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Jr. Gardeners Win 4th Award

When the Farmington Junior Gardeners won the silver trophy four years ago for achievement, the girls decided that they would make an all out effort to win the cup four consecutive times which would give them the right to keep the award.

Their hard work, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn has paid off as they recently accomplished their purpose and now own the cup.

The club is made up of a group of youngsters who are interested in growing flowers, vegetables and in making artistic arrangements and the girls perform these green thumb activities in a manner which has made them leaders very proud.

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Local Attorney Paul A. Pare Rites Today

Funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Sorrows Church for Paul A. Pare, local attorney and resident here for the past 30 years. He passed away suddenly at his home Tuesday morning.

Pare, whose office was at 22200 Farmington Road, made his home at 23155 Grandview Drive in the townships. Well known and liked by many in the community, he served as attorney for the City of Farmington from 1951 until his resignation in 1952.

ATTORNEY PARE was born in Duluth, Minnesota on January 18, 1897. A veteran of WWI, he graduated from the University of Detroit Law School in 1926. Pare was a member of the American, Michigan and Oakland County Bar Associations as well as Delta Theta Phi, law fraternity.

Left to survive him besides his wife, Agnes, are two sons George W. of Detroit and Paul Jr. of California, a daughter, Marion Curry, and eight grandchildren.

Council Acts on Complaints of Poor Drainage

Poor drainage in various sections of the city was brought to the attention of the Council at a meeting held at the city hall.

The clerk read a letter from Ralph Held, 3306 Alta Loma, who complained of the increased drainage problems brought about by the development of Alta Loma No. 4 subdivision. Held pointed out that the high elevation of the property in this subdivision is being brought to a level of a flood.

Mayor Lindberg advised members of the Council that he had inspected the location the afternoon of the meeting and acknowledged that the elevation was high and that cause a drainage problem.

After further discussion it was decided that a letter should be written to the subdivision developer requesting that a drainage ditch be installed at the rear of lots on the south side of Schulte, east of Wilbridge to allow drainage to the east.

Charles Bridges of Power Road appeared at the meeting to present two problems to the Council. One regarding a request to install a 5' sidewalk allowing existing trees to remain on his property line and the other regarding an entrance at the west end of a court drive ordered that be granted.

Re-Assign Case To Local Court

Robert Woods, driver of the car in which Della Foster of Lincoln Park was fatally injured in a crash on Farmington Road north of the city, will be tried in Farmington Justice Court at 10 a.m. July 22 on a charge of negligent homicide.

Following the June 21 accident, the case was assigned to the Farmington Court before Justice Robert H. Nelson and the case was then sent to Circuit Court. By agreement of both parties, the case has been re-scheduled for hearing in the local court.

Prior to the accident Foster, Woods and another boy had driven to North Farmington Cemetery to visit the grave of Foster's father. Young Foster had entered the cemetery to promise himself to visit his father's grave when he graduated from High School.

Grant Land Fill Permits in Twp.

At a meeting of the Township Board of Health last week, action was taken to have a permit for sanitary land fill drawn up by Township Engineer J. J. Keller property in the vicinity of Grand River and Middlebelt.

The permit had previously been withheld by the Township but a court decree ordered that it be granted.

Board members also voted at the meeting to grant a land fill permit for the Lephan property located in the vicinity of 10 Mile and Haggerty Road.

OK Book Store Improvements

An expenditure of up to \$1,500 for improvements at the Farmington public school system book store at the Farmington High School was authorized by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Called for is the opening up of an entrance at the west end of the present store and the installation of additional counters and shelving.

The improvements should make a book store which can be handled in the same-giving period of time under the present arrangement, Sup't. G. V. Harrison estimated.

Table Pay Report

A report of the City Manager regarding salary increases, both regular and special, for city employees was tabled at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Reasons Given For Higher Assessments

Some rather generalized answers were given by officials of the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works last week to recent complaints voiced about the high assessments being made against individual property owners to be served by the proposed Kendallwood Sewer Arm.

Residents have pointed out that they had been told their share of the cost for construction of the arm would run on an average of only \$50 per household. Now they are being informed their assessment will be \$65 or more, they complain.

DPW DIRECTOR R. J. Alexander made a point of the fact that the estimate given out a couple years ago was "strictly a preliminary one, without final plans."

When final plans were completed and soil test borings taken, it was found that ground water conditions were very serious and that the work which would have to be done would be much more costly than first estimated. The pipe sizes were increased south of the existing temporary treatment plant because of the experience had in regard to the flow from infiltration and perimeter drain tile within the Kendallwood and Westbrook Manor subdivisions, he added.

Plan Meeting on Greenbelt With Bel-Aire Group

Following the public hearing preceding the regular meeting of the City Council Monday evening on the vacation of the Bel-Aire Greenbelt, the Council instructed the city attorney to contact all tenants of the commercial area and the residents adjacent to the Greenbelt and request that they meet with the Council in an attempt to resolve the problem.

Details to be discussed at this proposed meeting would include the possibility of erecting a graded 8' masonry wall in the middle of the greenbelt, the method of payment and the vacation of the greenbelt.

Two residents of the area appeared before the Council to comment during the hearing. Lincoln Avery, 3160 Folkstone, referred to the letter dated June 15, 1960, and signed by residents living adjacent to the greenbelt that included complaints and proposals to remedy the problem.

Robert Fleming, 31615 Folkstone, reminded the Council that trucks were using the area to turn around and also that he had secured an approximate figure of \$3,000 for constructing the masonry wall.

Previous efforts to get the owner of the shopping center to keep the greenbelt cleaned up or to make improvements on the old wooden fence separating the commercial development from the residential area had been unsuccessful.

Administration Building to Get Improvements

A sum of up to \$50 for alterations at the Farmington School District service and administration building was authorized by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Under discussion for some time, the large sign is proposed to be erected on Shawwassee Road at the base of the hill leading up to the administration building.

The Board also authorized the administration to proceed in getting plans and specifications drawn up for the air-conditioning of the building. The administration was further instructed to take bids on this proposed project with the hope that the matter can be ready for final consideration by the Board at its regular August 8 meeting.

A proposal that consideration be given to the installation of a public address system will be least temporarily delayed. Newly elected trustee, Richard Peters, questioned the need for such a public address system pointing out the fact that he had discussed the matter at several Board meetings in the past when members of the Board spoke up.

Other Board members agreed to the tabling of this matter.

Money for the installation of a new gasoline storage tank at this site was also authorized.

The district's school bus parking lot is being moved to this location from the Farmington Junior High site.

Drawing Up Rules For School Users

Community groups using Farmington school facilities will have to abide by a written set of rules in the very near future as the result of action taken by the Board of Education Monday night.

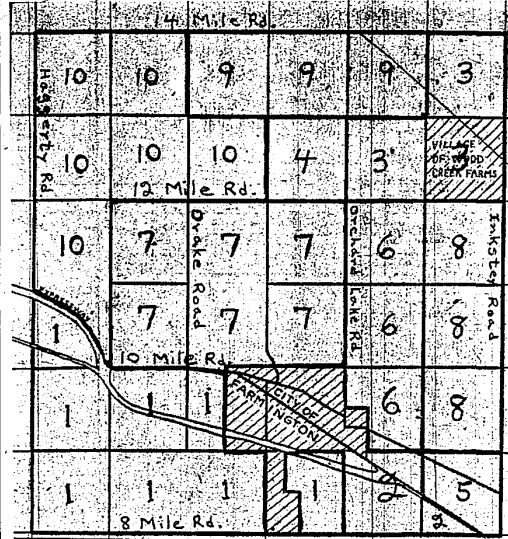
The Board reviewed some suggested rules proposed and asked if there were any other rules which might be felt to be needed or prepared for inclusion on a form to be handed out to all groups requesting the use of school facilities in the future.

The Board will act on the proposed set of rules before they become effective, it was indicated.

Change Meeting Site

The regular July 25 meeting of the City Council will be held at the Farmington Junior High School following a public hearing on the Urban renewal program which will begin at 7 p.m.

Verit, 60, is married and the father of two grown children. His home is at 29600 Maron in Farmington Township.



TWO MORE VOTING precincts have been added in Farmington Township, bringing the total number to ten. The changes are in the northern and western sections of the township where new residential buildings have been heaviest resulting in a sharp increase in the number of registered voters. Notices are being sent out to residents in new precincts. Clerk Floyd Cairns stated, "This map showing the township divided up into one square mile sections with the precinct number marked in each section or portion of a section should make it clear to all voters what precinct they live in. Polling places for the precincts are: Precinct 1—Town Hall, 23715 Farmington Road; Precinct 2—Fire Station at 21420 Wheeler St.; Precinct 3—Middlebelt School, 24400 Middlebelt Road; Precinct 4—Bond School, 29515 Orchard Lake Road; Precinct 5—Shawwassee School, 30415 Shawwassee Road; Precinct 6—Dunkel Junior High, 23800 Twelve Mile Road; Precinct 7—William G. Clark School, 29400 Shawwassee Road; Precinct 8—Bond School, 29515 Orchard Lake Road; Precinct 9—Dunkel Junior High, 32800 Twelve Mile Road.

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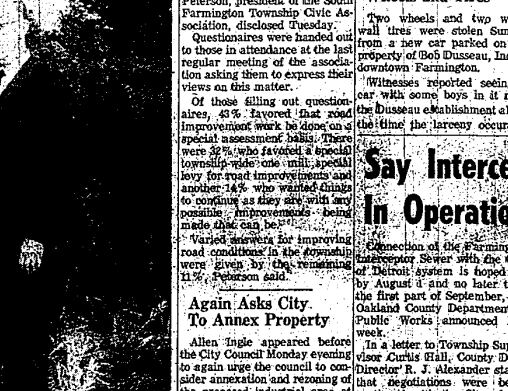
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Band Concert Tonight at FHS

The first of a series of three "Summer Evening Serenades" is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, July 14 at 8:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of the senior high school.

Included in the program of the band concert will be folk music from Scotland, Ireland and the United States. There will be marches and light concert selections. A special attraction of the program will be violin soloist Susan Weir.

The Band, directed by Robert Zimmerman, is made up of musicians from the community. Membership in the group is open to all interested musicians, who are able to attend the Monday and Thursday evening rehearsals at the high school.

There is no charge for admission to the concert, and the public is invited to attend.

Approve Contract For Detroit Water

Members of the City Council voted unanimously Monday to approve the water contract with the City of Detroit to supply water to the City of Farmington.

The issuance of general obligation bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 was approved by the Council at the special election of April 12 paying the way for negotiations for the supply of Detroit water.