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OK Preliminary Plans for New High School

Architects are now at work on working drawings and specifications for both the North Farmington combination junior-senior high building and a six classroom kindergarten addition at Wooddale elementary school.

Preliminary plans for both the new high school and the elementary addition were approved by the Board of Education at its meeting Monday night.

To be included in the working drawings for North Farmington High School are 12 recommendations made by the building sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee. During the past two weeks, a multi-study committee had made a thorough study of the preliminary plans. It was pointed out in discussion.

ONE OF THE major changes called for by the building sub-committee was conversion of the main corridor on the ground floor from a single to a double loaded corridor. This would provide a smoother and more rapid flow of students. Also recommended by the citizens committee was new ceilings in that portion of the building where the cafeteria, music rooms and industrial shop rooms will be located and less class area in some portions of the building.

It was the Board's feeling that all of the recommendations made by the advisory citizens committee were good ones and it thus consented to their incorporation into the plans.

A MODEL of the building and rough specifications on the building are expected to be ready for the Board's consideration by the end of the month. Final plans will probably not be ready for approval until some time in June, however.

Hopes are that bids will be able to be taken in late June or early July and that construction can be started almost immediately thereafter.

Work on the Wooddale addition should be able to get started earlier than this if it was indicated.

Table Cutter Re-Zoning Bid

A request for re-zoning 82 acres of Star Cutter property was discussed and then tabled at Tuesday's meeting of the township board.

The industrial firm has requested that 72 acres bordering Drake Road and Grand River be rezoned from commercial and residential to light industrial with the second row of buildings to be set back 100 feet from the street. The remaining 10 acres from light industrial to residential, leaving a net of 91 acres proposed for light industry.

Several comments were made from the floor and considerable discussion was carried on by members of the board. Most of the comments were in support of the request and felt the matter should be given study and acted upon at the next meeting.



SOME CONCRETE signs were given during the meeting by the development of the much talked about new shopping center in the downtown business district should be in progress in the not too distant future. Called for, as outlined earlier, is a multi-story shopping unit along to Orchard St. and facing onto a sizeable free parking area immediately to the north. The area of proposed development is bounded on Orchard St. on the south, Farmington Road on the west and Grove St. on the east.

The house at the corner of Farmington Road and Orchard St. has now been razed. (The photo at right was taken while razing operations were in progress.) Piles of broken concrete and other hard building materials is all that can be seen in the proposed parking lot area now (photo above) but dirt and other fill will be going in soon, according to City Manager Earl Scherffus. Bulldozers and other earth moving equipment should be in the area in the very near future, he commented.



New Plans for Potato Chip Depot Get Nod

Revised plans for a potato chip storage and distribution depot on the Nichols-Dancey Company property on Nine Mile and Orchard St. got the nod of the City Council at a special meeting held Tuesday night.

The revised plans were requested by the Council a week earlier than this if it was indicated.

Two More School Precincts Set; Size of Board Problem

Some Farmington School District voters will be voting in two new precincts at the school election this June but it is still not certain just how many school board candidates they may be voting for.

A resolution was passed at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night calling for the establishment of two more precincts in the school district.

Only those persons living east of Orchard Lake Road will be affected by this change as it was decided on the centerline of Orchard Lake Road has been set as the east-west division line between the precincts.

THESE VOTERS living west of Orchard Lake Road and south of the centerline of Ten Mile Road and the centerline of Grand River beyond the City of Farmington's west boundary will continue to vote in Precinct 1 as in the past. Those living west of Orchard Lake Road and north of this line will also continue to vote in the same Precinct 2 polling place.

It will be those voters living east of Orchard Lake Road only who will be going to new designated schools to cast their ballots in school elections in the future, it was emphasized, according to Supt. G. V. Harrison. In other words the question of what size board is wanted was left up to the voters at the polls.

BUT, THERE are also some who feel Farmington should become a 3rd class district and this tends to add further to confusion. Districts of the 3rd class are required to have seven-member boards. The question that then arises is whether the changing from 4th to 3rd class district and the addition of two board members can be decided on at the same school election.

General feeling was expressed that if a proposition to convert from a 4th to 3rd class district was to be put to a vote June 13 and approved then another election would be necessary to select the two additional board members which would be required.

Plan Changes in School Areas

Plans are now being made to change certain boundary lines of Farmington's elementary school areas.

The administrative staff and transportation personnel have conducted a study on possible changes and it is hoped that, in the not too distant future, the results of the study will be available for presentation to the Board of Education.

New Gun Will Subdue Dogs

Township officials have authorized the purchase of a tranquilizer gun which will be used to subdue stray dogs without causing injury.

This action was taken to help rid the community of a large number of stray dogs which has resulted in a rash of dog bite complaints in recent months.

The gun is currently being used in South Lyon with great success and a similar weapon is being employed by the Dearborn Police Department. Dogs who have been shot with the gun can then be properly identified either by being taken to the Oakland County Dog Pound in Pontiac or released.

The gun has been tested and endorsed by zoo officials and humane societies alike. It shoots a syringe containing an immobilizing drug up to a maximum range of 40 yards. The strength of the drug depends on the animal shot. The gun has been used successfully on animals as large as horses and cattle and on small creatures such as birds and fish. It immobilizes dogs in 30 to 45 seconds and within 45 minutes they are completely back to normal.

It is powered by capsules of compressed carbon dioxide and sounds a great deal like a boy's air rifle when shot.

Old Band House To Come Down

After several long years of serving the old band house at the corner of Grand River and School St. on the Farmington Junior High school site is going to be torn down.

The old building was first used as a private residential dwelling for several years until taken over by the school system in 1928 and used as a band house and utility classroom for a number of years until converted into a storage area a few years back.

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Water Bond Issue Proposal Is Given One-sided Approval

City of Farmington residents made it absolutely clear Monday that they want soft Detroit water flowing from their taps at the earliest possible date.

By a margin of just a shade under 9 to 1, property owners approved the proposed \$250,000 general obligation bond issue which was deemed necessary to finance proposed improvements and conversion from hard well water to a Detroit supply.

A total of 1,052 votes were cast with 946 favoring to only 106 against it. This is an 89.9233% "yes" vote. Approval by only 65% of the voters would have been necessary to carry the proposition.

The heaviest "no" vote was recorded in Precinct 2 but it was still very much overshadowed by the strong affirmative balloting.

Three Youths Captured, Held On \$1,000 Bond

Livonia police arrested three youths Monday night in the act of burglarizing the Maul Manufacturing Co., 2880 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington after successful breaking into two other business establishments and a private residence earlier in the same evening.

Walter Lee Lewis, Donald Eugene Garret and Lewis Paul of Detroit were arrested as a cruising carter passed the Maul building as they were about to leave. All three are 17 and have been in previous trouble as juveniles.

The youths made off with four places Monday night as well as earlier burglaries of the Clarenceville Junior and Senior High Schools and schools 19, Southfield and Redford.

They took \$10 in stamps, 25 ball point pens, and 25 adjustable blade knives from the Maul Co. They got nothing from the Marion Tool Company, 8140 W. 8 Mile but took a lot of stamps and 14 cents from the Sooner Tool Company of the same address.

The youths made off with a clock radio, an electric percolator, a clock and a picture of the home from the Beveridge residence, 36943 Halsted Road.

Lewis lives at 20741 Tucker Road and Garret resides at 3008 Hugo. Paul lives at 19366 Vergaune in Detroit.

At a hearing Tuesday in Judge James P. Lawson's court, Lewis pleaded guilty and the other two pleaded guilty.

Lewis and Paul will be arraigned on information April 21 at 1:30 before the presiding judge. Garret's trial has been set for May 3.

Hope was expressed earlier that work might get started by the latter part of June or no later than the early part of July. It is felt that this work can move ahead rapidly once it gets underway and that Detroit water might well be flowing through city water lines by late summer or early fall.

The main Detroit water line running along Eight Mile Road into which the city will connect is scheduled to be completed as early as the latter part of July.

The motion was proposed following a discussion by board members of the time and manpower required to police the local Drive-In theater. Superintendent Lawson prepared a survey of assistance from the state police and have even assigned plainclothesmen to patrol the theater area. Still there have been many reports of misconduct.

It was felt by board members that the only feasible way to remedy the situation would be to impose some sort of control on the closing time of the theater.

Adopt Resolution of Intent on Zoning Map

A resolution of intent to adopt the zoning map as amended at the joint meeting of the township board and township board of March 29 was carried at Tuesday's meeting of the township board.

The map now goes back to the zoning board in turn will schedule a public meeting on it within 60 days after publication in the Official Code of the Farmington Enterprise.

After passage by the zoning board the map will then be submitted to the Oakland County Board of Zoning Commission for their consideration. If then comes back to the township board for final approval.

New R1-O Zone Proposal Gets Council Okay

A new type of zone has now been set for in the City of Farmington zoning scheme.

Action was taken by the City Council at its special meeting Tuesday night for the setting up of a zone which will permit both residential homes and office buildings in the same area. This new zone will be referred to as R1-O.

The establishment of such zones has been under discussion for some time. Details regarding types of buildings which are permitted and restrictions have been gone over carefully by both the planning board and council.

It is felt that there are at least three or four areas in the city at the present time where such zoning would be desirable. One which has been mentioned quite often is the area west of Grand River from fronting on Grand River.

Only certain types of businesses will be permitted in any areas zoned R1-O. Doctors and dental offices, offices for attorneys and other types of professional people, photo studios and businesses of this nature were some of the types mentioned as ones which would be permitted.

It is specified that the same setbacks would be required for businesses in this zone as would be required for adjacent residential property. Parking would be permitted only in the rear of the building. It has been further stipulated.

Many other restrictive features are called for in this new type of zone.

No areas have as yet been designated to be rezoned R1-O.

Federal Funds Will Help Buy School Equipment

Purchasers of a long list of school equipment and materials for the Farmington public school system in the science, mathematics and foreign language areas were authorized by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

And in part meeting of the money for these purchases, over 50 percent, could be forthcoming from the Federal government in the form of a subsidy. As part of a nationwide effort to provide improved educational training for youngsters, the Federal government has earmarked a sizable sum for equipment purchases in these areas over the next three years.

Called for in the long list is approximately \$32,700 worth of equipment. The district is currently authorized for purchase by the Board but the actual purchase had been delayed to take advantage of the possibility of getting some Federal money to help defray the cost.

IN DISCUSSION on the matter, Asst. Supt. Martinus Van Amsede and Supt. Harrison were high in their praise of the tremendous amount of work done by department heads and principal teachers in specifying and preparing lists of equipment and materials which they felt would be beneficial to them and would qualify under the Federal program.

How much of this equipment will actually be purchased remains to be seen and will be dependent upon how much the Farmington system is actually allowed in Federal Aid funds as its share of the total amount of the equipment. Unless the entire package is approved for Federal subsidy on a matching basis some additional screening to cut out some of the equipment is going to have to be done; it was pointed out.

TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS of the class of 60 were inducted into the Farmington Senior High chapter of the National Honor Society at an assembly program last week. Selection to the society was based on outstanding leadership, character and service.

The honored students are, sitting: John Anderson, Carolyn Balmann, Shirley

Bolus, Lurline Brown, Pat Cobb, Terry Davis, Mardene Dowling, Carol Durst, Jackie Gebben, Susan Giffin and Jean Hebbert; standing, Lesly Michlin, Margaret Hagson, Margie Lam, Barbara Land, Virginia Marshall, Kathleen McKELHEDIN, Sue Mandulick, Melissa Neal, Kathleen Pyoral, Carol Schram and Ronald Swanson.