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Expect Council Action On Creation Of Interceptor Authority Monday

Resolution To Request Board Of Supervisors For Authorization To Form Sewer Administration

A resolution requesting the Oakland County Board of Supervisors to authorize the formation of an authority to govern the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor is expected to be presented to the City Council for action on Monday.

The resolution is being drafted by Claude Stevens, financial consultant for the sewer committee. It is expected that similar resolutions will be presented to the other governmental units involved in the proposed sewer district within the next week. The other units include Farmington, West Bloomfield, Southfield and Waterford Townships as well as the City of Keego Harbor.

As soon as the resolutions have been approved by the various governmental bodies, they will be presented to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors for final action. Authorization by the Board of Supervisors not only establishes the authority but approves the method of financing. The resolution will provide that the authority be established under the Oakland County Drain Commissioner.

OFFICIALS stated that approval of the resolutions is next to the last step in the creation of the authority. The final step is the authorization by the Board of Supervisors. The progress made thus far includes the determination of requirements, physical study of the area, preliminary engineering to determine location and costs, allocation of cost to individual governmental units and approval of such allocation by the various councils and boards.

James Tennant, chairman of the sewer committee, reported several weeks ago that plans and specifications for the proposed sewer interceptor are expected to be filed with the State in January of 1956. This will be prior to the deadline set up in the court decree governing the abatement of pollution of the Rouge River by the City of Farmington.

Board Authorizes Request For State School Aid Funds

Clarenceville To Seek Help Under New Act

The Clarenceville School Board, Thursday evening, approved a resolution authorizing the secretary to submit a formal application for aid as a distressed school district under provisions of the Public Acts of 1955.

School officials stated that approximately $47,000 in revenue was set up in the 1955-56 budget from this source. However, recent information indicates that only about one-third of this amount will actually be received by the District. Under the provisions of the act, school districts which are levying more than 20 mills and have less than $7,000 taxable valuation behind each school student, are eligible for state aid. The Clarenceville District is levying an average of 27 mills and has a little over $5,000 taxable valuation behind each child.

THE BOARD also took action instructing Stanley Irish, assistant superintendent, to secure bids for presentation to the Board on the possible purchase of a new 60 to 70 passenger school bus. Irish was requested to secure the bids by the next Board meeting. Authorization was also given for the

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It's Turkey Time!

In order that you may receive your next issue of The Farmington Enterprise prior to Thanksgiving and so that our staff may enjoy the holiday with their families, we will publish a day early next week. All display advertising and news copy must be in by Monday noon to insure publication. Classified advertising will be accepted up to 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

LISTING OF NEEDY FAMILIES BEGUN BY GOODFELLOWS

The Farmington Goodfellows committee has begun work on the compiling of names of less fortunate families in the Farmington area preparatory to their Annual Paper Sale set for December 9.

Names of needy persons should be filed at the City or Township office, the police station, or with any of the ministers in the Farmington area as soon as possible. Fred Menke, Jr., president of the Goodfellows, stated that this is very important to the proper planning and organizing of the paper sale and canned goods drive.

AROUND THE BLOCK

THE FIRE SIREN . . . has been blowing its bolts lose the last several weeks calling the volunteers to a variety of fires throughout the Farmington area. Last week The Enterprise reported two major fires, one at Boys Republic and the other at H & L Lumber Company. This week two house fires have been added to the list, one on Byron early Friday morning and the other on Eight Mile Road Monday morning. These fires were quickly extinguished but some damage resulted. The new rash of fires is reminiscent of the spring, except that these are buildings, not grass or brush, and as a result are far more serious. So, why not take a cue from the fire siren and check over your house right now for possible fire hazards. It may well save you a lot of inconvenience, not to mention a considerable amount of cash.

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FARMINGTON . . . has been getting some pretty high level publicity as a result of the State Legislature's interest, or lack of interest, in the purchase of the Children's Hospital for the care of retarded children. The name "Farmington" has appeared at regular intervals in the news columns throughout the State since the Legislature convened in special session earlier this month. Last week the Detroit Free Press ran a pictorial spread on the facilities available at the hospital as a special feature. We don't know what the outcome of the problem will eventually be, but in the meantime Farmington is attracting considerable attention as well as a great deal of state-wide publicity.

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THIS IS THE WEEK . . . that a "buck" means a lot more than just a dollar bill. It's deer hunting time again and, from a casual observation, the results seem to be pretty fair. If you are looking for records, we spotted one trophy draped over a car fender which must have been brought down only minutes after the season opened. Although we didn't get a chance to talk to the lucky marksman, the buck must have been bagged in the fertile woodlands of southeastern Michigan. After the reports about the long line-ups at the Straits, this area looks better every season, especially for the hunter who has only a few hours or days to spend in the woods.

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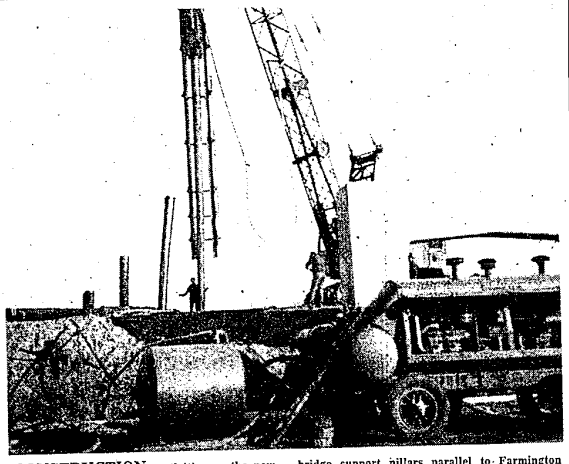
ANOTHER REMINDER . . . that time is sprinting on comes from the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, who have just completed a series of contacts with the North Pole regarding the annual visit of Santa Claus. The Jaycees announce that Santa will pull into Farmington on Saturday afternoon, December 17, and will spend a couple of hours talking with all the boys and girls. So, you kids get all set now, because December 17 is less than a month away.

STUDY UNIFORM STARTING TIME FOR GRADE SCHOOLS



CONSTRUCTION activities on the new bridge overpass at Farmington Road for the Farmington to Brighton Expressway were resumed last week. Workmen have been engaged for more than a week in wedging large wooden posts into the mounds of dirt fill piled at the approaches to the east and west of the bridge support pillars parallel to Farmington Road south of the present US-16 Cut-Off. In the photo above another post is being guided into place. It will soon be hammered into the ground by the heavy piece of engineering equipment brought in by bridge contractors specifically for that purpose.

Farmington United Fund Total Hits $14,500 As Campaign Officially Ends

Call-Backs In Business And Industrial Areas Expected To Bring Collections Over 1954 Mark

Farmington's United Fund and Community Chest Drive officially closed Tuesday evening with a total collection to date of $14,500, according to Omar Sanderson, campaign chairman.

The new total, represents approximately 54% of the $27,126 quota set for the 1955 campaign.

Sanderson emphasized that the $14,500 figure involves only those funds which have actually been deposited in the bank. The chairman added that additional reports are expected to come in within the next few days which will increase the total. All solicitations in the residential areas have been completed although there are some call-backs scheduled in the business and industrial areas.

Sanderson stated that persons who have not been contacted in behalf of the drive but who wish to contribute should mail their donations to the "Farmington United Fund and Community Chest," Post Office Box 133, Farmington, Michigan." Checks should be made out to the "Farmington United Fund."

THE CHAIRMAN stated that a systematic plan is now being developed for call-backs in the business and industrial sections. This, coupled with re-checks at establishments which have agreed to join in the payroll deduction plan, is expected to boost the total considerably. Sanderson added that due to the increased population, this year's collection should be greater than the total of the 1954 campaign, which was $16,223.

It is expected that a more complete report will be available next week.

New Polio Vaccine Program To Start

Expansion of the Salk polio vaccine program in Oakland County to include all children from 1 through fourteen years of age and all expectant mothers will go into effect this Friday, November 18, the Oakland County Health Department disclosed Tuesday.

Eligibility cards will no longer be needed for shots, the Health Department stated.

Second injections will be given now but third injections and booster shots will not be given until Spring in order to achieve maximum effect for the next polio season, the report indicated.

Clinics will begin for children whose parents do not care to go to a private physician on November 28 and will remain open indefinitely. A clinic at the Royal Oak Health Center will be open on

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Fatally Injured In Auto Accident On Northwestern

Collides With Truck At Thirteen Mile Road

Injuries suffered in an automobile accident at Northwestern Highway and Thirteen Mile Road shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday proved fatal to Marjorie P. Buell of 15775 Birwood Street, Birmingham. She died of a fractured skull at Beaumont Hospital.

Her two young children, Robin, 2, and Marty Jean, 4½, suffered only minor scratches and were released from the hospital following a check-up. David F. Brandt, driver of the semi-truck with which the Buell auto collided, received only a minor cut on an ankle.

ACCORDING to a State Police report on the accident, Brandt was traveling southeast on Northwestern Highway when the Buell auto entered the intersection from Thirteen Mile Road. Brandt told police that he swung out to avoid the collision, but not in time. Mrs. Buell's car rammed into the right rear of the semi-truck.

Thomas Menard of Detroit suf-

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Township Building Hits Record High

Farmington Township ranks among the top communities in Oakland County for building development for the first three quarters of this year, according to a report issued by the Detroit Regional Planning Commission last week.

The township ranked seventh among the nine units of government in the county issuing over 400 building permits during the nine-month period, the report disclosed. A total of 525 permits were issued through the local township office. Building was heaviest in Waterford Township where 891 permits were issued. The City of Pontiac was second in new developments with 737 permits being issued.

In the City of Farmington, 107 building permits were issued during the first three quarters. This brings the combined total number of building permits issued in the City and Township of Farmington to 632.

The largest number of permits were issued in the township during the third quarter, the months of July, August and September.

CITY SCHEDULES SPECIAL RUBBISH PICK-UP WEDNESDAY

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, rubbish and garbage collection in that section of the City south of Grand River will be picked up on Wednesday, November 23, instead of the regular Thursday date, officials announced this week.

Only the section south of Grand River is affected by the change. The normal schedule will be resumed on the following week.

Kiwanis Travel Program Saturday To Feature "Glorious Michigan"

"Touring Glorious Michigan" will be the subject of the next World Travel Lecture to be held Saturday, November 19, at 8:15 p.m. in the Junior High School gymnasium on Thomas Street under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

The tour will be conducted by the famous TV artist, photographer and lecturer, Dennis Glen Cooper. Those who live in or near Michigan are apt to be unaware of the beauty and attractiveness that lures thousands of tourists from all over the United States and Canada to our State every year. Just a brief glimpse at the beautiful color film of the "Water Wonderland" will surprise and delight even native Michiganders.

Cooper is an acknowledged authority on pictorial Michigan, and he sings its praises all over the country. Persons familiar with their home state will thrill to the pictures and places they have visited and be astounded with the beauty they have missed, or never heard of. Among the highlights will be a visit to the tulip festival at Holland as well as colorful glimpses at Detroit, Pointe aux Barques, Au Sable River, Hartwick Pines, Tahquamenon Falls, Pictured Rocks, Brockway Mountain Drive, Isle Royale National Park, Porcupine Mountains, Big Spring, Blaney Park, Mackinac Island and Torch Lake. The audience will also be an eye witness to an exciting Dune-Scooter ride along the shores of Lake Michigan.

Tickets for the photo-lecture will be on sale at the Junior High School gymnasium Saturday evening prior to the program. All proceeds from the series will be used by the Kiwanis Club for community service activities.

DENNIS GLEN COOPER

Township Water Group Calls Public Meeting Friday

Plan To Organize Circulation Of Petitions

The Farmington Township Water Development Association will hold a public meeting in the Farmington Junior High School gymnasium on Thomas Street this Friday at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of enlisting the aid of residents in the further development of the proposed water system for the dry areas of the Township.

All residents in the proposed water district are urged to attend the meeting. The Association has prepared a program designed to acquaint the public with the progress that has been made thus far in obtaining water facilities for the southern and eastern sections of the Township. Efforts will also be made at the meeting to organize volunteer groups for the purpose of circulating questionnaires as well as petitions regarding the proposed system.

OFFICIALS of the Association stated that definite progress has been made in the Committee's efforts to secure the needed water facilities for the area. Judge Arthur E. Moore, of Pontiac, has been retained by the Township Board as legal advisor to the Water Committee and has been instrumental in speeding the necessary procedures for the establishment of the water system. It has been determined that the best method of financing the project is through a combination of revenue bonds and special assessment bonds. Thus, it will be necessary to secure the signatures of at least 65% of the property owners in the proposed area before a special assessment district can be established.

In connection with the water problem, Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, Township Health Officer, stated that recent tests of wells in the area have disclosed the existence of unsafe water. Gadbaw added that all persons using water from private wells should have their water supply tested immediately. Residents may obtain bottles furnished by the Oakland County Board of Health from Dr. Gadbaw's office. As soon as samples have been secured they will be checked by the County and a report mailed to the property owner.

Plan Dystrophy Drive Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 22, letter carriers of the Farmington Post Office will conduct a porch-light campaign throughout the community in behalf of the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

Marshal McKelvey, chairman of the Farmington campaign, urges all residents to support the drive with as substantial a contribution as possible. The letter carriers, along with other volunteers, will cover the various mail routes on Tuesday evening, collecting funds for the March on Muscular Dystrophy. Residents who wish to contribute to the campaign are requested to turn on their porch lights as an indication that they want to give. Persons who do not expect to be at home that evening may mail their contributions to "Muscular Dystrophy," c/o Letter

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ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN HOURS OF BLOOD BANK VISIT

A total of 124 donors have signed up thus far during the advance registration for the November 22 visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank, Mrs. Fred Lenz, chairman, announced this week.

Registrations are being taken every week day at the special booth set up in the lobby of the Farmington State Bank. Persons may also register at the Farmington Recreation Bowling Alley or at the Farmington Enterprise. In order to accommodate a large group of donors, the Blood Bank schedule has been moved up one hour and will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Home.

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Program Would Require Ten Extra Buses, School Board Informed

A report made to the School Board of the Farmington Public Schools Monday evening by school administrators revealed that ten extra school buses would be needed in order to eliminate staggering of classes in the elementary schools and start all classes at the same time.

The report was made by O. E. Dunckel, school superintendent, following a request for information regarding this proposal made by individual members of the Board at their last meeting. It was the feeling of some Board members that by starting all grades at the same time some safety measures would be accomplished. It was felt that safety would be increased by having children in the higher grades help in guiding younger children to and from schools and bus stops and across roads.

Superintendent Dunckel, in making his report, pointed out both advantages and disadvantages to such a program. One of the biggest problems would be financing the purchase of the additional buses, he stated. Though the cost would be reimbursed by the State, he commented, the School District would not be given money for the additional buses in a lump sum but would be paid back over a seven year period. Money is not available for the additional buses at this time, he concluded.

Following a further discussion of the proposal, the Board determined that more time would be needed before final action could be taken.

A REQUEST made by residents in Forest Hills Subdivision for two bus pick-ups inside the subdivision rather than on the main highway was denied by the Board. The request was denied on the basis that it would be contrary to the present bus policy of making pick-ups on main roads, determined earlier to be most advantageous for the School District as a whole.

It was revealed at the Board meeting that a survey of the School District's transportation and bus routing policy is to be reviewed the latter part of this month by the County Board of Education and recommendations made. The Board agreed that they would study these recommendations thoroughly and do everything possible to conform with them.

An order for school blinker lights at each of the elementary schools has already been placed. The Board authorized increasing the six already ordered to 14 in hopes that even greater safety might be accomplished in the vicinity of the schools by doing so.

A report by representatives

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Township Zoning Board Rejects Proposed Changes

Turn Down 3 Petitions For Commercial Sites

Requests for the rezoning of three parcels of land in Farmington Township from Residential to Commercial were rejected by unanimous action of the Township Zoning Board during a public hearing Wednesday evening.

Leo Kelly, chairman of the Zoning Board, stated that all of the proposals were turned down on the grounds that they constituted "spot zoning." The chairman added that the latest recommended zoning change from Residential to Commercial was rejected by action of the County Zoning Board on the same basis. The Board stated that they would submit a recommendation to the Township Board that all future petitions for commercial development be referred to the Planning Board for study and coordination prior to consideration by the Zoning Board.

THE INITIAL proposal concerned the rezoning from Residential

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Plan Library Vote After Holidays

Township officials reported this week that the setting of a date for the special election on the proposed Library District millage question is not expected to be acted upon until after the first of the year.

The Board approved the calling of the special election several weeks ago. However, due to legal requirements in setting up the special vote, a period of at least 40 days would be necessary before the election could be held. Officials stated that this would cause the vote to be held just prior to Christmas. It was felt that the electors would have more time to study the proposal and to record their vote, if the election was held following the holidays.

Under the proposal the voters will be asked whether or not they approve of the levying of a 3/10 of one mill on the assessed valuation as equalized by the State for the purpose of maintaining a new City - Township Library. Officials estimate that the tax would raise approximately $10,334 per year, which would be sufficient to allow the District to qualify for state aid. The City's share on the basis of qualification for state aid would be $2,908.07. Since this is approximately the amount already set aside in the budget, no special vote will be required in the City.

THE OUTLINE of the new Trinity Episcopal Church is beginning to take shape as workmen speed construction on the building which is being erected on a wooded plat at the end of LaMuera, one-half mile north of Eleven Mile Road between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt Road. The congregation of 100 families expect to hold the first service in the new church early next Spring. In the meantime, regular worship services are being conducted each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Universalist Church on Warner Street.

CITY TO RECEIVE $3,200 FROM STATE VEHICLE FUND

The City of Farmington will receive a total of $3,200.80 as its share of the net receipts of the State Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for the third quarter of 1955, Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, announced this week.

Officials stated that the distribution does not include any funds collected under Act 87, Public Acts of 1955, which increased the gas tax from 4½ to 6 cents, and provided 75 per cent of this money to go to the State Highway Department and the other 25 per cent to cities, counties and incorporated villages. The distribution of these funds will be announced in the next few days.

Oakland County's share of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for the third quarter is $596,274.23.