomfield the sewage system would not be paid off by township taxes under the 15-mill constitutional limitation and that the township's contract with the county to charge users of the system a tapping fee is unlawful.

### Two Large Township Areas Taken If Elections Succeed

Two petitions have been filed with the county clerk which will bring about votes this summer—one on an annexation of about eight square miles in the southwest portion of the township to Farmington City, the other incorporation of a village for a large portion of sections 15, 16 and 21.

The village petitions were filed Monday, the city petitions Wednesday morning.

**BOTH GO** to the county boundaries committee for checking. If in order, after 30 days the committee reports that fact to the board of supervisors which sets up a date for voting on the proposals.

With the primary election coming in August, there's a possibility both will be voted on at the same time. Another date could be set, of course.

**THE PETITION** for annexation to Farmington City involves all of sections 19, 20, 23, 30, 31, 32 and 33, plus the west half of section 28 and portions of section 21.

Mayor Robert Lindbert says that for over a year the city has been making a careful study of this area, and that the council had intended to hold discussion meetings with residents. Because of the possibility of another election, and rumor of a third, it became necessary for the city to move rapidly now.

### Want a Bridge

A bridge of big spans between Farmington and Brighton should be replaced by an actual bridge over the Huron river, for use of old Grand River paving.

That's the theme for the signs now up in most business establishments and even some residences along the route, and into Farmington also.

The signs read "We Want a Bridge in letters at least five inches high. They are distributed by the group of affected merchants.

**CITY OFFICIALS** feel the area west and south of the present city is the most logical and probably the most possible area for annexation. They feel the progress of the city is dependent on this expansion—that it is a "must" if residents are to avoid unbearable taxes.

### Okay Borrowing \$350,000 for School Operation

A resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$350,000 from a bond issue for the coming year to assure funds with which to meet all operating expenses for the current school year was unanimously approved by the School Board Monday night.

Farmington, like most other school districts throughout the state, is in a payment due in January more money earlier than ever this year and to borrow more because of the uncertainty of when State Aid money due the district will be forthcoming. A sizable payment due in March is not expected until sometime in May or maybe even later, Superintendent G. V. Harrison said. A payment due in January was more than a month late in coming.

**OPERATING** funds on hand would be sufficient to meet employee payrolls through April but no longer, he said. The board would not allow for the payment of other operating expenses. Although the total \$350,000 may not be needed, it would be desirable to have this money available in case of an emergency during the summer months. Harrison stated.

The money will be paid back with 1938 tax money received the last of this year and first part of 1939.

**LAST YEAR** \$100,000 was borrowed in June on tax anticipation and considerably more received in State Aid advances during the summer months. Harrison stated. State Aid advances are not expected to be possible this summer, however, he concluded.

### Baseball Rallies Slated Monday

Spring rallies preparatory to the opening of one of the biggest summer baseball programs in the history of Farmington will be held Monday night at Dunckel Junior High. Baseball for boys rally for all boys interested in playing Babe Ruth League Ball and all boys living south of 11 Mile Road interested in playing Little League ball and their parents will be held at the Farmington Senior High gymnasium starting at 7 p.m. Boys living north of 11 Mile Road and those with playing Little League ball and their parents are invited to a rally of the North Farmington Little League to be held at the Dunckel Junior High starting at 7:30 p.m.

**AT BOTH** rallies plans for the summer baseball programs will be outlined and registration started. At the Baseball for Boys rally registration cards will be distributed to all boys who are accompanied by one or both of their parents.

Taking part in the Little League rally program at Dunckel Junior High will be the coaches, professional clubbers, and Ted Gray, former Tiger pitcher. A special baseball movie will be shown at the Baseball for Boys rally.

Both the Farmington and North Farmington Little Leagues were freshly planted green.

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