

Building in Township Tops Oakland County

Farmington Township surpassed every other community in Oakland County in the number of dwelling permits issued during the first six months of 1960 with a total of 269, 62 more than Royal Oak, which took the number two spot.

While building activity showed a considerable increase, nearly 100 in Farmington Township over the same period in 1959, the Detroit Metropolitan Region which includes Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Monroe and part of Washtenaw counties showed a substantial decrease in the number of permits issued.

Total for the first six months of 1960 in the region was 8,360 as compared to 11,283 for the comparable period last year.

FACTORS contributing to this decrease, according to the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission, are the lower rate of family formation, a slowing declining birth rate, economic uncertainty and the overall lack of adequate sewage facilities.

These factors suggest a continuing net decrease of housing units for the Detroit Region, it was pointed out by the Commission.

In contrast to the 269 permits in Farmington Township with a value of nearly 4 1/2 million dollars, Detroit proper showed a net gain of only 29 building permits. The net total is derived by subtracting the number of demolition permits issued from the total of building permits. There were 799 demolition permits issued in Detroit during the six month period.

OTHER OAKLAND County communities experiencing a good volume of building during the first half of 1960 were Bloomfield Township with 181

Steals Building Items in Sub.

Charles Rue who was arrested by City police for investigation of a burglary, was found guilty of petty larceny by Judge Schulte this week and fined \$150 and placed on six months probation.

Police officers, investigating a complaint of stolen building materials from the Farmington area, developed and arrested Rue after tracing the license number of his car that had been seen in the area about the time the materials were stolen.

Police recovered 97 worth of various building items in Rue's home at 21440 Gill Road, City of Detroit.

Rue, 34, was charged with the offense would have been grand larceny rather than petty larceny. Items found in the home included windows, bricks, lumber, etc.

Planning 25-30 Store Shopping Center at Grand River, Drake Rd.

Plans are now moving ahead on a new 25 to 30 store shopping center on Grand River Avenue just west of the City of Farmington.

The center to be known as Capitol Plaza Shopping Center, is located on an approximately 14 acre parcel owned by the city and is bounded by Grand River and Drake Road.

A variety of different stores have been made an offer of a square foot of floor space are planned. Approximately 378,000 square feet of parking area to accommodate nearly 1,000 cars is also called for.

LAND IN this area fronting on Grand River is presently zoned commercial, but re-zoning of additional land to the south will be necessary for the sized center proposed. At its last regular meeting on August 9 the Township Board unanimously approved a resolution of intent to re-zone the additional land.

A review of the request for the re-zoning was made earlier by the Township Planning Board and their recommendation was that the re-zoning be approved.

A public hearing must still be held to hear any objections to the re-zoning.

NO INDICATION was given when building of stores might be started. It was pointed out, however, that total development would probably be delayed until such time as a good water supply and sewage disposal system is available.

Directly to the south of the proposed commercial center, plans are being submitted for a home residential subdivision. The lot sizes averaging over 20,000 square feet each. This proposed residential development would add to the Drake Heights subdivision, a high class residential subdivision called for still further to the south. Plans for Drake Heights subdivision have already been approved.

FAILURE to provide adequate off-street parking is one of a number of complaints which has been made against the E. S. Mather, Inc. trucking firm located on Shawnee Road at Hawthorne Street.

A petition listing this along with other complaints, signed by a number of residents living in the vicinity, was filed with the Farmington City Council last week. It was also indicated that the same petition will be submitted to the Farmington Township Board at its next regular meeting. This petition was filed Thursday, looking eastward on Shawnee from Hawthorne, shows where cars owned by employees of the trucking firm are being parked. A short distance to the east of the trucking company is the Shawnee elementary school. Several youngsters must walk past this company daily enroute to and from the school.

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Delinquency on City Tax Bills Runs Very Low

Of nearly \$219,000 in real and personal property taxes due the City of Farmington this summer, all but \$8,061.97 was paid at the city treasurer's office prior to the August 31 deadline.

This figures out to slightly under a 3.7 delinquent tax record for the current year which is exceptionally good, Treasurer Mrs. Kathryn Cotter reported this week. Last year the delinquent tax payment delinquency ran 6.8 percent.

The exact total tax levy on both real and personal property was \$218,703.32.

THE LEVY was made on a total real and personal property city assessed valuation of \$18,227,660. Of this total \$15,888,490 was real property assessment and \$2,339,170 personal property assessment. This year's city tax levy of \$12.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation was the same as a year ago.

Those few who did not pay their taxes prior to the August 31 deadline will now be required to pay a four percent penalty. These delinquent taxes, however, can still be paid at the city treasurer's office. The delinquent tax payments along with the four percent penalty will be accepted by the city through February 28.

Beginning March 1, 1961, however, those who have still not paid their city taxes will be required to make payment at the Oakland County treasurer's office in Pontiac. An additional four percent penalty will be assessed as well as 1/2 of one percent for each month that the taxes are overdue.

THE building proposed for the clinic fronts on the parking lot of the shopping center at the southeast corner of this Detroit Region and backs up to 14 Mile Road.

The parties proposing the medical clinic will be asked to submit a complete plan showing the location of the building if the building is to face the parking lot there should be no screening of the building along 14 Mile. It was pointed out in discussion.

Arrest Youths For Larceny

Peter Suminski and Bennie Alderson appeared before City Judge John T. Schulte Tuesday on a charge of larceny from a building and both were charged with larceny from a building and bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court. They are being held in the Oakland County Jail awaiting their court date.

The two youths were charged with stealing \$5 from a pop machine from a building at the Farmington Automatic Laundry on Grand River. They were also reported to have taken a gun machine from the same establishment and later throwing it in a field. The amount of money in this machine has not been determined.

Both boys had been found guilty of petty larceny on four previous occasions in the last eight months, according to City police officials.

Suminski had been living at 21829 Middlebelt at the time of his last arrest and Alderson who had previously lived at the same address, gave no permanent residence.

MONDAY - Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision only.

THURSDAY - South side of Grand River Avenue.

SATURDAY - North side of Grand River Avenue, except Bel-Aire.

Combine Trash, Garbage Pickup

Effective immediately all rubbish and garbage will be picked up at the same time in the City of Farmington. Everything except brush, stone, wood and furniture will be collected once weekly on the following schedule:

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Pack up those old but still usable toys kicking around in attic, garage or storage room and bring them to the Elks Lodge at 33300 Grand River in downtown Farmington as soon as you get a chance. Elks officers and members will be on hand to help you load them on the door step.

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Council President Alge Clark has asked for recommendations for the position and hopes to fill the vacant post at the regular October meeting of the Council.

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THIS IS A FLOOR PLAN for the new North Farmington High School, now ready to go under construction on 13 Mile Road a short distance east of Farmington Road. At the right the second floor plan for the front portion of the building. On the second floor will be three main

matics rooms as well as seven general classrooms. The building will serve as a combination junior-senior high school initially, eventually being converted over to use as a high school only as enrollment warrants it.

Ready to Start Work On N. Farmington High

Construction on the new North Farmington High School, now ready to go under construction on 13 Mile Road just east of Farmington Road, should be underway within the next few days.

At a special session last Thursday night, Sept. 1, bids were opened by the Board of Education. Bids of the lowest bidding firms were immediately turned over to the architects for their review and recommendations. Barring unforeseen complications, it was expected that contracts would be let another special session set for last night, Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Total construction cost will be \$1,271,669, based on the bids of the lowest bidders for each phase of the work.

THERE WERE a total of 11 bids received for the general construction work with the lowest bid being submitted by the Wallace Construction Company. The bid was \$884,000, not including alternates.

Twelve bids were received for the mechanical work in the building. The lowest bid of \$236,000 was submitted by the Evans Heating Company.

For the electrical work, Fred W. Moore was lowest bidder in a field of ten. The Moore bid was \$115,674.

There were three bids received for the kitchen equipment contract with the low bid being \$25,965. Great Lakes Hotel Equipment Company was the low bidder.

THE NEW building will have approximately 85,000 square feet of floor space. A second story on one portion of the building will contain ten classrooms.

Seek Repairable Children's Toys

It may seem a little early to you to start planning for Christmas but that's exactly what members of the Farmington Elks Lodge are doing right now.

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Grade Roads in Wood Creek

Roads in the Village of Wood Creek Farms were graded recently and then covered with 10,000 gallons of chloride, according to a report by Norman Krieder, spokesman for the village road committee.

Krieder also reported at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Village Council that a week-long cutting program throughout the community had recently been completed.

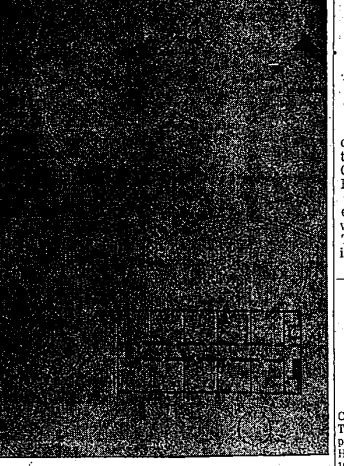
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Council to Meet This Coming Monday

The City Council, which normally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month did not meet this week because of the Labor Day holiday.

The Council meeting will be held this coming Monday night, Sept. 12, instead. Prior to the regular meeting, starting at 8 p.m., a public hearing will be held on the proposed rezoning of a small parcel of land to the south of Farmington-Lanes highway allowing from R-1 to R-1A.



Nine Adult Ed. Classes Slated

Registration will begin Monday, Sept. 12, and continue through the week for nine adult education classes to be offered this fall in the Farmington public school system.

Registration may be made in person or by mail. All registrations are being handled at the service and administration building, 3580 Shawwassee Road, through Asst. Supt. M. Van Amedy's office. A special evening registration period has been set for Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at this building.

Those registering by mail must indicate the course they desire to take and the appropriate fee.

The courses being offered this fall are: art, bridge, hobbying at the organ, physical education for men, sewing, stocks and bonds, typing, upholstery, women's health.

All inquiries about the adult education program should be directed to M. Van Amedy's office, GR 4-1133.

To Open C'ville Bids Sept. 29

September 29 has been designated as the date for the opening of bids on construction of additions to Grandview Elementary School and Clarenceville High School.

Final plans for the addition of the high school were approved at the last meeting of the Clarenceville Board of Education and plans for the Grandview addition had been approved at a previous meeting of the Board.

A 10 room addition to the Grandview school is contemplated with an alternate proposal for three more rooms, two of which would be special education rooms.

Dr. Anderson to Speak at Clarenceville

Dr. Carl Anderson, of Eastern Michigan University will speak on "Knowing Michigan" at the September 28 meeting of the Clarenceville PTA Council.

Dr. Anderson is well known for his work with PTA groups and was instrumental in setting up the 5-year study of Michigan.

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Air Condition Bids Rejected

All bids for the installation of an air conditioning unit in the Farmington School District service and administration building were rejected by action of the Board of Education at a special session last Thursday night.

There were a total of four bids received on the proposed project with the lowest being \$11,700 to provide a centralized cooling unit for the entire building.

The Board instructed Architect Peter Tarapata to make a study of some cheaper methods of cooling including sections of the building and make a report later on plans he feels might be satisfactory and cost estimates on each.

Plan to Correct Erosion Approved

A plan for correcting the drainage and erosion problems, along the east side of the private drive leading to the School District service and administration building on Shawwassee Road was reviewed by the Board of Education at a special meeting held last Thursday night.

The Board approved the plan as prepared by Engineer Arthur Gillespie and instructed him to proceed in carrying out the plan for the work.

The cost estimate for the proposed project was \$1,153.

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Interceptor Hook-Up Fight Agreement Now Appears in Sight

Negotiations which began last week and are being continued this week are expected to bring an end to the hassle that has been going on between Detroit and Oakland County over hook-up of the Farmington and Evergreen interceptor sanitary sewer systems.

Oakland County DPW Director R. J. Alexander, expressed confidence that a compromise solution would be forthcoming yet this week. Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall expressed equal optimism.

Big Horse Show Set for Sat. at Botsford Inn

THIS WOULD eliminate any need for continuing court action that has been started by communities which will be served by the two interceptor systems. Such action was started by five communities to be served by the Evergreen line, a little over two weeks ago, in a similar court action by Farmington and West Bloomfield, chief potential users of the Farmington Interceptor, a few days later.

Detroit's refusal to allow connection of the interceptors the first part of July as originally planned was based on their claim that Oakland County had not complied with its part of the bargain to get a storm drain built to end the flooding problem in parts of northwest Detroit. Oakland County was insistent that completion of the storm drain was not spelled out as a requirement for hook-up of the interceptors would be permitted. Detroit was equally as insistent that it was.

ATTEMPTS to get the flooding problem in parts of northwest Detroit being caused by the flow of storm water across Eight Mile from Southfield and Oakland County to the east were started by Oakland County about the same time as work on the interceptors was. But, the county was unsuccessful in getting the proposed 4.6 million South-Oak drain built. Twice Southfield rejected plans for the storm drain and the city of strong protests by its residents about the high assessments that would be involved for them.

The compromise plan now is for Detroit and the State Highway Dept. to share in the cost of constructing the storm drain with Southfield and Oak County.

Alexander said that he was almost certain that the Detroit Council would approve the compromise plan that has been worked out.

2 Area Stores Broken Into

Thieves broke into the National Food Store at 14 Mile and Middlebelt Roads over the holiday weekend and made off with \$1,600 from the food market and 6 or 7 hundred dollars more from the Sanders store located in the same building.

The intruders gained entrance by cutting a hole in the roof, a similar routine reported in several other recent robberies in the Farmington area and then used a torch to get the Sanders store open. The National Food Store was also broken into.

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