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TOWNSHIP TO SEEK FORMATION OF JOINT WATER AUTHORITY

Council Approves Bond Ordinance For Street Paving

Plan To Sell $69,000 In Assessment Bonds

The Farmington City Council, at its regular meeting Monday evening, approved a resolution calling for the borrowing of $69,000 in anticipation of the collection of special assessment funds for permanent street improvements.

The $69,000 figure is the estimated cost for the paving of Alta Loma, Violet and Lilac Streets in the City of Farmington. Approval of the resolution clears the way for a direct application to the Municipal Finance Commission for permission to sell the proposed bond issue. As soon as permission has been granted, the Council can proceed with the securing of bids for the bond sale.

Prior to approval of the bond resolution, the Council conducted special hearings on the proposed paving of Violet and a portion of Lilac Streets. Since there were no objections to the special assessment rolls as presented, the Council confirmed the rolls and authorized the assessor to spread the special assessment tax. The resolutions provide that the tax be divided into ten equal payments at an interest rate of 6% on the unpaid balance. The first payment will be due October 1, 1956, with subsequent payments due on July 1 of each year. This schedule applies to both Violet and Lilac Streets. Officials pointed out that the balance may be paid up at any time, thus saving the property owner the interest rate.

THE COUNCIL authorized the City Manager to erect barricades at the northern limits of Violet and Lilac Streets, with the actual location to be left to the discretion of the Manager. The action followed the presentation of petitions from affected property owners requesting that the streets be barricaded.

The City Manager was authorized to proceed with the purchase of a new heavy duty tractor, with

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TWO PERSONS were injured about 10 p.m. Friday in the auto shown above which was involved in a collision on Northwestern Highway near Fourteen Mile Road. Passersby are shown looking over the damaged cars soon after the crash occurred. Injured in the accident were Fred and Howard Dohring of Detroit. Both suffered head injuries when this auto, driven by Arthur Dohring, collided with one operated by William Wissert of Walled Lake. According to police, Wissert backed his car onto Northwestern directly into the path of the oncoming Dohring vehicle.

Photo by Ralph Evert

Eight Injured In Five Separate Traffic Accidents In Township

Three From Farmington Township Area Injured In Two Auto Accidents Monday

Eight persons suffered minor injuries during the past week in five separate auto accidents in the Farmington area.

The first of the accidents occurred about 10 p.m. Friday on Northwestern Highway a short distance northwest of Fourteen Mile Road. Injured in the crash were Fred Dohring and Howard Dohring, passengers in an auto operated by Arthur G. Dohring. Both were taken to Beaumont Hospital for treatment of head injuries.

Dorhing, of Detroit, collided with the rear of a vehicle operated by William Wissert of Walled Lake after he had backed out into Northwestern Highway. According to a police report, Dohring was unable to swing out to avoid the crash because another vehicle was traveling beside him.

John V. McNeilly of Detroit suffered bruises and muscle injuries shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday when his car was forced off the road and over an embankment on US-16 at Halsted Road. The car, after running over the bank of the excavation for a new bridge at the intersection, rolled all the way to the bottom, police stated.

TWO OTHERS were injured at 2:10 p.m. Sunday in a three-car

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PLANS FOR ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW NEAR COMPLETION

Plans are now being completed for the Annual Farmington Garden Club Flower Show to be held September 15 at the McWilliams Grounds, Twelve Mile and Power Road in Farmington Township.

The Annual Show will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and, as usual, there will be no admission charge. According to officials, this year's Show will feature flower arrangements, table settings for both large and small tables, mantle decorations and conservation and horticultural exhibits. Both adult and junior gardeners will participate in the activities.

Proceeds from the "Country Store" feature of the Show will be earmarked by the Garden Club as a contribution to the newly-organized Farmington Community House.

GAS STATION, AUTO AGENCY THEFTS REPORTED SUNDAY

On Sunday evening the Lapham Standard Service Station, at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Power Road, was broken into and a quantity of cigarettes was taken.

Four teenagers were apprehended by City Police and admitted the breaking in of a door at the station and the theft.

Sometime Sunday the Blacklock Buick Sales and Service property was also entered. Wheel discs and hub caps were taken and aerials were broken on several cars, police stated. The four teenagers who broke into the service station were not implicated in the second robbery.

VOTING MACHINE INSTRUCTIONS OFFERED BY CITY

Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, announced this week that a sample voting machine is available in the lobby of the Municipal Building for the purpose of instructing electors in its operation.

Mrs. Cotter stated that persons may secure instruction any week day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays until 8:00 p.m. All qualified electors are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity prior to the General Election in November. Mrs. Cotter added that persons who are not already registered in the City may qualify by signing the registration books during regular business hours.

Plan To Extend Parking Zone On Grand River

Propose 2-Hour Limit East Of School Street

The City Attorney has been directed by the Council to draft an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance providing for two-hour parking on both sides of Grand River from School Street east to Mayfield.

The decision to set up the new parking zone was made at the regular meeting of the Council Tuesday evening. It follows a recommendation submitted by Earl Scherffius, City Manager, who recently completed a survey of the parking situation. The proposed change was first suggested by a group of merchants and professional men having stores and offices on the south side of Grand River east of Mayfield.

It was pointed out during the Council discussion that the two-hour limit would help to eliminate the present all-day parking in the area as well as more adequately serve the needs of the public. Scherffius stated that efforts are also being made to encourage businessmen in the area to make provision for additional off-street parking.

A SECOND amendment to the Traffic Ordinance, providing for the extension of the present 25 mile per hour speed zone from School Street east to Mayfield, was also recommended by the City Manager. According to Scherffius, this change is being recommended because of the increased business activity and congestion east of School Street.

Paul Pare', City Attorney, stated that the two proposed amendments

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March Of Dimes Chairmen Named

Plans for the 1957 Farmington Area March of Dimes Campaign were formulated at a special meeting held last week at the home of Mrs. Hazel Stevens, Farmington Director of the Southwest Oakland County Chapter.

Mrs. Stevens announced the appointments of Mrs. Mary Legg as chairman of the Farmington Township Drive with Mrs. Marion Gilmore as Co-Chairman. Mrs. Legg will also serve as Publicity Chairman for the Campaign. Mrs. Kathryn Cotter will act as Chairman of the Farmington City Drive with Mrs. Trena Quinn as Co-Chairman. Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt will continue to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Farmington Area Campaign.

The Explorer Scout Troop No. 110, under the direction of Scoutmaster Thomas Blattert, will be in charge of all window displays as well as the Blue Crutch Sale. Further details on the organization of the Farmington Area March of Dimes Campaign will be announced in the near future.

Mrs. Ruth Parshall, Executive Secretary of the Oakland County Foundation for Infantile Paral-

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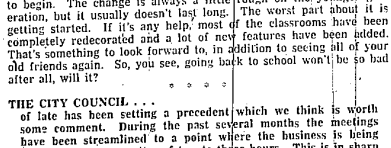
AROUND THE BLOCK



THE SPOTLIGHT . . . is rapidly switching from the "ole swimmin' hole" back to the classroom with its books, papers and, maybe an apple or two. Yes, another summer is almost over and a new school year is about to begin. The change is always a little rough on the younger generation, but it usually doesn't last long. The worst part about it is getting started. If it's any help, most of the classrooms have been completely redecorated and a lot of new features have been added. That's something to look forward to, in addition to seeing all of your old friends again. So, you see, going back to school won't be so bad after all, will it?

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THE CITY COUNCIL . . . of late has been setting a precedent which we think is worth some comment. During the past several months the meetings have been streamlined to a point where the business is being taken care of in a matter of two to three hours. This is in sharp contrast to the five and six hour sessions which have been common in the past. Much of the credit must go to the City Manager for initiating a simplified agenda and to the Council for carrying it out. As a result of this procedure a great deal of important legislation is being turned out in a minimum of time. It has the effect of adding materially to the service and convenience of the citizens as well as the general efficiency of the government.

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WE HESITATE . . . to mention the weather at this time for fear we might upset the apple cart, or should we say the rain barrel? However, the last few days have been so unusual that we can't let them go by without some comment. They have not only been dry, but they have been bright and cool, which is something of an oddity in this year 1956. It is hard to tell what may happen betwen now and the time you read these words, but we want to commend the weatherman for his kindness during the past several days at least. We trust that he has seen the error of his ways and will attempt to make amends during these fading days of summer.

First Of Series
List Bus Routes

On Page 4B of this week's issue of The Farmington Enterprise is the the first of a series of detailed school bus routes and schedules which are being presented through the cooperation of the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts.

Because of the large number of routes, it is impossible to publish them all in one issue. Thus the balance of the schedule, including both Farmington and Clarenceville, will be printed in next week's issue. We suggest that parents clip the schedules from the paper so that they will have them available for reference on the opening day of school.

Parents desiring additional information on the school bus schedules are requested to contact the respective Board of Education offices. The phone number of the Farmington office is GR. 4-1133, while the Clarenceville number is GR. 4-0274.

Bond Issue Fails To Attract Bids At Clarenceville

Board To Draft New Bond Resolution

Plans for the proposed construction of the new Clarenceville high school suffered a slight set-back Monday evening when the Board failed to receive any bids for the purchase of the $750,000 bond issue.

School officials stated that provisions of the bond sale stipulated a maximum interest rate of 4%. The Board was advised Monday evening by financial consultants that many large industries are now selling issues at the straight 4% interest rate. As a result most municipalities are now finding it necessary to sell issues above the 4% figure in order to attract bond buyers.

THE BOARD, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, is expected to approve a resolution revising the present bond ordinance to allow for a higher maximum interest rate. As soon as the revised ordinance has been adopted it will be forwarded to the Municipal Finance Commission for approval. It is hoped that the approval of the Commission can be secured within the next few weeks in order to cause as little delay as possible. Once the approval has been received, the District will proceed with the advertising for new bids on the bond issue.

The $750,000 will be used to finance the first unit of the proposed new Clarenceville High School. Final plans and specifications for the building have been approved by the Board and are now being reviewed by the State Department of Public Instruction. The new school is to be located on Middlebelt Road across from the present high school building.

The Board has expressed hope that construction of the building might be started late this fall.

Township Police In New Office

The Farmington Township Police Department has moved from its office in the Township Hall to new quarters in the Clarenceville Fire Hall on Wheeler Street just north of Grand River Avenue.

According to Township officials, the move was made to provide the police department with larger facilities as well as release another office for Township personnel. The office formerly occupied by the police department has been taken over by William Gallagher, Township assessor.

The police department office at the Fire Hall is located on the south side and to the rear of the building. Files and records will be kept there and Township policemen will operate from that office, but it will not be staffed for the public, Officer Thomas Schriber stated.

Calls for the Township Police Department will continue to be handled through the City Police Department until such time as the Township sets up its own two-way radio system.

Begin Drafting Village Charter

The newly elected Woodcreek Village Charter Commission held its initial meeting last Thursday, August 16, to begin work on the proposed charter for the incorporated area.

The meeting was held at the home of Commission member Alger M. Clark, 28390 Wellington Drive. Other members of the Commission include: Vernon Fisher, Herman Dobson, P. G. Schbtterbeck and Fred Missal. The Commission was elected by the voters at a special election held August 7. They are charged with the responsibility of drafting a proposed charter for the Village of Woodcreek Farms as authorized by the electors.

According to officials, the proposed draft must be completed within sixty days of the election of the Commission. The five-member Commission will hold weekly meetings until the proposed charter has been completed. As soon as the charter has been drafted, it will be submitted to the Governor for review and signature. It will then be placed before the qualified electors of the Village for approval.

The boundaries of the new village includes all of Section 12, Farmington Township, from Thirteen Mile Road on the north to Twelve Mile Road on the south and from Middlebelt Road on the east to Inkster Road on the west.

Open Registration At Clarenceville

Registration of new students in the elementary and junior - senior high school grades of the Clarenceville District is now under way, officials announced Tuesday.

The registration involves only those students who were not enrolled in the Clarenceville District last year. Registrations will be taken at each of the elementary schools as well as the high school through Friday, August 31. Students may enroll any week day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the case of the elementary grades, students should be enrolled at the school building nearest their home. For further information parents are requested to contact the Board of Education office at GR. 4-0274.

All new students are urgently requested to register prior to Friday, August 31. Officials pointed out that this is very important to the future planning of the school program. As part of the registration procedure, all students, whether elementary or high school, should bring their birth certificates with them when they enroll, officials added.

Kindergarten pupils not enrolled during the pre-registration last May will be registered on Thursday morning, September 6. Children previously enrolled will report on Friday, September 7, for the session to which they were assigned upon registration.

The book stores at the various schools will be open on Tuesday, August 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 29, 30 and 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Students are urged to secure books before school opens.

Propose Establishing New District With Farmington City And Southfield

The Farmington Township Board, at a special meeting Tuesday evening, initiated action designed to encourage the possible establishment of a joint water authority with the City of Farmington and the Township of Southfield.

The action followed a detailed discussion of the proposed water system for the southeast section of Farmington Township. Judge Arthur E. Moore, Attorney for the Water Committee, suggested that such action might be taken as a means of developing the project. Mrs. Elise Avery, Board Trustee, moved that the Township Board go on record as favoring a joint water authority with the City of Farmington and Southfield Township and to attempt to interest the other two units of government in the program. The motion was seconded by Floyd Cairns, Township Clerk, and carried by a voice vote.

Prior to action on the motion, Moore stated that several conferences had been held with officials of the City of Farmington and Southfield Township for the purpose of discussing the plan. It was indicated that the present system in Section 31 of the southwest corner of Southfield Township was not adequate. Some feeling was also expressed that the City of Farmington might eventually be required to seek other sources of supply for their water.

MOORE ADDED that, in his opinion, a water system can be constructed and financed if the affected areas all agree to a joint authority. Lawrence Pate, of Pate and Hirn, engineers, stated that water can be secured from the City of Detroit at the Five Points loop. A main would have to be extended either along Eight Mile Road or Shiawassee to serve the proposed water district. It is estimated that the project, including a 20" to 36" main, pumping station and storage facilities, would cost in excess of $2,000,000. Moore pointed out that this could be financed on a revenue bond basis. He added that adjustments would have to be made where lateral mains already exist, such as Section 31 of Southfield Township, the City of Farmington, and any other systems which might want to join the project.

The Township Clerk stated that he would contact officials of Southfield Township and the City of Farmington as soon as possible in an effort to set up an informal discussion of the plan. It was suggested that each municipality might select several officials to attend the first discussion in order to secure background information which they could relay to their respective Board and Council.

Moore also suggested that the Township Board take action to terminate the receivership of the Section 36 water system. He added that the indebtedness is nearly cleared and the system is on a paying basis. It is estimated that there are approximately $40,000 in bonds outstanding while the system has a surplus of about

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Zoning Board OKs Change To Permit Homes For Aged

Rejects Proposal On Commercial Site

The Township Zoning Board, at a public hearing last Thursday evening, recommended approval of a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow for the existence of non-profit homes for the aged in Residential Zones subject to the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

At the same time, the Zoning Board recommended rejection of a proposed amendment to the Ordinance calling for the rezoning of two lots at the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Middlebelt from Residential to Commercial. Both proposals are subject to final review and action by the Township Board.

The recommendation relative to the homes for the aged is a reversal of earlier action taken by the Zoning Board rejecting the proposal. The suggested amendment was refiled with the Zoning Board several weeks ago by the Township Board. A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, appeared at the hearing to explain the reasons for the resubmitting of the amendment. He stated that during the earlier discussion it was felt that the proposal would open the entire Township to this type of development. Leonard emphasized that the wording of the proposal, to provide for, approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals, actually

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CITY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS

The City of Farmington was advised this week that they will receive an additional $418.74 as their share of the Second Quarter receipts of the increased State gasoline and weight taxes as provided in Act 87 of the 1955 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Under the Act, the State gasoline tax was increased from 4½c to 6c a gallon, effective June 1, 1955. Of the 1½c increase, 75% goes to the State Highway Department and 25% goes to the counties, cities and incorporated villages. Oakland County's share of the Second Quarter receipts is listed at $77,652.91.

This money is in addition to the receipts received by the various units of government under the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

SCHOOL DAYS are just around the corner, as this scene at the Farmington School Book Store will amply testify. The Store, located in the basement of the Junior High school building on Thomas Street, is attracting more and more customers as the opening day of school approaches. Officials are urging all students to secure their books prior to the start of classes on September 6. The Store will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Legion To Install Officers Friday

Newly elected officers of the Groves - Walker Post, American Legion, and Auxiliary, will be installed at a special program to be held Friday evening, August 24, at the Legion Memorial Home.

A special feature of the program will be the presence of "The Rae-Vens" an all-girl drill team from Pontiac. The girls (see picture on Page 1C), under the direction of Miss "Jackie Rae" Voorhees, will entertain with outstanding parade formations and exhibition drills. The program, which will begin at 8:30 p.m., is open to the public.

The new Legion officers will be installed by a special Ritual Team composed of Legionnaires from Oakland County. The newly elected officers include: Harold Quinn, Commander; Norman Gbers, Senior Vice-Commander; Donald Wilson, Junior Vice-Commander; Charles Willard, Chaplain; Alfred Smith, Historian; and Charles Larson, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Newly elcted officers of the Auxiliary will be installed by the past unit Presidents. The new officers are: Ethel Pettibone, President; Isabelle Goodrich, First Vice-President; Ada Goers, Secretary; Zella Willard, Chaplain; Rose Larson, Historian; and Mary Ann Prior, Sergeant-At-Arms. The Executive Board is composed of Hattie DeVriendt, Jean Niles and Trena Quinn.

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