

Money Needed Now To Meet Classroom Needs in 1961-62

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

Schools aren't built overnight any more than any other types of buildings.

Specifically, the \$3 million being asked for in the coming school election is "... for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting and furnishing a new junior and senior high school building and new elementary school buildings, erecting and furnishing additions to existing school buildings, and acquiring school sites and additional classroom sites."

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Present facilities, along with an eight classroom addition under construction at the William Grace school, should satisfy elementary needs for the 1960-61 school year, school officials assert.

BY THE START of the 1961-62 school year, however, projections indicate that the district will be at least ten classrooms short at the secondary level.

THE NEED FOR a third and possibly even a fourth junior high in the district is anticipated sometime prior to this date.

Another \$650,000 from the proposed \$3,000,000 has been determined to be needed to satisfy elementary classroom needs by the start of the 1962-63 school year.

Site purchases are being made in undeveloped areas now in order to get favorable locations at reasonable prices, Supt. Harrison stated.

Not in the near future, is the immediate answer of school officials. The common misconception people have is that nearly all of the need for more classrooms now is due to new residential construction during the previous year.

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Wants City Water, Sewer; Must Annex

An item of business for the agenda of a forth-coming township board meeting was tailored Monday night at the regular session of City Council.

THE LAND is located in Farmington township next to the A and W Root Beer stand on Grand River Avenue and is the eastern boundary of the city.

West, who lives at 32343 Cloverdale, appeared before city councilmen Monday evening asking for permission to tap into city water and sewer lines to service his property in the township.

Furthermore, there is an agreement with the City of Detroit whereby Farmington city sewage (handled by the Detroit system) will come only from within the Farmington city boundaries.

C'ville Receives Half Payment In State Aid

Clarencville School District's share of a \$20 million partial payment of State aid money, valued at \$10,000,000, was received by the district last week.

TO DATE, the Clarencville schools have received \$30,000 in State aid money. Thus, the state has fallen \$50,000 behind in the payment of aid.

Traffic Flow Under Revision

A resolution revising the flow of traffic in the City of Farmington is presently being studied by councilmen and will be passed upon at the next regular council session.



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Twp. Second in County In Residential Building

Despite an overall decline in residential building activity in Oakland county this far this year, neither Farmington Township nor Farmington City have been unduly affected.

With 243 permits, Southfield fourth with 230; and Pontiac in fifth with 204.

Open Houses At New School Bldgs Planned

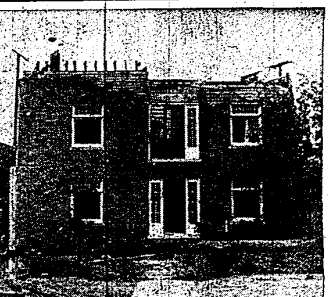
Three special activities are being planned in the Farmington School District, in conjunction with National Education Week which will be celebrated throughout the nation from Nov. 8-16.

Get Only 53 Pct. Of State Aid

Another state aid payment was received by the Farmington School District last Friday when it was only a little over half the amount actually due.

13-Mile Paving Job Completed

After a slow start, contractors speeded work earlier this week and completed the re-surfacing of 13-mile road west of town.



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Diana Briggs Wins Contest

There were five entries in last week's football contest with no misses, and 20 with only one wrong guess.

ALREADY completed or under construction are 18,000 homes or apartments for which permits were issued from January through September.

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Bigger Parking Plan Now In Negotiation

The downtown free parking plan has undergone some changes and is still going on as a result of insistence by the insurance company which would like a mortgage on the project.

City Sells Land For Commercial Development

Under the condition that the land be used in conjunction with a downtown Farmington commercial development, the City Council Monday evening agreed to sell a parcel of city-owned property to Virgil Cornwell local builder-developer.

THE INSURANCE firm's representatives have said they wanted more property included on Grove street, and some on the south end of Grand River west of the intersection with Grove. They want this so the proposed buildings in the new shopping center would not front on the rear of existing Grand River buildings and harm property values.

RENEWAL of this area is something which affects every property owner. If property values in the downtown area continue to decrease, tax income will be cut and the loss would be made up by increased residential taxes.

Parking Fund Rate Reduced

With the adoption of an amended Monday evening City Council reduced the required contribution by future merchants to the city's off-street parking fund.

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