

Water Storage Now City's Big Problem

Farmington city is one of the numerous metropolitan areas already suffering a summer shortage of water. It's much earlier than usual.

ON MONDAY several things combined to create a serious water shortage. City Manager Earl Scherffius says they'll try to see if it doesn't happen again, but much will depend on long heat spells and how residents cooperate.

The new water main on 10th mile near the elementary school was completed last week and Monday morning it was flushed the first time. This took a lot of water. Now the main will have to be chlorinated and tested before continuing use.

THERE WAS a leak at a Gill road hydrant, and the usual Monday washing. All combined to drain the 250,000 gallon city tank. During part of the day there was no water on Gill Road and Pickett Street, and Glenview subdivision had very low pressure.

The single storage tank is filled at night, but in summer starts going down rapidly during the day. Even with all pumps going it still recedes. By late afternoon it is dangerously low. It starts to refill again in early evening.

County Could Vend Water to Twp., City

Wholesaling of Detroit water by the county dept. of public works to Farmington city and township is a possibility which has been studied as the result of a resolution Tuesday by the township board.

The proposal is an alternative to the joint water authority talked about by several municipalities for the last year.

SUPERVISOR Curt Hall offered the resolution at the township board meeting, explaining the need is growing here. The population is enlarged, the water level in this heavily populated area is dropping.

Water shortages in many metropolitan areas the first of this week emphasize the need for immediate action in Farmington. The city water was short this week, although the city's primary need is for more storage rather than supply itself.

THE COUNTY dept. of public works has asked the township board to undertake a study and recommend needed steps for the area. However, the sole purpose of the board is to give the county public works services as water and sewers.

It would also help another way. The township might find it rather difficult to finance such services, even in conjunction with the city. The DPW could do this readily, much as it set up the interceptor sewer project.

THE DACHILLE Trucking Co. request for re-zoning part of its property now used as a gravel pit to residential was denied by the board. Members had been giving serious study to general zoning problems, and recently voted to get help from one who has specialized in this.

Falconaires Will Leave For Texas on Saturday

Early Saturday morning the Farmington Falconaires will depart for Detroit to board the Washburn Cannon Ball for Dallas, Texas where they will play at the Kiwanis International Convention.

The Falconaires will make their first appearance on Sunday at 8 p.m. in a program called "Show Time" in the Memorial Auditorium Theatre. This is a program designed to entertain the incoming Kiwanis and all parts of the United States and Canada as they register.

MONDAY NIGHT the Falconaires will appear before the assembled convention of over 14,000 in the Memorial Auditorium Convention Hall.

Tuesday at 5 p.m. the local vocal group will sing at the reception in the Austin and Travis Room of the Sheraton Dallas Hotel for delegates from the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and West Tennessee districts of the Kiwanis International. From here they will move to the ball room where they will perform before the Michigan District, which they are representing in Dallas. Next they will perform for the Nebraska, Iowa for their generous contributions.

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Township Vote Likely on Mill for Roads

Trash Cans for City, Cleaner Streets Asked

A drive to clean up Farmington streets has been started as a joint program for city officials and the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n.

First part of the project will be purchase and putting out of large number of trash cans on city streets. They were ordered earlier this week and may be in use in ten days or two weeks.

THE DOWNTOWN group of business men has been quite concerned about the dirty city streets, and all the scrap paper floating around. City officials have also been aware of this and have put out some trash cans as a start. The city also collects trash three times a week now.

At the regular meeting of the Downtown Ass'n last Thursday night, attended by City Manager Earl Scherffius, some plans were shaped to start a cleanliness campaign.

ASSOCIATION members voted to donate \$150 toward purchase of trash cans, to go into the downtown area. The city budget for this year also includes \$150 which will go for trash cans, but some of these will have to go in other parts of the city.

The city manager agreed to buy the barrels and the special tools, to point and stencil them for street use, and to have them reimbursed by the business association.

Exact number to be added is not known, but the hope is for well over 20 cans.

A CAMPAIGN for a cleaner Farmington will then be started, aimed particularly at those adults and children who litter the streets with candy and gum wrappers, paper and bottles.

Those furnished by the business men will be marked "Downtown Business District Ass'n."

CONSTANT USE of mimeographed and printed handbills by local and outside firms came in for criticism. These are tucked under the windshield of the driver, on returning, usually throw them to the street. One member brought in a handful of such bills.

This spring the Farmington Garden Club made a project of cleaning up the grounds at the Farmington township hall, and Supervisor Curt Hall is cooperating in keeping them that way.

No Sprinkling In Section 36

Twp. Clerk Floyd A. Cairns Wednesday asked all residents in Section 36 to stop watering lawns, because of the water shortage. Section is bounded by 8 and 9 Mile Roads, and Inkster and Middlebelt.

This water system is operated by the city. There is a shortage of Detroit water there because of inadequate pumping facilities. If the request does not lower water consumption, more definite restrictions may have to be enforced.

Approve Use of School Facilities

A request by the North Farmington Little League for use of school facilities, on Saturday afternoons when baseball games are being played at the Bond and Dunwoody schools, was approved by the School Board Monday night.

3 from Area Find Dead Man in Car

Three men from the Farmington area found a Dearborn man dead in his car Sunday evening in West Bloomfield Township.

While tearing down an old barn in a field near Green Road, Bradley Leonard, Donald L. Laro, and Ronald L. Marsh noticed a car and went to investigate.

The victim was identified by police as Robert H. Arncliffe, and the cause of death listed as carbon monoxide poisoning. Reported as missing earlier, he apparently decided to take his own life, investigating police said.

To Get Bids on Blacktopping

Authorization to obtain bids for blacktopping a portion of the service road now being put in between Our Lady of Sorrows Church property and property owned by the Farmington Board of Schools to the west was given by the School Board Monday night.

Bids will be asked for the blacktopping of the service road, and the cause of death listed as carbon monoxide poisoning. Reported as missing earlier, he apparently decided to take his own life, investigating police said.

The Board also authorized the administration obtain bids for a small amount of blacktopping work in back of Farmington Junior High and Farmington Senior High. The go-ahead sign was likewise given for a small amount of blacktopping work at the Dunwoody Junior High and the Wooddale elementary school.

To Decide Fate of Comm. House

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Farmington Area Community House Association for Wednesday, June 17, to determine whether enough people are still interested in having the community house project alive. FACHA officials disclosed this week.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Junior High and Farmington Senior High. The go-ahead sign was likewise given for a small amount of blacktopping work at the Dunwoody Junior High and the Wooddale elementary school.

Incumbents Re-elected; Showing at Polls Poor

Incumbents in both the Farmington and Clarendenville school districts were returned to office. Only 1,025 Farmington district voters bothered to show up at the polls. With an estimated 12,000 registered voters, this is less than 8% of those qualified to cast ballots.

TRUSTEE Vernon Fisher received 680 votes (37% for Pct. 2 and 307 for Pct. 1) and Treasurer Leiland Clifford 670 votes (34% in Pct. 2 and 322 in Pct. 1). The third candidate, A. William Tilder, polled 404 votes (23% in Pct. 1 and 181 in Pct. 2).

Although interest was low in postponed re-organization until its next regular meeting on Monday, June 22.



LONG EFFORTS by Oakland County officials and officials of communities to be served by the Farmington and Evergreen Interceptor sewers were rewarded last week when ground was broken for main lines for both systems. Beaming big smiles as they turned another shovel full of earth in ground breaking ceremonies on Eight Mile Road, just west of Evergreen last Thursday are Curt Hall, Farmington Township Supervisor (left), and Delos Hamlin, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, also from Farmington.

Start Digging Operations On Farmington Interceptor

Work is now moving ahead on the north side of Eight Mile (the Farmington Interceptor Sewer) and should swing into high gear within the next couple of weeks, officials of the Oakland County Department of Public Works disclosed Tuesday.

Digging began almost immediately following ground breaking ceremonies last Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Farmington and Evergreen Interceptor systems. Delos Hamlin of Farmington, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, turned the first shovel of earth.

Approve Hiring of Five More Teachers

Five more teachers for the Farmington public school system were hired by action of the School Board Monday night, based on the recommendation of the administration.

Three secondary and two elementary level positions were accepted. Superintendent M. Hartom Amedee indicated that all secondary teachers needed have now been employed but that there are still a few elementary instructors yet to be hired.

THE FARMINGTON Interceptor will serve Farmington Township, Kego Harbor, the southern portion of West Bloomfield Township and a small section of southwest Southfield. The Evergreen Interceptor will accommodate Bloomfield Township, the southern portion of Pontiac Township, Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills and Troy.

Following certification of the election, the Clarendenville Board of Education held a meeting. Harlow was again named president; Fred Bailey, secretary; Gault, treasurer; Mrs. Regina C. Boerboom and Halley A. Hayes, trustees.

The Farmington School Board held its next regular meeting on Monday, June 22.

Reveal Plans For Summer Rec. Program

Plans are now being completed for another six week summer recreation program under the sponsorship of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, Director Warren Piche disclosed this week.

This will mark the 11th year of such summer recreation programs for all children between the ages of 8 and 15 living within the boundaries of the Farmington School District.

The program this year will begin Monday, June 22, and continue through July 31. Playground, activities are planned at eight school sites: Wooddale, Cloverdale, Ten Mile, Eagle, Gill Road, William Grace and Shawwassee.

Each playground group will be taken to Kent Lake twice each week for swimming under the supervision of teaching personnel who have been with the FARC for at least three years, Piche said.

Field trips to the Detroit Zoo, Briggs Stadium and Bob-Lo are slated. A fee of 15 cents per child will be required for the Zoo trip and children will be required to pay their own expenses to Bob-Lo, the director disclosed.

ON SWIMMING days, it was explained, children will be required to bring their own lunch. Milk will be available for 10 cents. Youngsters will also be asked to bring their own type of outfit for clothing and lunches to eliminate lost articles.

Additional information will be announced in The Farmington Enterprise next week, Director Piche concluded.

Recreation Sign-Up Set

Registration of children wishing to participate in the Clarendenville Recreation Commission's summer program will begin Monday, June 15, and continue through Wednesday, June 17. Hours for registering will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Edgewood and Central elementary schools.

The program will open to children between the ages of 8 and 15. Activities will include recreational swimming at Kensington Park, supervised play and craft work at the Edgewood and Central schools, movies and field trips to points of interest in the area.

Funeral services will include Le Larue, James Leary and William Waters. Additional details regarding the program will be given at the time of registration.

Rezonning Requests Denied by Township

Two requests for rezoning were denied Tuesday by the township board, on recommendation of the planning board. One was by Walter Lucas on Ten Mile, the other Aldrich's Nursery on Goldensmyth. The final plat for Meadowbrook Hills Sub No. 3 was approved.

Hall Proposes 4-Year Levy to Ditch and Grade Most Roads

Township voters will pass this fall a 4-cent mill tax levy proposed Tuesday night by Supervisor Curt Hall, if the full board approves Thursday night the plan for a four-year millage increase.

IT WOULD have to be a special election, possibly in August or September. The PROPOSAL has been studied some time by Supervisor Hall and the township board members. Mr. Hall said Tuesday he had talked with perhaps a hundred township residents, and none had dissented on the basic plan.

He feels the township roads have gotten into pretty bad shape, and need considerable ditching, grading and some graveling to keep them from deteriorating further.

THERE ARE about 150 miles of roads in the township, of which 50 are primary roads cared for by the county. Road people have estimated the following costs to bring the other 100 miles up to better standards:

20 miles @ \$1,000 ...	\$20,000
30 miles @ \$2,000 ...	\$60,000
50 miles @ \$4,000 ...	\$200,000
Total	\$280,000

OVER FOUR years Mr. Hall estimates one mill on equalized valuation would bring in \$222,000. The balance could be taken from the road fund, he feels.

He also thinks the township could pick up about \$50,000 in matching road funds from the county over the four-year period. This year, for instance, the township has \$20,000 in matching funds available to Farmington Township. Because the township didn't have that money, the funds from the county were lost.

EXTRA MILLAGE for road work, nothing new, particularly in rapidly growing areas. Other townships in Oakland and nearby counties have voted such millage. The township has 2 1/2 mills for road work. Royal Oak has 2.85 mills, Bloomfield, Waterford and Southfield have two mills each.

Because Wendell Brown was absent Tuesday, and Trustees John H. Brown and Delos Hamlin were unable to attend, a little more time to study the proposal, actual vote on the resolution was delayed until an adjourned meeting this evening.

Approval tonight will mean that township residents will get the opportunity to make the final decision.

Business Ass'n Pushing Work In City Area

Not content with past accomplishments, the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n started last Thursday to push other improvements, and has asked city officials for their line cooperation.

At their request City Manager Earl Scherffius agreed to conduct a study of a traffic coming in from the Farmington Road, particularly as it applies to the re-routing done last year on McGee Hill.

THE BUSINESS men feel the city should be doing more to ease traffic from the north. Some people feel, however, the new route is used more than the old one, and it was agreed only a traffic count could provide any clues for possible action. It had been suggested the old route be re-opened.

MR. SCHERFFIUS reported the city would have tabulations at the end of June on how many courtesy tickets, provided by the business ass'n, had been passed out on parking violations. The business group pays for an additional hour when parking violations are found, with policemen putting a courtesy ticket on the car.

A MEMBERSHIP drive is to be started under Chairman Devere Fleming and a committee he will name, hoping to get more general support for continuing improvements downtown.

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