

Seek \$5 Million for Classroom Needs Through 1967

This is the first in a series of articles on the school bond issue proposed and two operating millage propositions voters of the Farmington School District will be asked to vote on Nov. 18. This week's article deals with the bond issue proposal. Next week's article will be on one of the two millage propositions.

Building of schools in Farmington to keep up with the rapidly increasing enrollment which has been running 1,000 pupils or more for the past several years now requires advanced planning based on the best possible estimates of the future needs that can be made.

A few more classrooms will still be able to be provided with moneys from a \$2 million bond

issue approved by voters in late 1961. Based on conservative projections made by the school administration the money left will only provide enough more classrooms to satisfy needs through 1964, however.

THE PROJECTIONS show that there will be 12,884 enrolled in the Farmington school system by the beginning of the 1964-65 school year and that classroom capacity in the district under present operating standards will be 12,930.

At least 14,074 pupils are expected when schools re-open in September of 1965. Unless some additional classrooms are ready for occupancy by that time, the local school district will be in serious trouble. It will have over 1,100 more pupils enrolled

than it has classrooms to put them in.

Since it takes 18 to 24 months from the time a bond issue is approved until a new school can be constructed, furnished and ready for occupancy, approval for expenditure of monies to provide them must be asked of voters now.

IT WOULD be both difficult and uneconomical to plan and ask for money for expected school needs on a year to year basis so school officials have made studies of expected needs and desires in school facilities through 1967.

The decision of local school leaders to ask for \$5 million now was based on enrollment projects and studies of needs which they feel will exist for the district between now and

the start of the 1967-68 school year.

The enrollment projections made show that there will be 15,257 pupils enrolled in the system by the beginning of the school year in 1966 and 16,322 by the early part of the 1967-68 school year.

To meet this expected enrollment most of the \$5 million sought is therefore earmarked for new classroom construction and for the equipping of the new school buildings.

OUT OF THE TOTAL \$5 million, \$1,800,000 is planned to be used for new elementary school construction, the addition of classrooms to existing grade schools depending on the areas in the community where the greatest needs show up. An exceptionally heavy need

for additional classrooms at the secondary grade level (grades 7 thru 12) is expected in the next few years. It is proposed to spend a sum of \$1,200,000 for an addition to the North Farmington High and in putting on an addition to the New East Junior High.

Another junior high on a site already obtained in the vicinity of 11 Mile and Halstead Road is also in the plans but would probably not be provided until 1967 school officials state.

A sum of \$1,450,000 is set as the cost for this new building. Bringing existing older buildings in the district more closely up to the standards of the newer schools now being constructed for better operations and for the benefit of students in the schools is also planned with

funds from the proposed bond issue.

SUBSTANTIAL improvements are called for at the Bond, Gill, Road, Middlebelt and Farmington Junior High buildings as well as at any other older schools where improvements are felt to be desirable at a total cost of about \$257,000.

Buying school sites, we'll need in advance of actual need to prevent major difficulties in obtaining them has been a practice of local school officials for several years now and it has saved the school district substantial sums in high land costs after an area goes under development. A sum of \$90,000 is planned to be used for obtaining new sites and making improvements at present ones.

As the district grows, the need for a larger district administration building for operating efficiently becomes more and more apparent. Approximately \$28,000 out of the 1963 bond issue, if approved, is proposed to be used for such an expansion. A district service building in which to house equipment and make repairs on them as well as repair furniture, etc. has also been felt to be needed for some time. A sum of \$23,000 is earmarked in the total \$5 million package for this proposed building at a site yet to be selected.

THE BIG question which probably just about every taxpayer has is how much this bond issue is going to cost in increased taxes.

School officials state that if valuations in the school district

increase at the conservative rates that they have estimated they will from year to year, then no increase in present levy to meet principal and interest payments on all outstanding bond issues, including the additional \$5 million issue, will be needed.

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THESE NORTH FARMINGTON High School girls (L. to R.) Nancy Lichtman, Nancy Chamberlin and Janet Lane were part of the work which they initiated the American Field Service "Pumpkin Sale" last week to raise funds for the North Farmington Chapter of AFS.

Two Farmington Teens Killed in Car Crashes

The Township of Farmington recorded its tenth traffic fatality of 1963 with the death of a 16-year-old youth in a car-truck crash Monday, October 21, while another young man from Farmington was killed in a traffic accident in a nearby Township early Saturday morning, October 19.

Daniel Ed Laviole, of 34380 Fenst Street in Farmington died Monday afternoon in a traffic accident in nearby Township following a collision at the intersection of Farmington Road and 12 Mile Road in the Township. His 16-year-old brother, Paul, a passenger in his car, sustained minor injuries.

Francisco V. Allevato, 28, of East Detroit, a truck driver for Louis Garavaglia Co. Contractors Inc. was early Oct. on 12 Mile when Laviole's car entered the intersection, heading south on Farmington Road.

In a fatal accident that occurred Saturday, claiming the life of an 18-year-old Farmington youth, a companion with him was also killed.

VICTIMS, Roland Church, 18, and Carl Neely, Jr. of Novi, were changing a tire on their car with two other companions when they were struck by a truck with a driver who had parked along

Parent Seminars Dependent on Contributions

The Farmington General Youth Guidance Committee announced this week that their program to raise \$1,000 to provide for the "Parent Seminar" groups in the community has now reached its second and critical stage.

Details on the committee's plans to raise funds for the proposed parent seminar programs here were announced earlier this month at the same time that letters seeking funds were distributed to leaders of the community.

The committee will now follow up its letter seeking funds with personal contacts.

Eventual plans call for seeking substantial Federal assistance for a much larger program but the success in doing this will depend a great deal on the success of the two "pilot" parent seminars and whether enough money can be raised to start them. Wes Mitchell, the youth guidance committee's president said.

Citizens wishing to contribute are asked to make out their checks to: The Youth Guidance Committee of Farmington and mail them to the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jean McAllister, 7163 Brookridge, Birmingham, Michigan.

Bd of Commerce Dinner Meeting Set for Tuesday

A meeting of the general membership of the Farmington Board of Commerce has been scheduled for this coming Tuesday evening, Oct. 29.

As in the past it will be a dinner meeting and will be held in the Frontier Town building at the Parker House. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 and followed immediately afterwards by a short business meeting.

This has been set as the final date for members wishing to be designated as charter members; President Russ Gilbert stated. He urged all those who have not yet made application and paid their dues to plan to do so at the coming Tuesday night meeting.

At Tuesday night's meeting a progress report will be given on the program that has been started to get community well-known signs up on most of the main roadways leading into Farmington. A report will also be given on the work done in getting the Board of Commerce office in a portion of the old Town Hall building ready to conduct business; from a and have regular office hours.

Guest speaker for Tuesday night's program will be Anthony Givens, president of the Howard Knitting Realty Co. and a referee in the National Football League.

Vigilance Com. Continues Fight

The Vigilance Tax Committee which has been fighting hard and long against the Detroit City income tax has not given up its fight yet.

Officials of the many suburban communities making up the committee met in Livonia last week and laid plans for continuing the fight against the tax. Many roadblocks and legal technicalities they have encountered.

The committee members agreed to pick up the petitions signed by over 212,000 now being held in Lansing and to go out on a drive for still 10,000 signatures before submitting the petitions to the county clerk's office in each of the 82 counties in the state.

"Speedy action" will be required in getting the additional signatures, wanted since it is expected that they will be needed by Nov. 10.

School Election Program Dates

The following is a schedule of the dates and school locations where presentations will be made on the coming school bond issue and operating millage proposals to be decided by a vote of the people on Monday, Nov. 18, 7:55 p.m., Dunstee Jr. High.

Oct. 29, 8 p.m., Wm. Grace, Nov. 4, 8 p.m., Cloverdale, Nov. 4, 8 p.m., Middlebelt, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Shilavasee, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Shilavasee, Nov. 10, 3 p.m., East Jr. High (Dedication).

Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Farmington Jr. High, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Flanders, Nov. 12, 7:45 p.m., Farmington Sr. High, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., Alhambra (Dedication), Nov. 13, 8 p.m., Highland, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Longacre.

Three Twp. Public Hearings Slated Tonight

Three public hearings will be held tonight, Thursday, Oct. 24, before the Township Zoning Board at its regular meeting at the Township Hall.

One of these hearings will be on proposed revisions in those sections of the Township's Zoning Ordinance covering agricultural uses of land in residentially zoned areas of the community.

Sections of the ordinance are proposed to be changed to not only better regulate farming and crop growing activities but also the operating of nurseries and greenhouses and horse riding and boarding stables and the keeping of farm animals in areas zoned residential.

The matter has been under study and discussion now before the Zoning Board for several months. The changes at originally proposed met with strong objections from many citizens and have now been substantially revised.

THE OTHER two hearings will be on requests for rezoning.

One of the rezoning requests seeks a change in zoning from single family residential to multiple housing of a 7.03-acre strip of land along Independence Street from Oxford to Colwell Street. An 87-unit apartment development is proposed for this property, near the corner of the new Botsford General Hospital now under construction.

The second rezoning request involves a small piece of property on an Albion Street north of Nine Mile Road. Sucher Manufacturing seeks to have the property rezoned from residential to light industrial.

Torch Drive Campaign Here Nears '63 Goal

Farmington's 1963 Torch Drive Campaign is well under way with \$10,165.90 collected to date, it was announced by Donald Schlick, Farmington Division Chairman, and her Co-Chairman Mrs. Bayard Tupper.

Residential solicitation on foot for \$2,955.90, and \$210 has been collected from Farmington community business.

APPROXIMATELY two-thirds of the 1963 goal of \$15,950 has been collected.

With the assistance of beautiful weather, the drive got off to a flying start on October 16, when approximately 100 solicitors began calling on the residents of Farmington \$6,741.37 was collected on the first day in the four hours of the drive.

"Because of the continued generosity of Farmington Area residents, we will continue to do our share in supporting the 1963 Health, Help, and Character Torch Drive campaign which is a part of the United Foundation," Mrs. Schlick stated.

Twp. Auto Accident Seriously Injures 2

Harold C. Schaffer, 66, of 23255 Pimlico Ct. in Farmington was seriously injured in a two-car auto accident Sunday, October 20, on Orchard Lake Road near Pimlico.

Schaffer's car collided with one driven by Ruth Roberts, 40, of 18643 Mendota in Detroit, who also received serious injuries. Roberts was taken to Redford Community Hospital for treatment.

Over \$5 Million Worth of Building Activity Started in Third Quarter

Building permits for over \$5 million worth of new building construction and additions and remodeling work on existing buildings were issued by the Farmington City and Township building departments during the three month period from July 1 through Sept. 30, of this year.

Almost 60 per cent of this total which gave the community a record dollar volume building quarter for any quarter in recent years was the result of one permit. This was the permit issued for the new Botsford General Hospital which is now under construction directly north of the Botsford Inn grounds on Grand River Avenue. A value of \$3 million has been placed on the building.

The valuation on the balance of the building permits issued by the Township during the third quarter rise \$1,281,968 making the Township's grand total in building permit values for the quarter \$1,284,968.

The total dollar value placed on all building activities in the City for the third quarter for

which permits were issued ran \$881,623.

Of this City total substantially more than half was the result of permits being taken out for two good sized commercial construction projects. One was a permit for the new National Bank of Detroit building valued at \$250,000 and the other a permit for the proposed new Brooklake Club Apts. development. A start on the apartment development has been held up due to a court case started against the City for re-zoning of

During the third quarter of this year new single family home construction in both the City and Township was off substantially from what it had been for the first half of this year. It was also down from the third quarter figures for the 1962 building year.

PERMITS FOR 45 new single family homes were issued by the Township during the period from July 1 through Sept. 30 this year with the total value of these homes set at \$283,308. Permits for only 11 new homes were issued in the City with the value on them set at \$227,645.

In the third quarter, the Township also issued one permit for a new industrial building valued at \$30,000 and five permits for additions to commercial buildings at a \$22,650 total value figure. The City gave permits for three commercial additions valued at \$7,000.

A SUBSTANTIAL number of new residential garages were built and additions and improvements made to homes during the third quarter in the Township. Permits for 34 garages valued at \$40,280 were issued.

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THE TORCH DRIVE in Farmington is well under way with approximately two-thirds of the 1963 goal of \$15,950 already collected. Pictured above receiving the contributions for the United Foundation Campaign are (L. to R.) Mrs. Verne May, Mrs. Arthur Maurer (Regional Chairman), Mr. James Thorne (Community Business Secretary) and Donald Schlick (Division Chairman). The local drive opened on October 16.

Brown Heading Co. Community College Comm.

A new campaign to get a community college in Oakland County got under way last week with the organization of a new Community College Citizens Committee.

At a meeting of key citizens in the county in Pontiac last week, Wendell Brown of Ardmore Street in Farmington Township was elected chairman of this newly formed group.

Other officers are Mrs. George Mosher of Birmingham, vice chairman; Harold J. Southwick of Pontiac, secretary; and Leslie Frick of Southfield, treasurer.

TWO EARLY meetings of the Citizens Committee are scheduled to be devoted to a study of the laws under which community colleges may be established and a review of the community college study made in 1952.

Representatives from all 10 township districts in Oakland County are being sought for the committee. At the initial organizational meeting only 15 of the county's 30 districts were represented.

The next meeting of the Community College Citizens Committee will be held on Monday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Redford Community Hospital for treatment.

Human Relations Topic Monday to be Housing

The second in a series of interfaith dialog discussions on human relations will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Monday, October 28, at 8:15 p.m.

The church is located at 26165 Farmington Road, at Eleven Mile Road.

The topic to be discussed will be housing. This has proven to be a highly controversial issue in the past, and a lively discussion is expected.

The speakers for Monday night's program will be Beulah T. Whitby and Irving J. Rubin. Mrs. WHITBY is a graduate of Oberlin College and has a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and a certificate from the New York School of Social Work of Columbia University. She has functioned as the assistant director of the former Detroit Mayor's Inter-racial Committee, and the present Committee on Community Relations.

She is a member of the Executive Board of the Detroit Urban League, Detroit Council of Churches, Public Affairs Committee of the Council of Churches, Metropolitan Board of Directors of Detroit YWCA and member of the Board of Trustees of Metropolitan Hospital. Since 1955 she has been an instructor in the Department of Sociology at Mercy School and at present chairman of the department.

RUBIN RECEIVED his bachelor's degree in political science from Wayne State University in 1955, after serving two years in the U.S. Army and managing a department store in Flint, Mich.

At present he is executive assistant to the director of the City of Farmington.

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Library Getting Big Donation

The Farmington Public Library building fund-treasurer is soon to become \$5,500 richer.

The Farmington Area Community House Association, which has now dissolved decided recently to turn over the money in its treasury to the library and to first get permission to do so from both the City Council and the Township Board as required in the association's by-laws.

Last night the Township Board followed the City Council's lead by granting approval for the use of these funds in that manner.

Mailbox Misuse Major Offense

Parents of the Farmington area are being asked by local postal officials to caution their children on the seriousness of misusing and tampering with mail collection boxes.

"They pointed out that some mail has already been damaged by this malicious practice. Fortunately, however, the addresses were not obliterated to the point where delivery could not be made. Postmaster Henry Brown said.

He emphasized the fact that tampering with mail boxes and their contents is a serious Federal offense as well as civic offense.

Persons observing anyone placing anything other than a mail in collection boxes or tampering with them are urged to call the postal post office. Such offenses are not only punishable but offenders may be apprehended and corrective action taken.

Heavy Signup Of New Voters

If new voter registrations are any indication, interest in the forthcoming special school election on Nov. 18 is running high.

The Farmington Township clerk's office reported Tuesday that more than 1700 new voters had been registered by them since the middle part of September. They also reported a big turnout on the last day of registering which was Monday when they signed up over 25 new voters.

City Clerk Trena Quinn reported that over 4000 new voters on the last three days for registering to qualify as a voter in the school election.

The total registration in the Township now stands at near the 13,500 mark. The total number of registered voters in the City is 3,855.