

Technicality Requires One Election Proposition

This is the first in a series of articles giving information to the proposition voters in the Farmington School District will be asked to cast their ballots on in the special school election Monday, November 23.

Construction of junior high schools must be started at the earliest possible date if enough rooms are to be provided to handle the steady increases in enrollment in grades 7, 8 and 9, school officials assert.

The money for this construction is available now except for a legal technicality.

It is this legal technicality that necessitates one of the three propositions on which

balance of the proceeds of the \$1,300,000 School District Bonds, Series 1, dated January 1, 1959, heretofore issued by the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, (which balance amounts to approximately \$463,000), be used to the extent necessary for the purpose of erecting and furnishing an addition to the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School Building.

Some explanation of the wording of this proposition is necessary. The \$1,300,000 referred to in the proposition is money from the \$1,300,000 bond issue ap-

proved in 1958. The other \$200,000 in bonds from this issue were sold separately for construction of the new school district service and administration building.

THE PROPOSITION also states that the balance of unexpended funds from the 1958 bond issue is approximately \$463,000. Actually, only about \$300,000 of this amount is being asked for school construction other than specified in the 1958 issue. The other approximately \$163,000 has already been committed for construction of an addition at the William Grace elementary school on Shiawassee Road.

The legal technicality that requires a vote on this proposition is that the balance of unexpended funds from the 1958 bond issue is not called for in the wording of the 1958 bond issue as it appeared on the ballot. It called only for erecting and furnishing new elementary school buildings, additions to existing elementary school buildings, and acquiring school sites and additions to school sites in said School District.

USE OF BOND issue

money for anything other than the purposes specified is illegal unless approval is given by the taxpayers.

"When the \$14 million bond issue was approved in March of 1958 it was anticipated that all this money would be needed for elementary classroom construction and that we would have to go back to the voters earlier than this asking for approval of another bond issue," Supt. G. V. Harrison stated.

"Because of the slow-down in residential building in the school district in 1958, however, we found it unnecessary to add as many elementary classrooms as we expected we would need."

The enrollment pattern in the school district has now taken an unforeseen shift.

THE BUILDING boom which started in 1954 and continued into 1957 attracted young couples with small children, it was pointed out. The need was primarily for more and more elementary classrooms.

Now, however, houses being constructed in the high price ranges are attracting families with older children, Supt. Harrison said.

He also pointed out the fact that the large number of babies born following the end of World War II are now of junior high school age.

Present junior high school facilities in the school district are already filled beyond capacity. The capacity at Dunckel Junior High is 600. As of October 29 there were 671 enrolled there. It was determined that there are approximately 80 pupils now being bused to Farmington Junior High who should really be going to Dunckel. Because

of heavy junior high enrollments in the North Farmington area it was necessary to extend the northern boundary for Farmington Junior High from Ten Mile to Eleven Mile Road this year, Supt. Harrison commented.

ALTHOUGH Farmington Junior High facilities are also strained, there is some relief in sight. The second floor of the east unit at this school, until recently occupied by the school district's administrative staff, is now being converted into a new classroom building. See ELECTION On Page 8-A, Column 3

School Election Talks

Farmington School District officials have indicated that they will make every possible effort to provide electors with information on the special school election November 23.

As a part of this program, arrangements have been made with the various PTAs to give short talks and pass out factual information at all schools on the proposition to be voted on. A member of the School Board along with a member of the administrative staff will present this information at the times and dates indicated below.

Questions which citizens may have on the election will also be answered at this time.

November 3 7:30 P.M. — Dunckel Junior High
November 3 8:00 P.M. — Wooddale School
November 4 8:00 P.M. — Shiawassee School
November 9 7:30 P.M. — Middlebelt School
November 9 8:00 P.M. — Eagle School
November 10 9:00 P.M. — Farmington Senior High
November 11 8:00 P.M. — Alameda School
November 12 8:00 P.M. — Longacre School
November 16 8:15 P.M. — Bond School
November 16 8:30 P.M. — Ten Mile School
November 17 7:30 P.M. — Gild Road School
November 17 8:00 P.M. — Cloverdale School
November 17 8:15 P.M. — Kenbrook School

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Final Plea Being Made For Blood Donors Here

Residents who have not already done so are urged to make appointments as soon as possible to donate a pint of blood at one of the blood banks to be held in Farmington next week.

Since citizens of this area have been using most blood banks in the area, the combined effort is being made to get the maximum number of donors next week. There will be a Farmington City bank on Thursday, Nov. 5, and a North Farmington City bank on Thursday, Nov. 5.

PERSONS may donate their blood at either of the banks regardless of where they live in the community, it was emphasized.

Informational material is being sent out through the schools and the cooperation of church and community groups being asked in the hope that a wider understanding of the need for blood will prompt a record-setting response for Farmington, a bank spokesman commented.

The Farmington City Bank will be at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and the North Farmington City Bank will be at the Farmington Town Club. Hours will be from 10 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Robert W. Wicks, Jr., GR 4-3570, is recruiting a man in charge of appointment; Co-chairman is Mrs. George Sherlock.

The centers for blood donors will be provided by members of the Farmington Players. A dinner for volunteer workers at the bank will be served by the Evening Circle at the Salem Church.

Osteopaths Still Intend To Build Here

The Michigan Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Association still intends to locate its state administrative office building here in the City of Farmington. It was learned last week.

"There is no change in our plans," assured Dr. William Butler, Detroit attorney, who represents the osteopathic association.

He was referring to the intention of the association, for whom he has been negotiating the purchase of the land involved here. The tract of property is located west of the Cloverdale School near the intersection of Freedom Road and Farmington Road.

BUTLER explained that the association's plans had lagged recently due to a pending revision of the architect's original layout of the building's interior. A more functional interior traffic pattern will be devised and then the association will proceed with its program.

The association has not yet applied to the city for a building permit.

The entire matter has faded from the local scene somewhat in the past two months. There was considerable council discussion in August about relocating the desired city land to commercial use in order to accommodate the proposed administrative building.

HOWEVER, at that time, further study showed that a building of non-profit use, such as the proposed osteopathic headquarters could be built on residential land without violating zoning restrictions. And the property is zoned residential.

Earlier in August, Wood Creek Village had denied a request from the association to locate the administrative office building on Northwestern Highway near 13-Mile road. It was following that action, that the matter came before the city council here.

Administration Bldg. Open House Scheduled

Plans are now being completed for an open house at the new Farmington School District service and administration building on Shiawassee Road.

Sunday, November 8, was set as the date for the open house at a regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday night. Residents are invited to visit and inspect the new facilities between 3 and 5 p.m.

A gala evening is planned for pre-school and kindergarten children through third grade youngsters this Saturday at the Cloverdale elementary school.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has slated a variety of activities for this year's Halloween Party for youngsters of the area.

Activities will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the school located at 3300 Freedom Road. There will be movies, prizes, and games as well as a costume judging contest. Chairman John Carlstrom stated, Farmington's own Capt. Jolly and Popeye will also be on hand to entertain the children, he added.

Refreshments will include cider, donuts, candy and apples. Parents are invited to bring their children and watch them enjoy a safe but fun-filled Halloween.

Sewer Arm Petitions Circulate in Township

Petitions are presently circulating throughout the township requesting property owners to approve the creation of special assessment districts for five of the six sewer arms within the Farmington Interceptor sewer system.

As yet, however, no petitions have been turned in at the township offices, Supervisor Curtis Hall related Wednesday.

The only connecting arm not covered by petitions at present is the Ten Mile-Rogue Link. The other five arms (15 Mile Rd., dallowood, Grand River (trunk), Tarabusi, and Eight Mile-Halsted) are all listed on petitions now in motion.

HALL EXPLAINED that with the arrival of completed petitions, the arrival of the completed petitions will begin to turn where by the eventual construction of the various arms will result.

Signatures of approval from owners of 51 per cent of the land area involved will be required to make the petitions valid.

HALL listed the official sequence of action which follows the arrival of the completed petitions at his office. First of all, the validity of each individual signature will be ascertained.

Then a request for bids will be made by the township. The bids will be opened and studied. Following this move, the sale of bonds will take place whereby funds will be obtained to finance the construction work. The bonds will be redeemed as the special assessment is collected.

THE BIDS will be let following the sale of the bonds and then the actual construction work begins.

The basic engineering for the six arms has already been completed by the county. The route of the arms and the size specifications have been determined. Detailed engineering will be left for the bidding contractors.

Approximately 22 miles of sewer arms will eventually be built in the township, Hall estimated. The completion of the interceptor sewer is slated for no later than next June, he added.

There is no present threat that for the completion of the various sewer arms here.

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Pass 70 Pct. Mark in UF Fund Campaign

The 1959 Torch Drive fund raising campaign is moving ahead very successfully in the Farmington area.

As of Monday, Oct. 26, a total of \$13,133 had been collected, the latest report from United Foundation headquarters in Detroit revealed. This is over 70 percent of the \$18,418 total quota set for Farmington.

A BREAKDOWN of this total showed that \$11,079 had been collected as of the weekend in the house-to-house campaign. The quota for this phase of the drive is \$11,411.

The collection from school employees hit \$1,476, the report revealed. The quota is \$2,267.

Another \$473 has been collected from business places toward a quota of \$1,070. Governmental employees have contributed \$85. The quota is \$239.

IT IS HOPED to obtain \$718 from street prospects. As yet there has been no report given on the amount collected from these sources.

Residents who have not yet contributed are urged to contact Mrs. Frank Cattone, GF-4587, Mrs. Arthur Mazur, GR-4291, or Howard Richards, GR-4011, so the Farmington campaign can be among the first to reach its quota.

Township Plans Land Re-Zone At Star Cutter

The Township Board of Trustees Tuesday evening indicated its intent to re-zone to residential use a portion of the Star Cutter company property located on Grand River east of Farmington.

Presently zoned for light industrial, the land comprises about 20 acres. It is situated to the north behind the Star Cutter plant.

The board's intent was resolved unanimously by members and promptly turned over to the township zoning board for study. Township Supervisor Curt Hall indicated it is probable that a favorable recommendation would be returned on the matter shortly.

RE-ZONING will take place officially by the township board upon the receipt of the recommendation from the zoning board.

The land is not the property of the township. It is owned by the Star Cutter company, which owner Norman Leach earlier had asked to be rezoned so that he could proceed with plans to develop a light industrial center. That property is located between the Star Cutter factory and Drake road.

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Action Taken To Provide Safe Walkway

Parents who flared up in angry protest last week about unsafe walking conditions to the Cloverdale School while their children appear satisfied this week.

They expressed gratitude to the Board of Education Monday night for the extra effort which has been put forth so far in an effort to provide the safest possible route to school for their youngsters.

THE PROTESTING parents, with approximately 40 children attending the school, are in the area south of the newly opened foot-bridge over the Farmington-Brighton expressway of the school. They attracted considerable unfavorable publicity for the community last week by first keeping their children out of school and then blocking traffic on service roads on either side of the expressway near the bridge.

It was reported at the Board meeting Monday night that children crossing and spending time on the bridge and signs have now been put up on Freedom Road. Crosswalk lines have also been painted across the roadway, it was added.

Fencing running underneath the bridge on the south side of the expressway has now been completed. The signs have been put up along the sides of the approaches to the bridge at the parents request.

STEPS are now being taken to get a pathway away from the road cut on the north side of Freedom Road from the bridge to the school. Confidence was expressed that it could be completed in a few days.

As yet no signs have been put up on Polson Drive, Mrs. Earl Jensen, spokesman for the protesting parents, told the Board. School administration agreed to follow on this immediately.

The parents' request that kindergarten children walking home alone during morning sessions be bused was granted by the Board. They will walk to school with older children, however. This is the recommendation of the Board, Supt. G. V. Harrison said. Kindergarten in other sections of the district who must walk alone under somewhat hazardous conditions are also being bused, he stated.

Wreckers Wait As Fire Blazes

Fire damaged a portion of the old Owen Hotel at 3311 Grand River in Downtown Farmington last week about the same time that a wrecking crew was getting ready to raze the building. It was believed the fire was started by boys playing with matches.

Billowing smoke attracted a large crowd of spectators. Firemen from Farmington city and township, along with those from Novi township, battled the blaze. It had been an apartment building until recently when the decision was made to tear it down.

The property is located just east of Rollcrest street on 12-Mile.

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Printer Asks For Re-Zoning

A request from Louis Nolan, 30034 12-Mile, asking that his land there be re-zoned light industrial, has been rejected by the township planning board and is presently under study by the Township Board of Trustees.

Nolan operates a printing concern on a portion of his property. The land is 200 feet wide and 600 feet deep.

Although the property is zoned "unclassified" now, in the new zoning text, currently being prepared, it will be zoned residential. Nolan is permitted to operate his commercial business there due to a non-conforming clause.

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Kiwanis Are Observing 20th Anniversary Here

With the nomination of off-1939 reign, Farmington Kiwanis for 1960 and the closing of Club will be observing its 20th anniversary.

It was in 1939 that Joseph Hammelsch, proprietor of the Farmington Dairy and the Himmelsch Restaurant, called the first Kiwanis Club meeting in Farmington to order. Thereby was launched a service club in Farmington that has won many citations for its community work and dedicated interest of projects for boys and girls in the community.

The Farmington Kiwanis Club, growing with the Farmington area, has always been ready to contribute talent and funds to worthy area undertakings.

In addition to Hammelsch, other past presidents and continuing members are: Charles Layton, Wendell Brown, Carl Wheaton, Lloyd Smith, William Wilson and Owen Martin.

On the occasion of this 20th anniversary, the club is extending a hearty welcome to any men in the community who would like to share in the fellowship of Kiwanis to join with them.

Regular Kiwanis dinner meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Himmelsch Restaurant. Restaurant dining room.

OUTGOING 1959 president of the Farmington Kiwanis Club, Cliff Moorehead, left, and Joe Himmelsch, founder and first president of the club, shake hands heartily, signifying the fellowship of Kiwanis Club members.

Study Group Seen for Cville Building Needs

Plans are being made by the Clarenceville board of education to establish a citizens committee which will aid in planning future building within the school district.

The committee will be comprised of representatives from at least seven local civic clubs or organizations.

The function of the citizens group will be to study school building needs for the immediate future within the Clarenceville district and to set up a time chart whereby plans may be realized in methodical sequence.

AMONG the organizations which apparently will name representatives to the committee are the Clarenceville Civic Improvement association; the northeast Livonia Civic Association; the Heartstone Home Owners' association; the north central Livonia Civic Association; various parent-teacher associations; and various mothers' boards of education.

The board of education took preliminary steps at its regular meeting last Thursday night to form the group. A week earlier, the board recommended the formation of the seven civic organizations that such a committee should be formed.

It is the hopes of the school district that the committee will begin work immediately after members are named.

However, the official formation of the group will not come until the board of education recognizes it within the next three weeks.

Seek Walkway to New School Site

Efforts to obtain an eight foot walking easement from the township of Livonia, eastward along the south property line of the Trinity Episcopal Church property to a Farmington school site, are now being made.

A proposed agreement drawn up by Robert Kelly, school attorney, was approved by the School Board Monday night.

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FHS Senior Is Contest Winner

Winner of last week's football contest sponsored by Farmington merchants was Charlie Johnson of 30734 Fink, a senior at Farmington High. He was one of seven with only one wrong guess, but his tie-breaker score was the closest.

SECOND PLACE went to the one with the next closest score, in this case Tom. William R. Thomas of 33820 Eastwood is the mother of Tom Thomas, who won first prize first week of the series. She admitted that she had followed the selections, but Tom himself had two misses.

There were 16 contestants with two misses. Misses were very common last week with most guessing the Detroit Lions would be beaten.

THIS WEEK'S contest is on page 3-B, with the listings of next Friday and Saturday's contests. The contest will be followed weekly. Entries must list the firm name, not the name of the person pictured in the ads, in order to be counted. In the contest including: Chapman & Conroy Insurance Henry Otis Mobilgas Dickerson Hardware Kresge Store Farmington Lanes City's Market. Farmington Savings and Loan Tavern Rumber Sales.

New City Water Tank Floods Area First Filling

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