

Real Progress in City
Next Year--Also Last

An itemized review of progress made in the City of Farmington during 1958 shows outstanding advances in a year otherwise slow by the recession and auto layoff.

City officials are pleased at a report compiled by City Manager Earl Scherffius detailing that progress.

THE COMING year looks bright for the American Bakeries Company, which purchased 2 1/2 acres from the city for \$100,000 last year, is expected to start soon on its new plant. It will be located on the north side of 9 Mile Road, about half way between Farmington and Gill Roads. Initially planned as one story, to be used for distribution of bakery products, the second story for actual baking will be added later, company officials say.

It is believed plans will soon be ready for the large new bowling alley to be built on Orchard Lake Road just south of the Bel-Aire shopping center.

BIDS WILL be received Jan. 27 for the new school service building on Shawnee. A & P Stores has been looking for a suitable location within the city for several years and although they have turned down one area, they are still interested in a downtown location.

Construction will start within a few weeks on at least two model homes in the new Farmington Meadows subdivision on Farmington Road, north of 8 Mile Road. The city expects to complete 73 houses by next summer. Sewer and water work is already under way.

THE APARTMENT project by Farmington Development Corporation at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Freedom Road (old cutoff), is said to be a probable project for next summer.

The complete unit is likely to include five buildings with a total of about 130 one and two bedroom apartments. Work on reworking was held by the city last Monday, and if approved Jan. 19 detailed plans are expected to be started.

FOR THE PAST year, however, Farmington City can point to some solid growth. For one thing, \$100,000 worth of concrete paving was poured at a cost of \$115,480. This included some vital links in the city's parking system.

Engineering is now completed for a joint city-county project to widen Farmington Road to four lanes next summer. The widening will be from the city line (north of Food Fair) south to Slocum (the postoffice road).

FIVE SEWER projects are either completed or now under construction. One was 8,750 linear feet including the mile on Farmington Road between 8 and 9 Mile Roads, plus eastward extensions on both those roads, and costing \$67,490. There was also 400 feet of Farmington Road, near the Huron River Fishing and Hunting Club, costing \$2,820.

The 5,700-foot stretch on Power Road north through Bel-Aire sub was partly to serve a new Farmington school to the north, and cost \$30,028. A 1,900-foot, 11-in. air-trunk street serves another new school and cost \$8,550. The 8,800-foot sewer line in Farmington Meadows subdivision is being put in by the city with cost assessed against the developers at \$50,000.

Altogether these 1958 sewer projects totaled \$203,888.

THREE WATER main projects totaled 13,340 feet and cost \$50,000. They include the Farmington Road and 8 and 9 Mile Road project which got sewers, an Arundel extension for the school, and lines for Farmington Meadows sub.

Some 13,500 square feet of sidewalks were built last year, at a cost of \$5,700.

City building permits for 1958 totaled approximately \$1,500,000, a record for the city.

MUCH PROGRESS was made in the city besides construction. Six new ordinances were adopted, and a number of others brought up to date. New traffic regulations, dog laws, uniform creation, moving of buildings, creation of a fire district, and a refrigeration code.

The city was sued twice during the year, lost a suit over Shell Oil and the Archdiocese of Detroit to stop an oil station at Farmington Road and a lawsuit to stop rezoning in Bel-Aire sub for construction of a bowling alley.

TWO IMPORTANT plans were started by the city during 1958. One was the downtown redevelopment plan, just getting a good start. The other is the fastest parking plan which is closely tied to redevelopment.

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4,622
Families
or 61 1/2 of the Families
in the Farmington Area

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Informational
Talks on School
Affairs Start

In an effort to keep the general public better informed on affairs in the Farmington School District, the school board has now begun a series of public talks on school affairs.

BOARD members made their first two informational presentations earlier this week. They spoke at the Middlebelt elementary school on Monday and at the Shawnee elementary school Wednesday night. They were guests of the respective PTAs.

Similar programs were presented at each school. Bayard Rustin, board president, spoke at present school meetings and to the board. He also spoke to the board and to the community. He also spoke to the board and to the community.

AGAIN THIS YEAR the task of distributing March of Dimes canisters to business places throughout the area was undertaken by the Farmington Kiwanis Club. Greeted warmly by fellow Kiwanians, Joseph Himmelsbach (chairman cash register), when he stopped off at Himmelsbach Restaurant to leave a canister was Harles

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Merriman, first vice president of the Kiwanis Club during the past year. Himmelsbach was instrumental in helping form the Kiwanis Club here and served as its first president. For the past five years Kiwanians have handled the distribution and collection of March of Dimes canisters locally.

Information is being sought to locate a middle-aged, gray haired woman, driving a 1950 Ford, who snatched into the rear of a Volkswagen parked on Middlebelt Road, a short distance south of 13 Mile Road, during the early morning hours January 1.

The woman was wearing a white uniform and believed to be returning home from work. Her car accidentally went into a ditch on the ice pavement ramming the rear of the Volkswagen and doing considerable damage.

Information is wanted for insurance purposes only, it was emphasized. Contact the owner of the Volkswagen, Bernard Cantor, Mr. 6-5239, or the Farmington Township police, department.

THE Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce is again making plans to present its annual fund-raising drive for the young man from the Farmington area who has contributed the most to the community.

To be eligible the man must be no younger than 21 or older than 35. He must also be a resident of Farmington city or township.

Anyone wishing to nominate a young man to the community should address his nomination to the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, Post Office Box 23, Farmington, Mich. All nominations must be in by January 20.

In addition to vital statistics about the nominee (such as name, age, business affiliation, etc.) details of the man's standing achievements should also be given.

Anyone having questions or wishing additional information is asked to contact either Don Kobman, GR 4-0314, or Robert Hall, GR 4-3233.

Smashes Into Rear
Of Car on US-16

Claude Riggsbee of 21615 Power Road, Farmington, suffered lacerations about the head and a fractured skull last Tuesday when he smashed into the rear of a car at the curb on Grand River near Jefferson.

The car at the curb, owned by Edna Mae Everman, 27240 Shawnee, Farmington, was driven forward into a telephone pole.

4 Injured In Crash
On New Year's Eve

Four persons were injured shortly before the end of 1958 in a head-on crash on Icey Road, a short distance east of Brentwood and near the intersection of W. Zirkles of Walled Lake.

Let Interceptor Sewer
Contracts Next Week

Bids were received Tuesday on the Farmington interceptor sewer, and after analysis will be presented to the Oakland county board of public works, probably next Tuesday.

The low bids on the four sections averaged 12.8 percent above the engineering estimates, due to worse ground conditions than anticipated originally. This included height of the water table, and some bad sand conditions found.

ACCEPTANCE of the bids is complicated by the fact nine contractors went together as a combine and bid on all four sections, with the stipulation they would receive all four or take none. The combine was low on only one of the sections. No bidder was low on more than one section.

Harold K. Schone, director of the county dept. of public works, said Tuesday he wasn't sure yet what recommendations would be made to the board.

TOTAL LOW bids came to approximately \$3,150,000, while the engineering estimate originally was about \$2,800,000. The DPW had hoped for more bidders on the project.

Completion is for one year after work starts. However, if four contractors each have a section, the work should be completed well before that time.

THE FIRST section is a tunnel job from the pump station on 8 Mile east of River Rouge, better described as between Telegraph Road and a point on 8 Mile midway between Inker and Middlebelt.

Section 2 runs along 3 Mile to the city line, thence north to Shawnee and back over to Middlebelt.

Section 3 runs north along Middlebelt to 15 Mile Road, then west to the point to West Harbor.

THE NEXT STEP if contracts are awarded now is for various communities along the interceptor sewer to petition to set up special assessment districts to build the sewer. Engineering is already completed for these.

This planning must be done between the township and the township. Information on this is available from Supervisor Frank Stephenson and township officials.

Bonds to finance the Farmington interceptor sewer and also the Evergreen project will be offered for sale in February, said Mr. Schone.

3rd Polio Clinic
Set Wednesday

The third in a series of three polio clinics being offered Farmington area residents, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held Wednesday, January 14.

Shots will be given at the office at 23611 Farmington Road, three floors south of the Entrance.

THOSE who received their second shots at the May 10th clinic are due for their third now and should not fail to attend the clinic, Donald J. Nichols, chairman of the clinic, said. Other persons who wish to start or continue their polio shot series are also urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The cost of each shot is \$1 to cover the cost of vaccine and materials.

"The upsurge of polio cases thought to have started during the year should be convincing proof of the need for obtaining the valuable protection provided by Salk vaccine," Nichols said. "Adults are particularly urged to attend this clinic since the greatest increase in polio victims has been in this age group," he concluded.

Bullet Shatters
Home Window

The Thomas Dickinson family of 28012 Hawberry, Kendallwood subdivision, had a real scare last week.

A 22 caliber bullet, fired in the vicinity, pierced a hole through both the picture window and storm window in the living room.

Again residents are reminded that Farmington not only has no hunting ordinance but also laws prohibiting the firing of any type of firearms anywhere in the city or township.

Offer Winter Recreation
Program for Area Youth

Plans have now been completed for a Saturday winter recreation program for area youth between 8 and 15 years of age in the Farmington area.

The program is being offered by the Farmington Area Recreation Board in cooperation of the Farmington School Board.

SEVERAL elementary schools, as well as the two junior high school gymnasiums will be open each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon from March 1 through supervised games and activities.

Activities for both boys and girls in grades through elementary schools. The grade schools to be open will be: Cloverdale, Eagle, Gill, Kenbrook, Shawnee, and Elm. William Green and Woodville.

"We are not trying to leave out students at the Bond or Middlebelt schools but have picked the schools for the program because the areas having the greatest number of children who can walk to them," FARC Director Warren Piche stated.

THE JUNIOR high gymnasiums will be open to boys only in grades through high level.

Indications have been given that there is very little demand for a recreation program for girls in the junior high level.

"We will be able to adjust our program to include girls if the demand is great enough," Piche said.

Organized games and team type activities will be stressed in the program for junior high boys.

Do Considerable
Home Damage

Considerable damage was done to a home on Grand River near Jefferson when a bullet struck the house during the New Year's Eve celebration in Old Hartsford subdivision sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Rough police work back at the scene showed that the bullet had entered the house through the basement and in the garage was badly damaged and several windows were shattered.

The damage was estimated at over \$200, according to a township police incident report.

Service Station on
Grand River Robbed

A sum of \$150 was stolen from the Grand Service station on Grand River near Jefferson last week. The station was taken over by a man in the office. The thief is believed to be a former employee. He has not been located in the area and is believed to have "skipped town" after stealing the money. A township police report indicated.

Opposition to
Apartments Is
Meager Here

No serious opposition to rezoning of tract west of Cloverdale school for an apartment project developed at the hearing held Monday night by the city council.

As customary, councilmen agreed they would make a formal decision at the next meeting, which will be Jan. 19.

FOUR RESIDENTS of Warner Farms subdivision, which is about the north end of the point they felt the council should first see very detailed plans of the proposed apartments and landscaping before acting on the rezoning.

Paul G. Perry, president of Warner Farms Improvement Ass'n, said the organization was not opposed to the rezoning for this purpose. He was asked for assurances the development would be completed within two years of the rezoning revert to residential use.

ATTEMPTS had been made earlier to rezone this property to residential use. It was also the point that time Warner Farms residents had pretty much agreed that multiple dwelling would be the purpose of the rezoning.

It can not be used for residential because FHA will not give financing in that area.

THE TRACT is L-shaped, contains about nine acres, and is northeast of the Farmington Road-Freedom Road (old cutoff) intersection.

Tentative plans of the developers, as given by Architect John Allen, call for five buildings located around the tract edges, with parking in the middle.

DELOS HAMLIN was reappointed a member of the city board of review for a three year term.

The oft-stated parking committee appointed several weeks ago to make recommendations as to size of proposed multiple dwelling will have meetings, and will meet again soon, it was reported.

THE City planning commission reported that the development plan for the downtown area, has recommended a minimum area, and this will be given to the city council immediately. It is believed definite recommendations will be forthcoming to the city soon.

Councilmen passed a resolution naming Ed Gilman as commercial and savings bank agent for the city.

It was reported that on the suit brought by Alice Warner Brown to stop the city from setting its property on 9 Mile for depot of public works, the city attorney had given up the answer to the bill of complaint and asked the court to set aside the matter.

Village Declares
War on Signs

A tour of Wood Creek Farms Village will be made this week by Zoning Inspector Harry Busch, who has been asked by the village council to locate undesirable advertising signs along the village's roadways.

"The officials will be armed with a list of signs to be removed, and they will be looking for signs which are objectionable or not in accordance with the ordinance," said Busch.

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Wood Creek
Village Makes
Election Plans

Plans for the forthcoming March 9 election in Wood Creek Village were made at the regular council meeting Tuesday night.

Terms of office of President Harry Lang and Councilmen Norman Kreider and Clerk Harry Busch were now available.

It was also the deadline for persons not already registered to get their names on the election books.

A private home will again be the election polling place if a suitable residence can be located, it was decided.

Councilman Kreider and Clerk Busch were instructed to investigate this matter and to make a report at the next regular council meeting on February 3.

It is Councilman Zander Reider who is in charge of the election.

Details as to just what the city could do as a partner in the project will be given to the township and city officials.

A financial consultant is going over the city responsibilities and ordinances, and it is expected to be in the city by the end of the month.

Township officials are also doing some checking prior to another meeting with city officials in the next few weeks.

It is proposed to buy Detroit water, brought to Inker Road by a Detroit main, then set up a joint Water Authority to sell water to the two and possibly other municipalities.

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