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Forrest Against Outside Users Of City Water

Permitting a business establishment just outside the city limits to hook-up to the city water system came in for some sharp criticism by Councilman Henry Forrest at the regular Council meeting Monday night.

Despite his vigorous objections, however, the Council approved by a vote of 4-1 a request from O'Green Ford to connect their home and used car to buildings on the north side of Grand River just east of the city limits into the city water lines.

In a report to the purchasing manager, John Dinan, stated that the water pressure in this area was exceptionally good and that he saw no reason why the request should be denied.

Forrest also questioned his fellow councilmen with regard to him that non-resident water users pay twice the rate that regular city users do.

Stop Business In City Home

Donald O'Brien of 32306 Valleyview Circle who has been carrying on a costume jewelry business from his home, has been ordered by the city to discontinue doing so as quickly as possible.

A complaint against O'Brien was filed with the City Council two weeks earlier by officials of Scenic View Subdivision and an immediate investigation was ordered by the city manager and city attorney was presented to the Council Monday night.

O'Brien was given a reasonable period of time to make arrangements to satisfactorily comply with these orders.

Dean Estate on 12 Mile Sold

The 80-acre Hugh Dean estate on 12 Mile Road just west of the Sarah Fisher Home at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Lakeside roads in Wood Creek Farms Village, Farmington Township, has been sold, it was announced this week.

A picturesque estate developed and improved over a number of years by the late Hugh Dean, former General Motors vice president, the property has long been a noted subdivision in Oakland County.

Authorize Action On Illegal Sewer Tap-Ins

A report from City Manager John Dinan made to the Council Monday night disclosed that it has been learned that two City of Southfield business establishments are illegally hooked up to the city's interceptor sewer line running into Detroit.

The manager's request that he and the city attorney be authorized to take immediate steps to get these illegal tap-ins disconnected and to require the owners of the buildings to pay back charges was wholeheartedly approved by members of the Council.

Delay Action on Zoning Change At 9 Mile, Tuck

At the last regular meeting of the Farmington Township Zoning Board the proposed rezoning of an approximately eight acre parcel of land at the corner of Nine Mile and Tuck roads from residential to commercial was discussed but no action taken.

The proponents of the zoning change want the property rezoned to B-3 which would permit a fairly large type of commercial development but the Township's planning consultant, Charles Leman, was that the property should be rezoned B-1 which would restrict use to a small neighborhood type of commercial development.

Re-zoning to B-3 here does not fit into the general plan for the community's development, he said. Point was made by Leman of the fact that the area doesn't need a large business section here due to the fact that competing areas are fairly close.

Further study is called for with additional discussion scheduled for the Zoning Board's next regular meeting on January 21.

City Council Okays Cancer Control Survey

A request from the Michigan Cancer Society to conduct a cancer control fact-finding survey throughout the City between March 24 and April 6 of the coming year was unanimously approved by the City Council Monday night.

It was emphasized that no fund collecting would be done in conjunction with this program. No other cancer group will be allowed to carry on any programs during the time this particular survey is going on.



which has been found to be illegally connected is the building occupied by Arlan's Department Store at 24000 Eight 1/2 Mile Road and the other by the Industries building at 26835 Telegraph Road.

It was disclosed in the report that the illegal hook-ups had been verified and witnessed through the use of chemical dye used in the plumbing facilities at both buildings. It was further stated in the report that a check had been made and that it was found that no permits for connection of these buildings had been taken out or permission granted in any other form.

RECORDS of water consumed at both locations between November of 1957 and November of this year were obtained from the City of Southfield.

Based on these figures, Manager Dinan has established that the owner of the Arlan's Dept. Store building owes the City of Farmington \$3,826.94 in back payments for sewer service and that the owner of the Pyles Industries building owes the city \$1,407.35. These amounts have been arrived at on the basis of non-resident rates which would normally be charged, he said.

Cooperation from the City of Southfield will be asked. City officials of this neighboring community will be requested to not allow connections of these buildings to the Southfield sewer system until the City of Farmington is paid the sewage disposal charges due.

How High Can A Fence Be?

For over a half an hour Monday night the City Council battled with a proposed new fence ordinance and particularly with provisions in regard to height restrictions before taking action introducing the ordinance for adoption.

The ordinance as prepared by the city manager called for a four foot height restriction. Councilmen Sandy Brotherton and Howard Thayer were both of the opinion that this was not high enough to allow privacy.

While other members of the Council tended to agree with that they pointed out that to allow a fence much higher than this at the sides of houses would be detrimental to neighbors.

The final decision was to revise the ordinance in its original form permitting fencing up to six feet high from the rear house line back but continuing to restrict fencing to four feet in height at the sides of homes.

Under terms of the ordinance no fencing beyond the front house line will be allowed.

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GOODFELLOW PAPERS sold like hot cakes Steve Santo are pictured above at the Middle-Grand River intersection doing their part to see that needy families in the community will not be without a Merry Christmas.

Family Left Homeless As Fire Strikes in Twp.

Farmington Township firemen battled a house fire last week on Friday, December 14 that left a family of four homeless and destitute.

The fire which broke out following a furnace explosion destroyed or damaged virtually all of the household belongings of the Amos Jones family of 22579 Middlebelt Road. The family includes two children, Claude, 15, a student at the O. E. Dunkel Junior High School, and Joyce, 18.

JOHNS, WHO IS employed by the Oakland County Department of Public Works Water Department, said his fire insurance had just expired last month. He was called home from work in the afternoon by neighbors who notified him of the fire.

Firemen said the furnace was defective and a makeshift fuel supply reservoir inside the home had ignited causing the explosion. Jones said later he had to rig up the homemade system when the landlord refused to make repairs and the family had been without heat for two days.

The family is now living at the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth White of 22707 Middlebelt Road. White and his wife, Sharon, have three children ranging in age from one month to three years of age. He is an unemployed construction worker presently dependent on unemployment compensation.

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Asks Council To Consider Move to Bank

Local Attorney Albert Herzog appeared before the City Council Monday night and expressed deep concern with the serious condition which is developing on Grand River Avenue in the downtown business section.

It was his feeling that when both the City Hall and the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit have moved from their present locations to new buildings it could spell doom for all businesses on Grand River downtown.

His proposal was that the city fathers give some consideration to settling present plans to build a new combination municipal building and consider seriously purchasing the National Bank of Detroit building for use as a City Hall. This might be helpful in keeping the old Grand River Avenue business section alive, he stated.

Early Copy Deadlines Set

Since Christmas and New Year's both fall on Tuesday this year, some serious problems are presented in getting papers for the next two weeks out on schedule. Copy deadlines for the next two issues of the Farmington Enterprise will have to be moved up considerably.

The absolute deadline for all news copy will be 12 noon Monday and we sincerely hope that as much as possible can be turned in by Saturday. The deadline for classified advertising will also be noon Monday. Display advertising copy changes will have to be in by 4 p.m. Saturday.

These deadlines will apply for the next two weeks. We will process all the news copy we possibly can but will not promise that all will get printed. Material will be handled on a first come - first served basis.

Santa on Move Downtown Now

During these last few days prior to Christmas Santa Claus is moving about in the downtown Farmington business district.

Using a trailer donated by Wesley's House of Music as his mobile headquarters he'll be at various locations along Grand River Avenue during the day-time to take last minute orders from good little boys and girls.

On Thursday and Friday evening he'll be in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday he'll be there both in the afternoon and during the early part of the evening.

Goodfellows Will Help Over 150 Families in Area This Christmas

Distribution of Goodfellow baskets to over 150 less fortunate families of Farmington City and Township will be made this Saturday, it was announced Tuesday by Dick Habicht and Bob Schulte, co-chairmen of this year's campaign.

Dick Tupper, chairman of the investigation committee which concluded its work Wednesday, reported that the names of more than 200 families were turned in this year compared to 170 submitted last year. Baskets were supplied to about 130 less fortunate families in the community prior to Christmas last year.

Before 150 and 160 are expected to be helped this year. Voluntary workers are already busy engaged in getting baskets packed and other commodities ready for distribution this weekend. A good sized crew has lined up to handle the deliveries, including boys from the athletic clubs at Farmington's two high schools.

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To Judge Homes Over Weekend

If you have a nice religious Christmas lighting display at your home this year or know of a neighbor who does you still have a couple of days left to get the home entered in the annual Jaycee Christmas outdoor lighting contest.

Call Chairman Doug Wendrick at GR 4301 immediately, however, since judging is set for Friday and Saturday evening, Dec. 21, 22.

The same as last year, the theme of the contest is "Let's Put Christ Back Into Christmas."

Announcement of the contest winners will be made on Monday.

Oglesby Named to Head March of Dimes Drive

Appointment of Edwin R. Oglesby, 30020 Dinglewood, Farmington, as Farmington chairman for the 1963 March of Dimes has been announced by Al Kaline, Oakland County campaign director.

Oglesby, with a volunteer office with offices at 32345 Grand River, Oglesby has been a resident of Farmington Township for the past six years. He is a member of the Farmington Exchange Club, the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion, the Elks and the Oakland, Wayne County and Federal Bar Associations.

He is the past president of the Glenbrook Homeowners Association.

Oglesby and his wife, Dorothy, are the parents of five children. In its first quarter century the March of Dimes set out to help the thousands of children disabled by birth defects and arthritis - afflictions far outstripping the attention of public health officials. It's the most serious of these afflictions, which have wiped out the threat of polio.

Kaline added that both vaccines can go far beyond polio. Dr. Salk predicts that a single vaccine can protect against as many as 100 virus diseases. He will continue his work at the new Salk Institute established by the March of Dimes.

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