

HELP KEEP FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

THE EXAMPLE being set by this young lady, dropping a small scrap of paper into a waste receptacle, is one which every adult in the community should follow and give their children thorough instructions about. Now that numerous such receptacles have been placed throughout downtown Farmington by the Downtown Businessmen's Assn. there can be no excuse for badly littered streets in the shopping district. Keeping a community clean is not only the responsibility of government officials alone but that of every citizen living in that community.

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Claim No Knowledge of Petition Asking Sewer

Because they hadn't read ear- such petition containing the real legal publications and news required percentage, and Attorney stories in Farmington Enterprise Joseph T. Brennan told the surprise about hearings on a petition-board members Tuesday only to find out that the petition was not connected to the sewer connection, unless subdivision residents make some attempt to keep track of official actions concerning them, which under law are in the newspaper.

There may be a little difference in the Glenbrook petitions, as residents at the township board meeting Tuesday said they were not contacted by the petition circulators, and it appears that many of the residents were for the owner of vacant lots.

Glenbrook subdivision is about a year old, and only about 15 per cent built up.

THE LAW says there must be 35 per cent of the land area built, and in a new subdivision it is conceivable this percentage could be easily claimed by the developer without contacting the other residents. The developer is within his legal rights, and may even have sold other lots on the promise that he would be connected to the sewer.

The township board has no excuse for refusing to approve any such petition to it.

Hit by Car On Nine Mile

A Detroit man suffered severe injuries to both legs when he was hit from behind by a car while loading a lawnmower onto a pickup truck.

One of Dural Greene's legs was broken and the other badly bruised.

The accident occurred Friday morning around 8:15 a.m. on Nine Mile road about a half mile west of Drake Road.

The truck, owned by C. Cromer of St. Clair Shores, was parked on the edge of the road, police said. Elaine Kleon of Plymouth was returning east on Nine Mile, apparently did not see the pickup until it was too late to avoid hitting it and pinning Greene between the two vehicles.

Two Subs Ask Sewer Report

A request was made of the township board Tuesday for the required engineering study setting up a special assessment sewer district for Old Farm Colony and Woodbine subdivisions.

A check for \$500 for the study was submitted, and the engineers will be ordered to proceed. If the special assessment district follows the plan, it will be returned to the backers, but if it fails they are out the money.

Pits, Pumps And Pools to Be Regulated

The township board concentrated on the three P's Tuesday night, as it passed two new ordinances and amended a third. The subjects are pits, pumps, and pools.

One ordinance amendment is being published today and will take immediate effect.

IT REQUIRES that on all new buildings there will be installed a sumpless pump to discharge all storm water outside, so it will not get into the sanitary sewers which are not constructed to handle excess capacity.

It is designed particularly for the Kendallwood and Westbrook Manor sub. sewer systems, but also will affect the entire sewer in mind. It also provides that no downspouts or roof water shall drain into the sanitary sewer.

THE NEW SWIM POOL ordinance replaces a less effective one and provides more control of safety features and construction, filtration, etc. Naturally, it will not affect home rule villages, which are outside township jurisdiction.

Several pool owners had refused to fence their swim pools under the old ordinance. A law recently passed by the legislature has made it possible to fence them, of all people, did not, Attorney Brennan told the board. This ordinance will be effective 30 days after publication.

THE PIT operations will be controlled under the new surface mining ordinance, which has been studied and revised by board members for a couple of months.

One change made Tuesday was a requirement a pit operator would have to furnish a public liability insurance of up to \$50,000 for one accident or \$100,000 per total accident, plus \$10,000 property damage liability.

Compiling Area History Data

The Farmington Public Library is now collecting data pertaining to the history of the community, it was disclosed this week.

Although Farmington does not have the distinction of having the first settlement in Oakland County, it was the first permanent community, a library spokesman said.

PICTURES of the town growing up along Grand River Avenue or Old City Road in the community are wanted. Letters describing the land of early settlements, tax receipts, land grant papers or receipts for services by one of the days are also welcomed.

The library will house and catalogue such items although at present only vertical storage is available, the spokesman commented. The articles collected will be displayed at the library from time to time as space permits.

Driverless Car Injures Two

Airman Norman Kowlsen Jr. of Selfridge Air Force Base, who was driving a driverless car, suffered fractured right ankle and cuts and bruises Monday night in a freak accident in the Grand River area.

When the subdivision residents learned of this, they protested, saying the car was not supposed to be in the subdivision, which is a pit from the Grand River to the street.

The car owner, Bradley Lombard, 23, of 21650 Jefferson, Farmington, was ticketed for having a defective emergency brake.

Name Teacher- Principal for New School

The appointment of Lawrence Gagnon, a teacher in the Gross Pointe school system, to a combination principal-teacher position for the new Longacre elementary school, now under construction, was approved by the School Board Monday night.

During discussion, Superintendent G. V. Harrison explained that a tentative arrangement proposed in view of the fact that only it is planned to use only seven classrooms in the new building during the coming school year. A full principal was not felt to be necessary because of this, he said.

Gagnon, 30, will serve as sixth grade teacher and handle the duties of principal in addition to this. He will be assisted by Donald Hoyer, former Ten Mile principal, now the school system's administrative staff.

Supt. Harrison emphasized the fact that this would be the arrangement for the 1960-61 school year only. It is intended that Gagnon will take over as full time principal when more classrooms in the building are put into use the following year.

The board also approved the appointment of six more elementary teachers, recommended by the administration. The resignation of the former teacher was received and accepted.

Water Short Everywhere

Farmington city isn't the only area facing a serious water shortage.

Superintendent of Public Works, J. H. Hall reports that information that some wells in Wood Creek Farms and in Woodcroft subdivisions just west of the city have been running dry.

The prolonged dry spell has undoubtedly brought the water level in this area far below normal. Officials have suggested that everyone in the entire area should sprinkle lawns only when absolutely necessary, even if their own supply appears good now.

New March Of Dimes Head

The appointment of Bayard Tupper of 3723 State Street as March of Dimes chairman for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis for this area was announced this week by Ernest Goldworthy of Ferndale, Oakland County campaign chairman.

Tupper replaces Mrs. Mel Stevens who has moved from Farmington to Livonia.

Plans are now being made for the emergency March of Dimes fund raising drive for the latter part of August. Mrs. Katherine Salley of 3220 Shiloh Avenue will head the emergency drive in the city and Mr. Polly Schan in the township.

Teeples Assistant Twp. Health Officer

Official Earl Teeples of the township police force was named assistant health officer by the town board Tuesday. He will sign formal complaints on health matters and be able to appear in justice court for exclusively, thus relieving the health officer.

Question If Church Construction Proper

A question was raised before the township board Tuesday night whether the design for the new Forest Hills United Missionary Church is structurally sound.

A letter received by Supervisor Curt Hall was read by him at the board meeting, and Trustee Ray Wilcox also had a letter. Both letters suggested several ways in which the plans were at fault, and the complaint was that it was not designed by a person licensed to practice architecture.

Tag Days Set

Boys taking part in the Baseball for Boys program in the southern portion of Farmington will be on the streets of the community this Friday and Saturday for the organization's annual Tag Day sale.

Members of the various teams will not only be in the downtown business district but also at the shopping centers in other parts of the community.

Parking Ban Set Part Grand River

Parking on the south side only of Grand River, between Middlebelt and west to the end of the expressway, was ordered Tuesday by the township board.

Supervisor Curt Hall reported people in the area favor this plan because trucks have been parking there.

Hearings Set On Rezoning

On two recommendations for rezoning made by the township planning board, the township board Tuesday ordered public hearings by the zoning board, at a date to be set by that body.

The planning board had recommended rezoning from residential to light industry along Perry Allen on lot 106, Springfield Ave.

The board and the planning consultants had also recommended rezoning from residential to office or O-1 and from residential to industrial along the Grand River, as requested by Dr. Delatelle.

Charges Made In Regular Swim Schedule

Youngsters taking part in the summer recreation program from the four southern playgrounds will get an extra day of swimming this week.

They will be taken to the lake this Friday, normally a non-swimming day, Warren Piche, recreation director, reported.

Next week, however, they will be on Monday and Wednesday, the second swimming day for the four southern playgrounds, will become a field trip day with all the buses being used for that purpose.

Youngsters from the Ten Mile, Bond, Wooddale and Eagle school playgrounds will be taken to the lake this Wednesday. They will return approximately one hour following the completion of the baseball game.

Director Piche again urged all who possibly can to send in their contributions to help support the recreation program. Contributions should be mailed to FARC Director Warren Piche, Dunckel Junior High, Farmington.

Condemn Houses

Houses on Kirby and Tulane streets were ordered condemned Tuesday by the township board at the recommendation of the health officer. They are not occupied and will have to be fixed before occupancy.

C'ville Issues Notes on Aid

A decision was reached at the July 7 meeting of Clarenceville board of education to be known as the "C'ville Notes on Aid."

The board decided to table naming of the new elementary school until the first meeting in October.

A contract was approved for the coming school year for Jane Rettig.



MEMBERS of the Public Safety Department for the City of Farmington are called upon to perform many duties. Some of them are far related from their regular duties of handling police matters and small fires. Such was the case last Friday when they were ordered to distribute "water ban" notices door-to-door throughout the community.

Placing a notice at the door of this home in Alta Loma subdivision is Patrolman Robert Hilliker. Other members of the force who also became "delivery boys" for the day were Patrolman Dick Miller and Sgt. Jay Harrison.

Order New City Sprinkling Hours On Odd-Even Days

The city's water problems are still serious, and new lawn sprinkling hours were ordered at a special council meeting Tuesday night in an attempt to keep the tank from running dry so often.

The new hours for outside water use are from 8 p.m. through the night to 10 a.m. No outside water shall be drawn from 10 a.m. through the day to 8 p.m.

The other rule is:

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Even numbered houses water only on even days.

This procedure actually adds two hours a day to the hours during which water is permitted, compared with the earlier ban, but it will reduce consumption through odd-even day usage.

Service Bldg. Blacktop Work Contract Let

Authorization to proceed with the blacktopping of a service drive from Shiawassee Road northward to the new Farmington School District service and administration building was given by the School Board Monday night.

A PARKING area for the service building will also be blacktopped at the same time.

Although only one bid was received for the work, it was satisfactory to both the School Board and a representative for Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Run between school district and Sorrows church property and be used by both, the church will pay a proportionate share for the road itself.

COST for the entire project, including the parking lot, will be \$4,193.25 with the work being done by Base Building Construction Company. Of this total, Our Lady of Sorrows will pay approximately \$800.

In separate action the School Board also authorized Base Construction to proceed with approximately \$550 worth of miscellaneous blacktopping work at the Farmington Junior High and Farmington Senior High sites.

10 Mile School Work Approved

Necessary work to provide for better parking facilities, drainage and a general improvement of the grounds around the Ten Mile elementary school was approved by the School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

For the work in one of the lavatories at the school an expenditure of \$1,065 was authorized.

Also discussed at some length were sewer and water connection proposals now under study by the township board, not only to the Ten Mile School but also to the new service and administration building now under construction almost directly to the south. Further study was recommended and no action taken.

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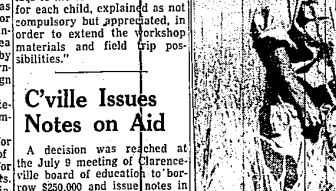
Guffins to Get Liquor Permit

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Plat Is Approved

The final plat for Coventry sub at 14 Mile and Inkster was approved by the township board Tuesday subject to compliance with recommendations of the county drain commission.



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Study School Addition Plans

Rough sketches for a proposed six or seven classroom addition at the William Grace Elementary School on Shiawassee Road east of Middlebelt were reviewed by the School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

It was generally agreed that more storage space would have to be provided for in the plans.

Authorization was given to turn the sketches over to the building subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee for further study and recommendations.

As a result of residential development, it is felt that more classroom space will be needed in this area in the near future although since the site is rather small. This is one of the few schools in the district which was not built with definite provision for future additions when needed.

To Plan Service Building Grade

This Saturday members of the Farmington School Board will meet with architects and surveyors to work out a complete topographical plan for the service and administration building going up north of Shiawassee between Powers and Farmington Roads.

Details to provide property drainage on the site and along Shiawassee Road will also be worked out.

Some hillside will still be left on which, youngsters can enjoy sliding during the winter months. It was assumed, it was also emphasized that work proposed to be done would not effect the ice skating rink at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and Shiawassee.



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