

Machine Shop Makes Life Miserable, Claim

Heated charges against the Quigley Machine Products Company, 3096 Grand River Avenue at Floral, were voiced at the city council meeting Monday night by four residents with homes near the plant.

A petition, signed by them and 38 others with homes in the vicinity of the machine shop, alleged numerous violations of zoning ordinance restrictions placed on light-industry (M-1) plants of this kind.

Jon Nelson Signs Contract With Tigers

The dream of every young baseball player—a chance to back into the big leagues—has come true for Jon Nelson.

The Detroit Tigers have announced the signing of Nelson to a contract with one of the clubs in their minor league system. He will join the Detroit Commodores of the Class D Midwest League early next spring at Tigerstown in Florida.

Nelson played four years of baseball for the Clarenceville Trojans and last year hurled ten games. He posted a record of five wins against five losses. One of his victories was a one-out shutout over Bloomfield Hills and the other against Clarkston.

THIS SUMMER Nelson is playing with the Clarenceville Optimist team in the Livonia Recreation League. To date he has a 1-1 record. Nelson also "subs" at second base for the Optimist team.

Besides baseball, Nelson played four years of football at Clarenceville. A halfback, he was a consistent ground-gainer for the under-manned Trojan eleven.

Granted Right To City Water

A request by Robert L. Svoboda, 2125 Farmington Road, to tap into the city water lines was granted by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Property on which Svoboda's home is located lies in both the city and township although the home itself is located in the township. Since the property was subdivided this way and the city had not purchased later by Svoboda, the council agreed to extend the water service to him.

It was specified, however, that it not be permitted until the new city water storage tank is in full operation. It was further agreed that he should pay a rate double that of city residents since the principal use of the water will be in the township where the house is situated.

This is an established practice where water service is extended outside the city limits.

Building Activities on Upturn

A slight upturn in new home building activities in Farmington during the first six months of this year may well be setting the stage for the start of another big building boom in the community next year.

With the completion of the main line for the Farmington Interceptor sewer system the early part of next year, local officials are predicting a real upturn in new home building.

Whether or not it will reach the boom building proportions of 1955 and 1956 is difficult to predict. Barring a real economic slump, some are of the feeling that new home construction activities may even exceed previous records.

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Big Downtown Parking Plan Proposed

House Defeat of Annexation Bill Elates League

Action by the State House of Representatives defeating a proposed bill to give circuit courts control over annexations by cities and villages rather than requiring a vote of the people was welcome news to a large number of Farmington township residents.

The bill the House voted on was a weakened version of the bill which had already been passed by the Senate. The House rejected passage by a vote of 43-31.

Probably most elated among local residents were members of the League of Subdivisions Association.

EXTREMELY strong opposition to the proposed bill was expressed by League delegates in meetings shortly after the bill was introduced prompted them to poll the entire membership if the association.

It turned out that the more than 1400 families represented by membership in the League were almost unanimously opposed to the plan. League officials decided to break precedent.

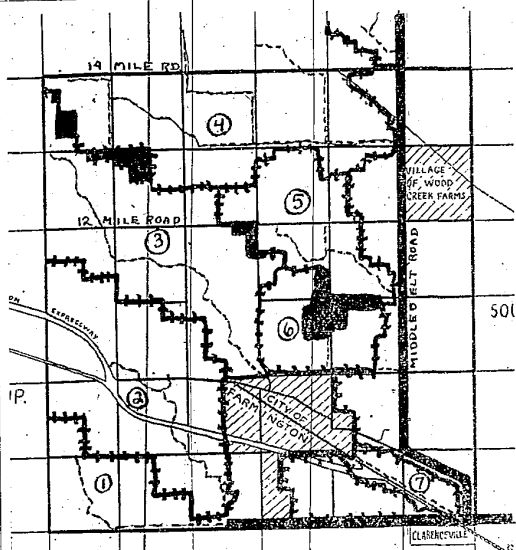
Standfast in a policy of refusing to take stands on issues "over three years, League delegates voted unanimously to take a stand on this issue."

ON JUNE 23 a delegation of League officials traveled to Lansing to voice objections to the bill.

Exactly how great an effect the League's action had on the House's subsequent rejection of the bill will never be known but it is quite certain that it was a substantial amount.

LEAGUE PRESIDENT Seeley made these comments: "The Farmington Township League of Subdivisions Association is encouraged by the defeat of the City Annexation Plan in the Michigan House of Representatives."

"All members were strong in their belief that the bill should be 'killed' but we were not certain of a way that we could be heard. Our trip to Lansing to speak out against annexation See HOUSE DEFEATS, 8A



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Township Ordinance to Control Pits Has Forceful Provisions

An ordinance "with teeth in it" to provide controls over both existing and future sand and gravel pits and other excavations in the township will become effective within 30 days of this date.

Prior to adoption of the ordinance by the township board last week, the township had very little specific control over sand and gravel pit operations.

Provisions in the ordinance require that formal application must now be made giving complete details as to the land area involved and the amount of sand or gravel which will be moved.

It also stipulates that a license, approved by the township board, must be obtained and that this license will be good for only one year. Renewal will be possible, however.

THE PIT operator will be required to pay a \$250 license fee as well as furnishing a \$50,000 surety bond and providing for public liability insurance of up to \$50,000 for injury to one person and \$100,000 for injury to more than one person before getting his license.

A major safety provision calls for the construction of six-foot chain length fence around the entire area from which material is to be or has been taken.

Locks gates are also specified. The ordinance further provides that if the pit is within a half-mile of a subdivision with ten or more homes, a watchman must be on duty at all times.

NO CHILDREN will be allowed around a pit without adult supervision nor will swimming in the pit be allowed.

Trucks hauling sand or gravel from the pits will be required to follow specified routes. Operations will be restricted to the hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. with no work being allowed on Sundays.

The use of explosives in mining will be permitted only upon the express approval of the township board. No excavation will be allowed so close to adjoining property lines as to

Council Asks City Manager To Obtain More Information

A sizeable off-street parking plan for downtown Farmington, proposed for immediate action at the city council meeting Monday night, got a qualified nod of approval from the councilmen.

The plan calls for acquisition of a substantial amount of privately owned land as well as the use of some property presently owned by the city to provide additional off-street parking for approximately 750 cars.

Unmetered parking was specified. The proposal was presented to the council by Art Garian, professional appraiser and tax consultant and former assessor for the city.

It was indicated that he was speaking on behalf of a group presently having business interests in the downtown area as well as others interested in its potential.

Makes Request To Start New Cab Service

A request was made to the city council Monday night by Vernon Foster of Livonia for permission to establish a taxi cab service in the community.

Specifically, Foster, owner of the Livonia Yellow and Red Cab Co., requested permission to obtain four hand plates with the intention of operating four cabs from a stand located here.

Foster indicated that he was getting more and more requests from local residents for Livonia cabs and it was for this reason that he had decided to set up a separate company here.

It would be known as Farmington Yellow Cab Company. The request was tabled for further study. Action was promised at the next regular meeting in two weeks.

IN SEPARATE action later in the meeting, the council approved a resolution to amend the present taxicab ordinance.

The amendment would increase the minimum public liability and property damage insurance requirements for cab companies considerably. Required will be at least \$10,000 public liability for one person, \$20,000 for one accident and \$5,000 in property damage coverage.

Under the proposed plan a portion of the off-street parking area, approximately 300 cars, is called for in the southeast section. This would require the purchase, by the city, of a privately owned lot if necessary, of all homes and other building on Orchard St. to the south and Grove to the east, with a privately owned

Firmly Approve Church Design

Questions raised before the township board at its meeting last week as to whether the design for the new Forest Hills United Missionary Church was structurally sound prompted an immediate investigation.

Township Supervisor Carl Hall indicated this week that the plans and specifications were thoroughly studied and a rigid inspection of the building itself made.

"The plans and specifications are excellent in substance," Supervisor Hall said. "The only criticism was that they were lacking in detail. The questions which arose due to this lack of detail have now been satisfactorily disposed of."

The township building department's comment was that the building was very well designed.

Pledges from property owners total \$10,635, the supervisor said. Another \$4,000 has been authorized by the general fund by the township board for this work.

With the county's matching funds, a total of \$29,390 worth of blacktopping work can be done.

Almost Goes for Swim With Car

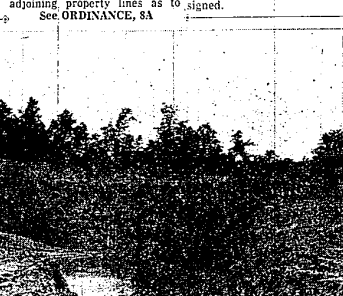
William E. Clayton, 23460 Floral, nearly went for a swim in his car Tuesday morning as the result of a freak accident on Drake Road just north of Howard.



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