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Robert Lindbert Elected Mayor At Organizational Meeting Of Council

New Council Appoints Financial Consultant To Assist With Water And Sewer Bond Proposal

The initial action at the first meeting of the new City Council Monday evening, was the election of Robert Lindbert as Mayor and the election of Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 1955-56.

Acting Mayor Tracy Conroy opened the meeting and presided during the election of officers. Immediately following the voting, Conroy turned the gavel over to Lindbert.

Property owners along Shawansee Street appeared before the Council to request action on the surfacing of the street. Because of the lack of funds in the city treasury and the fact that the road is not compacted sufficiently for paving, it was suggested that some temporary treatment be applied. The Council authorized the City Manager to spend up to \$1,000 for the application of a coat of bitumastic on Powers Road and any other streets that need it as a temporary measure. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that he would contact the Public Works Department will apply the treatment Tuesday to see if they could assist with the application. If this is not possible the city Public Works Department will apply the treatment Tuesday to see if they could assist with the application. If this is not possible the city Public Works Department will apply the treatment Tuesday to see if they could assist with the application.

Over 300 Sign-Up For Blood Bank

A total of 302 volunteer donors have signed up to date for the Tuesday, April 19, visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank, Mrs. Frank Lenz, chairman, reported Wednesday.

The blood bank will be set up Tuesday morning in the American Legion Memorial Home, Grand River opposite Lakeway, and will be open in the afternoon and evening from 1:45 to 7:45 p.m. Advance registrations will continue to be taken through next Monday at the booth in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank, 234 Orchard Building, the Township Office, Roy Plimton's Barber Shop, and the Farmington Enterprise office. Persons in the Clareville area may also register by calling Farmington 2074-W, 3149-J, 1124-J, 1212-W, or Kenwood 2-0688. Free transportation will be provided to the Farmington 2557. A baby sitter will also be available at the Legion Home to care for small children.

Mrs. Lenz stated that every effort is being made to make the blood bank a success. She expects to have a number of donors for Tuesday's bank. The newly organized Clareville Blood Bank is now recruiting donors for the Farmington blood bank. In the future they will conduct their own bank in the Clareville area.

Mrs. Lenz added that plans have been completed on the organization of local volunteers to assist in the blood bank. The project is being financed entirely by Federal Aid funds. The plans for the new building are being approved by the Clareville Board of Education, the State Department of Public Instruction, and the Federal Housing and Home Affairs Administration. An architect is the architect on the project.

Plan To Open Bids On School Project

Sealed bids on the construction of a new school building at the Edgewood Elementary School will be considered at a special meeting of the Clareville School Board Tuesday, April 19, at the high school building.

School officials indicated this week that considerable interest is expected in regard to the project. The bid will cover three phases of construction on the addition of four classrooms to the Edgewood School located on St. Francis Street. The project also includes a health room, office, storeroom, and a change in lavatory facilities.

Construction work on the addition will start in the latter part of April. The project is being financed entirely by Federal Aid funds. The plans for the new building are being approved by the Clareville Board of Education, the State Department of Public Instruction, and the Federal Housing and Home Affairs Administration. An architect is the architect on the project.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL. Is to a flying start Monday evening by transacting its business in the record time of less than three hours. In addition to handling a large number of items presented by citizens, the Council took action on several important items of legislation. It is expected that as the new Council members become more familiar with the affairs of the city the sessions will become somewhat longer. However, we hope that the pattern set Monday evening will become the rule and not the exception. It has not always been possible in the past to hold the length of the meetings down, but we hope, in the future, of efficiency and consideration for the general public, that this type of session will be cut to a minimum.

LIFE-GIVING BLOOD. Will be featured in abundance next Tuesday, April 19, during the semi-annual visit of the Red Cross Blood Bank to Farmington. According to the latest list of prospective donors, this should be one of the largest blood banks in the history of our community. We sincerely hope that many more citizens will be blood money. It is urgently needed both for private disaster and for the local "credit bank." So, if you haven't registered as yet, do it today. Registrations can be made through Monday by calling Mrs. Frank Lenz at Farmington 2074-W. Remember that the blood bank will be held this year at the American Legion Memorial Home, Grand River opposite Lakeway Avenue.

THE CHANGING SCENE. Always to be ever present in the Farmington area as the community continues to develop. On Monday the Farmington State Bank opened its new sidewalk windows on Grand River, and they have been attracting a goodly number of customers during the past few days. The new building is located on Gill Road, also announced the addition of a new book producing machine which will greatly increase their production facilities. Not to be outdone, The Enterprise has also changed its front entrance way, installed a new customer counter, and erected a permanent exterior awning on the customer counter. Many changes are taking place in this community of ours and you are invited to inspect all of them whenever convenient for you.

TOWNSHIP ALLOCATES \$50,000 IN BUDGET FOR ROADS

Plan Bi-Monthly Rubbish Pick-Ups In Township

The Farmington Township Board Tuesday afternoon unambiguously approved a motion establishing regular rubbish collections throughout the township every two months, with the new schedule to take effect as quickly as possible.

The action was taken following the receipt of a letter from Gus McCreedy to handle the six collections a year at a cost of \$5,400. The contract was awarded to McCreedy with provisions that he prepare a schedule of pick-ups at the earliest possible date. McCreedy informed the Board that he would arrange the schedule at once and have copies printed for distribution to all residents of the township.

It was proposed that the township be divided into sections for the purpose of the collections and that regular pick-up dates be specified for each area. McCreedy stated that he would distribute notices to each section well in advance of the collection advising the residents of the date when the pick-up trucks will be in the area.

THE STREETS were authorized to secure bids on the re-ordering of the main portion of the Township Hall as well as the section containing the township offices. The Board also directed that information be secured on the cost of new lighting fixtures in the main hall.



NEW OFFICES at the Farmington Town Hall get a carrying-over by Clayton Goers, Township Treasurer, and Miss Joan Macdonald, clerk. The four prefabricated office units, constructed on the south side of the large hall in the building, will relieve a critical office-space shortage. The offices will house the police department, building inspector, and some township clerks. The new units are in addition to the present offices located on the west side of the building and will not replace them.

City-Township Committee Advises Early Construction Of New Library Suggest Use Of Funds, Property From Estates Supplemented By Proposed 1/2 Mill Tax Levy

In a formal report to the Farmington City Council and the Township Board, the special Library Study Committee has recommended that funds from the Wilber and Carlisle Estates be designated for use at once for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new library.

The Committee has also recommended that the city and township should provide a proposal to levy a tax of 1/2 mill on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation to supplement the funds from the estates and to provide money for equipment and books and to pay the expenses of maintenance and operation. It is estimated that the new library, including a house and approximately three lots, is valued at about \$20,000, which, according to the will, is to be used for a new public library. It appears that at the present time the residue of the Wilber Estate consists of cash in the amount of \$23,228, and land contents in the amount of \$24,685, plus property and two houses located at 32913 and 33922 Grand River.

THE COMMITTEE has recommended that the Wilber property be designated as the site for the new library. The land area is 228 feet by 228 feet and extends along both Grand River and Shawansee streets. It is larger than the site for about 40 cars. The property could have access from both Grand River and Shawansee, and the two lots are adjacent to each other.

Children's Play Set For Saturday

"Robinson Crusoe Returns" will be presented by the Farmington High School Dramatic Club on Saturday evening, April 16, at the Farmington High School gymnasium with all proceeds going to the Farmington Dispensary School Parent-Teacher Association.

Two separate performances of this outstanding children's play will be presented on April 16. The first performance will be at 7:30 p.m. for the younger children with a second presentation set for 8:00 p.m. for the older boys and girls.

The play, taken from the story, "The Uninvited Guest," by Ruth Park, concerns one of Robinson Crusoe's dreams. It is a one-act comedy in the scene of the story, assisted by Mrs. Horace Stevens. The cast includes Mrs. Farrell Weber as Robinson Crusoe, Mrs. Wessley Orr, Mrs. Fred Hamilton, Mrs. George Mullin, Mrs. Charles Hannan and Mrs. Wendell Brown.

POLICE OK VOTING EQUIPMENT IN CITY AND TOWNSHIP

City and township officials stated Monday that ballot boxes and voting machines in the city and township are in good condition and are being held.

The inspection is being made by the State Board of Education in the presence of Governor Williams pending a probable recall of the voting in at least several contests for State office. The Governor has directed that all ballot boxes and voting machines be secured and held because of the closeness of the election of 1954. The State Board of Education and State Board of Agriculture.

INSTALL TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT COUZENS HWY., MIDDLEBELT

Two regulation traffic lights have been installed at the busy intersection of Northwest Highway and Middlebelt Road, in Farmington, by Farmington Township Fire Chief, reported Tuesday.

The lights were erected Monday on both the north and south lanes of Northwest Highway at the intersection with Middlebelt. Crews of the Oakland County Road Commission installed the lights.

New Home Building Continues At Near Record Level

The record volume of new home construction in Farmington City and Township area is continuing, according to the latest statistics on building permits issued during the first three months of 1955.

City officials report that March was the heaviest month of the first quarter with a total of 25 permits valued at \$1,100,000. During the same month in 1954 a total of 5 permits were issued with an estimated value of \$32,000. In January, nine new home permits were issued, carrying an estimated valuation of \$141,000, while in February a total of 4 permits were issued with an estimated value of \$59,000. During January of 1954, six permits were issued at an estimated cost of \$54,000, and in February of last year a total of nine permits were issued carrying an estimated value of \$95,000.

Commercial building in the city during the first three months of 1955 is also running far ahead of the same period last year. During 1954, one permit was issued during the three months representing a valuation of \$7,000, while four were issued during the same period in 1955 carrying an estimated valuation of \$121,000. This total is expected to increase over the last year's total of 17 permits based on announced plans for additional commercial development.

TOWNSHIP construction in the township during the first quarter of 1955 is running slightly above the record pace of last year. Officials predict that with the coming of Spring weather the volume will jump far above the 1954 total. March was the busiest month in the period with a total of 28 new home permits being issued with an estimated valuation of \$1,100,000. During the same month last year, 31 permits were issued carrying an estimated value of \$1,083,200. In January, a total of 15 permits were issued with a

Construction On New Schools Far Behind Schedule

Board Seeks Means For Work 'Speed-Up'

Deep concern was expressed over progress of construction of the three new elementary school buildings and the gymnasium-auditorium addition at the high school Monday evening by the Farmington Township School Board.

Progress reports issued by the building contractors revealed that the time lost earlier on scheduled building has been made up. A definite work "step-up" was felt to be necessary if buildings were to be ready for occupancy by fall. All additional classroom space which the three new elementary buildings will provide will be needed by that time.

IT WAS moved by the Board to send reports of construction progress to the various bonding companies for the new buildings, and to invite them to a special meeting with contractors later this month in hopes that action may be taken to initiate a work speed-up. A report from the school attorney indicated that no legal action should be taken by the Board against the contractors for falling behind on scheduled construction. Legal action is possible only if the contractors are in default on schedule according to the contract, he stated.

Representatives of the Franklin Knolls Improvement Association, Paul H. Homan, president, and Charles Clark, vice-president, appeared before the Board with a proposal for a residential water use (Continued on Page 2A)

Approve Creation Of Road Advisory Committee At Annual Meeting

An allocation of \$50,000 has been designated in the 1955-56 Farmington Township budget for the repair and rebuilding of roads. It was announced during the Annual Township meeting held Tuesday evening in the new Farmington High School.

The principal discussion among the approximately 125 persons who attended the Annual Meeting centered around the road problem. Ernie Blanchard, Township Supervisor, stated in announcing the allocation that the funds would be in addition to gas and weight tax money used in this area by the County Road Commission. There was considerable objection to turning the money over to the County without some jurisdiction as to how the funds would be used. Blanchard stated that the allocation would have to be referred to the County by law, but that efforts would be made to see that the money was properly spent.

IN AN EFFORT to insure that the township get the most for its road dollar, the electors approved a motion by Charles Brown that an advisory committee of not less than seven members from all sections of the area be appointed by the Township Board to work with them in the development of a road commission in developing a sound and efficient road program. Prior to the approval of the motion, a letter was read by Mr. Philip Newberg from Louis Brown, County Road Commissioner, explaining the amount of gas and weight tax money earmarked for the township as well as its use. The letter stated that approximately \$200 a mile per year, is appropriated on the basis of population and miles of road. This money must cover the cost of removal, drainage, grading and other maintenance. Several persons expressed the opinion that the County could do a better job in this of funds held in road money.

The total budget as approved includes receipts estimated at \$113,600, plus a balance on hand of \$51,125. Expenditures including the road allocation total \$164,695, leaving a contingency fund of \$30,000. It was stated in the financial report that a total of \$75,000 is being held in road money in addition to the \$51,125 balance as of March 31, 1955, for the possible purchase of site land construction of a new Township Office Building. Blanchard stated in connection with the budget that provisions have been made for the hiring of a third police officer.

Polio Vaccine Clinics To Open Next Wednesday Schedule Farmington, Clareville Programs

The release Tuesday morning of the favorable report on the results of the 1954 Salk Polio Vaccine Test has set in motion plans for the continuation of the program in the Farmington and Clareville areas.

Officials of the Oakland County Chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced this week that dates have been set for the opening clinics in this section. The first clinic in the Clareville area will be held Wednesday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Central School on Eight Mile Road. Children participating in the program will be taken from their regular classrooms to the Central School by bus. The first clinics in the Farmington district will also be held on Wednesday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ten Mile and Middlebelt Schools. Youngsters from Our Lady of Sorrows School will participate in the program in the Clareville area while the Middlebelt School clinic will include children from the Bond and Noble Schools. School buses will be used to transport the boys and girls to the clinics.

PARENTS of children who participated in the 1954 test and who received the actual Salk Vaccine will be so notified from the school prior to the first clinic. It is proposed that the Salk Vaccine be made available to all children in the first and second grades of public, private and parochial schools as well as to those youngsters who did not receive the actual vaccine during their school years, even though these boys and girls are now in the third or fourth grades.

The vaccine will be given in Farmington (Continued on Page 5A)

ANNUAL HEARING ON CITY BUDGET SET FOR MAY 2

The City Council has set Monday, May 2, as the date for the annual public hearing on the proposed city budget for the fiscal year 1955-56.

Officials explained that according to the Charter, no other business except that related to the proposed budget can be discussed at the public hearing. James Tennant, City Manager, stated that copies of the tentative budget will be in the hands of the Council members by next Monday so they will have an opportunity to study the proposal prior to the public hearing.

LOCAL SCOUT UNITS TO TAKE PART IN SCOUT-O-RAMA

A large number of Farmington Boy Scouts and Cubs will participate in the Second Annual Scout-O-Rama at the Ottawa District office to be held this Saturday, April 16, at the Walled Lake Junior High School.

The Scout-O-Rama will feature displays of a wide variety of Scout projects as well as two big Scout jamboree shows. The big Boy Scout jamboree will run continuously from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Farmington will be represented by the largest number of units in the program this year. Participating units are the Ottawa 35, 45, 109, 110, and Post 35, 48, 109 and 111, and Post 45.

Tickets may be purchased from six members of the Council who may be obtained at the door on Saturday.

ENERGETIC Boy Scouts of Farmington Explorer Post 35 found plenty of auto to exercise their energy on last Saturday. They were kept busy most of the day on Grand River which they set up a garage on Grand Street just off Grand River. All dressed up in tux and top hat, out drumming up some business for his fellow Explorers, is Edward Burman. Proceeds from the auto wash venture will be used by the boys to purchase canoes for some pleasant outings this summer.

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