

## Seek Township Board Approval To Establish Dump Operation

A request for a permit to allow a sanitary fill operation on a 10-acre site located in the northeast quarter of Section 19 in Farmington Township was placed before the Township Board for consideration at its meeting Monday, June 24.

The actual site of the proposed dump is on a seven-acre parcel of land owned by Gen. Peacock of Haledale Road. The property is situated in a low area which is covered by a swamp in one section and surrounded by hills.

**PEACOCK'S PROPERTY** is approximately 700 feet west of Haledale Road and 15,000 feet south of the north boundary line of Section 19. It is not visible from either Haledale or Haggerty roads.

The Munn Contracting Company, who presently are conducting a sanitary fill operation at 10 Mile and Haggerty roads in Novi Township, is seeking the permit to allow the dump site in Farmington Township.

John York, the Munn Contracting Company representative, told the Board the proposed sanitary fill operation would require from 16 to 20 months to complete. No dumping is allowed in the Township during the months of July and August.

**THE BOARD** RAISED the question as to whether a low area at the proposed dump site which is filled with water would mean the water table is at a point which would prohibit such an operation.

A Township ordinance stipulates no dumping is allowed within two feet of the water table.

A topographic map prepared

## Suggestions On School Curr. Made to Board

A list of eight or nine recommendations for curriculum improvements in the Farmington public schools was submitted to the Board of Education Monday night from the curriculum sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee.

The recommendations were aimed for adoption of the ungraded classroom plan for the lower elementary grades throughout the system, separation of the summer school program and the accelerated study program in elementary grades and greater use of TV training programs in the schools.

It was also recommended that steps be taken to motivate brighter pupils more by the use of acceleration. The committee felt that the present system of giving pupils a grade in the accelerated courses because they are harder and that the same marking system is used for these courses as for easier regular classes.

During Board discussion it was brought out that many of the recommendations made by the curriculum committee were already being carried out.

On the matter of giving better grades to pupils taking accelerated classes, the Board and administration were not in agreement with the citizens' committee recommendation. The administration felt that the most if not all college registrars are aware of what courses are accelerated ones taken by students and take them into consideration when considering the pupils' grades for college admission. They know that a differential marking system is not used at Farmington, Sup. G. V. Harrison said.

A suggestion by a couple of Board members was that asterisks or some other denotation of accelerated courses taken by pupils be put on their records. Board action on adoption of such a policy was not taken, however. Further consideration was promised later.

## Work On Skylight Covers Moving Ahead

Work on the construction of metal covers for over 120 skylights at schools throughout the school district is now in full swing, a report made to the Board of Education Monday night disclosed.

It was indicated that installations would probably start yet this week.

School officials are hopeful that this will help solve some of their leaky roof woes.

## City Tax Bills Going Out, Total Billing \$260,334

Farmington city property owners will be getting their annual welcome piece of mail from the city in the form of city tax bills before week's end.

City Treasurer Kathryn Colter reported the first part of this week that all bills would be in the mail by Friday of this week.

The deadline for paying these taxes without penalty to cover the city's operations for the 1963-64 fiscal year running from

## Let Contract For Addition at Eagle School

The contract for the construction of a six classroom addition and other special rooms as well as site improvements at the Eagle elementary school was awarded to the Leslie Construction Company Monday night by the Board of Education.

Total cost for the expansion and improvements at this school on 14 Mile at Middlebelt will run \$149,515 which is slightly below the amount the Board earmarked for the work in initial budgeting. A couple of site improvements planned in conjunction with this addition will be contracted for separately.

The Board's action came following a report from Architect John MacDonald Jacobs on his investigations of the three low bidding firms seeking the job and their electrical and mechanical sub-contractors.

**THE LESLIE** Construction Company which has done other school work for the Farmington school was the low bidding firm when two alternatives were eliminated from the contract as it was put out for bids. Competition for the work was keen with a total of 12 firms bidding and the bids of the lowest three firms were very close to one another.

The awarding of the contract was made with one reservation. The Board asked that the architect conduct an investigation on both mechanical contractors which the architect specified as sub-contractors and report back to them with his recommendation on which he feels would be the best.

Work on the addition will get underway immediately.



PROGRESS IS RAPIDLY moving forward to an early completion date for work on the new Farmington Municipal Building, at the site of the old Liberty Street Police Station. Steel work

ject to the smell and also possible objections to the kind of refuse to be dumped.

York told the Board his company handled only segregated refuse that contained no garbage and each load would be sprayed after dumping.

The nearest resident is 1000 feet away from where the dumping would occur and reportedly has no objection to the operation.

**CLERK FLOYD CAIRNS** said all residents in the area were

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July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1964 will be August 31. Any city tax bills not paid by this date will be subject to a 4 percent penalty charge.

You will be able to pay your city taxes at the City Hall with this four percent added through the balance of 1963 and during the first two months of 1964 but after the end of February it will be necessary to go to the county treasurer's office in Pontiac to make payment. The unpaid tax bills are placed on the delinquent tax rolls at this time.

In addition to the 4 percent penalty you will also have to pay an added charge of 1/2 of one percent for each month the bill remains outstanding.

**THIS YEAR'S** total bill for this year runs \$260,333.78, Mrs. Colter stated. The tax rate is \$11.50 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, the same as last year, and has been levied on a total assessed valuation for the city for 1963 of \$22,637,720.

This is a valuation increase for the city over a year ago of less than \$9,000 under the \$22 million mark. The increased valuation gives the City just a shade under \$23,000 more dollars to work with during the fiscal year than it had for general operational purposes during the fiscal year now drawing to a close.

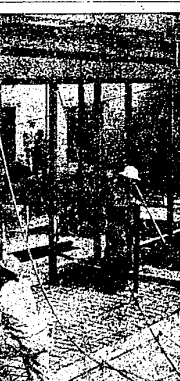
One point should be made. Unlike school and county taxes which are levied on state equalized valuation, city taxes are levied on slightly lower assessed valuations in the City of Farmington.

## Set Summer Library Hours

Officials of the Farmington District Library announced this week a change in the Saturday library hours which will be in effect through the months of July and August.

Effective Saturday, July 6, and continuing through until the end of August the library will close at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Weekday hours will remain as usual being from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The library is closed all day Wednesday.

Beginning on Saturday, Sept. 7, the library will again begin staying open until 9 p.m. the same as on other days of the week.



and cement work is nearly finished this week on the structure which will cost more than \$150,000, \$85,000 of which is being supplied under a Federal grant.

## Over 800 Now Taking Summer School Training

The summer school program in the Farmington public school system is now in full swing with a total of 826 pupils enrolled.

A flood of last minute enrollments on the final day prior to the start of classes boosted the enrollment this year to more than double the enrollment of last year which was 400.

The bulk of this enrollment is in the secondary grades (7 thru 12) but an increase in enrollment classes is offered for youngsters in grades 3 thru 6 was recorded. Last year there were only 93 enrolled in elementary grade classes compared to 120 enrolled in the lower grades for courses this year. In addition to these there are 74 youngsters enrolled in special education training, mostly at the elementary level.

A breakdown of the enrollment for the secondary grades was made by Taylor, as follows:

In regular classroom courses including English, science and mathematics there are a total of 312 enrolled, he said. Driver education training has attracted 175 pupils and the instrumental music class 174.

## First Outdoor Band Concert Set For Tonight

The first Farmington Summer Evening Serenade Band Concert of the 1963 season is scheduled to be presented on the lawn at North Farmington High School at 13 Mile and Farmington roads this evening, Thursday, June 27.

The program for the concert includes a wide variety of selections by the concert band as well as a trombone duet, "In Glee We Trust," and "On Top of Old Smokey" played by Dan McCallum and Kenneth Williams. The instrumental portion of the program will be under the direction of Robert Zimmerman.

A special attraction of this first concert will be the appearance of the "Wood Makers," an a cappella vocal group under the direction of William Feucht. This group has recently completed a successful engagement at the Lila Festival at Macquarie Island as well as several well received performances in the Farmington area.

The Summer Evening Serenade Band Concert Band is sponsored by the Farmington public school and provides an opportunity for adults as well as talented high school youths to perform good concert band music during the summer months. All musicians in the community, both adults and high school students are welcome in practice with the band, which rehearses at the Farmington Senior High School every Monday and Thursday evening from 7:45 to 9:15.

The tentative concert schedule for the group for this summer is as follows: Thursday, July 18 at Farmington Senior High School, and Thursday, August 1 at Farmington Senior High. In addition to these concerts, there may be one scheduled in a near-by community.

There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend these concerts.



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## \$54,000 Road Repair Project Started By County In Township

It was revealed at the Farmington Township Board meeting Monday night, June 24, that the Township has been selected by the Oakland County Road Commission for a \$54,000 road repair program.

Township Supervisor Curt Hall told the Board work has already begun on some of the roads to be reconditioned under the new County project which also includes Bloomfield and Waterford townships.

Streets to be repaired in the

\$54,000 program include, every subdivision in the Township. All Township roads will be surveyed and repaired where necessary by the County Road Commission.

**SUPERVISOR HALL** emphasized the extensive scope of the road repair program will mean some streets may not get immediate attention. He told the Board completion of the work is not expected before October. Repair crews have already set to work on streets badly in need

of maintenance in the Kendallwood subdivisions, Westbrooke and Kimberley. Two streets, which were particularly in bad condition, Larkway and Nottingwood, were put in order by the County early this month.

Residents of the Kendallwood and Westbrooke subdivisions appeared before the Township Board in May and registered strong protests over the condition of their roads. The Kendallwood Subdivision Association even sent a delegation to Pon-

tiac in attempts to get action. Their efforts were apparently rewarded when work started on several of the blacktop roads which suffered the most severe break up this spring.

It was explained by Supervisor Hall that the County possibly had been holding off early plans to send out work crews in anticipation of the general road program now underway.

Roads that did receive earlier repair work in some cases will be completely overlaid again to assure their proper condition. The County will employ four different methods of repair work on the blacktopped streets. Sealing of some bad spots will be done by machine, other patches may need only a hand seal of the bituminous asphalt used in the repairs. Where necessary, the County will completely strip the road down to its base and do a repaving job.

Also on the subject of subdivision roads, Trustee Byron Walter inquired whether the Board could seek authority from the County to designate where road signs should be placed and what kinds of signs should be used at subdivision intersections.

**WALTER EXPRESSED** the feeling County surveys were unnecessary. See ROAD REPAIRS Column 8, Page 8A



SUMMER SCHOOL classes are being held again this year for students in the Farmington School District. The class shown in progress above is an elementary reading class which meets at the Ten Mile School where drama classes are being

held under a trial program. Many others in the School District are meeting for everything ranging from basketball instruction to senior high typing and mathematics.

## Explain New Social Studies Teaching Plan to School Bd.

A detailed report was made to the Farmington Board of Education Monday night on a special county-wide project conducted during the past school year designed to come up with a better approach to teaching social studies courses in all school grades.

Farmington took an active part in this project and had one of its teachers on special assignment away from the local district to work with the county group on this project.

The teacher on special assignment was Sally Holmes from the Shawwassee Elementary School. She is also chairman of the social studies committee for the local school system. Appearing before the Board to make the report along with Mrs. Holmes was Grannis McCarthy, principal at the Gill Road grade school, and secretary of the local social studies committee.

Mrs. Holmes told the Board that it was determined early in the project, headed by a college professor who is an expert in the social studies field, that a new approach to teaching social studies was needed.

She explained that the "concept" approach was decided on as being the best method and then went on to outline the principles of this method. With this method some basic concepts which the teacher desires to get across to the students are decided on and then lessons are centered around accomplishing

this, Mrs. Holmes stated.

**THE NEW** approach discards the idea of making reading and lectures the basis of the social studies training program. It emphasizes greater use of film strips, tape recordings, film slides and a learning by doing approach to stimulate student interest. Gimmicks to put lesson points across are recommended, she said.

Mrs. Holmes states that this new approach has been tried in several classes and at various grade levels throughout the county during the past year. The general feeling among students and teachers alike was that it made teaching and learning social study subjects much more meaningful and enjoyable. The local teacher was quick to add, however, that not all felt it was

a good change. Grannis McCarthy was in agreement.

An interesting point made was that in one situation where the new teaching method was tried it was found that those pupils who had been tops in the social studies areas in the past dropped the Kendallwood Subdivision Association, regarding the appointment of a representative from their area.

It was stated by Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. McCarthy that the new teaching method would go a long way in boosting students interest and desire for social study subjects. See SOCIAL STUDIES Column 5, Page 8A

## Pick Locations for School Signs, Painted Crosswalks

A detailed report was presented to the Farmington Board of Education Monday night on the locations that the administration safety committee will seek to have "school" signs, "school crossing" signs and painted crosswalks provided throughout the school district.

These signs and crosswalk paintings are provided in the township by the county road commission and in the city by the department of public works on authorization of the City Council.

The administration is requesting 36 inch "school crossing" signs in the township at 14 locations and within the City of Farmington's boundaries at ten locations.

**THE STANDARD** 24 inch "school signs" will be asked for at 28 locations in the township and three locations in the city. Painted crosswalks will be sought at 28 spots in the township and at 13 locations in the city.

It was pointed out in the report that the 36 inch "school crossing" signs will only be approved on main road systems and only on subdivision streets. Another stipulation is that signs and crosswalks or trained safety patrol boys must be provided for crossings near where such signs are provided.

Another point made was that crosswalk paintings would only

be done once a year by the county and only on hard surfaced roads where traffic flow is heavy. Such crosswalk paintings must be requested specifically by the superintendent of schools.

**ANYONE** wishing more information as to where the signs and crosswalk paintings are proposed on the basis of safety studies completed are asked to direct their calls to Byron Oliver, administrative assistant, at the Farmington Board of Education offices.

The Board put its stamp of approval on the report as submitted to them.

## Set Water Use Control Plan

Curtailment of outside water use in the City of Farmington during the latter part of the afternoon and evening hours was found to be necessary the last part of this week.

Some curtailments may continue to be necessary in the hot, dry weeks to come, City Manager John Dinnar reported Tuesday. He indicated, however, that present plans were to restrict outside use only when absolutely necessary.

As was done the first part of this week, vehicles will circulate throughout the city notifying property owners by loudspeakers that outside use will have to be halted because of the pressure on water being pumped from Detroit is reaching the danger point.

Until such time as loudspeakers "do no more" the curtailment in your neighborhood residents may use water outside as they wish, the city manager said. He asked, however, that residents not use water wastefully during this hot, dry period.

## Early Copy Again Needed

Due to the fact that the Fourth of July, a legal holiday, falls on Thursday next week it will be necessary for us to move up our deadlines for advertising and news.

The paper will be distributed a day earlier than usual — on Wednesday, July 3.

News copy due in our office on Monday will have to be in by noon Saturday to assure publication.

The display advertising deadline will be 3 p.m. Monday. The classified advertising deadline will be one whole day earlier — 10 a.m. Tuesday.