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Smaller Lot Sizes Resisted In Township

Increased requests for smaller lot sizes in the township were generally resisted by township officials. Coming of the new sanitary sewer is the main reason for these requests by developers and individuals.

Several of these requests cropped up last Thursday at the regular meeting of the township planning board. The group will meet again next Monday, Nov. 23, inasmuch as the regular meeting date would fall on Thanksgiving day.

IN THE NEW Kimberly subdivision at 11 Mile and Middlebelt, the developers recently asked that five lots on the north-west corner be rezoned to permit construction of a medical center.

The planning board will recommend to the township board denial of the request. The entire Kimberly subdivision was approved as residential only. The intersection is not considered a corner and opening of one corner would lead to commercial on all four sides. Master zoning maps have never contemplated commercial in this area.

A SIMILAR rezoning problem was brought up by request of Robert J. Diehl and others to rezone to a smaller lot size 33 acres on 14 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington. The area is already zoned for standard minimum size in that area. Requests to rezone to smaller sizes or to industrial are not in line with past practices, even if the sanitary sewer is coming soon.

Max Sheldon, who represents 11 property owners in various parts of the township, had requested consideration of lot sizes. He was asked to present the proposals individually and they would be given consideration, but not as a group.

We'll Need All Copy Earlier

Because of Thanksgiving next Thursday, Nov. 26, the Farmington Enterprise will be coming out a day earlier than usual.

The paper will be printed on Tuesday and distributed on Wednesday.

It will be necessary to get all news and advertising copy earlier for next week's publication. The deadline for neighborhood news columns will be 9 a.m. Monday morning. The absolute deadline for all other news copy will be 5 p.m. Monday.

Advertising copy will also have to be ready a day earlier than usual. The deadline for classified advertising will be 10 a.m. Wednesday as is the case normally.



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All-Out Push On For Record Vote Monday On Three School Proposals

Considerable effort has been and is continuing to be put forth to get every possible voter in the Farmington School District out to the polls this coming Monday, Nov. 23, to cast their ballots on three separate school proposals.

Approval of all three propositions is considered mandatory by school officials if the same type of educational program presently being offered children in the community's public school system is to be continued.

POLLS WILL be open in both school precincts from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. The boundary line between these two precincts is the center line of Ten Mile Road from Inkster to Farmington roads. From here to Gill Road the boundary follows the northern city limit line. From this point westward to Haggerty Road the boundary is the center line of Grand River Ave.

Persons living south of this line vote at the Farmington Junior High School, 33000 Thomas St. Those living north of it will cast their ballots at Dunkle Junior High, 32800 Twelve Mile Road.

One of the first projects undertaken in an effort to get every possible qualified elector out to the polls was a new family registration campaign. Committees set up

by PTA officials made it a point to call all of the new families in the vicinity of their schools urging them to register prior to the Nov. 13 deadline. Other groups have now been organized through the various schools to make calls on election day urging residents to get out and vote.

THE LARGEST possible turnout of voters is needed if school officials are to get a true picture of the kind of school system Farmington residents really want. The majority opinion expressed at the polls dictates to the Board of Education what type of system it must strive to provide, it has been emphasized.

A study on all phases of anticipated school needs was made by the School Citizens Advisory Committee prior to adoption by the School Board of the three proposals to be voted on Monday.

The advisory committee, which was unanimous in its recommendation of all three propositions, has since this time been working diligently in an effort to convince voters of the need for their "yes" vote on each of the proposals.

The following is a summary of information on the three propositions presented in three previous issues of The Enterprise:

City Council Lacks Quorum, No Meeting

In the annals of the Farmington City Council, and earlier when the city was governed by a commission, rarely—if ever—did the elected officials fail to meet when regularly scheduled.

But it happened Monday evening. Councilman V. O. Bates was ill and could not make the 8 p.m. meeting. Two other members of the five-man council were out of town on business.

W. V. Brotherton was in California and Mayor Robert Lindbergh was elsewhere in Michigan.

AT LEAST a quorum of councilmen is required to transact official city council business, explained City Attorney Robert Kelly, however, a lesser number of members may adjourn the meeting.

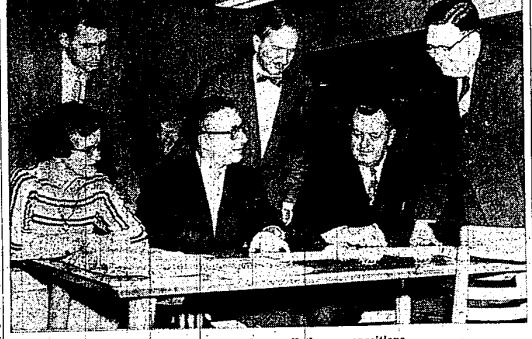
Howard Thayer looked at fellow member Hugo Peterson. Thayer suggested that the council adjourn until 8 p.m. Thursday evening. Peterson, the only other councilman present, smilingly agreed to Thayer's suggestion.

TO THE RECOLLECTION of either City Manager Earl Scherfhus or Clerk Trema Quigley, it was the first time that a regularly scheduled city council meeting had not been held as planned.

Tabs Are Saving, Grace Emphasizes

Although auto owners will pay as much for 1959 tabs as they would for regular license plates, the issuance of tabs will result in a substantial savings to the State, Gerald Grace, manager, informed the Enterprise this week.

An exact figure on the amount of savings to be realized was not given.



AFTER STUDYING a vast array of factual information on the financial situation in the Farmington public school system and information on anticipated classroom needs in the next two to three years, the School Citizens Advisory Committee in Farmington recommended unanimously to the School Board that all three school propositions be put to a vote as soon as possible. Since this time committee members have been working hard in an effort to convince electors that a "yes" vote is necessary on

all three propositions. Discussing the contents of some literature prepared by the school system's administrative staff on the three proposals with Asst. Supt. M. VanAmeyde (extreme right) are officials of the advisory committee: Seated, left to right—Mrs. G. H. Mahoney, secretary; John B. Davidson, president; Herbert Neal, chairman of the finance sub-committee. Standing, left to right are—Richard Peters, building sub-committee chairman; Palmer Esser, site sub-committee head.

Bacon Wins Again In Football Contest

For the first time in two years the same person has won twice in the football contest sponsored by Farmington merchants. Last week was also a contest in the eighth week series.

It was another "frustrating" week for the guessers, with most of the entries having four or five, or even more, misses.

JERRY NELSON is the man who won twice, and consequently, once again there were only two entries with one miss, just as it was the prior week. With a tie-breaker guess of 44, Jerry was closest to the actual total of 40.

There was only one contest.

THIS YEAR has featured many upsets in the Big Ten. Making predictions usually has been a task, to say the least, for a couple of weeks many entrants seemed to be trying to pick out the upsets.

Also this year the football contest has brought greatly increased interest from fans, with entries holding heavy right up to the final week.

EIGHT Farmington merchants participated this year. Several reported nice comments from their customers.

Lions Club Blind Aid Seal Sale Underway

The annual sale of Blind Aid Seals by the Farmington Lions Club is now underway and will continue until the first of the year, Charles Miller, chairman of this year's campaign, announced.

The drive is conducted annually to raise funds for leadership for the blind and to assure that no needy child in the community's schools will fall behind in their work because of faulty vision.

This service is made available to students in both public and parochial schools.

None of the monies raised by the sale of Blind Aid Seals is used for educational purposes, however.

Robert Benjamin, president of the local Lions Club, stated that the need this year is greater than in the past. Last year, Benjamin said, "we spent several hundred dollars more than we raised to supply both glasses and medical eye care to those who need it and if our work is to continue in giving this needy service to the community we need a lot of help."

Blind Aid Seals will be mailed this week throughout the entire area.

All are urged to contribute generously to aid the Lions in this worthy cause.

Paul Springer Rites on Friday

Paul Springer, 2218 Gill Road, died suddenly Wednesday, Nov. 18, at his home. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Farmington First Methodist Church.

Proposition I

"Shall the unexpended balance of the proceeds of the \$1,300,000 School District Bonds, Series I, 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. Dunkle Junior High School Building?"

CONSTRUCTION of junior high classrooms must be started at the earliest possible date if enough rooms are to be provided to handle enrollments in grades 7, 8 and 9 by the start of the 1960-61 school year, school officials assert.

The money for this construction is available now, except for a legal technicality. The technicality is that additions to junior and senior high schools was not called for in the 1958 bond issue election wording. Use of this bond issue money for anything other than the purposes specified is thus illegal unless approval is given by the taxpayers.

An unforeseen shift in the enrollment pattern in the school district since the 1958 bond issue proposal was drawn up has been cited as the reason for the immediate need for a start on the construction of more junior high classrooms.

RESIDENTIAL construction slowed down somewhat in 1958, requiring fewer elementary classrooms than it was anticipated would be needed. But homes were still built, Supt. G. V. Harrison said. Being in the higher price ranges, they attracted families with older children of junior high age or about to become of junior high age.

Dunkle Junior High is already filled beyond capacity with some pupils who should be going there presently being transported to Farmington Junior High. Instead, school officials point out, even with the six additional classrooms which will be ready at Farmington Junior High soon, enrollment projections indicate that it will be filled to capacity or beyond by the end of the current school year.

The biggest need presents itself in the North Farmington area. This is why authorization is being asked to use moneys presently on hand to start work on a 16-classroom addition at Dunkle Junior High as soon as possible.

SOME EXPLANATION of the wording of Proposition I is necessary. The \$1,300,000 referred to in the legal wording is the first series of bonds sold. The other \$200,000 in bonds from the \$1.1 million 1958 issue were sold separately for the construction of the district's new service and administration building.

The proposition also states that the balance of unexpended funds is approximately \$463,000. Actually, only about \$300,000 of this is being asked for construction of the junior high addition. The other \$163,000 has already been committed for construction of an addition at the William Grace elementary school.

Proposition II

"Shall the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) and issue its bonds therefor, 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 additions to school sites?"

This amount of money must be asked for now to satisfy anticipated classroom needs in 1961 and '62, school officials have emphasized. It takes a minimum of 18 months from the time a bond issue is approved until new classrooms can be ready for occupancy, they claim.

THESE NEEDS have been determined based on the following anticipated enrollment increases from the official 1959 enrollment of 7,542:

1960	8,500	1962	10,450
1961	9,450	1963	11,550

Present facilities, along with additions now under construction and the proposed addition at Dunkle Junior High should satisfy needs for the 1960-61 school year, school officials feel.

The combination junior-senior high school proposed for construction on a site already purchased in the vicinity of Farmington Road and 13 Mile would gradually be converted into a second senior high for the district, Supt. Harrison said. As high school enrollments increase in the North Farmington area, junior high grades would be dropped off at the school until 10th, 11th and 12th grades would be housed there, he explained.

APPROXIMATELY half (\$1.1 million) of the proposed \$3,000,000 has been determined to be needed to satisfy elementary classroom needs by the start of the 1961-62 school year. The same amount (\$650,000) is called for to satisfy needs by the start of the 1962-63 school year.

Still more site purchases is called for with the remaining \$200,000.

The need for more and more classrooms each year will go on for some time yet, even if no more new homes were built in Farmington. While there are 885 kindergartners just beginning their education in the system this year, only 279 seniors will be concluding their schooling here in June, Supt. Harrison pointed out.

NO INCREASE in the 1959 debt service tax rate of 12.00 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation will be necessary to meet payments on bonds from this \$3,000,000 issue, say school authorities. By the time first payment is made, see ALL-OUT PUSH, Page 6A.

Car Hops Curb, Visits Hardware

Three persons were injured Sunday morning in a somewhat unusual auto accident that resulted in one car jumping a driveway and smashing a window in the front of the Dan Lowe Hardware store on Grand River Avenue.

Six-year-old Terry Lotz, of Farmington, suffered a broken left leg in the crash. He was a passenger in another car.

Also injured were Nila June Lotz, 25, of 28215 Power road, who suffered cuts on her leg and hand; and Clarence Daniel Ward, 19, of Detroit, who suffered cuts on his leg.

Ward was traveling west on Grand River, approaching the Farmington road intersection. Mrs. Lotz was driving her auto south on Farmington road. The Lotz boy was a passenger.

The Ward car crashed into Mrs. Lotz' auto at the intersection. After the collision, Ward's car careened toward the sidewalk, jumped over a double curb there and smashed into the front of the hardware store.

AS IT JUMPED the curb, the Ward car neatly threaded its way between a street sign and a parking meter, touching nothing. Damage to the store front was estimated at more than \$400.

Both drivers told police that they were traveling about 30 miles per hour. The drivers also said that they had the green light at the intersection.

All three injured persons were taken to Redford Medical hospital for treatment.

Considerable damage was done to both automobiles.

Only the 10-mile arm is not yet covered by circulating petitions. The other five arms of Grand River curb, Tarabasi and the Grand River-Halsted links.

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

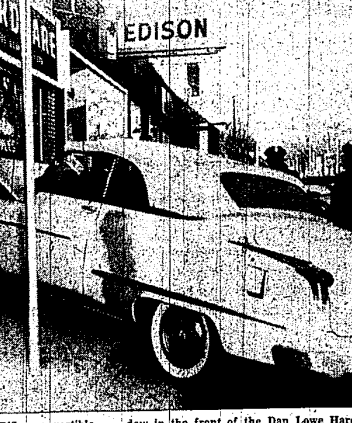
Pick Distrophy Drive Chairman

The Muscular Distrophy Association of America, Inc. has now begun its annual fund raising campaign to aid persons stricken with this dread disease.

The campaign which began Nov. 15 will continue through Dec. 15.

Chairman of the campaign in the City of Farmington is Mr. Robert Chesley of 2386 Earl Court. Mrs. Monica B. Charles of 3150 Alameda is heading the drive in Farmington Township.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their services in this campaign are asked to contact either Mrs. Chesley, GR 4-2102, or Mrs. Charles, GR 4-7559.



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Hit-Run Driver Is Fined \$50

Charles Finchum, 20739 Orchard Lake road, was fined \$50 Tuesday after being found guilty of leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

A car driven by Finchum, 22, hit another car parked on Grand River east of Nine-Mile. The accident happened last Saturday. The rear end of the parked car was damaged; Finchum failed to stop.

He was arrested Sunday night by township police. Witnesses to the accident had obtained Finchum's license plate number. Finchum was released before Judge James Lawson Monday. Finchum was held over for trial.

At the trial Tuesday, Finchum was found guilty and was ordered to pay the \$50 fine or serve 15 days in jail. He paid the fine and was released. The parked car was owned by Hubert Barr, 3218 Oakland.