



ANOTHER piece of valuable local reference material, the Charter for the City of Farmington, was turned over to the Farmington Public Library for use by residents of this area last week. City Councilman Hugo Peterson is shown here pointing out some of the important sections in a copy of the charter to Florence Leach, head librarian.

## Concert by Pianist Out; Plan Another

Miss June DeToth, local pianist who has received wide acclaim in all parts of Europe, has informed the Citizens On-10-Dallas Committee, with deep regret, that she was unable to keep her earlier commitment to give a concert here Tuesday, June 2.

The concert was planned as part of the concentrated fund-raising campaign now in progress to raise enough money to send the Farmington Falconaires to Dallas, Texas, to sing at the International Kiwanis convention there next month.

MISS DETOTH explained that at the time she made the commitment she was not aware that her representatives in new York had already made extensive plans for her first concert appearance in America. Her agent advised her to ask the people of Farmington to extend her the favor of a later appearance in this area.

In place of the concert by Miss DeToth, a gratulate concert given entirely by the Falconaires, will be presented at the Farmington High School on Wednesday, June 10, Director William Feucht said.

FULL SUPPORT for the On-10-Dallas campaign has been pledged by the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce, through President Harry Farr, a spokesman for the fund.

## Start Made to Clean-Up Twp.

A start has been made to clean-up uncleanly and unhealthy conditions in Farmington Township.

In the last three months in the township have been contacted regarding unkempt homes and grounds and unsanitary conditions, Supervisor Curt Hall stated.

WHEREVER bad conditions are found, police are issuing violation tickets ordering the property owners to rectify the conditions which exist. Most are given ten days to do so though some are given as little as one day if the nature of the work to be done appears to require a longer period of time, Supervisor Hall said.

Members of the police department have been instructed to be on the lookout for any and all uncleanly and unhealthy conditions and to report them immediately so that violation tickets can be issued. Township officials are also reporting any unsatisfactory conditions which they notice, the supervisor commented.

A BILL has now been introduced in the state legislature which, if passed, will give township officials greater power to perform their duties in protecting the health, welfare and safety of the community, Supervisor Hall commented.

## Blood Bank A Huge Success

The blood bank held last week was termed a huge success with a total of 118 turning out to give blood.

Of this total, however, 38 were rejected reducing the total number to 82. Most of the rejections were due to iron deficiencies.

Much of the success of this bank and numerous others in Farmington over the past years can be attributed to the untiring efforts of Mary Lenz, local blood release chairman. This week Mrs. Lenz was presented with a Red Cross volunteer 20 year service pin. Receiving the pin was the first of many years, she will be honored at a special dinner at Saratoga Farms—fine work.

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## Park Study Is First Proposed For Township

Farmington township's park commissioners have proposed a citizens study committee on recreation facilities, and the township board Tuesday night paved the way for this.

The board asked the commissioners to suggest names for a committee, and members agreed they would try to add names. The proposal will be brought up again at the second meeting in June.

ARTHUR LELAND, Jr., member of the park commission two years, spoke briefly on the subject. He said the township has one park area, but he doubted if many people knew it. There is need for parks in this township, and that need and any suggestions should be brought before the township.

This township park is about five acres in size, on Greening northeast of the Orchard Lake 13 Mile intersection. It is low, swampy land and very inaccessible, would be costly to improve. It adjoins a corner of Glen Oaks, golf course. Occasionally it is used by Boy Scouts for camping.

ZONING in the township is being given a real study by the township officials as the result of a request by Daehle Trucking Co. a month ago to rezone the land now used as a gravel pit from R-4 to R-3. This would increase the lot size from 20,000 to 15,000 square feet.

Trustee Raymond Wilcox moved that the township hire a prominent Detroit attorney to advise the board regarding zoning. Trustee Wendell Brown pointed out that was an excellent move, but his rate was \$200 an hour, and tried to get a limit of \$150 put on the proposal. The amendment lost, although Brown and Trustee Richard Hing voted for it.

On the vote to hire the attorney both men voted against because there was no limitation on the fee. He carried, however, with all others voting in favor. Then another motion by Wilcox passed instructing the planning board at its Thursday meeting to engage in fact finding only on the Daehle request, and render no decision.

FILL DIRT Needed. Considerable fill dirt is needed at the site of the new Clarenceville elementary school, school officials disclosed. The type of available fill is asked to call the Board of Education office at GR. 4-8900.

Broadman Renamed. Dr. S. A. Broadman was reappointed township health officer at the regular meeting of the township board, Tuesday night. It is an annual appointment.

THE PLAN is to take problem boys from all sections of the community in this age group and provide a special education program for problem boys between ages 12 and 14 years of age, being considered.

The county is considering Farmington as one of six or seven school systems to take part in the program at this time. The School Board agreed Monday night to Farmington's taking part if selected.

Administrators indicated that the Noble school was in a very poor condition and would need only a little cleaning up before being ready for use again.

Leavees Township. Mrs. Margaret Verbanic, who has been in the township office six years, has resigned to accept employment with Star Cotton Co. She wrote the township board Tuesday and thanked them for their consideration and help during that time. She is an employee in the treasurer's office. The board ordered Clerk John A. Cairns to write her a letter of appreciation for her long and faithful service.

## Completion Means More Than Color

There may be some slightly off-white bricks at two or three not too noticeable points in the Keenbrook elementary school addition now under construction.

Work has been held up on the addition at the result of a strike at the company which is to supply the brick specified. Monday night the School Board authorized the architects to select a brick that matches as closely as possible so that corner work can be done permitting erection of steel.

It is hoped that the strike at the brick company will be over by the time this phase of the construction work is finished so that the specified brick can be used on the major portion of the addition.

## 9 Bid on Junior Hi Remodeling

A total of nine bids were received for proposed remodeling work at the Farmington Junior High.

Bids were opened by the School Board Tuesday night. The three lowest bids were referred to the architects for their study and recommendations.

THE LOWEST bid of \$141,000 was submitted by the Lawrence G. Marky Co. of Detroit. The bids of the next two lowest bidders were within \$1,000 of this figure.

Work will include conversion of the second floor of the old east unit back into classrooms as well as making the study hall on the first floor into three classrooms. The four-classroom annex adjacent to the gymnasium will be remodeled for use as a shop and the old shop area converted into a girls' locker room. The present boys' locker room will be expanded to include the present girls' locker room.

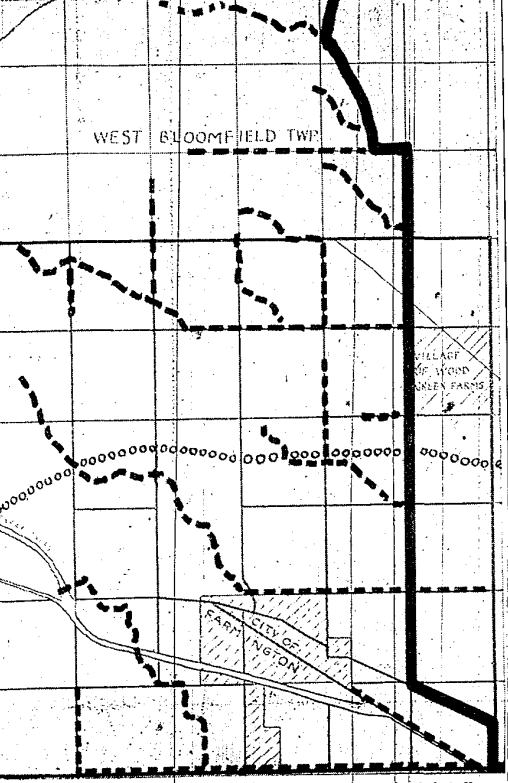
## School Matrons' Pay Plan OK'd

A new pay schedule for matrons in the Farmington public school system was adopted by the School Board Monday night.

The schedule sets the starting pay at \$14.00 per hour. After a 90 day trial period an increase to \$14.50 per hour is called for with another 5 cent per hour increase after six months of satisfactory service. The maximum pay was set at \$16.50 per hour with yearly increments of 5 cent per hour.

For the past several years the pay for matrons receiving a flat rate of \$14.50 per hour.

Shop in Friendly Farmington



NOW UNDER WAY is the main line of Farmington Interceptor sewer, as some contractors had planned to start work Wednesday, the day after the bonds were sold. The solid black line is line, and on the map it goes up Lake, then goes on northeasterly to Keego Harbor. The laterals are shown by broken lines, to be built later. The line of circles running across the map is the earlier route of the 11 1/2 mile expressway, since changed to some degree.

## 2 Memorial Day Parades Slated Saturday Morning

Parades in the City of Farmington and Clarenceville Saturday morning will highlight Memorial Day activities in the Farmington area.

The Clarenceville parade will start at 9 a.m. and the Farmington parade at 10 a.m. Members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Blue Star Mothers and representatives of various service organizations will take part in the Farmington parade.

ALL TAKING part in the parade are asked to assemble prior to 10 a.m. at the School St. entrance to the Farmington Junior High.

The Farmington High band and a special color guard will lead paraders to the Town Hall where a wreath will be laid at the Unknown Soldier Monument. From here the parade will continue westward on Grand River to Oakwood Cemetery for a special ceremony there. Graveside services will be conducted by Reverend Richard Markham of the Farmington First Methodist Church.

PARADES will march back along the same route to Farmington Junior High. Here all youngsters participating will be treated to free ice cream. Refreshments will be served along the parade route at the American Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeview.

Leading the Clarenceville parade will be members of VFW Post 4033 of the 8849 Military Patrol U.S. Army Reserve. Scouts will be members of the VFW Auxiliary, Blue Star and Gold Star Mothers, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and representatives of various other organizations in the area.

PARTICIPANTS will gather at Grand River and Eight Mile prior to 9 a.m. lead by the

## Contracts Being Signed, Work Crews to Start Coming Week

Bonds amounting to \$5,748,000 for the Farmington interceptor sewer were sold Tuesday at Pontiac to a combine of 39 bonding firms headed by Halsey Stuart Co.

Net interest rate under the low bid will be 4.39046, which was considered pretty good by county department of public works officials.

Contracts were being signed Wednesday, and most of the six contractors involved in the big project were expected to start work next week. One was trying to get machinery on the job already this week. First actual construction is likely to be on the south end of the project, on 8 Mile Road.

Harold Schone, director of the DPW, said the county officials have very tentatively set June 4 for an official ground breaking ceremony. The project has hung fire so long he felt some sort of celebration is called for.

## Sewer Tap-in Charges Paid Over 10 Years

Tap-in charges for the Farmington interceptor sewer are unchanged under an ordinance passed Tuesday night by the township board, but it does spell out that property owners heretofore connected to a public sewer, or who change from a septic tank to a sewer will have ten years in which to pay the \$220 charge, if they wish.

On future construction this charge must be paid at the time of filing an application for a building permit. On most new houses this will simply mean the tap-in charge becomes a part of the original cost and mortgage.

THESE FUNDS, as provided earlier, go into a separate bank account used solely for payment of the township's obligation to the county for its share of the sewage system cost.

The ordinance will be published next week, and take effect immediately.

Homes already connected to a sewer system, such as in the Kendallwood area, are not directly connected under the ordinance, and owners will have to pay the tap-in charge. If spread over ten years six percent interest will be charged on the unpaid balance.

KENDALLWOOD, of course, will be among the first areas to use the interceptor sewer when the main line is completed.

In other action Tuesday the board approved the first legal step for a special assessment district for 11 lots in Franklin Knolls subdivision, also a committee of the PEA under the chairmanship of James McNecley, William Grace School.

Arrangements for the program were made by the citizens committee of the PEA under the chairmanship of James McNecley, William Grace School.

## Get Six Bids for Proposed Road Work

A total of six bids were received by the Farmington School Board Monday night for proposed road re-development work on the Ten Mile elementary school. There was a wide differential in the bids submitted. They were referred to the architects for study and recommendations. The lowest bid of \$4,900 was submitted by Novi Building Service.

Several homes in the township, finished on the outside but far from completed on the inside, which have been lived in for years have been brought to our attention over the past few years. Unfinished homes present unhealthy conditions. Homes under construction always result in certain amount of materials being scattered about outside.

A man should be commended for building his own home. At the same time, however, we feel that he should be urged to complete it in a reasonable period of time. Two years would seem like an adequate amount of time to us.