

K'wood Sewer Arm Interest Indicated

A few residents of Kendallwood have indicated an interest in having their subdivision's sanitary sewers linked to the Farmington Interceptor sewer system as soon as possible.

Township Clerk Floyd Cairns said Wednesday that he has already received several requests from home-owners asking that petitions be sent out whereby a special assessment district may be established.

The special assessment would provide funds to pay for the construction of the Kendallwood sewer arm. The Kendallwood arm would extend diagonally from the middle of 11-Mile road intersection to Tower road and 12-Mile.

AT THAT point, the existing Kendallwood sanitary sewers would be tapped on to it. Following the tap in, the present treatment plant, there would either be done away with or converted into a pumping station, Cairns explained.

A branch of the Kendallwood arm would also extend to the Orchard Lake road and 12-Mile intersection.

He said that the township presently has in circulation several petitions asking for special assessment districts to finance the construction of three other sanitary sewer arms here.

In all, there are five arms being planned for the township eventually. Meanwhile, work is continuing on the construction of the main trunk line of the Interceptor system along 11-Mile road.

5 New Cars Now Showing

This is the big week for new car showings, and Farmington people will be flocking to local dealerships to look over and test drive the new models on display. All are advertised in this issue of The Enterprise.

At Bob Dussau, Inc. the new Edsels and Lincolns are both on display.

The 1960 model Rambler will bring visitors to Tavern Rambler Sales, to see what has been the most forthcoming Big Three competition. Among other things, American Motors has added a four-door American to the series.

The new model Laiks by Studebaker are now on display at Buick Motor Sales, and here, too, new models are evident.

The Laiks have sold well in this area in the last year.

The new Plymouths have undergone extensive remodeling as will be noted by visitors at Farmington Sales & Service. Chrysler's new Valiant is the only one of the new economy cars not yet shown, but the date is not far off.

Berling McHugh, which showed its new regular and Falcon lines to large crowds last week, this week is advertising the new Ford trucks.

Burglars Strike At Nezbezh's Again

Burglars again broke into Nezbezh's Patent Medicine store at 3042 Grand River early last Friday morning and made off with approximately \$120 worth of merchandise.

It was the second such break-in at Nezbezh's this month. On Oct. 4, burglars stole between \$250 and \$500 worth of merchandise.

Included in the loot taken during the most recent burglary were 37 cartons of cigarettes, three boxes of cigars and several bottles of wine. Last July, burglars also broke into Nezbezh's but were frightened away before stealing anything.

Do You Remember....



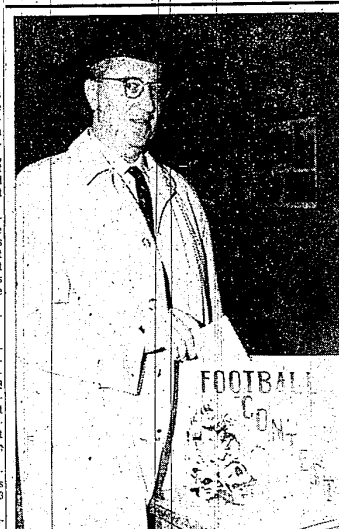
LIFE IN FARMINGTON was somewhat different 50 or 60 years ago than it is today. Although few of the Enterprise's readers today were residents here at that time, we are sure that the "Do You Remember" pictorial series, starting with this issue and continuing for several weeks to come, should be equally as interesting to newcomers as old-timers in the community.

A common sight on the streets of Farmington around 1900 was the milk wagon operated by Harry Lewis, Farmington's first milkman. A long-handled dipper was used by Harry to dip milk from large containers in his wagon into smaller cans supplied by his customers. Harry is shown by his wagon parked in front of the old flour mill. The man in the background could not be identified.

(This picture, taken by Clyde Adams, deceased, was supplied by Mrs. Harriet Adams, his wife. It was taken sometime between 1897 and 1907, she recalled.)

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MERCHANTS' football contest last week attracted Bill Parsons, 2545 Ridgewood drive, who stopped at The Enterprise office to submit entries for all members of his family. One of his family's entries was among the 20-way tie for first place.

20 Tie for Winner In Football Contest

It may never get more difficult, and to illustrate the difficulty that it was last week to pick winners in the weekly football contest sponsored by Farmington businesses.

There were 20 entries which guessed correctly on outcome of games, so that tie-breaker score had to be used.

TOTAL SCORE of the professional game was 55. Two people guessed 54 and one 56, making a three-way tie. To solve this the three names were put out on slips of paper, tightly folded, and taken to one of the contest sponsors. He pulled them out of a determining first and second places.

First prize was won by John Lapham, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Lapham, 2550 Maple. A last year's graduate of Farmington high, he now attends Highland Park Junior College. Last year John entered a number of times, but instead his young brother Harry won twice.

SECOND PRIZE was won by Mrs. Avaline Reimold of 2377 Ridgewood. Mrs. Reimold also had entered unsuccessfully last year. She and husband George are both football fans, and she guessed. Purdue the correct winner in its contest because "he came from Indiana." The Reimolds came to Farmington five years ago. He is with the General Motors photographic section.

Gerald L. Dorow of 24015 Pickering was the also-ran in the drawing.

There was a great increase in number of entries last week.

LOCAL TAXES, Schmidt said, will produce approximately \$235,000 income.

The \$240,000 loan from Manufacturers National Bank will be floated on four notes of indebtedness. The denominations of the notes will be \$200,000; \$100,000; two for \$50,000; and one for \$20,000.

Now if the state comes through as scheduled with its State Aid to schools, the Clarencville system will have no problems. Approximately \$400,000 is due to Clarencville in total State Aid money this fiscal year. The figure represents a considerable increase over last year's subsistence due to an abrupt 13 percent jump in school enrollment.

The state has thus far paid \$49,800 in State Aid to the Clarencville school system. With approximately \$700,000 of this income still due, plus the \$235,000 local tax money, Clarencville's financial picture has brightened immensely.

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Council Ends Lot Width Controversy

The controversy over lot sizes in proposed Alta Loma subdivision IV was ended today at a session of City Council Monday night.

None of the lots will be less than 70 feet in width. There will be only 11 lots in the forthcoming development as opposed to the original 72 planned.

By unanimous vote, councilmen approved a corrected 12 lot preliminary plat at the close of the two-hour session Monday night ended a month of periodic negotiation.

THE MATTER first arose in September when Alta Loma Home Owners association appeared before the council and objected to the proposed lot widths of the new subdivision which will soon be built adjacent to the present Alta Loma residential area.

Gill, Cass, State and Alta Loma drive are the boundaries of the area in question.

The Home Owners argued that smaller lots in the proposed development would reduce the value of homes and lots in the present Alta Loma subdivision. Residents of Alta Loma I, II and III comprise the Home Owners association.

The present homes in Alta Loma are situated on lots ranging upwards from 100 feet in width. The original preliminary plat, which met all city minimum requirements and was approved a year ago, called for lots ranging from 65 feet in width up to 80 feet.

AS A compromise measure, the builder offered to delete one lot and increase the minimum lot width to 70 feet. This also boosted the maximum lot width somewhat.

The Home Owners asked for lots of 100 feet in width on the land which immediately adjoins the existing Alta Loma area. The builder said that this move would not be feasible financially.

The builder assured the councilmen and the Home Owners that the proposed new homes, despite the smaller lots, would not lower the existing subdivision.

As approved by the council, the corrected plat lists lot widths of 84 feet directly adjacent to the present Alta Loma area. Some of the 19 lots there will be of 100 feet widths.

THE OTHER lots will gradually decrease in width to 70 feet at the northern edge of the proposed subdivision.

It is understood that the results were not altogether agreeable to the Home Owners association members.

Parking Plans Going Ahead

Appraisals from three experts are being made on all residential property north of Orchard street, as the next step in the three-part plan proposed south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road.

With these appraisals city officials can set a parking fee which they believe is fair, and likely at next Monday's council meeting a resolution will be brought up which would state:

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Special School Election Slated in November

Farmington School District voters will be asked to go to the polls next month to approve proposals which will provide money for construction of additional classrooms and more operating revenue for the school district.

Elected voters will also be asked permission to use school building funds from previously approved bond issues, as yet unexpended, for construction other than that specified when the bond issues were passed.

SPECIFICALLY, voters will be asked to:

1. Approve a \$3,000,000 bond issue for construction of a new junior-senior high on a site at 13 Mile near Farmington Road.

AS OF THE last of September this year, enrollment in Farmington public schools stood at 7,536. Additions to existing schools, now in progress or proposed, with funds on hand, should satisfy classroom needs until the beginning of the 1960-61 school year. Projections call for a total enrollment of 8,500 by the opening of school in September, 1960.

The building funds being asked for now are to satisfy classroom needs during 1961 and 1962. Citizens must remember that it takes 18 months or more from the time a bond issue is approved until the building is completed, equipped and ready for occupancy.

Monday, November 23, was set as the date for the special election in a resolution passed by the Board of Education Monday night setting up the legal machinery for the election.

IT TAKES even longer to complete and equip secondary schools, he added.

The request for permission to use existing funds, earmarked for the construction of elementary classrooms, for more junior high rooms, is being made because of an unexpected shift in the enrollment-increase pattern in the district, school officials said.

MORE EXPENSIVE homes being sold in the North Farmington area have attracted families with older children, it was pointed out. This has resulted in a sharper enrollment increase than expected at the junior high level. The result is that the Dunckel Junior High is now bursting at the seams and a number of students who should be going there are now attending Farmington Junior High.

By next fall both schools will be filled beyond capacity unless additional classrooms are provided, projections indicate. If these classrooms are to be provided, construction must be started at the earliest possible date and the fastest way to get it started is to use existing funds, Supt. Harrison explained.

Preliminary plans for a 16-room addition at Dunckel have already been prepared by an architect.

THE ADDITIONAL two-million-dollar operating expense is necessary if the same high caliber of instruction now being provided in the school system is to be continued, the superintendent of schools said.

At the present time Farmington has the lowest starting salary for teachers of any school system in this area, a recent study revealed. An increase in the starting pay for teachers as well as other adjustments in the teacher salary schedule are needed if Farmington is to remain competitive with neighboring systems. The superintendent said. Some new teachers wouldn't even consider a job here this year because of the lower starting pay, he said.

Added operating expenses at the opening of more and more school buildings was cited by the head of the school system as another reason why more funds were needed to operate as needed.

It has been determined by school officials that the \$3,000,000 bond issue will require no increase in the debt service tax. (The rate this year is \$12 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation.)

SLIGHT reductions in the rates presently being levied to meet payments on existing bonds issues would be possible if 1961 when payments on the proposed \$3 million issue would first fall due, it was explained. A modest increase in the total state equalized valuation of the school district of \$3 million per year has been considered in computing the debt service rates in future years.

The present school operation rate is \$18.52 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation. The two-million vote increase would boost it to \$18.52 per \$1,000.

Since only the proposed two-million vote increase will require a tax rate hike, approval of all three propositions would result in a tax increase of only \$10.00 per year for the average home owner, school officials stated.

The average school district home has been determined to have an equivalent valuation of \$8,000. All three propositions have been studied by the finance sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee and recommended to be placed to a vote.

All members are urged to attend. Recent changes in the by-laws of the association will be amended.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

WORKING behind the scenes, in close conjunction with the Board of Education and school administrators, to provide Farmington with the best possible school system are members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Grouped around newly elected president, John H. Davidson (center), are left to right: David Peters, building sub-committee chairman; Mrs. G. H. Mapley, re-election secretary; David Mills, curriculum sub-committee chairman; Palmer Esser, site sub-committee chairman. Chairmen for the finance and personnel sub-committees have yet to be named. The advisory committee holds all the area having a sincere interest in schools to join the organization. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month throughout the school year. Sub-committee meetings are held more frequently to study specific questions.

Blood Critically Short; Schedule 2 Banks Here

Farmington citizens are using blood faster than it is being replaced through community blood banks.

From January, 1958, to Sept. 1959, a total of 367 pints of blood were released to residents in the Farmington blood bank area while only 257 were donated here during the same period. Red Cross figures disclosed. In the Inter-Lakes blood bank area, including the northern portion of Farmington Township, a total of 339 pints were released during the same period with only 257 being donated in return.

THE BLOOD supply through Oakland County is critically short. Red Cross officials stated.

Early next month Farmington area residents will have an opportunity to help relieve this situation. Two blood banks have been scheduled locally for the first week in November.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, blood will be taken at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m.

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FACHA Meet Set Wednesday

The Farmington Area Community Association will hold its quarterly meeting next Wednesday, October 21 at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Savings and Loan building on Ten Mile at Orchard Lake Road.

At the meeting the findings of the site commission, under the chairmanship of Wilbur Brotherton and Charles Hannan, will be reviewed and long range plans set up for the organization.

The many organizations in Farmington who have participated in fund raising activities of the community house association are urged to have representatives present at the meeting. Other interested citizens are invited.

It was at the organization's last meeting, when indications were given that it might be dying, that now life is breathed into it. Al Benson was appointed as nominating chairman to fill the existing vacancies on the board.

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Enterprise is 71 Years Young

former and several other publishers who have time to spare, getting out the paper including advertising sales, editing and managing the business.

THE FIRST edition of the paper was printed on a sheet of paper less than half the size of the present Enterprise page. A comparison of the front page of the paper then and now reveals the tremendous changes that have taken place in America's ways of life in the past 71 years.

First page advertisements were common during the early years of the paper. Included were ads for fine Hatten Lang Wagners, Yacht patterns, hats offered by Miss E. Blom, and all kinds of dry goods from the E. G. Grange store with butter and eggs taken in exchange for goods.

SHORTLY before the turn of the century, Bloomer sold the paper to A. E. McKinnon who operated it until 1902. He then turned over the reins of the paper to Harry M. McCracken, serving as superintendent of schools in the budding rural community at that time. McCracken, publisher for only a short period of time, later became active in township politics. For several years he was township clerk, a position he stepped down from only a few years later. It was sold by him to Willis Lord.

Alex Smith ran the paper for a short time after McCracken. He in turn sold it to J.L. Ramsay of Redford. After about two years, Ramsay accepted a job at the University of Michigan and sold the Enterprise to Willis Lord. He died while owner of the paper and about a year later it was sold by him to Alex Smith.

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blooming handled all phases of the business, including advertising sales, editing and managing the business.

IN JUST a little more than two weeks, the Farmington Enterprise will be celebrating its 71st anniversary.

It was on November 2, 1888, that Edgar R. Bloomer published the first issue of the Farmington Enterprise from a little shop adjacent to his home on Grand River Avenue.

In this initial issue of the paper he left a challenge to himself and to those to follow him when he affixed the slogan "A Permanent Journal of Progress." This is still our slogan and our challenge.

A lucky man with a big mustache, common to this era,

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