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FARMINGTON ELECTS CLIFFORD, FISHER, TUPPER, TO SCHOOL BOARD

Board Receives New Request For Soil Removal

Declared Powerless To Prevent Operation

The Township Board was advised Tuesday evening by A. G. Leonard, Attorney, that they are powerless to prevent the removal and sale of soil from privately owned land in the Township.

The opinion was rendered by Leonard in connection with a new request from the Dechille Trucking Company for permission to remove soil from property in the vicinity of Halsted and Twelve Mile Roads. The attorney referred to the recent court action in which the Dechille Company was allowed to continue removing soil from property near Farmington Road and Fourteen Mile Road under the terms of a special decree.

Leonard stated that the State Supreme Court has ruled that soil can be removed from private property reasonably and without damage from the floor regarding the opinion. Leonard stated that he was simply citing the law in an attempt to acquaint the Board with the facts. He added that he was ready and willing to do everything possible to assist the Township in the matter. Leonard stated that the necessary bond in the amount of \$16,000 has been forwarded to the Township Board along with an agreement setting out provisions for the restoration of the land for subdividing. Several members of the Board suggested that since a commercial operation is proposed that the property should be assessed for business rather than residential. Leonard indicated that this could be done.



THE OPENING performance of the 1956 Melody Circus Theatre took place Monday evening on the grounds of (Botsford Inn, but it wasn't quite as simple as all that. On Saturday, two days before the opening, the construction crew and maintenance men were hard at work putting the finishing touches on the big striped tent. At the same time, apprentices Mary Watassek and Russell Panette (pictured at the right) were adding a bit of color to the scenery for "Call Me Madam," the opening Melody Circus production. In spite of the multitude of last minute preparations, everything wound up right on schedule and another summer theatre season is well under way.

Clarenceville Board OK's Jitterbug Dancing At School Activities

Establish New Regulations On The Conduct
And Supervision Of Students At School Dances

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved a resolution accepting the recommendations of the Student Council to allow jitterbugging at school dances with certain restrictions.

According to the resolution, all types of jitterbugging will be allowed except those that tend toward the suggestive type of dancing. Students who engage in this type of dancing will be suspended from all dances until the Student Council shall approve their readmittance. If student pressure cannot control jitterbugging, the ban will be resumed. The resolution further provides that school representatives (chaperones) shall continue to chaperone dances, as in the past.

The recommendations are based on a survey held recently by the Student Council in which 308 students, or 72.65%, expressed a desire to have jitterbugging with restrictions. A total of 106 students or 21.6% wanted to have this type of dancing without restrictions, and 31 students, or 6.2%, did not want jitterbugging at all.

STATE TO AWARD FINAL US-16 BRIDGE CONTRACT

Sealed bids on the construction of a bridge to carry the westbound traffic on the new US-16 Expressway over Grand River east of Farmington will be opened by the State Highway Department on June 20.

Completion date is Sept. 15, 1957.



AROUND THE BLOCK

A LOT OF KING-SIZED WORDS . . . in the might of the unprecedented turn-out of voters in the Annual Farmington School Election Monday, we're going to stick to just one, "terrific." For the first time in the history of the Farmington community, over 2,000 persons went to the polls in a school election. This is a wonderful contrast to the 150 of 300 vote turn-outs that have been experienced in the past. As in any elections, some candidates must win and some must lose, but in our opinion the entire community has gained new inspiration from this outstanding demonstration of democracy in action. We only hope that it is the forerunner of a new trend in civic responsibility which will carry over into the Primary and General Elections this fall and on through the many important elections which are to follow.

AS A PROTECTION . . . to the citizens of the City of Farmington, Mayor Robert Lindbert has imposed limited restrictions on the use of outside water for an indefinite period of time. We would like to emphasize the fact that these restrictions are for your protection. They are very liberal in scope and should not cause any great inconvenience. The property owners provided that everyone cooperates to the fullest extent. City officials insist that the problem does not involve a shortage of water but rather an even distribution of water and to society to learn. The service you render to your community and to your neighbors . . . remember, cooperation pays dividends!

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to the 200 graduating seniors of the Farmington and Clarenceville High Schools who will receive their diplomas this Thursday evening. You are to be commended upon the successful completion of an important phase of your education. Some of you will go on to college, some to the military, some to commerce, industry or business, but regardless of your future plans the processes of education will be with you always. Possession of a high school diploma is a vital part of your determination and your ability to learn. The service you render to your community and to your neighbors . . . remember, cooperation pays dividends!

Petitions Seeking Race Track Vote Filed In Township

Over 1,300 Request Referendum On Issue

Petitions bearing the signatures of approximately 1,300 registered property owners of the Township were filed with Floyd A. Cairns, Clerk, Tuesday afternoon calling for a referendum vote on the rezoning of property in the south-west section of the Township as a race track site.

The signatures were included on 76 petition forms which were filed at the Township office late Tuesday. The petitions, coupled with seven others which were filed earlier in the week, bring the total number of signatures to over 1,300. It has been estimated that approximately 600 names would be required to bring the question to a vote of the people.

THE DEADLINE for filing of petitions has been set for this Thursday, June 14, at 5:00 p.m. Officials stated that a number of petition forms are still on file and may be filed prior to the closing date. According to Michigan statute, petitions calling for a referendum vote must be filed within 30 days of the passage of the zoning amendment. The Township Board approved the rezoning of the 244 acres of land in the vicinity of Haggerty Road and Ten Mile Road at a special meeting on May 15.

Cairns stated that the signatures on the petitions would be checked and tabulated immediately following the deadline Thursday. The Board has indicated that the question will be voted upon at the Primary Election in August.

Three persons were injured during the past week in three separate auto accidents in the Farmington area.

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CLARENCEVILLE DISTRICT VOTERS NAME GAULT AND HARTOM TO THREE YEAR TERMS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION

A total of 2,066 voters, the largest in the history of the Farmington Public School District, went to the polls Monday to elect three members to the Board of Education. In the race for three year terms, Leland Clifford and Vernon Fisher were elected over Dr. Joseph Gadbaw, the third candidate, while Bayard Tupper defeated Joseph McHugh for the single one year term. Clifford received 1,206 votes, the largest number cast for any one candidate. Fisher, present trustee on the Board, received 1,188 votes while Gadbaw received 928 votes. In the contest for the one year term, Tupper, treasurer of the Board, received 1,011 votes as compared to 937 for McHugh.

Elbert M. Hartom, former Mayor of Livonia, and incumbent Richard Gault were the winners in the Annual Clarenceville School election, defeating Robert Rickert, president of the Board. A total of 308 votes were cast in the Clarenceville election, for a near-record turn-out.

Gault received the highest number of votes cast for any single candidate, 235. Hartom was second with 178 votes and Rickert was third with 156 votes. Both Gault and Hartom will serve three year terms each.

VOTING in the Farmington election continued to run far above normal throughout the entire day. Because of the unusually heavy balloting, the actual tabulation of votes was not completed until early morning hours on Tuesday. Additional personnel were assigned to the election board in anticipation of a large vote. However, the actual balloting ran far above the expected total.

Water Restrictions To Be Imposed In City Effective This Friday

Mayor Lindbert Orders Control Of Water Use As A Means Of Insuring Adequate Pressure

Effective Friday, June 15, specific restrictions on the use of outside water in the City of Farmington will be placed in effect by order of Mayor Robert Lindbert.

In a special proclamation issued Tuesday morning, the following restrictions will be imposed: 1. Even numbered houses may use outside water on even numbered days. 2. Odd numbered houses may use outside water on odd numbered days. 3. No lawn sprinkling or outside water use will be permitted from 12:00 midnight to 8:00 a.m.

The proclamation was issued under the emergency powers granted to the Mayor and in accordance with the existing water use ordinance.

Prior to the issuance of the proclamation, the Mayor and City Council were advised of the conditions by the City Manager. It was upon his recommendation that the proclamation was issued. The restrictions will take effect June 15 and will remain in force for an indefinite period of time.

Both Mayor Lindbert and City Manager Earl Scherffius emphasized that the restrictions are being imposed because of the difficulty in maintaining pressure and not because of a water shortage. In his report to the Mayor and Council, Scherffius stated that "with the first few days of hot weather and especially on week ends when lawn sprinkling is especially heavy, we are experiencing difficulty in maintaining water pressure in certain areas of the city." "While I do not anticipate the serious curtailment that was found necessary last summer, I am of the opinion that some restriction is necessary to insure adequate pressure at all times."

MAYOR LINDBERT added that the restrictions are designed to insure the distribution of water and to eliminate the peak demand that is now being placed on the system. Scherffius stated that this is a civic responsibility which must be shared by all citizens both as a protection to themselves and to their neighbors.

An added suggestion has been offered by city officials to the effect that persons turn off all outside water upon the fire sirens are sounded and to be on for one hour as a special precaution.

School Board Acts On Pressing General Matters

Other Items Tabled For New School Board

At a short session Monday evening, the Farmington School Board took action on miscellaneous matters requiring immediate attention, tabling other items for action by the newly-elected Board.

Authorization was granted by the Board to take the necessary steps to tie in the sewer line from the senior high school directly to the main city sewer line running from Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision. At the present time the high school sewer runs across a private property easement to a connection with the city sewer system. It was requested recently that the line through the private easement be abandoned and a direct connection provided. The Board also authorized the expenditure of the money necessary to provide a 50-foot fuel, line extension at the Shiawassee School to facilitate the delivery of oil.

A REQUEST made earlier by our Lady of Sorrows School for waiving service charges on the use of the Junior High School gymnasium for presentation of a school survey was granted by the Board by a three to two vote. Appointment of new teachers as recommended by the administrator (Continued on Page 8A)

City Awards Sale Of Sewer Bonds

A contract for the purchase of \$450,000 in sewer interceptor bonds was awarded to Halsey, Stuart and Company at a special meeting of the Farmington City Council held Tuesday evening.

The action was taken following rejection of a motion of a motion, made at a Council meeting Monday evening, in which the contract was awarded contingent upon the formal written approval of the interceptor project by the Common Council of the City of Detroit. Officials of Halsey, Stuart and Company advised the City Tuesday morning that they could not accept the contingency clause. Members of the Council were contacted immediately and a special meeting was called Tuesday night to reconsider the motion. It was pointed out at the meeting that Detroit water officials have assured the city that they will be accepted into the system and formal approval by the Common Council is certain.

Two bids were received and opened at the meeting Monday evening, with Halsey, Stuart and Company proposal being the most favorable to the City. According to the bid, interest cost on the bonds (Continued on Page 8A)

CITY COMPLETES TRAFFIC COUNCIL ON GILL ROAD

A survey of traffic volume on Gill Road in the vicinity of the Grand River Cut-Off was conducted Saturday, Earl Scherffius, City Manager, reported this week.

The figures, compiled during a daylong survey, are now being tabulated, the City Manager added. It is expected that they will be included in a formal report to the State Highway Department, designed to support the City's request for a grade separation at the intersection of Gill Road and the new US-16 Expressway.

Board To Review New H. S. Plans

A special meeting of the Clarenceville School Board will be held next Thursday evening, June 14, for the purpose of discussing bond issues and reviewing plans and specifications for the first unit of the new high school building. A representative of Dell and Heber, architectural firm, will be present at the meeting to discuss the progress being made in connection with the preparation and sale of the \$750,000 bond issue. Walter Anicko, School Architect, is also expected to be present at the meeting to review detailed plans and specifications for the new building. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Clarenceville high school.

Authorization has been given by the Board of Education for the purchase of a new station wagon by Bill Brown, Ford Dealer, at a bid price of \$1,973.03. The new 9-passenger station wagon will be used in connection with the bond issue and the education program and will also provide area transportation for small groups of students and teachers engaged in various school activities.

The Board has also approved a (Continued on Page 8A)

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THE NEW Christian Science Church, located on the south side of Grand River near Wilmarth, is beginning to take shape as workmen step up construction on the building, which is set to be completed later this year. The new church building will include an auditorium, rostrum, reading room, nursery and Sunday School. Parking facilities will be provided in the rear of the church with access to and from Wilmarth Street.