

School Use of Driving Ranges To Be Studied

A study into the use of driving ranges for behind-the-wheel training as a part of the driver education instructional program now being offered by the Farmington public school system has been authorized started.

An administration proposal that such training be made on a wholehearted approval from the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Plans for having a driving range rather than having students do all their behind-the-wheel driving on public roads were emphasized during discussion period prior to Board action.

ONE ADVANTAGE noted was that with a range it is possible for one instructor to have as many as five or six students taking behind-the-wheel instructions at one time.

Another point made was that it is necessary for each student driver to have an instructor in the car with him.

The feeling was also expressed that use of driving ranges should make it possible to cut down on the cost per pupil in providing driver training instructions.

C'ville Bd. OK's School Plans

Architects presented a master plan for the Westbrook Elementary school at the Clareville Board of Education Thursday evening, November 8, according to Louis E. Smith, superintendent of the Clareville Public Schools.

The proposed master plan includes additions of a multi-purpose room and two classrooms as planned in the present bond issue.

THE PRELIMINARY drawings were approved and the architects instructed to proceed with final plans and specifications for re-submission to the Board of Education.

Action was also taken by the Board on preliminary drawings submitted by architects for the proposed additions to the Junior High School. The sketches were approved and the architects were authorized to proceed with final drawings and specifications.

Civic Assn. Changes Date for Meeting

The November meeting of the South Farmington Township Civic Association has been changed to Thursday, November 15, as the result of the Thanksgiving holiday coming up, it was announced this week.

Hope was expressed that this change in the regular meeting date for this one month only would not prevent any from attending.

No details were given on what the program would be for this month's meeting.

\$1,000 Christmas Gift Awaits Some D'town Shopper

How would you like a nice, crisp, new \$1,000 bill in your Christmas stocking as a present this year?

If it sounds like a dream too good to be true, let us assure you that it's not going to be for some lucky person shopping or doing business in downtown Farmington stores between now and December 22.

Plans to give away this extra special gift to a shopper in the downtown Farmington area this year were announced this week by the Downtown Farmington Association.

REGISTRATION is starting this week at all the participating stores and will continue until the Saturday prior to Christmas day, it was indicated.

There will be more than one chance to win for all and you are therefore encouraged to go to all of the stores in the downtown shopping district.

Announcement of the winner is being planned for Saturday, Dec. 22, at a time yet to be determined.

Additional details will be announced as soon as they are finalized by the Downtown Farmington Association said.

Officials feel that the property will bring nowhere near the amount which is hoped for at a public sale unless the way is cleared so that the buyer can tear the town hall down and provide a new commercial building there.

At least a couple of groups and several individuals have stated that they feel every effort possible should be made to keep the old Town Hall standing.

Delay Action On Salary Plan

A decision promised by the Board of Education for Monday night on the Farmington Education Association's proposed new "index type" salary schedule was not forthcoming.

Prior to the regular Board meeting, an executive session was held with officials of the FEA salary committee, which has been working on this proposed new pay plan for several months now.

It was indicated at the public Board meeting that the reason it was decided to delay making a decision was because of the fact that members had not had time to fully review additional supplemental material on the plan which the FEA committee had turned over to them.

The Board also felt that the Finance sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee should have time to review this material and make a recommendation. Consideration must also be given to pay adjustment for personnel other than teachers and administrators, it was added.

No definite date was set when a Board decision might be forthcoming although it was indicated that efforts would be made to reach a decision as soon as possible.

Handle It Thru Superintendent, Union Is Told

A request from officials of the union representing the custodians and matrons employed in the Farmington school system to discuss wage increases and other fringe benefits they seek was aired at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Board President Leland Clifford questioned why a direct meeting with the Board was being requested. He pointed out that a policy had been adopted earlier stipulating that all negotiations were to be conducted between the school superintendent and union officials.

The procedure prescribed in the policy was that the superintendent was to handle all negotiations and after having studied requests make recommendations to the Board, Clifford said. The Board's decisions are also supposed to be relayed through the superintendent's office to the union officials, he added.

BOARD MEMBERS were in agreement that they wanted more information about the improvements being sought as well as the reasons behind the administration before considering any direct meeting with union officials. If after this procedure has been followed and the union officials are still not satisfied, a direct meeting with union representatives was agreed to.

One request which has been made by the union is that the work week for custodians and matrons be reduced from 44 to 40 hours with no decrease in pay.

Another being paid by employees as their share for hospitalization insurance be absorbed by the school district.

The union is also asking that the employees it represents be paid for any holiday when they are called to work on that day.

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Each of the three guards are working two hours per school day and being paid a wage of \$1 an hour.

It was explained that all three had been given training by the Township police department for this type of work.

Reluctant from the start with paying the wages of such guards, the Board took action Tuesday to do so but with the clear understanding that they would not do so beyond the balance of the current school year. Board members have made it clear that they see guards for dangerous points such as this should be paid for by the Township.

Action was taken Monday night instructing the superintendent to send letters to not only Farmington Township but also the City of Farmington and West Bloomfield Township making it clear that the Board had no intention of paying for crossing guards at the end of the current school year.

Wants Trailer Sewer & Water Rates Raised Equal With Township Homes

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Fall Just Short Of Goal in '62 UF Fund Drive

Farmington City and Township fell just \$391 short of reaching its goal of raising \$16,876 in the 1962 Torch Drive fund raising campaign which was officially closed last Thursday, Nov. 8, a report from Mrs. Donald Schleck, local chairman, the first part of this week disclosed.

Mrs. Schleck was quick to add, however, that she felt certain that the goal would be reached when the money still coming in from people who were away during the drive or have mailed their contributions to the UF organizers, is added to this total.

AS OF THIS date the report was made it was indicated that \$14,893 had been collected in a house-to-house canvass which was just \$384 below the target amount. A sum of \$1,692 was collected from community business establishments which was \$63 more than the goal figure established at the beginning of the drive.

Mrs. Schleck and her associate chairmen, Mrs. Bayard Tupper, Mrs. Lee Targart and Ray Mooney, extended a "thank you" to the nearly 700 volunteer workers who helped in making the fund raising drive the success it was this year.

Adult Crossing Guards on Duty At Three Points

A report made to the Board of Education Monday night disclosed that adult crossing guards had been hired for the three school crossing points considered to be dangerous enough to warrant same.

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OK Dance Permit

A request for a dance permit brought before the Farmington Township Board at its Monday evening, November 12, meeting was approved for Thomas J. Langan, owner of a bowling alley and bar at 4206 Northwest Highway.

Delay Action on Change In School Prayer Policy

The reciting of prayers or the conducting of any type of religious teaching in classrooms in the Farmington public school system came in for another round of lengthy discussion at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Discussion on this rather contentious matter which is now national in scope was trickled locally at the last regular Board meeting, Oct. 25, Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Gluckstein, 3207 Chesternook, appeared before the Board on that date to voice objection to the use of prayers in school programs.

The Board's decision at that time was to treat the matter more thoroughly into the matter could be made and also a study completed on a proposed policy submitted by Gluckstein.

Differences of opinion on the part of Board members as to what course of action should be followed were registered during the second round of discussion this Monday night.

Trustee Herbert Neal made it clear that he was in favor of prayers in the classroom and did not wish to see any policy adopted which would forbid it.

VICE PRESIDENT Richard Peters stated that he did not feel that many teachers understood what the school system's position was with regard to the use of prayers in the school program. The motion was made by him that the administration be instructed to develop a written policy regarding the use of prayers and the conducting of religious observances in the schools for Board consideration.

Before a vote was taken, Supt. C. Y. Harrison stated that he felt that this was a very difficult assignment to delegate to the administration and that he would like to see the policy might result in more difficulty than it would do good.

Action Sought By Bd. Trustee Thomas Duke

Farmington Township Board Trustee Thomas A. Duke is seeking to initiate action by the Board to raise the sewer and water tap in fees on house-trailers up to the level presently being paid by homeowners in the Township.

Duke's action came at the regular meeting of the Township Board on Monday evening, November 12, at which time Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan reported that a suit had been filed against the Township by Tom Cox, owner of the Planning Trailer Court, 2560 Middlebelt Road.

IREMAN REVEALED that Cox is attempting to force a ruling in his favor regarding the rezoning of residential property adjoining his trailer park for the purpose of expanding his business. The Farmington Township Zoning Board of Appeals turned down Cox's request for the rezoning earlier this year after stating public hearings on the matter.

Duke will ask fellow Board members to support a resolution sponsored by him to establish a rate for sewer and water tap in fees that will be the same for both house trailers and private dwellings. Duke claims the present rate in fees subsidize trailer homes at the expense of property owners.

The rates in Farmington Township on sewer and water tap in fees for trailer homes are approximately 75 per cent lower than those being charged to homeowners.

Actually the Township has not yet established a water tap in fee for trailer homes but plans to do so in the recently approved water system program covering a large area of Farmington Township calls for a unit price of \$100 for each more than one third of the unit price charged to property owners being levied against trailer park homes.

THE UNIT PRICE per trailer was derived through a survey of the Township. See TAP-IN FEES Column 4, Page 8A.

Goodfellows Now Taking Names of Needy Families

Plans are now being completed for the annual Farmington Goodfellows project to see that no local family with children goes without a joyous and bountiful Christmas.

The names of needy families in the community are starting to be taken in order to avoid ample time for thorough investigations to determine what such less fortunate families will need and in what quantities. If you know of any needy family in the area you are asked to call 474-5663 any weekday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The deadline for turning in names has been set for Monday, Dec. 3.

THIS YEAR a goal of \$3,500 has been set. Last year the Goodfellows raised \$3,200 which was used to help 476 children and adults from 123 needy families.

The major fund raising effort of the Goodfellows project, under the sponsorship of the Exchange Club, is the annual paper sale which has been set this year for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15. Rendering considerable assistance to Exchange Club members in the paper sale as well as other phases of the project will be the Jaycees, Elks, Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist clubs as well as members of the city and township police departments, volunteer firemen and other citizen volunteers from the community.

CHAIRMAN for various phases of the Goodfellows project decided on to date were announced Monday by Larry Gilson, Exchange Club president. Chairman of the investigations committee this year will be Dick Tupper, Chairman for making collections from industrial and business firms will be Norman Lawton.

Co-chairmen for the paper sale are John Richardson and Earl Lavery. Toy collections and handling is under the direction of Bill Everhart and the Roy Rystrand.

We'll Need All Copy Earlier

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday, Nov. 22, The Enterprise will be coming out one day earlier than usual next week. The paper will have to be printed on Tuesday to permit distribution by Wednesday night.

It will thus be necessary for us to get all news and advertising copy a day earlier than usual for next week's publication. The deadline for all club and regular column news will be 9 o'clock Monday morning. All other news copy will have to be in by no later than 5 p.m. Monday and classified advertising deadline will be 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Buy More Land At Eagle School

Authorization to proceed with the purchase of approximately 100 acres of additional land at the site of the new elementary school site at a cost of \$2,500 per acre was given by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

Negotiations for the parcel which has 155 foot frontage on 14 Mile Road and extends northward in depth over 500 feet have been going on for some months now.

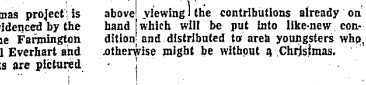
The Board agreed to allow the present owners to locate a water well on the parcel and give them easement rights to it if it is found to be desirable to have a well here when development of adjacent property is decided on. It was stipulated, however, that if there was to be any well-house constructed plans for it would first have to be approved by the Board.

The additional property has been purchased to provide the construction of an addition to this school site which is expected will be needed in the not too distant future.

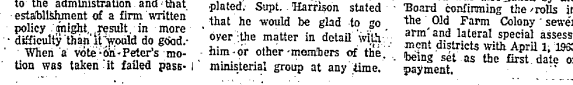
Board Confirms District Rolls

The cost estimate for public housing on the proposed Franklin Hill, Golf Course Sewer arm was held by the Farmington Township Board Monday evening, November 12, with no one appearing to voice objections.

The Board confirmed the rolls of the special assessment district with the unit price for property owners set at \$204.18. May 1, 1963 has been set for the first date of payment for construction of the sewer arm. Action was also taken by the Board confirming the rolls in the Old Farm Colony sewer arm and internal special assessment districts with April 1, 1963 being set as the first date of payment.



THE TOYS FOR TOTS Christmas project is off to a good start this year as evidenced by the collections made to date at the Farmington Elks Lodge on Grand River. Bill Everhart and Joe Brody (L to R) of the Elks are pictured above viewing the contributions already on hand which will be put into like-new condition and distributed to area youngsters who otherwise might be without a Christmas.



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