

CONTRACTORS MET with the Farmington Township Building Department Inspector, Al Gain, last week to hear a discussion of methods for testing and improving certain types of construction work. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Al Gain, Bill Bowman of Thompson Brown,

Will Not Open 1 1/2 Mile X-way Until Late Fall

Drivers who had ideas of soon being able to use the new 1 1/2 mile expressway to avoid the heavy congestion of traffic on the I-96 Expressway from a point west of Hazelwood Road eastward to Grand River Avenue better forget about it.

Plans do not call for the opening up of any portion of the 1 1/2 mile super highway until work is completed on the expressway and connecting roads between Northwestern Highway and Telegraph Road, Charles Anderson, project engineer, revealed this week. Completion of this work is not expected before late October or early in November, he said.

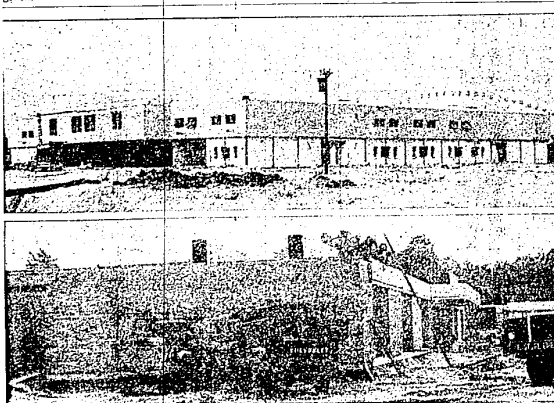
It is not felt to be a good idea to open up that portion of the 1 1/2 mile Expressway now completed from Franklin Road to the western terminus only to create serious traffic bottlenecks at either end by changing the present flow of traffic, he said.

WORK is still in progress on improvements on Northwestern Highway at the 1 1/2 mile southern terminus into the City of Detroit, he pointed out, and it is preferred not to direct any more traffic onto this turnpike main artery than necessary.

Delay Groundbreaking For Hospital Here

Word was received this week that the groundbreaking for the new Botsford General Hospital to the rear of the Botsford Inn originally scheduled for this Sunday, June 22, had been postponed.

No reasons for the delay in making a start on the large new area osteopathic hospital were given.



CONSTRUCTION WORK on the two newest schools to be added in the Farmington public system is moving ahead at a good clip now. Both are scheduled to be opened for the start of school again in the fall. Little doubt has been expressed that the East Junior High (pictured above) will not be ready in time to get all equipment moved in and ready for use

Junior Fendt of the Fendt Builders' Supply Company, and Dan Shanahan of the Portland Cement Company, Shanahan showed slides and delivered a talk on the quality controls in concrete construction.

Builders, Contractors Meet to Solve Problems

Builders and contractors met with the Farmington Township Building Department last week in an attempt to work out problems which have been a source of complaint regarding concrete construction.

Chief Building Inspector, Al Gain, called the meeting after experiencing numerous reports from homeowners of damage caused by frost this past winter.

"We received the largest number of complaints in the area of broken garage floors and porches," Gain said. "This is not necessarily the fault of the contractors," he stressed.

GAIN LAID MUCH of the blame for the increased number of damage reports to a "particularly hard winter." There was no violation of the Township's building code attributed to any of the incidents which gave rise to the Thursday night meeting.

It was pointed out by Gain that certain preventative measures could be taken to help remedy the situation with the cooperation of local builders and contractors.

In the biggest area of concern, weather damage to concrete slabs in building projects, much of what could be done by contractors and builders was detailed by a representative of the Portland Cement Company, Dan Shanahan.

Okay SDM License For New Grocery

A resolution was passed by the City Council Monday night approving the granting of a new Quik Pik Foods Store proposed on the north side of Grand River adjacent to the Shell Service Station on Grand River at Power Road.

The Quik Pik Stores are a chain of neighborhood type grocery stores handling small order purchases. City Manager John Diman told the Council.

No indication was given as to when construction of the new store might be started.

Shanahan explained the latest methods of insuring good quality in cement construction and the use of sand as a base for concrete floors where it is now felt a base of small stones to provide for better drainage is more salient for construction in this area.

ONE OF THE principle sources of trouble was found to be an inadequate base for concrete slabs. The existing building code has allowed in the past the use of sand as a base for concrete floors where it is now felt a base of small stones to provide for better drainage is more salient for construction in this area.

In the future the building department will be required to see that the concrete slabs are properly prepared.

Township Bd. To Appoint New Trustee Monday

Appointment of a replacement to fill the seat on the Farmington Township Board left vacant by the resignation of Floyd Jave last week is expected to be made at the regular Board meeting scheduled Monday, June 24, Supervisor Curt Hall announced this week.

Jave who has been living in Farmington but working in Port Huron for over two years now, decided recently that it would be in the best interest of both his family and job to move to the Port Huron area.

His resignation was officially accepted with regret at the last regular Board session on June 13.

Hall expressed hope that the Board could decide on an appointment by the June 24 meeting since Trustee Thomas Duke will be leaving on an extended vacation following this meeting and this would leave the seven member Board two short unless a replacement for Jave can be decided on.

Almost two years still remain on Jave's unexpired term of office.

There is still some concern as to whether the time on the new Highways grade school construction schedule can be made up so that the building can be ready for equipment to be moved into it by the middle of August as originally planned. The photo of the school (below) shows that a lot of work has yet to be done.

Use of Code No. on All Mail Starts July 1

The post office department is now going to a numbering system in another endeavor to provide expedient delivery of mail to all locations in the country.

ZIP Code numbers have now been assigned to community post offices across the country and Farmington's number will be 48021. Postmaster Henry Trombley announced this week.

Beginning July 1 everyone in Farmington should begin using this ZIP Code number on all their correspondence. Use of this code number will not only be beneficial in speeding mail delivery but also in reducing the chances of mis-sent mail, Trombley said.

THE ZIP Code program is an expansion of the present postal delivery system. It constitutes a five digit code which identifies each delivery unit and associates each such delivery unit with a sectional center or major office through which mail is routed for delivery.

In preparation for implementation of the ZIP Code program July 1, many printers, stationers and envelope manufacturers are assisting by including the ZIP Code number in new stocks being printed or ordered at this time.

For uniformity, the ZIP Code number should appear on the last line of addresses and return addresses, following the city and state with one space intervening as follows:

Mr. John Doe
33200 Slocum
Farmington, Mich. 48021

Or, if desired, it may appear on one line below the city and state. In all instances the ZIP Code number must not have any figures immediately before or after on same line, said Trombley.

It is expected that patrons will obtain the ZIP Code numbers from their correspondents by observing if they appear on the return addresses on mail received. When the ZIP Code number is used, it will no longer be necessary to use zone numbers which have been the practice in the larger cities.

Summer Rec. Program Starts Mon., June 24

The six-week summer recreation program will get underway in Farmington under the auspices of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission on Monday morning, June 24.

The eight school playgrounds to be used for the program this year will be the ones located at the Eagle, Kembrook, Wooddale, Ten Mile, William Grace, Shawassaw, Cloverdale, and Flanders schools. All activities will be confined to the playgrounds on opening day, Director Chuck Shandor stated.

On Tuesday youngsters from the Farmington, Grace, Cloverdale, Shawassaw and Flanders schools will be taken to Kent Lake for swimming while those from the North End will have playground activities scheduled for them. Wednesday it will be those from the North End schools including swimming and those from the southern area schools going again on Thursday.

The first field trip to be taken will be a trip to the zoo for youngsters enrolled at the northern schools in the summer play program. Following the week the alternating swim-playground schedule will be carried on with those from the northern school playgrounds going out for swimming on Monday.

Got A Job?

If you need teenagers for any type of odd job or regular work around your home or business establishment, who not take advantage of the teen workers clearing house established by the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee?

Just call Richard Carpenter, chairman, and tell him what the work is you want done and he'll send a boy or girl to you. Call GR. 4-6677 in the evening.

Legal Action Hinted If Council Okays Re-zoning for Apartments

Four residents living on the south side of Sherwood street south of the American Legion Hall gave indication Monday night to the City Council that they'll take legal steps if necessary to prevent a 213 unit apartment development to the west of the Legion Hall.

Appearing before the Council for a second time Monday night for the official public hearing on the rezoning which is necessary to permit the apartment development, the residents brought with them an attorney to argue their case.

The four objecting to the re-

zoning of the 3 1/2 acre parcel requested by Thomas Duke, local builder and developer, are John Galloway, Jr., Earl Keller, David Woodruff and a Mr. Olaus. The attorney they retained who came to the meeting with them was Earl T. Frosser.

Prior to hearing arguments against allowing the rezoning to permit the apartments, a review of the type of development proposed was made by City Manager John Dinan and Duke.

It was explained that a high decorative fence would be erected on both the Grand River and Legion Hall side of the

triangular parcel to shield the entire 170 car apartment parking area from view. Also emphasized was the fact that the only entrance and exit to the development would be from a large entrance-way off Grand River Avenue.

An L-shaped development is planned with a large open court area in the inside portion leading down to the Rouge River Branch which is one of the boundaries of the triangular parcel.

Another point made was the fact that the approximately three-quarters of a million dollar project would help the com-

munity's tax base greatly and put no additional school tax burden on the community since all one bedroom efficiency type apartments of Early American design are called for. The city manager also emphasized that more business would be provided local business establishments.

THE FOUR homeowners made it clear they were not concerned with the benefits that might be realized for the community as a whole but only with the adverse effects they claim the development would have on their property.

They and their attorney argued that this would greatly reduce the value of their property, block their present open view toward Grand River and result in numerous unpleasant conditions such as noise from cars going to and from the apartments and odors and harmful ash from the apartments' four incinerators.

Galloway stated that he had purchased his home only 18 months ago after having checked to be sure that the property to the north of him was also zoned residential.

The triangular parcel now is zoned three different ways. The portion on Grand River approximately 200 feet deep is zoned industrial and another portion adjacent to this for both residential.

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Bd. of Commerce Meeting Tues.

The second general meeting of the newly formed Farmington Board of Commerce will be held this coming Tuesday evening, June 23, at 8 p.m. at the professional and industrial people of the area are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

The meeting will again be held at the Parker House Frontier Town Hall and begin with a buffet luncheon at 6:30.

Anyone interested in obtaining tickets is asked to contact Russ Gilbert of Town & Country Dodge, chairman, Bill Conroy of Clappison & Conroy Insurance, membership chairman, or any other member of the board of directors.

There will be discussion on the previously prepared by-laws as well as on plans developed for the erection of "welcoming signs" at roads leading into the community. Plans for some civic projects proposed as well as some retail promotional ideas developed will be discussed.

Get Noxious Weeds Cut Now

Notice is being given all City of Farmington property owners that they have only the balance of this month to get all noxious weeds cut down and destroyed.

Floyd Sallow, director of the department of public works, gave official notice this week that his crews would start going onto private property starting July 1 to cut down all weeds not cut by the owners themselves. The owners of the property will be billed for the time spent as well as being assessed an additional 10 percent for the work under terms of an existing city ordinance, Sallow pointed out.

This additional cost will be collected along with the property owner's regular tax bill, it was stated.

Violators not willing to pay the cost for the city to do the work and the additional 10 percent charge will be subject to a fine and court costs.

Twp. Civic Association Meet Next Thursday

The next regular meeting of the South Farmington Township Civic Association will be held Thursday, June 20, at 8 p.m. at the township fire station on Wheeler St., north of Grand River just west of Middlebrook Road.

Guest speaker will be Don Jucharts of the Wayne County Agricultural Dept., who will speak on the timely topic: "Are We Being Poisoned By Pesticides?"

All residents of the community are invited to this meeting.



WELCOMING THE NEW Bond School principal and bidding farewell to the outgoing principal at the Farmington School District elementary school last week were parents and teachers and administrators. Program chairman

Boyle Carpenter, Bond PTA president, is shown above (extreme right) with the honored guests (l. to r.) Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Peltz and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodwin. Mr. Peltz will be the new principal.

Bond School Principals Feted by PTA

The PTA of Isaac Bond Elementary School honored both the outgoing and incoming principals of the school with a "Tea for Two" on the evening of June 12.

Mr. Richard Goodwin, the retiring principal who is leaving to continue his studies at Michigan State University, was presented with a money tree as a token of respect and appreciation by his many friends at Bond.

MR. WELDON PELTZ, the incoming principal, is both an experienced teacher and administrator, having held teaching positions in music and general education and has served as Summer School Principal of Bow Elementary School. His most recent position has been that of an assistant principal in the Detroit Public School System.

Mr. Peltz, who resides in Bloomfield Township, also received the Detroit Education Association award as Teacher of the Month for Detroit in 1951.

The parents and teachers at Bond feel very fortunate that he has been appointed to their school.

The new officers and board members of the Bond PTA for the coming year are: Elliot Altburg, President; Nancy Rosten, Mother Vice President; Will Rogers, Father Vice President; John Zeig, Teacher Vice President; Barbara Murray, Secretary; Marie Walck, Treasurer; and Marjorie Gluckstein, Publicity Chairman.

Farmington Girl Joins U-S Peace Corps in Peru

Mary Lynne Burley, Farmington left Monday, this week for Peru, South America, to join the United States Peace Corps volunteers who are assigned as volunteer force of 45 Peace Corps workers already in Peru on a U.S. goodwill mission.

A former librarian in the Farmington District Library before joining the Peace Corps, Burley will be in Peru for 21 months.

The 1950 graduate of Farmington Senior High School under the training in Peru will be in Peru for her duties as a Peace Corps worker in the villages of Peru's back country.

OK Zoning for Offices On West Side of Library

Rezoning of the major portion of the west side of Liberty Street from Grand River Avenue to State Street from single family residential to a residential and office district classification was approved by action of the City Council Monday night.

Only the house and property at the northwest corner of State and Liberty will not be included in the rezoning of this block

Delay Action on Walk Petition

A petition signed by 20 residents living on Twin Valley Court in Twin Valley subdivision requesting sidewalks along Farmington Road between Shawassaw Road and Ten Mile Road and also on Twin Valley Court itself was filed with the City Council Monday night.

The petitioners' request was that this work be done as a special assessment project with the total cost to be borne by the property owners the walkways would pass in front of.

The city manager stated that he felt there might be some engineering problems involved in connection with putting walks in the steep grade along Farmington Road from the subdivision to Ten Mile Road. The Council will also be developed by the Peace Corps workers.

The additional volunteers being added to the number previously in Peru were requested by the Peruvian government and will make possible the expansion of the school building program in five Peruvian states.

Experience help is in great demand in these areas and the Peace Corps volunteers are specially trained to cope with many of the problems encountered in organizing new schools. Miss Burley, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burley of 2150 E. 10th St. in Farmington Township, joined the Peace Corps with the principal hope of being able to work with young school children. She attended the University of Michigan for one and a half years before joining the staff at the Farmington District Library. She had been with the Library 13 months.

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