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Property Assessment Review Dates Now Set

City of Farmington taxpayers having questions about or wishing to object to the assessments placed on their properties will have an opportunity to be heard by the Board of Review of both governing bodies during the next two weeks.

Taxpayers are reminded that these Board of Review dates will be the only times they will be able to register formal and official objections to the assessments that have been established. No adjustments can be made after the Board of Review sessions have been concluded and their recommended changes have been approved and turned over to a public accountants.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW, which will meet in the Township Hall on 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road, will meet on four dates.

On Tuesday, March 5, they will be in session from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Hours on Monday, March 11 will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The last session of the Township Board will be on Friday, March 15, when they will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. and again in

the evening from 7 to 10 p.m. The City Board of Review will meet on only three dates.

HOURS ON TUESDAY, March 5, will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The other two meetings of the City Board will be on Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12. The Board will meet during the same hours—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—on both of these dates.

The assessments for each parcel of property set by the Board of Review will make up the assessment rolls for both local governing bodies for the year 1963.

Feel 'Statement of Philosophy' Needs Meaning

Development of a proposed "statement of philosophy" for North Farmington High in its new building, as recommended by the North Central Association as soon as it becomes a high school of full status has created quite a stir among Board of Education members.

When the proposed "statement of philosophy" for North Farmington High was presented to the Board a few weeks back two or three of the members expressed their dissatisfaction with it. The feeling shown by them at that time was that the proposed statement did not emphasize academic endeavors strongly enough or really give a clear picture of what the school's philosophy would be.

ONE OF THE most outspoken critics of the proposed philosophy when it was first presented was Trustee Herbert Neal. At the regular Board meeting on Monday night of this week, Vice-President Richard Peters also voiced criticism on the proposed statement. He stated that he felt it was far too general and that more emphasis should be given in it to academic goals and what and how students are going to be taught.

Treasurer Vernon Fisher and Trustee George Nahstoll also expressed some dissatisfaction with the statement.

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Dems. Set Up Headquarters in Bel-Aire Center

The Farmington Democratic Club has opened campaign headquarters at 3153 10th Mile Road near Orchard Lake Road in preparation for the April 1 election.

In last Fall's election the Farmington Democratic Club, which included the city of Farmington, Oakland County and Farmington City officials claimed were within 100 feet of a booth and therefore would have to be closed on election day.

"We had measured the distance and found that it was more than 100 feet from the entrance of our headquarters to the door of the polling booth," club chairman Harold Shipice said. "We found, however, that using a different measuring guide in coming up with their figure of less than 100 feet."

"We had to go to court to win ruling that our headquarters could stay open on election day and that our way of measuring was correct. We are looking forward to the election as these difficulties this time."

He welcomed all Farmington township residents to drop by headquarters which will be manned by volunteers.

Will Register Voters Tonight

If you're not already registered to vote in the Township you'll have an opportunity to get signed-up tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. on Wheeler St., one block east of Middlebelt Road just north of Grand River.

The South Farmington Township Civic Association has set aside its regular meeting for tonight as registration and voter information night.

Township Clerk Cairns will be on hand to register all comers. He will also give instructions in the use of a voting machine.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Judge Allen C. Ingle, Township Justice of the Peace, who will give a talk on the importance of voting and on citizens' responsibilities as adults to vote.

'Mac' McKelvey Dies Sunday

Marshall J. "Mac" McKelvey of 4259 Hawthorne Street, well known lifelong resident of this community, passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, at his home as the result of a heart condition.

Only 41, McKelvey was afflicted with heart trouble for several years but continued to work as office manager of the city and Grand Manufacturing Company here until just prior to his death. Prior to this time he worked as a mailman in the community and was well liked by all on his route.

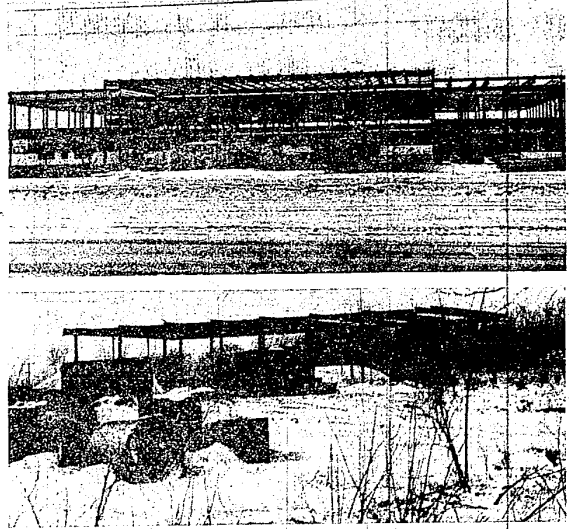
Left to survive him are his wife, Dulcie, a son, Daniel, and two daughters, Christine and Susan, all at home. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Gertrude McKelvey; two brothers, Terence and Eugene; and a sister, Rita; all of Dearborn.

Funeral arrangements were here by the Spencer J. Henehey Funeral Home with a funeral Mass being said at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Wednesday morning, February 27, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

McKelvey was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army Air Force.

Library Purchase

The purchase of approximately \$600 worth of additional library equipment for the Beechview elementary school as recommended by the administrative staff was approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.



THE EXCEPTIONALLY cold weather we have experienced this winter has put work on the newest schools to be put under construction in the Farmington school system somewhat behind. It is easy to see that a lot of work remains to be done to get the new East Junior High (photo above) and the new Highmeadow elementary school (lower photo) completed in time for the opening of classes in September of this year. School officials have indicated, however, that the architects on these buildings have given them statements of assurance that lost time can be made up and the new buildings ready for occupancy by fall.

School Operating Budget Near \$5 Million Proposed

A proposed school operating budget for the Farmington School District for the 1963-64 school year running only slightly under the \$5 million mark is now being studied by members of the Board of Education.

The budget as prepared by Supt. G. V. Harrison and his administrative staff calls for a total expenditure of \$4,888,017 for all phases of school operations. As proposed, the budget runs some three-quarters of a million dollars higher than the budget under which the district is operating during the current school year.

The increased budget is necessary to provide for additional teaching personnel, supplies and equipment which will be needed to satisfy an expected enrollment increase of approximately 830 students, Superintendent Harrison stated. Pay increases for teachers and other personnel to bring their wages more in line with what is being paid school personnel in other neighboring districts of comparable size and financial circumstances also accounts for some of the increase in the budget.

THE BUDGET has been prepared based on a state equalized valuation for the school district of \$100 million or about 92% million higher than the state equalized valuation

Okay Initial Phase of Work On Township Water System

The way has been cleared for an initial step in the actual start of construction on facilities that will extend Detroit water service into a substantial portion of the south and southeast portion of Farmington Township.

A resolution was adopted by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night authorizing the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works to go out for bids for the installation of valves and other apparatus needed coming off the large Detroit water main running along Eight Mile Road.

Have Almost Enough Money for Sewer Arm

A start on construction of the 13 Mile Sewer Arm to serve a substantial portion of land area in the northern portion of the Township between Middlebelt and Farmington roads may be possible very soon now.

This was the indication given to members of the Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night by Township Attorney Terry Brennan. For some months now Brennan has been working with Township officials in efforts to get enough money advanced by owners of land to be served by this arm to get the project underway.

A Federal grant to defray a substantial portion of the cost for this arm was applied for and earlier this year approval of a grant for over \$260,000 was authorized. Brennan stated the Township could come up with the balance of the money to finance the project. It was determined that approximately \$220,000 in local money would have to be committed.

BRENNAN told Board members Monday night that only about \$80,000 more in commitments from land owners was needed and that he was fairly certain that it could be obtained.

Swim Club's Bid For Easement Again Discussed

The newly formed Beechview Swim Club's request for an access route across Beechview School property to a site to the north they propose to buy and develop came up for another round of lengthy discussion at the regular meeting of Education meeting Monday night.

The Board had indicated earlier that it would be willing to grant an easement provided it would not disrupt normal school operations or present any safety problems. Another condition was with regard to the Board's ability to obtain more land at this location itself to take care of expected needed expansion.

A final decision reached Monday night was that the Board should delay any action in granting the easement requested by the swim club until a check is made to determine whether the school system can get the additional land it feels it will need for future expansion. This motion was passed to contact the state highway department.

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Petitions Out For City Posts

Next Thursday March 7, at 5 p.m. is the deadline for filing nominating petitions as a candidate for one of the five city offices to be filled this year and decided on at the Biennial Spring Election on April 1.

There are three Council seats to be filled as well as the offices of Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal Judge.

Persons interested in running for any of these posts are reminded that petitions may be obtained at the city offices anytime during regular business hours and that details on the number of signatures needed and other pertinent information will be supplied at the time a petition is applied for.

It has been indicated that a number of petitions have already been taken out by candidates.

Optimists Offer Twp. Services

Fred Samra and Don Vokes, officials of the newly organized Farmington Optimist Club, appeared before the Township Board Monday night offering the services of their club to Township officials.

Samra stated that the club was particularly interested in helping with projects for youth in the community and would do everything possible to help Township officials on matters involving youth.

Township officials commended the club officials for appearing to offer their services and wished them great success.

Interested in State Property

Action was taken by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night instructing Supt. G. V. Harrison to contact the state highway department regarding a parcel of property owned by the state off Howard Road in the western portion of the Township.

The action was taken at the request of Trustee Herbert Neal who is the Board's representative on the site subcommittee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee.

Neal stated that the site committee had indicated that approximately 30 acre parcel here might be desirable as a future school site. The committee is interested in knowing whether the highway department would be interested in selling this site to the School District and if so at what price.

Home Broken Into; Two Watches Stolen

The Zenobia Birge home at 2627 Westwood Drive was broken into sometime Sunday afternoon or early Sunday evening with two men's watches being reported stolen, according to a report from the Township Police Department.

Nothing other than the two watches was reported stolen in Police Chief Irving Yakes said.

Entry was made by breaking out a window in a door leading from the garage to the kitchen.

Registration Deadline Mon.

If you are not yet registered as a voter in Farmington City or Township you have only a few days left in which to get signed up to qualify as an elector. The deadline for registration is Monday, March 4. You may register at any time during regular office hours today or tomorrow, Thursday or Friday, or anytime on the last day which is Monday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Registration should be made with Township Clerk Floyd Cairns at the Township office on 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake Road if you are a Township resident. If you live in the City of Farmington you should go to City Hall in the downtown area.

Anyone having any doubts as to whether they are qualified voters locally should contact the clerk's offices immediately.

As with candidates to select in the April 1 election, state and local propositions to ballot on at the April 1 election.

Two Men Apprehended Hunting in Township

Two men from outside this area were apprehended Sunday afternoon by the Township Police Department hunting in the vicinity of 12 Mile and Howard Roads.

They were brought before Area Ingle, Township Justice of the Peace, for a hearing and both pleaded guilty to the illegal hunting charge. They were fined \$30 apiece and released.

The offenders were James Bayne of 2216 Calvin St., Lincoln Park, and Robert Forrest of 16919 Joy Road, Detroit.

Challenges Use of Title On Political Letter Sent Out

Trustee Ray Wilcox voiced sharp criticism at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night to a letter sent out by Township Attorney Terry Brennan prior to the Primary Election opposing incumbent Robert Nelson, one of three candidates for township clerk. He stated that the letter was sent out in the name of the peace nomination.

He made it clear that his concern was with the fact that Brennan had indicated that using his title as township attorney after his name and not with the content of the letter.

WILCOX stated that he felt that it was like any other private citizen, had the right to support or oppose any candidate he wished to and the right to send out letters or campaign material either for or against anyone he wished to. It was his feeling, however, that by Brennan using his title after his name in the letter he sent out it implied that he was acting on behalf of the Township Board or Township officials. It at least indicated that the Township Board had knowledge of the fact that this letter was being sent which it did not, he commented.

Brennan countered by stating that he had no intention of using his title as township attorney after his name or any members of the Board as endorsing the contents of the letter he sent out. The point made in the letter would have been somewhat meaningless unless the title of township attorney was used in conjunction with his name on the letter, Brennan contended.

WILCOX gained no support from other Township Board members in his feeling that the letter should have been sent by using his title as township attorney after his name. They stated that they felt it was quite natural for him to sign his name on the letter he might write this way.

Wilcox felt that it might be well to get an opinion from another attorney on this matter. He stated that he was of the opinion this was the wrong thing to do. Brennan should make an official apology to the Board. He could get no support from any other Board member on this proposal and the matter was dropped.

Matrons to Get Pay For Christmas Day

Matrons in the Farmington public schools who worked the day after Christmas are going to get vacation pay for Christmas Day of 1962.

Board approval on granting this pay was unanimously given Monday night.

An old policy under which the district had operated until recently did not permit holiday pay to be granted for Christmas day. However, the district had granted these employees pay until the Board gave its okay.

Dog License Deadline Today

Dog owners in both the City and Township are reminded that today, Feb. 28, is the last day to get a license for a dog for 1963 without penalty.

Beginning March 1 licenses will cost twice as much. The fee for a license for a male dog will be \$2 for a female \$4. Before getting a license it is also necessary that your dog be vaccinated and a certificate of vaccination be presented at the time a license is applied for.

Joseph DeVrenti, City public health officer, stated that a crackdown on all unlicensed dogs in the city would likely be started very shortly now. There are still a lot of unlicensed dogs, he said.



NEW INDUSTRIAL plants can mean a lot to the community in building a better tax base. Shown above looking over what is being completed in the City of Farmington should prove a big help. The Extrom Electric Controls plant at Nine Mile just east of Farmington Road is now in operation and the new Chesley Industries plant on Eight Mile Road, also just east of Farmington Road, is nearing completion. Shown above looking over what is being completed on the site subcommittee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee.