

Okay Going Out For Bids on Industrial Rd.

Authorization was given City manager John Dinan by the Council Monday night to go out for bids on an industrial drive to the north of the industrial property fronting on Eight Mile Road just east of Farmington Road.

The east-west drive planned to run from recently completed Chesley Drive westward to Farmington Road and thus provide a complete roadway around the city's industrially zoned property in this section.

Money was set aside in the city's 1953-61 budget to permit the cost to stand 50 percent of the cost for this new roadway. The remaining 50 percent of the cost will be borne by the owners of the industrial property who will be required to place the amount needed in escrow before the letting of the contract for the work.

Engineering has now been completed for the roadway, Manager Dinan stated. His request to the Council was for permission to go out for bids immediately so that the work can be completed yet during this year's paving season.

"The feeling is that completion of this drive will be helpful in getting more of the vacant industrially zoned property developed as a result will be beneficial to the city in improving its tax base."

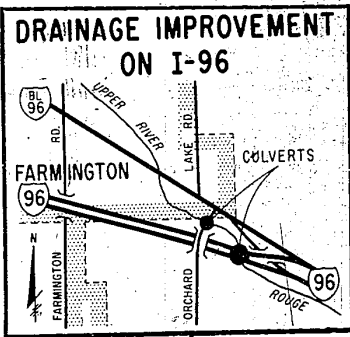
Pick All-Stars From Babe Ruth

Tomorrow (Friday, July 19) the 15 boys who were picked to represent Farmington in the Babe Ruth Tournament will match their skills against the All-Star team from Southwest Detroit at Berkeley, and the time is 2 p.m.

The team this year is coached by Cliff Terry and managed by Russ Cleveland, who 3 years ago managed the Babe Ruth All-Stars which came 1 game shy of being State champs. This year he is going to try to do better.

The 15 boys are: Carl Misch, Bob Swoda, Don Wright, Red Sox, Mike Scary, Tom Dunghue, Bill Bell, Dodger, Wayne Johnston, Tim Spencer, Giants; Barry Anea, Mike Perry, John Winder, Senators; Miles Kearney, Bob Moran, Indians; Glen Lissy, and Ron Cleveland, Pirates.

The 2 alternates are George Habicht and Ron Watson.



THE DEADLINE is next Wednesday, July 24, for registering requests for a public hearing with the State Highway Department on their proposed plan to carry the Upper Rouge River under I-96 near the southeast City limits of Farmington. The under I-96 near the southeast City limits of Farmington. The under I-96 near the southeast City limits of Farmington. The under I-96 near the southeast City limits of Farmington.

County Reveals Plans To Blacktop Twp. Roads

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns this week revealed that the Oakland County Road Commission has released its proposed road improvement program for primary roads in the Township.

Plans call for drainage and ditching work on portions of Farmington and Halsted roads with asphalt paving scheduled for next year.

Work on the two roads this year calls for grading, ditching and aggregate base construction on Halsted north from Old Grand River to 12 Mile Road and the same work on the stretch of Farmington-Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads.

City's Retirement 'Kitty' Is Growing

It was disclosed in a detailed report given to the City Council that a total of over \$31,000 has now been built up in the city's retirement fund for its employees.

The fund is being built with deductions made regularly from the pay of the individual employees and contributions made regularly by the city-at-large as previously decided upon by the Council.

Payment of City Tax Bills Reported Slow

Payment of city tax bills so far this month has been quite slow, a report made the first part of this week by City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter disclosed.

As of Monday only \$81,850 had been collected in city taxes against a total billing on both real and personal property of \$250,333.78, Mrs. Cotter said. This billing is based on the assessed valuation for the city for 1953 of 22,637,720 and a city tax levy rate of \$11.80 per \$1,000 valuation.

The deadline for paying City of Farmington taxes without penalty is the end of August. Beginning September 1 a four percent penalty will be added to all bills.

PROPERTY owners will be able to continue to pay their taxes at the City Hall through the remainder of 1953 and during the month of February of 1954. Beginning March 1, however, it will be necessary for any who have not paid their taxes to go directly to the Oakland County treasurer's office to make payment on the delinquent taxes.

In addition to the four percent penalty they will also be assessed a charge of one-half of one percent for each month that payment continues to be in arrears.

Taxes may be paid at the City Hall anytime during regular office hours from Monday through Friday.

Wants Meters Taken Down

A request was made to the City Council Monday night by Sid Robbins, owner of the Peninsular Discount Store, that it consider favorably a proposal made recently for the removal of all parking meters in the downtown district.

Robbins' store is located on the north side of Grand River near the City Hall. There are still meters in front of his establishment. He stated that he was completely in accord with an editorial which appeared in the July 4 issue of The Enterprise stating that the meters have outlived their usefulness and are detrimental to business operations.

Councilmen asked the City manager to conduct a survey of the number of changing hands but that he expected that within the next week or two negotiations with these new owners regarding off street parking could also be started.

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TOWNSHIP CLERK Floyd Cairns is pictured above at the scene of new sewer construction in the Township. The project was put under way earlier with funds made available by the Franklin Hills Country Club which will be served by the sewer arm. The sale of bonds to finance this sewer arm and a sewer lateral in Holly Hills Subdivision were approved this past week by the Municipal Finance Commission.

Bond Sales on 2 Sewer Projects in Twp. Okayed

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd Cairns revealed this week that the Municipal Finance Commission in Lansing has approved \$83,000 of "1953 Sewer Special Assessment Bonds, Series 1" for the bond proceeds will be used to construct sewers in

Still Dickering On Easement

City Manager John Dinan reported to the Council Monday night that negotiations are being continued in an effort to clear the way for purchase of a roadway easement to the east of the Van Furniture Store.

The present access which has been open to traffic for years actually is on privately owned land. The time for the city to either buy the necessary land to keep this access route open or close the route off is now drawing near.

The manager indicated in his report that the owners of the furniture store building had agreed to a zoning change to provide for parking next to that store. He added that the property to the east was now in the process of changing hands but that he expected that within the next week or two negotiations with these new owners regarding off street parking could also be started.

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Pet Lion Case Before Judge

Robert Russell of Farmington Township is now awaiting a decision from Justice of the Peace Allen C. Ingle whether he will be allowed to keep his pet African lion, Shasta.

Judge Ingle now has the case under advisement and is expected to announce his decision before the end of the month.

Russell issued a citation by the Township Police Department on the grounds his 250-pound pet constitutes a violation of Section 409 of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Russell has raised the lioness from a cub.

Say They'll Make It Roof Beer Next Time

Four Berkeley youths were arrested Saturday night, July 13 at the A & W Drive-in, 3072 Grand River Avenue in Farmington, in possession of alcoholic beverages.

All four were minors and received fines of \$25 each and court costs.

Owner and operator of the A & W, Bill Shallow, called the police when he discovered the youths were consuming beer on his premises.

Will Go Out For Bids For Water System in Township Next Week

It looks as if everything is now set for bringing Detroit water into a substantial portion of the south and south-eastern portions of Farmington Township.

Supervisor Curt Hall said Monday that he was almost certain there should be no more technical difficulties to delay an actual start of the project on the schedule that has been worked out by the township and the county department of public works. While he didn't actually cross his fingers when making the statement, you could sense that he had an inclination to do so. Past technicalities have caused several delays.

The schedule now planned, calls for the placing of advertisements for construction bids for both the transmission lines and the laterals the latter part of next week. Bids will be opened between August 19 and 22 and the hope is that it will be possible for action to be taken approving the final award of the awarding of construction contracts on August 26.

EXECUTION of the contracts for the construction is slated for September 5. While the contractors will be given 30 days to get work underway, the feeling is that the time they start work almost immediately in order to take advantage of all the good fall outdoor working weather possible.

A mid-April completion date is set in the schedule now being followed.

The engineers' estimate for construction of both the transmission and lateral lines for the seven special assessment water districts which have been established has been set at \$2,000,000.

The three transmission lines to come up into the Township from the main Detroit line along Eight Mile Road and into the vicinity of Middlebelt, Orchard Lake and Gill roads.

The project also calls for the extension of a large transmission line from 12 Mile northward to about 11 Mile road and perhaps even beyond for some distance. A smaller line will also be extended west from this line into Farmington Township.

Gives Report On Boys State A Few Will Get Water Rebates

Dave Sarlin, a student at Farmington High and one of the 14 boys from Farmington attending Boys State in Boy's State at East Lansing in June, reported on his activities there to the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Dave was sponsored by the City of Farmington and agreed to continue a practice started a few years back by the Council of sponsoring a boy each year.

The youth explained to the councilmen the variety of experiences he had in governmental operations in the mock state with its many cities.

The city manager indicated to councilmen that the city would not have to rebate much since only a handful here have such air conditioning units, and Farmington has Detroit water during this time. It was indicated, however, that the City of Detroit was going to have to rebate over \$2 million as the result of a court decision ruling this added charge illegal.

Statements in the letter implied that the increase in the present regular water rate might soon be found to be necessary and some concern was expressed by individual councilmen on this.

The decision was, however, to take a "wait and see" position, and the only action taken was to receive and place the letter on file.

Give No Rainchecks In Baseball Season

The old saying about an "ill wind" took on new meaning this year for the Farmington area baseball league which is being managed by a group of men who are going to enjoy excellent cooperation from the weatherman.

Not a single game was rained out this year during the entire regular season.

Center Wants News For Bulletin Board

The Downtown Farmington Center for Community Organization is planning to provide community organization news to its members with published notices of their various coming meetings and events as part of its service on behalf of the center.

The bulletin board news items can be found weekly in the Center Corporation's Enterprise ad.



GROUND BREAKING ceremonies for the new Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Credit Union Building were held last Thursday, July 11, on the site of the proposed \$50,000 structure, Lakeway Avenue and Grand River. Frank A. Nicholls, president of the Board of Directors, is shown above turning over the first spadeful of dirt as (L to R) architect John Allen, Walter DeMatia, builder Robert J. Pistonetti, Joseph DeNies, Donald J. MacKinnon, Norbert Joanisse, (Nicholls), Robert MacKinnon, Robert Abraham, Charles B. Schwartz and Albert E. Gingell look on with approval.

Break Ground Here for OLS Credit Union Bldg.

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An eye-appealing addition to the neighborhood, the new building will provide 2100 sq. ft. on the main floor, half-basement, and ample parking facilities. Just 1/2 mile from existing rented quarters in the basement of Our Lady of Sorrows High School, the proposed structure is scheduled for completion in October.

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