

Twp. Board Favors Lower Speed Limits Near Schools

The Farmington Township Board voted unanimously to draft a resolution urging Michigan lawmakers to act favorably on a bill to provide existing legislation for local authorities to use in establishing lower speed limits in school zones. The resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the board Monday evening, March 9.

House Bill No. 382, which would permit local authorities to decrease speed limits around schools to not less than 15 miles an hour during school hours, recently came out of the state legislature. The bill is now under consideration by legislators in the Michigan house of representatives.

TOWNSHIP BOARD Trustee Earl Oppenheimer asked that the board's support of this proposed bill in the legislature be communicated to Representatives Farrel Roberts and Governor George Romney at the state capital in Lansing.

The belief that such a bill was under consideration in the state legislature first came to the attention of local officials at a meeting held last week on the subject of traffic safety problems in the township.

Robert Osgood of the Oakland County Road Commission, one of the principal speakers at the March 3 meeting on traffic safety, stated he had heard the proposed bill (No. 382) was under consideration in the legislature.

Regal Orchard Sewer Project Up in the Air

The Farmington Township Board agreed to allow residents of Regal Orchards subdivision at Friday, March 20, to file written objections to the proposed establishment of a special assessment district to finance the construction of sanitary sewer facilities.

The board took the action at their regular meeting Monday night, March 9, when property owners from Regal Orchards registered protest against the \$100,000 project.

Although both public hearings concerning the proposed district have already been staged, the board agreed to delay their decision on establishment of the special assessment district until objections could be reviewed.

The property owners objecting to the proposed district represent at least 51 percent of the total land area in Regal Orchards subdivision before the proceedings can legally be nullified. Only those property owners who register formal written objection to the proposed sanitary sewer project, in the form of letters signed by the property owners of record, are accepted as bona fide under state law.

Easter Hams To Be Given

Each year several area families who will be shopping in the Downtown Farmington business section from now through March 21 will be receiving free hams for their Easter dinners on the following Sunday, March 22.

A group of ten business places in the downtown commercial area are each offering free hams to some lucky customer who will be visiting their store.

Every reader of the paper over 15 years of age has an opportunity to win a ham for the family. There is nothing to buy and no other obligations. All you have to do is fill out the "Easter Egg" coupons in the special Easter Ham Contest advertisement appearing in this week's edition of The Farmington Enterprise and deposit them at the respective stores of the sponsoring merchant of each "egg coupon."

Each store will draw its own winners after the contest closing time at 6 p.m., March 21, and contact the winner from their store personally telling them where to pick up their free ham.

Stores participating in the contest this year are: A & P Super Market, Bradley Rexall Drug, Corcoran's Super Market, Farmington Cleaners, Farmington Sausage Center, Hinkles of Farmington, Pennywise Discount Store, Scotts 5 & 10c, Towne Toggery and White House Valet.

Turn to Page 5B and start filling out the coupons.

Repeat Performance Due for Speech Cast

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Teachers of speech and related arts from many school districts in southeastern Michigan will be very interested in viewing the project for possible use in their own schools, according to Lloyd Smith, chairman of the MEA section meeting for speech, radio and drama.

Safety Problem Aired in Detail By School Bd.

There was rather lengthy general discussion at the Farmington Board of Education meeting Monday night with regard to the safety problems which exist for children who must walk along main artery roads getting to and from schools.

While all board members were in agreement that some rather serious problems did exist there appeared to be varied opinions as to how to solve them financially and otherwise. The school board should get in trying to solve all these problems.

TRUSTEE Vernon Fisher indicated that he felt it might be necessary for the school district to spend as much as \$30,000 to get necessary school amber caution blinker lights to put up near schools on main artery roads to get the speeds being traveled by motorists reduced. He then raised the question as to whether crossing guards might also be required in addition to these blinker lights. The general feeling was that such guards would not be needed in addition to the flashers.

Some members of the board questioned whether the school district would even be justified in spending a substantial amount of money for the flashers alone.

Board President Leland Clifford was of the opinion that traffic and pedestrian safety away from schools was more the township's responsibility than the school board's and Vice President Dick Peters agreed to be in general agreement with him on this. Peters indicated, however, that he felt that every effort possible should be made to solve the problems in cooperation with the township.

THERE WAS some discussion relative to how much the school district "should" get involved in obtaining easements and providing walks for children to use in getting to and from schools safely. A resident from the City of Farmington See SAFETY PROBLEM Column 5, Page 8A

Bd. of Commerce Meet Mar. 31

A meeting of the general membership of the Farmington Board of Commerce has been called for Tuesday evening, March 31, by action of the board of directors.

It will be a buffet dinner meeting to be held at the Park House Frontier Town on Grand River Avenue with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Members of the board of directors will be calling on you shortly with tickets for this meeting.

Complete program details have not yet been worked out but a major item of business will be to discuss various possible projects and activities which the Board of Commerce can undertake during 1964. Since the first of the year a number of possible projects have been under consideration by members of the board of directors who have been meeting weekly.

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FARMINGTON EXCHANGE CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY 1924-1964

NOW UNDER STUDY \$5.3 Million School Operating Budget Set

A proposed operating budget for the Farmington School District for the 1964-65 school year is running approximately a half million dollars higher than the estimated total expenditures for this current school year is now under study by members of the board of education.

The budget, as prepared by Supl. G. V. Harrison and his administrative staff, calls for expenditures totaling \$5,388,648 for next year. This year's expenditures, as currently estimated, will run just under \$4,858,000.

The bulk of the increase is necessary to provide for additional teaching personnel, supplies and equipment which will be needed to satisfy substantial enrollment increases which are expected and are almost certain to come.

HARRISON'S proposed budget was prepared based on a state equalized valuation for the school district of \$105 million. Last year's budget was prepared on the basis of a \$100 million state equalized valuation for the district. Only an estimated valuation figure can be used in preparing the budget since it must be filed with the county prior to the time actual equalized valuations are set. Filing with the county tax allocation board is required by April 15.

The bulk of the money proposed to be spent for operations during the coming year is earmarked for salaries for teachers, principals and counselors. The budget has \$4,179,492 set aside for pay for personnel in these categories which is over \$400,000 more than the amount spent for this personnel during the current school year. Salaries for district administrators have been set at \$58,000 which is approximately \$9,000 above the amount being spent for administrative salaries this year.

THE PROPOSED budget calls for an expenditure of nearly \$150,000 for the operations of the ever growing number of school buildings in the district. This year's plant operations expenditure is running at \$145,000.

Most of the money to satisfy this proposed budget will come from two sources. Based on a 90 percent tax collection and assuming that the \$105 million state equalized valuation estimated is correct, a sum of \$2,631,595 in local taxes will be received. Another \$2,658,953 has been estimated to be forthcoming from state school aid payments.

Supl. Harrison expressed hope that the board would be ready to take action on his proposed budget at its next regular meeting on March 23 or by no later than the first of April at a special session.

Exchange Club Fetes Four 40 Year Members

Forty years ago approximately 25 local Farmington business and professional men met and formed the Farmington Exchange Club. Over the past 40 years the club has been very active and has grown to be one of the largest service clubs in this community.

The club's first president was Olin Russell. There are now approximately 33 past presidents on the club's roster.

Among the originally chartered membership there are still four active members and the club recently honored them at a 40th anniversary celebration at the Boleford Inn. Approximately 150 turned out for the 40th anniversary celebration and to help the charter members mark this memorable occasion.

DEVERE FLEMING, Harrison Johnson and Art Lamb were presented with an inscribed barometer plaque for their outstanding service to the club over the past 40 years. John Clark, the fourth charter member who is presently vacationing in Florida, will be honored at a later date.

Each of the four charter members are past presidents of the club and have been active on various committees and have served as chairmen of many functions. Art Lamb is presently serving as club treasurer and has held this position for many years now. He was the club's president in 1928.

A couple of the many projects which the Exchange Club is undertaking are: a new addition to the club building and a new addition to the club building.

See EXCHANGE CLUB Column 1, Page 8A

To Survey All Apt. Dwellers

Special questionnaires will be going out this week and the early part of next to all families presently living in apartments in the City of Farmington. City Manager John Dinan reported Tuesday.

All apartment residents are urged to fill out the questionnaires and return them. The information obtained on the questionnaires will be an important part of the detailed study presently being conducted by the planning commission relative to how many apartment units a community can support and what benefits communities derive from apartments. The city manager said.

The way the project has been set up, no individual identification will be possible, he assured.

The sociological sub-committee of the total apartment study committee seeks only to get some general information from such a survey, Dinan said. General questions such as the age of apartment dwellers and their occupations, the types of dwelling they previously lived in and where, the general category of their income and how many cars they have will be asked.

They will also be asked to indicate why they chose to live in apartments.

Milkman Is Injured As Car Rams Truck

A Farmington Township man was seriously injured Saturday, March 7, when the milk truck he was driving was struck from the rear by a car as both vehicles were heading south on Middlebelt near Astor Street.

Taken to Redford Community Hospital for treatment of injuries was George A. Beach, 50, 2841 Westmoreland Drive in Farmington. He was the driver of the milk truck.

The driver of the other vehicle, Dean E. Mathews, 25 of 27393 Whitcomb Drive in Livonia, was ticketed by Farmington Township Police for failing to stop in an "unsafe" condition.

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Co. Road Improvement Program for '64 in Twp. Revealed at Bd. Meeting

The Farmington township board received official notification from the Oakland County road commission at their regular meeting Monday night, March 9, of improvements scheduled to be made on primary roads in the township during 1964.

In a full report sent to township clerk Floyd A. Cairns, the board of county road commissioners revealed that three primary roads, Middlebelt, Halsted and Farmington roads, were all scheduled to come under the county's 1964 road improvement program.

THE COST of improving the three roads in Farmington Township will be entirely absorbed by the county.

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall read the report on scheduled road improvements in the township at the Monday night board meeting.

Halsted Road will be improved from old Grand River Avenue north to 12 Mile Road. A 24-inch x 22-foot-wide bituminous aggregate or black top surface will be installed on this section of roadway. The construction period is expected to open in June and run through August of this year.

HALSTED ROAD underwent preparatory work last summer for the black topping construction planned by the county this year.

On Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads, the county plans to black top the road surface. The same 24-inch x 22-foot-wide bituminous aggregate asphalt paving is called for on Farmington Road as on Halsted Road.

The widening of Middlebelt Road, between old Grand River Avenue and Eight Mile Road, from the existing two-lane pavement to a four-lane concrete roadway with new curbing and a new bridge is planned to get under way in June and is expected to be completed in October.

THE MIDDLEBELT Road section to be improved crosses the branch of the Rouge River just south of the intersection of fifth lane will be added to Middlebelt Road immediately north of Eight Mile Road which will match up with the section of Middlebelt in Wayne County.

See ROAD PROGRAM Column 2, Page 8A

Planners Favor Rezoning for Office Uses

By a vote of 5-1 Monday night, the Farmington City Planning Commission voted to recommend to the city council the rezoning from one family residential to office district classification of the 1.2 acre parcel of land owned by Devere Fleming on Freedom Drive west of Farmington Road.

The Planning Commission first asked to be rezoned to permit approximately 15 deluxe apartment units but the request met with vigorous objection from a majority of the homeowners in Alta Loma Subdivision. A substantial number of the homeowners also voiced opposition to rezoning the land to professional offices as proposed now at an earlier public hearing. It is their feeling that nothing but single family homes comparable in value to their's should be allowed on this parcel.

THE ONLY planner present at Monday night's meeting who voted against recommending the zoning change was Carl Boehnke who lives in Alta Loma Subdivision. John Allen, local architect who had worked on building plans for the owner of this property in the past, also was present.

See CITY REZONING Column 4, Page 8A

Lincolnshire Plat OK'd by Bd.

The Farmington Township Board took action at its March 9 meeting approving the final plat for Lincolnshire subdivision, east of Middlebelt Road between 13 and 12 Mile roads.

March 31 was set as the date for public hearings on proposed sanitary sewers in Holly Hill subdivisions 2, 3 and 4.

Action was also taken at Monday night meeting authorizing the township's firm of consulting engineers, Pate, Hirm and Bogas, to provide the preliminary engineering and estimate on water facilities for Meadowbrook Hills subdivision. The engineers were also authorized to provide cost estimates on sanitary sewers for Heather Hills subdivision.

Applicants for Canvass Boards Not Coming In

New state legislation requires that all governmental bodies set up separate boards of canvassers to canvass the voting district. The legislation also requires that all governmental bodies provide with which to come up with qualified applicants for these boards.

Indications are that all local governmental officials are finding it difficult to get applicants. The law requires that the canvassers be bona fide residents of the ward made up of two Democrats and two Republicans.

City Clerk Treva Quinn reported that as of the first of this week she had only three applicants and Township Clerk Floyd Cairns stated that he had not received any applications as yet.

Supl. of Schools G. V. Harrison reported at the regular board of education meeting Monday night that only three had picked up applications from his office and that only one of these three had returned their applications completed.

All three governmental bodies indicated that they will be working more diligently in an effort to get applications. Another plan is being made to present to a board of canvassers.

Twp. Civic Assn. To Elect New Officers

New officers for the 1964-65 fiscal year will be elected at the next regular meeting of the South Farmington Township Civic Association to be held next week on today, Thursday, March 19.

The meeting and election will be held at the usual meeting place at the township fire hall on Wheeler Street, one block east of Middlebelt Road and just north of Grand River Avenue. All members of the association are urged to be present for the meeting which will start at 8 p.m.

Okay Gill School Addition Plan, 'Basic' Plan for NFHS

The Farmington Board of Education took action Monday night approving final plans and specifications for a 24 classroom addition to the Gill Road elementary school and gave a go ahead on the development of final plans for a 24 classroom addition at North Farmington High.

Action on the Gill Road addition came following general discussion with Architect J. MacDonell Jacobs on one or two details to be settled in connection with the project. The architect was instructed to be ready to submit a final set of plans by Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. set as the time for opening bids.

On the North Farmington High project two sets of preliminary plans had been submitted to the board at its last regular meeting by Architect Lynn Smith. One called for a 24 classroom addition and the other for a 24 classroom addition with a section in that that would be comparable to the existing building.

THE BOARD'S vote in favor of the basic 24 classroom addition for North Farmington High was unanimous. It was made very clear by board members' action that they were in total agreement that an \$80,000 to \$100,000 additional expenditure for a classroom-auditorium combination section in the proposed addition would not be justified even though the latter has a strong desire to have an auditorium in the school district.

One of the problems which had to be settled in connection with the Gill Road School addition was with regard to the sewage disposal system. It is not expected that the Tarasius sewer system which will serve the southern portion of the township will be ready before December 1 of this year.

Plans call for the addition to the Gill Road School to be completed and ready for use by the start of the school year in September. The decision was in favor of providing a sewage storage tank on a temporary basis until additional expenditure can be made. The architect had obtained estimates to do this and indicated that the cost would be around \$1,500.

See SCHOOL PLANS Column 4, Page 8A

Name New Elem. Phys. Ed. Instructor

Action was taken by the Farmington Board of Education Monday night approving the appointment of Dennis M. Ambro, a graduate of Wayne State University, as an elementary physical education instructor in the school system.

He was named to replace William Conner who is resigning to go into business.



LION QUARTERBACK MILT PLUM is shown in the picture, at left, accepting the keys to the new Farmington headquarters for the YMCA from the Center Company owner Norm Lawson. The new YMCA headquarters will be located in the house at right, being inspected by (L to R) Don Cardwell and



Jack Cotton. The large frame house located on the north side of Grand River Avenue just west of Drake Road is owned by Lawson and is considered to be ideally suited for the YMCA's use. Cotton and the Detroit Lions football star, Plum, have been key figures in the local YMCA movement.