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SCHOOL BOARD SEES NEED FOR \$4,000,000 BOND ISSUE IN 1957

City Council Takes Action To Extend 2-Hour Parking Zone On Grand River

South Side Of Grand River Between Mayfield And Maple Included In Parking Restrictions

The restricted two-hour parking zone, recently established along the south side of Grand River from School to Mayfield Streets, was extended east to Maple Avenue by action of the City Council at its regular meeting Monday evening.

The action followed receipt of a letter from Roy Plunton, owner of buildings in the block, requesting extension of the two-hour parking zone. Plunton stated that prospective customers are experiencing difficulty in finding parking places in the area due to the lack of restrictions. The Council approved a resolution extending the two-hour parking with the restrictions to become effective following publication and erection of the necessary signs.

Councilman Paul Calkins suggested that restrictions also be established along the north side of Grand River east of Powers Road. He stated that the poor visibility plus the increased traffic is making it more and more difficult for cars to get onto Grand River from the north side.

The Council instructed the City Manager to investigate the situation and to submit recommendations on what action should be taken.

THE PURCHASE of two city owned lots at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Gill Road was awarded to W. O. Bates at the City Council, P. 8A

Planning Group Selects Chairman
The newly enlarged Township Planning Committee, at its organization meeting Tuesday evening, unanimously approved the appointment of Charles Chesquiere as chairman of the group.

Prior to Chesquiere's appointment, Howard Wiest was unanimously selected as secretary of the committee. Wiest stated that he was willing to accept the appointment of chairman provided that the term be set for a one year period. He added that in his opinion, the chairmanship of the committee should be circulated among the members.

In connection with the appointment of a ninth member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas Cornell, it was suggested that a member of the Zoning Board be appointed to this office.

The group agreed to hold its regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Five Injured In Two-Car Crash On Eight Mile Rd.
Local Youth Hit By Car In Farmington Friday

Five persons were injured early Saturday evening in a two car rear-end collision on Eight Mile Road about a mile east of Farmington Road. The accident occurred at 7:30 p.m.

The crash occurred when a car operated by Dale F. Stringer of 3225 Bethany, Livonia, proceeding east on Eight Mile, smashed into the rear of a second vehicle operated by Gerald N. Ball of 2415 Power Road, Farmington, which had stopped on the highway to make a left hand turn.

Jane Stringer, 37, and her children, Danny, 1, Victor, 3, and Dale, 9, all suffered lacerations about the head. Barbara Sawyer, 17, of 2136 Osms, Farmington, another passenger in the Stringer auto, suffered lacerations about the head and was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment.

Eight year old Donald McInnes of 3409 Kirby Street, Farmington, suffered injuries to a leg Friday afternoon when he was struck by a car at the intersection of Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue.

According to the police accident report, young McIntire suffered leg bruises and a possible fracture. The mishap occurred about 5:30 p.m.

Donald J. Bough of Detroit, driver of the car which struck the boy, told police that he had just started to make a right hand turn off Farmington Road onto Grand River when the boy darted out in front of him.

AROUND THE BLOCK
It's wonderful time of year... the Farmington Goodfellows at a wonderful time of the year... the Farmington Goodfellows at a wonderful time of the year...

THIS NEXT ITEM... is probably very unnecessary, especially if you have members of the younger generation around the house. But just in case you might have forgotten, Santa Claus is coming to town this Saturday afternoon, December 22. He is expected to arrive about 2:00 p.m. and will make a brief tour of the city before setting down for his annual visit to the boys and girls in the lobby of the Farmington Senior high school building on Shilawasse Street.

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the program, stated that it is not certain as yet whether Santa will arrive by helicopter or by reindeer. At any rate, he will arrive by Saturday afternoon with a pack full of pre-Christmas gifts for all the boys and girls and a ready ear cocked for any last minute instruction.

WHILE CHRISTMAS is yet to come, some of our thoughts at least are being directed toward New Year's and the next issue of the Enterprise. Because Christmas comes on Tuesday this year, we would appreciate having your news efforts be generously, as well as to facilitate the handling of your copy. The classified ad deadline will remain the same, 10 a.m. Wednesday. The entire staff of The Enterprise appreciates the cooperation and help you have given us throughout the year and wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



NEWSPAPER selling on the street corner at Farmington Road and Grand River. The salesman, Clarence C. Hall, is shown above making another paper sale at the bank corner at Farmington Road and Grand River. Purchasing the paper and in turn making her contribution to the worthy Goodfellow cause is Miss Joan DeVries of 31635 Allison, Farmington. Over 100 volunteers, stationed at key points throughout the community, served as goodwill newsmen for the day.

Plan New Hearing On Business Site

The City Planning Commission public hearing, held Thursday evening to discuss the proposed rezoning of a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Farmington Road and the Cut-Off from residential to commercial, was adjourned shortly after it began at the request of both the developers of the site and property owners in Warner Farms Subdivision.

The Commission approved the requested adjournment for a period of 30 days. John Allen, representing the developers, stated that he had contacted the Warner Farms Improvement Association and they had indicated they wanted more time to poll the residents of the subdivision. Dr. John Tobin, 23055 Hayden, stated that Allen submitted a sketch of the proposed development of the site last week and requested that more time be allotted for study of the plans.

A motion was made and approved by the Commission that the public hearing be adjourned until the next regular meeting on Thursday, January 10 at 8:00 p.m. Because of the large crowd at the hearing Thursday, it was suggested that the January meeting be held in the Municipal Court Room on Liberty Street.

Action on the proposed adjournment. (See HEARING, P. 8A)

Goodfellows Reach Quota With \$3,150 Collected During Annual Paper Sale

A record total of \$3,150 was collected during the Annual Farmington Goodfellows Paper Sale held last Friday. Fred Menke, chairman of the program, announced this week.

Menke stated that additional contributions are still coming in, with the anticipation that the final total will go over the \$3,200 mark. The original goal of the 1956 Paper Sale had been set at \$3,100. In addition to the many cash contributions, the following civic organizations, business and industrial firms forwarded checks to the Goodfellows: Blue Star Mothers, Dr. G. F. Weaver, Farmington Sales and Service; Groves Walker Post, American Legion; Clare Grace, Farmington Bakery; Paul Ford, Farmington Township; Richardson Appliance, Gerald Grace Insurance, Star Cutter Company, Bellair Drug, Greg Shoes, Bellair to \$100 Store, Farmington Savings and Loan, L&D Electric, Becker Tool Company, House of Beef, Lee Stevens, R&D Tool, Quigley Machine Products, Champion Tool Company, OK Machine Movers, Steel Text Manufacturing Company, Approved Manufacturing Co., Company, Blacklock Buick, Cio Theatre, Farmington Plumbing Company, DeVere Flumbar, American Screw Products, the McLaughlin Company, Dancers Department Stores and Bradley.

(See GOODFELLOWS, P. 8A)

Babson Predicts Next Week What's The Outlook For 1957?

What is the economic, social and political outlook for 1957? For an accurate and interesting glimpse into the future, don't miss the next issue of the Enterprise which will publish Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1957. Babson, international business commentator and investment advisor holds the best and highest record for annual forecasts on U.S. future business. His predictions for the beginning of 1957 have been proven 85 per cent correct.

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His annual forecasts cover a wide variety of important subjects which are of interest and concern to everyone. In addition to the general business outlook, Babson



ROGER W. BABSON

State Asks Boost In Township Sewer Main Size

Draft New Cost Based On 52" Line

Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, reported to the Board that Pat and Hirm, engineers, are now preparing new cost estimates on the proposed Farmington Sewer Interceptor in accordance with a request from the State Health Department for an increase in the size of the principal main.

According to a letter received by Sheldon from Max Sheldon, coordinator for the project, the State has requested that the main interceptor line from the Detroit system be increased from 42 inches to 52 or 56 inches. Sheldon stated that he was advised of the request during a recent meeting with officials of the Oakland County Drain Commission. The State policy provides that all future sewer construction be based on a long range program for maximum use.

SHeldon STATED that the increased main would provide sufficient capacity for the ultimate population of the Township. Both Gain and Sheldon expressed some concern over the latest request. Gain added that, while the cost of the increased main will not be known until the engineer has had an opportunity to complete the estimate, it is bound to be somewhat higher than the present figures. In addition, the State policy provides that the cost will be shared on the basis of an approximate

(See SEWER, P. 8A)

Plan New Safety Facilities In City

Earl Schefferius, City Manager, reported this week that the State Highway Department plans to replace the existing traffic light at the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Road with a modern fixture including illuminated pedestrian "walk" signs and no left turn signs.

In the meantime, metal "no left turn" signs have been posted at all four corners of the intersection. Schefferius stated that the new left turn regulations, approved by the Council, are now being enforced. The additional controls have been established to ease traffic congestion in the central business area due to the closing of the Grand River Cut-Off.

The Highway Department has also advised the City that plans are being worked out for the re-routing of heavy truck traffic away from the business area this spring. It is proposed that trucks be re-routed back on the Cut-Off just east of the new 10 Mile-Gand River bridge. They would then follow the Cut-Off to Farmington Road and proceed south to Eight Mile and east to Grand River.

The Committee's mailing list now includes officers from every subdivision association of which the group has knowledge. Squires stated that the community needs the experience and enthusiasm of these officers. He added that their interest will make the forthcoming initial meeting of the proposed League an important event in the history of Farmington Township.

Elliott S. Rogers, Committee Chairman, stated that in almost (See ASSOCIATION, P. 8A)

VOTERS APPROVE GAS FRANCHISE IN CITY ELECTION

Less than 5 per cent of the qualified electors of the City of Farmington went to the polls last Tuesday to approve the granting of a 30 year franchise to Conserving Power Company for the operation of a gas business in the City.

According to Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, a total of 154 votes were cast from a registration list of 3,194. The vote was 127 in favor of granting the franchise, 23 against with four ballots spoiled. The special election was called for the purpose of ratifying an ordinance approved by the Council granting the 30 year franchise to the Consumers Power Company.

Proposed Amount Based On Needs Estimated By September Of 1958

The Farmington School Board determined Monday night that immediate consideration must be given to the placing of a proposed \$4,000,000 school bond issue to a vote of the people the early part of 1957.

It was generally agreed by individual members of the Board that at least this much money would be needed if the school district is to keep pace with the rapidly expanding educational needs of the area in the immediate future. If conservative estimates of anticipated growth are correct, this will be the minimum needed to provide adequate educational facilities for all children in the district by September of 1958, it was pointed out.

In general discussion, tentative locations where new school buildings will undoubtedly be needed were spotted and the number of classrooms to be needed estimated. Existing buildings where additions will be necessary were also considered. The need for the construction of two kindergarten rooms at the Bond School and one at the Michigamme School was pointed out as was the need for additional rooms at other existing schools including the Ten Mile School and the old Junior High School in the City. The construction of sufficient new kindergarten rooms will be necessary to assure the discontinuance of making present one room schools for kindergarten classrooms, it was stated.

TRUSTEE Douglas Hammill urged that sufficient money be set aside in the new bond issue proposed to provide for the purchase of several new school sites. It was his opinion that every effort should be made to obtain prices for the sale of one or both of the oil space heaters previously used in the Board of Education office.

The Board authorized Louis Schmidt, superintendent of the school system, to approve an application from the Edgewood Mothers' Club for the showing of films on Saturday night, further that a letter be forwarded to the Club pointing out that at present there are no black-out curtains in the multi-purpose room, nor is there a large screen on the stage. The letter will also state that if custodial service is required actual cost will be charged to the Club. The Board requested that arrangements for the proposed use of the building be worked out in conjunction with the Clarenceville Recreation Commission unless the project is to be started after expiration of the winter program.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to meet in recessed session Saturday morning, December 22, to take care of the anticipated school needs by September of 1958 and establish estimated costs.

Tentative plans are already being made to discuss the proposed program for new school building which the Board is outlining with (See SCHOOL BOARD, P. 8A)

Christmas Mail Volume Up 12%

The Christmas rush is almost over at the Farmington Post Office and according to Postmaster Henry Trombley it looks like another record season with volume up an estimated 12 per cent over the same period a year ago.

Trombley stated that from December 11 to the present time, approximately 500,000 pieces of letter size mail has been processed through the cancelling machine at the Post Office. This does not include packages or envelopes larger than letter size, the Postmaster added.

The Post Office will remain open Thursday and Friday until 5 p.m. and on Saturday and Monday until 5:30 p.m. to take care of last minute mailings. Trombley stated that, in spite of the record flow of both incoming and outgoing mail, the processing and handling of cards, letters and packages has gone very smoothly during the rush period. The Postmaster expressed his appreciation to the residents of the Farmington area for their cooperation in mailing letters and packages early and in sorting and bundling Christmas cards.

In addition to the regular Post Office personnel, approximately 50 temporary employees are being used during the holiday period.

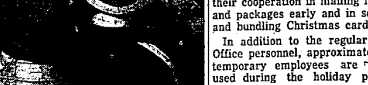
TOWNSHIP BOARD CANCELS REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY

The next regular meeting of the Farmington Township Board, originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 25, will not be held because of the Christmas holiday.

Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated that no arrangements have been made as yet for rescheduling the meeting.

THE LOBBY

The Lobby of the Farmington Post Office was a mighty congested spot last Saturday morning as scores of people lined up before the various customer windows to take care of their final Christmas mailing. According to Henry Trombley, Farmington Postmaster, this season's volume of outgoing letters and cards is expected to be approximately 12 per cent higher than the record 1955 holiday total.



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