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Special Investigating Committee Named To Study Library Expansion

Five-Member City - Township Group Appointed At Joint Library Meeting Held Tuesday Night

A joint five member investigating committee has been organized to study the possible expansion and operation of the City - Township Library.

The committee was appointed during a public meeting held Tuesday evening in the Municipal Court Room at which members of the City Council, Township Board, Masonic Lodge, Library Board and Friends of the Library, were present. Appointment of a committee was suggested as a method of investigating further the many proposals and suggestions offered during the meeting. The committee is composed of Edgerly Mossman, chairman; Fred Mearns, George Stoll, representing the Library Board; Harold Whiting, representing the Friends of the Library; Ernest Blanchard, representing the Township Board; and James Cavannah, representing the City Council.

THE MEETING was opened by Mayor Kern Loomis, who outlined the purpose of the committee. Loomis suggested that the city and township each secure an appraiser and that they select a third appraiser in order to establish a value for the present town library building. He further suggested that if all parties are interested, that the city purchase an equal interest with the township in the property, exclusive of that owned by the Masonic Lodge. Loomis also suggested that an addition might be constructed on the west side of the present building for a library building. With the architecture of the Town Hall. The Mayor pointed out that the present building could be used as a community center if the township decides to move its offices.

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UF To Appoint Drive Chairman

Selection of a campaign chairman is expected to be the principal business at a special meeting of the United Fund and Community Chest to be held Thursday evening at the home of Alfred Bastian, executive director of the United Fund.

A special committee was appointed several weeks ago to secure a nominee for the chairman's post and to submit their recommendations to the board of directors. According to the committee, a report will be submitted at the meeting for board action.

The board is also expected to select personnel to carry out special United Fund activities, as well as complete the organization of some standing committees. Representatives of the various organizations are also expected to be appointed by the board.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE MOST COMMON . . . scene around the Farmington area these days is a steam shovel, ditch digger or bulldozer working away like mad, tearing up the earth to make way for a new building or a new subdivision. A number of busy mops and machines at work - building. The Alta Loma Park subdivision is now under way, progress is being made on the Bel-Aire and Warner Farms developments, work is continuing on four or five new subdivisions. In the north end of the township, a new subdivision on South Farmington Road, and footings are being poured for the new Bell Telephone building on Grand River at Power. Things are happening and fast better in our own front yards.

THINGS WERE BETTER . . . at the Annual School Elections on Monday, but we still can't do much about. According to our figuring approximately 75% of the registered voters in the Farmington School District turned out to vote at the polls, while about 45% of the registered voters in the Clarenceville District made the trip. This is several percentage points higher than last year, but it is a long, long way from majority rule. There is one thing about it, however, that is a great deal of complaining, this coming from the voters who have voted in the past.

ACCORDING TO POLICE . . . a few of our boys and girls have been getting a little bit off the track in trying to carry out some of the activities being presented by some of the recent presentations. These youths would save themselves plenty of trouble if they would see the show through to the end, or if they do, to remember the conclusion. "Trying to outsmart the law is a rugged proposition and the end is always disastrous. That one mistake on your record will go with you the rest of your life. You can't just rub it off! TV has much to offer in wholesome, constructive entertainment. It pays in more ways than one, to take advantage of it."

A LOT OF RED FACES . . . were shown up in town this week and it isn't from embarrassment. It was the result of an afternoon of fun at the Little League and Babe Ruth League diamonds. In spite of the burning sun and humid heat a good crowd was on hand to witness the activities last Saturday afternoon. We were a little disappointed in the appearance of the Babe Ruth League, but the stands were pretty well filled for the Little League double header. Rain intervened before the second game were completed, but it was a big afternoon, just the same. We don't want to take anything away from the Little League, but the Babe Ruth Leagueurs will be mighty split up on all and they are well worth looking over. So why not get down to the city park and the high school field and watch both leagues in action. You'll be glad you did!

VOTERS APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROPOSALS

Officials Study Proposed New City Zoning Map



Nolan W. Moore, left, City Clerk, asks John Harris, chairman of the City Planning Commission, a question about the proposed zoning map now on display at the Municipal Building. The map has been prepared by Malcolm Waring, planning consultant, working with the City Planning Commission. The map is to accompany a proposed new zoning ordinance which will be drafted by the Commission.

City Planning Commission Schedules Public Discussion On Zoning Revision

Planners To Explain Proposal To Residents At Continuous Discussion In City Hall June 26

Arrangements are now being completed by the City Planning Commission for a public presentation and discussion of the proposed zoning ordinance. The decision to hold the presentation was made at the regular meeting of the Commission last Wednesday evening. According to the plan, Malcolm Waring, planning consultant, as well as other members of the Commission, will be present at the Municipal Building from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. on June 26 to explain and discuss the zoning map with interested citizens.

Adopt Procedure For Special Vote At Clarenceville

School Building Issue To Be Voted On July 19

At a special meeting of the Clarenceville School Board, held last Saturday, approval was given to a detailed resolution setting the procedures for the special bond election to be held July 19.

The election is being called to determine whether or not the voters of the District will approve a \$250,000 school building expansion program. The program includes additions at two and possibly three elementary schools. The estimated cost covers the additions as well as related sites and classroom equipment.

Two proposals will be presented to the voters at the special election. One will seek permission to borrow the sum of \$350,000 for sites, equipment and additions and to issue bonds in that amount; the other proposal involves the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against the property in the District. It is being proposed that

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Farmington, Clarenceville To Hold Commencement Exercises Thursday

A total of 111 seniors of the Farmington High School and 80 of the Clarenceville High School will participate in Commencement Exercises Thursday, June 17, at the Municipal Auditorium.

The Farmington program, which is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p. m., will be opened with a professional with Bonnie Blakely, with the invocation and Benediction. The invocation and Benediction will be given by Rev. Richard Geiger, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Farmington. John Rosenboom will present the Salutatory address, followed by two selections from the choir. The President's address will be given by Thomas Jessly, O. P. E. The program will be introduced James Lewis, commencement speaker, who will talk on the subject, "The People."

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The high school band will play "Pomp and Circumstance" for the Recessional, which will close the exercises.

Council To Hear Sewer And Water Extension Report

Progress On Bonding Proposals To Be Given

A report on the bonding procedures for sewer and water extensions in the city is expected to be ready for presentation at the next regular meeting of the Council Monday evening, James Tennant, City Manager, announced this week.

City officials have been conferring with Claude Stevens, bond attorney, on the details of the procedures. The proposed bond issue will cover sewer facilities from the high school as well as the tie-in of the Bel-Aire Subdivision Sewer Water facilities within the subdivision area being installed by the developer.

REPORTS are being made to allow a small portion of the bond issue for the additional water supply. Tennant stated that the bond issue will be drilled on the east side of the city, and that the bond issue provided at Oakland and Gill Road is approved by the state.

If this can not be done, a bond issue will be made on the east side of the 33 acre city parcel located south of the Cut-Off and west of Farmington Road.

Approximately \$65,000 has been estimated in the bonded capital outlay budget for the sewer and water main extension. It is tentatively planned that the financing will be handled on a revenue bond basis.

The cost estimates are expected to be completed the latter part of June. As soon as the estimates have been secured, the Council will proceed with the adoption of a bond ordinance. A vote of the bond issue is not required for this bond issue.

Amended Resolution Based On Dollar Pledge

An amendment to the 1954 School Bond Resolution, as drawn up by the bond attorney, was passed by the Farmington Township School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The amended resolution substitutes a dollar pledge for the former pledge based on the county-wide millage as equalized. This will eliminate the possibility of a higher tax levy should state equalizations be used at a future date. It is the opinion of the Attorney General that the spread of tax should be based on state equalized valuation. The Municipal Finance Commission notified Superintendent of Schools O. E. Durbach.

New Alta Loma Subdivision Opens

Announcement is being made this week of the official opening of Alta Loma Park Subdivision in the southern section of the City of Farmington.

Devere Fleming, developer of the new subdivision, stated that Alta Loma Park will include approximately 100 home sites with a minimum width of 100 feet. The subdivision plan calls for one-floor, custom-built ranch homes. Alta Loma Park is located six blocks west of Farmington Road and is bounded by Alta Loma on the north, Gill Road on the west, the Grand River Cut-Off on the south and Cass Avenue on the east.

The subdivision stated that the plan for the first unit has been completed, sewer and water installations have been completed, and streets and sidewalks are now under construction. The first unit will be on the east side of the subdivision. Construction of homes will begin this month with sites available only to individuals and custom builders. Fleming stated that all plans must conform to the right restrictions of the subdivision.

THE PIM of Carl H. Wilmont was again appointed as school auditor.

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Over 280 Entries In 'Flowerama'

A total of 284 single entries as well as a number of displays from high school and elementary school students were featured at the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show, entitled "Flowerama," held at the new high school building.

Mrs. Howard L. Richards, president of the Farmington Garden Club, stated that 147 individuals were present at the show. The judges, who came from other communities, used the point system in determining the award winners. The award presentation was as follows: article arrangements, 88 entries with 18 first, 17 seconds, 16 thirds and 12 honorable mentions; horticulture, 224 entries with 12 firsts, 15 seconds, and 9 thirds; junior gardeners, 71 entries with 20 firsts, 22 seconds, 10 thirds and 9 honorable mentions.

A special award was given to the Farmington Schools, by unanimous action of the judges, for their outstanding contribution to "Flowerama." An interesting floral display was prepared by the Junior High School students while the elementary schools presented classroom projects in horticulture, conservation, and flower arrangements. Mrs. Arthur L. Schaldenbrand, general chairman of the show, commented on the fine setting provided by the new high school.

Incumbent Board Trustees Elected At Farmington And Clarenceville

Voters of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts overwhelmingly approved the two special education proposals presented at the Annual School Elections Monday.

A comparatively light vote was recorded in both Districts, although it topped last year's total. In the Farmington District, 447 votes were cast out of an estimated registration of approximately 5,000. The vote in last year's election totaled 375. In the Clarenceville District, 160 elections went to the polls out of approximately 3,500 registered voters. The vote in Clarenceville last year was 69.

The two questions regarding education facilities and instruction for handicapped children throughout Oakland County carried by a wide majority in the Farmington District. The proposal requesting permission for the county to come under the provisions of the special education act was approved 129 to 56, with 8 ballots spoiled. The proposition seeking authority to levy a tax of one-half of one mill to finance the program was approved by a vote of 159 to 17. The second proposition was approved by a vote of 143 to 17. A simple majority on both proposals was required for passage.

Novi Man Killed In Auto Accident On Middlebelt

Eleven Persons Injured In Week End Crashes

One person was killed and eleven others injured in a total of five reported auto accidents in the Farmington area during the past week.

The fatality was Donald R. Neely, 19, of 18312 Grand River in Novi, who was killed in a head-on collision with a 1953 Ford sedan on Middlebelt near Ten Mile. Neely was thrown out of a jeep in which he was riding when a fire blew out the engine of the jeep, and he died shortly afterward at Redford Receiving Hospital from head and internal injuries.

Donald J. Byrne of 21726 Waldron, driver of the jeep, on a return trip from a tree spraying job, suffered head and internal injuries also.

IN A COLLISION late Friday afternoon on Northwestern and Middlebelt, two others were injured. Shirley Kaiser suffered lacerations of the right leg and Willard Lee, lacerations of the head. Lee was injured when a vehicle stopped on Northwestern waiting to make a left turn was rammed by another from behind.

On Saturday four year old Patrick Jean of Farmington Township was injured slightly in a crash at Fourteen Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. The crash occurred when the car in which she was riding failed to stop for the stop sign while traveling east on Fourteen Mile and crashed into another vehicle going south on Orchard Lake Road.

JCC TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS SATURDAY NIGHT

Newly elected officers of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will be officially installed at the Annual Banquet of the organization, to be held Saturday evening at Hickory Hills Country Club.

Robert Clarke will be installed as the new Farmington Jaycee president for the year 1954-55. Other new officers to be installed include: William Conroy, first vice-president; Donald Piersch, second vice-president; Charles Bridges, secretary; and Paul Braunstein, treasurer. New members of the Board of Directors are John Conroy and Paul Thomas, resigning president.

Youth Starts Fire With Road Flares

Farmington City Police last week apprehended a 14-year-old youth on charges of grand larceny and fire damage to the Farmington High School band house and a school bus.

The youth, whose name is being withheld because of his age, is being turned over to Oakland County Juvenile authorities. According to Police Chief Joseph Dievrecht, the boy is being charged with taking binoculars, a knife and several road flares from an auto parked near the Methodist Church. He allegedly took several flares from a 1953 Buick. The flares were found in the youth's school desk while the knife was recovered from a receptacle at the school.

Dievrecht stated that the youth lit one of the flares and tossed it into the coil bin of the band house a week ago. Last Friday evening, he allegedly took several more flares from one of the school buses, burning a hole in the side of the band house as well as attempting to set fire to one of the buses. The fire department was called to the scene.

Bound For Girl Scout Camp-O-Ree



Camp-O-Ree bound for Bishop Lake near Brighton Friday afternoon were Girl Scouts of Troop 171 and several other Farmington Troops. Pictured above, loading their gear into a bus in front of the First Baptist Church, are (left to right) Mary Matson, Ann Hillings, Linda Layton and Mary Warner. The outgoing schedule for the camp is being held until Sunday afternoon. Due to short when the girls were forced to break camp Saturday afternoon due to the bad wind and rain storm.

PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR NEW MERCHANTS GROUP

Plans have been completed for the initial membership drive of the newly organized Farmington Businessmen's Association. It was announced following a meeting of the group last week.

Phil Thomas, president of the new organization, stated that the drive will begin as soon as the membership drive has been completed. The organization is open to merchants and businessmen in the Farmington community. A committee of the group will handle the membership campaign.

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