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Twp. Bd. Moves To Relocate Fire Station

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting held Monday evening, October 29, passed a resolution to relocate the Township Fire Station, presently located in the City of Farmington Department of Public Safety Building on Liberty Street, to new quarters in the Star-Cutter Company, 3450 Grand River, in the Township. (The transfer to the new location has been set by the Board to take place at the same time as the relocation of the present Township administration building, as switched to the new administration building which will be ready for occupancy later this month.)

Several advantages in the new location were cited by the Board as offering a substantial improvement over the old facilities. OFFICIALS at the Star-Cutter Company informed Township Supervisor Curt Hall that a number of their workers are already members of volunteer fire departments in surrounding areas.

Start Move to New DPW Bldg.

The City's new DPW and Water Dept. building has now been completed and equipment has started to be transferred from present quarters in the old mill building. It was reported Monday.

A little bit of finish up work remains to be done at the new building site on Nine Mile Road just west of Farmington Road but it is all outside work, City Manager John Dinan said. There is some grading and driveway work to be completed as well as installation of signs, he commented. The manager expressed hope that all equipment would be moved out by the latter part of this week and the first part of next so that demolition of the old mill and auxiliary building on State Street just west of Farmington Road could be started. The contract has already been awarded. This property is to be converted into additional off-street parking space after the buildings have been removed.

Township Board Enacts Water System Ord. and Bonding Resolution

The Farmington Township Board enacted an ordinance Monday evening, October 29, at a special meeting to provide for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a water supply system to serve seven special assessment water districts in the Township. The new ordinance provides for the issuance and sale of revenue bonds totaling \$1,938,000 to defray most of the \$1,793,200 total estimated cost of the water system. A sum of \$135,200 will be transferred from other special assessment bond proceeds and owners of certain subdivisions to be served by the system will pay \$20,000 toward defraying the balance of the cost for the project.

THE SEVEN special assessment water districts were established by the Township Board resolution passed March 23 of this year. The areas to be served are in the southeastern portion of the Township. The financial consultant for Oakland County, Louis Schimmel, appeared at the Board's Monday evening meeting to present the bonding resolution drafted by the Oakland County Department of Public Works and explain the 26-page ordinance.

Swainson To Be Here Saturday

Governor John B. Swainson and his wife, Alice, will be visiting in Farmington on Saturday afternoon as part of his last campaign swing through this section of the state prior to the election on Tuesday. He will appear at a public meeting at the Democratic Headquarters building on Grand River Avenue next to the Civic Theatre at 1:30 p.m., local Democratic club officials announced Tuesday. Appearing with Governor and Mrs. Swainson will be Lt. Governor T. John Lesinski and Mrs. Margaret Price, Democratic national party vice-chairman. It was also indicated that most of the various Democratic candidates for county offices were expected to be present.

Earl Vivier Closes Down 27-Year-Old Dealership

Earl Vivier Oldsmobile has closed its doors after 27 years of service in the Farmington area. The dealership came to Farmington in 1935 and added the General Motors Corp. truck franchise ten years later, in 1945. The owner and general manager during the entire period of the agency which has been in the community, Earl Vivier, announced his retirement last week after the sale of his property to the new Metropolitan Bank which will take over the location and existing buildings.

VIVIER FIRST started into business in Farmington 36 years ago when he opened a service station on the site of the present Henry Otis Mobil Service Station. He later moved his business to its present location, 12300 W. Grand River, in 1925. It was then just a Shell Gas Service Station.

The business grew under Vivier's management to one of the largest Oldsmobile agencies in suburban Detroit and the original building no longer is recognizable, as such, but is now part of the complex which has been expanded through the years to accommodate the increased needs of the dealership. VIVIER'S DEALERSHIP was accompanied by an original gasoline service station until comparatively recent times, a rarity among such businesses which became a trademark in Farmington to offer customers a place to purchase and service automobiles and trucks as well as gas at the same time. Used cars of the lot are still available despite the termination of the Oldsmobile dealership

and will be sold through November 30. Both the parts and service departments are closed. Earl Vivier will maintain office hours during November to handle details of closing down the dealership and liquidation of existing inventories. He wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to the many customers who patronized his business down through the years. A member of the Farmington



Apply Now for Absent Ballot, Deadline Sat.

The deadline for making application to vote by absentee ballot in the election on Tuesday, Nov. 6, will be this Saturday at 2 p.m. Both City Clerk Treva Quinn and Township Clerk Floyd Cairns will be in their offices on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. for the purpose of taking care of those wishing absentee ballots. Hope was expressed by both clerks that those planning to vote absentee would not wait until the last day to get their applications in but would try to get this matter taken care of either today or tomorrow during regular office hours. Clerk Cairns reported Monday that he had already sent out 181 absentee ballots and had several more applications to be taken care of with more coming in every hour.

Mr. Quinn reported that she had issued 50 absentee ballots as of Monday morning. Like Clerk Cairns, she reported that many more applications were being received and that she was quite sure the heaviest number of requests were yet to come. Persons who have any doubts at all about whether they will be in the community on election day and able to get to the polls are urged not to take a chance and apply for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be turned in at the clerks' offices by mail or in person anytime right up until the deadline voting hour on election day.

Get Appraisal On Town Hall

It was reported this week that appraisal work on the Town Hall site at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road has now been completed, and that preparations were being made for a joint meeting of the three parties having an interest in the property. Farmington Township, with the major interest, will soon be moving out of its offices on the lower level and into its new building on 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake.

The Farmington Masonic Lodge and the City of Farmington, others with an interest in the building, have already indicated that they do not wish to purchase the building at the originally established asking price. The joint meeting which is now being planned will be for the purpose of discussing details on the appraisal made and likely make arrangements for taking bids on the public sale of the property. Indications were that this joint meeting might be scheduled for sometime the latter part of next week.

Olis Crosby Talk Stated November 8

The Farmington Citizens Advisory Committee announced this week that Mr. Otis A. Crosby, assistant director of the Detroit Board of Education's Department of Information Service, will be the guest speaker at their meeting Thursday evening, November 8, in the North Farmington High School Cafeteria, at 8 p.m.

Exchange Club and active in civic affairs, Vivier has been in business in Farmington longer than any of his present competitors. The Metropolitan Bank which plans to locate in the Vivier building announced last week it intends to remodel extensively to conform with the colonial style buildings in the adjacent Downtown Farmington Center. The new bank plans to open for business early next year.

Seek to Block Re-Occupancy

The South Farmington Civic Association requested that the Farmington Township Board take action to block a property owner's plan to remodel units on Waldron near Independence Street in the Township. A letter from the South Farmington group was read to the Board members by Township Supervisor Curt Hall at a special meeting Monday evening, October 29. OBJECTIONS raised in the letter involved several points of law which the Board felt the Township Attorney's opinion should be asked, before any disposition in the matter was decided.

The South Farmington Civic Association is seeking to prevent the property owner from attempting to rent the units on Waldron which were condemned for health reasons some time ago. The owner has applied to the Township for permits to fix up the units.

School Library Will Be Open Longer Now

At its regular meeting last week the Clarenceville Board of Education gave its approval to the hiring of additional library help at the senior high. The move is being made to enable students to use the library facilities before and after regular school hours, it was explained.

Predicting One of Heaviest Votes In Off-Year Election In History



Record Set in '60 Presidential Election Here

One of the heaviest turnout of voters in off-year election in the history of Farmington is being predicted for Nov. 6 by local governmental officials. Both City and Township officials have indicated that they do not recall any state and county election, when a presidential election was not being run with it, in which interest has been as high as it is for the election this year.

Officials are doubtful that there will be as heavy a local voter turnout as that recorded in the presidential election in November of 1950 when over 83 percent of the registered voters in the City and Township went to the polls. The feeling is, however, that the percentage of qualified voters who will be out on coming Tuesday will run well above the percentage turnout in the 1953 election.

THE RECORD high vote locally was recorded in the 1960 presidential election when 14,956 went to the polls in the City and Township combined. Neither City Clerk Treva Quinn nor Township Clerk Floyd Cairns would make a prediction on the vote they expect. Because a heavy vote is expected, both clerks asked that all voters make sure they know what precinct they are to vote in and how to make their selections on the voting machines. Sample instructions for voters are available to be studied at both the City and Township offices and will also be posted in each of the voting precincts.

If you are uncertain about what precinct you vote in you are urged to call the clerk's office in the community you are registered in immediately. The location of each of the precinct polling places are included in separate election advertisements and Townships appearing elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

A list of the candidates, proposals, appears on Page 8-A.

Dem Headquarter Location Presents A Knotty Problem

A COUPLE of the vacant stores on the north side of Grand River Avenue are being put to good use these days. The Republicans have their headquarters set up in the store at the corner of Farmington Road while the Democratic Club is pushing for its candidates out of the old Dancer Apparel store just a few doors to the east. Campaign activities as keen as those of the opposing parties this year have not been experienced in Farmington for many years now.

Location of the Farmington Democratic Headquarters in a vacant store on Grand River Avenue just a short distance down the street from the City Hall created a rather knotty election legal problem to be wrestled with this week. State election laws clearly state that on election day no campaigning may be done, political signs displayed or literature passed out within 100 feet of the entrance to any polling place.

When Farmington Democratic Club officials announced last week that they planned to have their headquarters open on election day, City Clerk Treva Quinn felt she was obligated to question whether this could be legally permitted. The City Hall is one of the polling places in the City. She had a public works department man measure from the center of the City Hall entrance way down the sidewalk. It was found that 100 feet was not reached until the case had been extended some eight feet beyond the center of the entrance.

Democratic Club officials countered by charging that they would fight this "Republican harassment." Spibee claims that a threat was made by Murphy to padlock the headquarters and this had added new fuel to the fire. The Detroit News reported Tuesday that County Prosecutor George F. Taylor had told Democrats that they could keep their headquarters open election day provided they agreed to remove all posters in the windows within the 100 feet area and stand eight feet beyond the front door.

Plan Two Events for Book Week Nov 11-17

In conjunction with National Book Week from Nov. 11-17, two special activities are being planned locally this year. On Sunday, Nov. 11, an open house will be held at the Farmington District Library on Farmington Road just south of the Food Fair Market between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. Arrangements are being handled jointly by the Farmington, Friends of the Library and the Farmington Historical Society. Guests will have an opportunity to meet members of the library staff and the library board of trustees as well as members of the boards for both the Friends of the Library and Historical Society.

Explain State Ballot Proposal

Considerable confusion has been expressed regarding the state proposition appearing on the Nov. 6 ballot. The following explanation has been given by the Secretary of State's office: The referendum has to do with permitting the legislature to conduct a general revision of the statute of the state when they see fit. This question has no connection with voting on the work of the constitutional convention. It was emphasized that the result of a joint resolution of the state legislature passed in 1960.

Look Over Plans for Changes at Schools

Plans for a proposed addition at the Washburn elementary school and sketches for the renovation of the central elementary school were reviewed with architects by the Clarenceville Board of Education at their meeting last Thursday night. The renovation at Central School is being designed to provide for an additional 100 other special school district services at this location.

Wants to Talk to Groups About YMCA Program

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit has now begun an exploratory work in an effort to determine in what ways it might aid the outlying communities in the development of programs and services to meet their needs and interests.

A Charles Wise has been appointed as an extension secretary for YMCA in Farmington to do exploratory work in an effort to get a true picture of the community and what the real wants of its citizenry are. Wise has stated that he would like to speak before as many different local groups as possible and asks that officials of any group who would like to have him at one of their meetings call him at Woodward 2-1590.

The YMCA will not begin any kind of program in Farmington unless a genuine expression of interest is indicated from the people themselves," Wise said. "In order for the YMCA to be effective in its service, it must have a solid foundation of lay support."

Bookkeeping Machine

Authorization was given by the Clarenceville Board of Education last Thursday night to go out for bids on the purchase of a bookkeeping machine. It will be used for instructional purposes in the commercial department at the senior high.