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ANOTHER NAME is added to the advance registration list for the March 26 visit of the Mobile Blood Bank as activity begins to pick up at the Special Red Cross Booth in the lobby of the National Bank of Detroit. Mrs. John C. Rowan, 29574 Bretton Road, right, signs the registration list as volunteer worker Mrs. Frank J. Cizek, 33830 Glenview Drive, fills in the time schedule. The Special Red Cross Booth is open every week day during regular banking hours. Blood is urgently needed to replenish the Farmington Credit Bank and persons are requested to register in advance to secure a convenient time. The Blood Bank will be located at the American Legion Home and will open on March 26 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Authorize Start On Junior High Addition Plans

Architect Suggests Alternate Proposal

Instructions to proceed with preliminary sketches on the proposed addition at the old Junior High School site on Thomas Street were given to architect Peter Tarapata by the Farmington School Board at its regular meeting Monday night following general discussion.

Tarapata cited distinct disadvantages to construction of the proposed addition in two separate projects as tentatively planned in earlier discussions. He suggested that by alterations in the original rough drawing for the addition it might be possible to construct the entire number of new rooms proposed prior to razing the central eight room unit on the site. He was asked to proceed with sketches on this proposal and also to check into the feasability of expanding the present heating plant in the gymnasium-classroom unit on the site to serve the addition proposed.

A GENERAL discussion was held with a representative from the Earl Meyers architectural firm regarding the possibility of using a stock plan for new elementary schools to be constructed. The architect stated that some savings might be realized by using a standard plan but that portions of the plan would have to be altered to satisfy the different site conditions. It was also pointed out that some saving might be possible by advertising two or more schools for construction at one time and that bigger construction firms might be induced to bid on the combined school building project.

An alternate proposal by the Le Pointe Heating Company, mechanical contractors for the new Kendallwood elementary school, for a different type of heating unit than originally specified at a savings of $1,000 was unanimously approved by the Board. The alternate was brought to the attention of the Board by the Earl Meyers architectural firm representative.

In separate action the Meyers architectural firm was instructed to begin work on plans for a 12 classroom and kindergarten unit on an eight acre parcel between Kendallwood No. 2 and Westbrook Manor Subdivisions. Approval of the motion was unanimous following a general discussion with administrative personnel on where it

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Board OK's Resolution To Clear Way For Hiring New Water Consultant

CONTRIBUTION of pennies in behalf of the Juliette Gordon Low Fund by Troops of the Farmington area was one of the highlights of the Annual Girl Scout Anniversary Program held last Friday evening in the Junior High School Auditorium. Sandra Uppliger, representing Brownie Troop 20, makes her presentation to Mrs. Arthur Millard during the opening ceremony. The program, attended by a record number of people, marked the opening of the 45th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in America. The first troop was organized in Savannah, Georgia by Juliette Low in 1912.

Authorize Paying $3,314 Balance To Judge Moore

The Township Board, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved a resolution clearing the way for the official release of Judge Arthur E. Moore as consultant on the proposed water system for the southern and eastern section of the Township.

The resolution as drafted by Moore, stipulates that the Township will pay the sum of $3,314.51, as balance due for services, upon completion of the sale of the proposed bond issue or not later than January 1, 1958. The Board previously approved a motion authorizing payment of $3,953 to Moore for partial services in accordance with an itemized statement presented to the Township.

Albert Gain, Township Supervisor, stated that Moore agreed at a meeting last Friday to submit a release for his services as consultant upon receipt of the adopted resolution from the Township Board. He also agreed to turn over all records in his possession regarding the water system, to Claude Stevens, newly authorized consultant for the Township. Gain stated, however, that Stevens has refused to enter into a contract with the Township until Moore has submitted his official release.

IT WAS STATED during the discussion, that some of the items listed by Moore in his latest statement do not pertain to the water system and will have to be separated. Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, estimated that the amount for legal services, separate from the water system, would run about $300. This will be paid directly by the Township. A roll call vote on the resolution resulted in six yeas and one nay. Mrs. Elise Avery cast the single negative vote.

The Board approved a resolu-

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Township Board Pledges Assistance On School Problems At Joint Meeting

Promise Co-Operation With School Board In Correcting Walking Condition Hazards

Meeting jointly with the School Board Friday night, the Farmington Township Board pledged its full co-operation in working with school officials on school problems coming under its jurisdiction.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on hazardous and unsafe conditions existing in the Township for children walking to and from schools. Those steps which could be taken to correct these conditions under the jurisdiction of the Township, as pointed out at the last joint meeting of the two governmental bodies over a year ago, were reviewed. Following discussion, the Township Board agreed to give immediate consideration to either widening of the road bridge on Gill Road near Colfax or the installation of a culvert and walk to the west to provide a means so children would not have to walk across the narrow bridge to the Gill Road School. The Board also agreed to check into the possibilities of having Gill Road made a stop street at Colfax.

SCHOOL Board Trustee Douglas Hammial pointed out that numerous hazards exist for children walking to the Shiawassee School. In an effort to curtail speeding traffic in the vicinity of the Nine Mile - Shiawassee Road intersection the Township Board agreed to have a periodic speed trap set up at this point. The erection of more school signs in the vicinity of the intersection will also be sought.

The continuation of a sidewalk from the Mather Trucking Company property east to the Shiawas-

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Contests Assured In City Election

Contests have been assured for the positions of Councilman and Municipal Judge in the Biennial City Election, April 1, Kathryn Cotter, Clerk, announced Friday following the deadline for nominating petitions.

In the race for Councilmen, four candidates have filed petitions with three to be elected. Those filing include: Robert Lindbert, John Lapham, Ernest Hickman and Thomas Barber. Lindbert, present Mayor, is the only candidate seeking re-election. James Cavanaugh and Paul Calkins, the other two incumbents, did not file nominating petitions. In the April 1 election, the two council candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected for terms of

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City Prepares For Special Bond Issue Election

Request $75,000 Levy For Public Works Dept.

Notices are being published this week by Kathryn Cotter, City Clerk, outlining the provisions of a special election April 1 on two bond issue proposals, in the total amount of $75,000, for improvement and expansion of the Public Works Department.

The special election will be held in connection with the regular General Election. Only those qualified and registered electors who have property in the City assessed for taxes, or the lawful husband or wife of such persons, are eligible to vote on the propositions. Voting will take place at the regular precinct polling places.

The first proposal involves the question of whether or not the City of Farmington shall borrow the sum of not to exceed $50,000 and issue general obligations bonds of the City for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing a Public Works Building within the City. The second proposal involves the question of whether or not the City shall borrow the sum of $25,000 and issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring and purchasing public works equipment consisting of trucks, street sweepers and street maintenance equipment.

City officials estimate that a two mill tax levy for a period of three years will raise sufficient funds to meet the $75,000 bond issue obligation.

It was pointed out that the Council has the authority to increase the millage levy without a vote of the people. However if the funds are to be made available immediately, it will be necessary to borrow the money by means of general obligation bonds which require a vote of the qualified and registered property owners.

New Little League Forming In Area

Plans are now being made for the formation of the North Farmington Little League for boys interested in baseball residing between Eleven and Fifteen Mile Roads from Inkster Road on the east to Haggerty Road on the west.

A general organizational meeting has been called for Tuesday, March 19, at 8 p.m. at the Bond School by William Tilder, temporary chairman of the proposed league.

The purpose of the meeting will be to take steps toward incorporation including the appointment of permanent officers, Tilder said. Ground work will also be laid for the obtaining of managers, coaches, umpires and other local personnel to supervise the proposed league. If enough interest is shown by parents, an application for a franchise for the new league will be made to the National Little League organization.

Under Little League regulations, the new league would be limited to four teams. It was also pointed out, however, that as many farm teams as necessary would be organized to assure all boys of having a chance to take part in the summer baseball program.

School To Request Advanced Aid

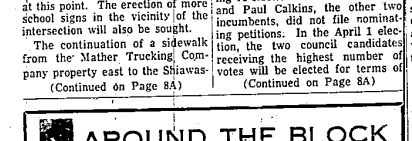
The Clarenceville School Board at a special meeting Thursday evening, authorized the preparation of a petition requesting permission from the Municipal Finance Commission to borrow against the 1957 tax collection for operation purposes.

Louis Schmidt, Superintendent, stated that work on the petition would begin immediately, however, the actual filing will be delayed until the Legislature has set the new State Aid formula. Schmidt emphasized that the amount of additional funds needed for operation during the interim period, until local tax collections are received, cannot be determined until the Legislature has taken action.

The Board also approved a motion that the State School Bond Loan Fund be petitioned for sufficient funds to meet the June 1, 1957 payment of the 1956 Debt Fund. It is estimated that an additional sum of approximately $2,000 will be needed to meet the obligation.

A motion was made and approved petitioning the City of Livonia Police Department for a crossing guard at Brentwood and Eight Mile Roads.

AROUND THE BLOCK



A FAMILIAR SOUND . . .

is beginning to fill the air these days. You might call it a sound of Spring and yet it is not one of the more pleasant varieties which we usually associate with the new season. We are referring of course to the ever increasing blast of the fire siren. This sound of Spring should serve as an immediate warning to everyone that the danger season is here. But unfortunately this has not been the case in the past. Many residents continue to be careless about brush and grass fires with the result that the fire siren keeps blowing. We hope that this year will be different. It can be if you and your neighbors take a few precautions before starting a fire. Don't try and burn anything in the open on a windy day. Don't try and start too large a fire and keep a supply of water and tools handy in case you need them. Let's try and keep the sounds of Spring on the pleasant side for a change.

WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION . . .

less than three weeks away, the citizens of Farmington City and Township have a big job cut out for themselves. Probably most important of all, they must decide whether this is going to be a decision of the many or the few. In the Primary Election approximately 21% of the registered voters of the Township made the decisions. In the recent Farmington School District Election only about 12% of the registered voters bothered to go to the polls. What will the percentage be in the City and Township on April 1? Will it be a true example of democracy in action, to reverse the dangerous trend which has marked our two most recent elections. Make a note to vote on April 1!

IN THE ISSUES . . .

of February 21 and 28 public notices were published on the dates and hours when the City Board of Review would be in session. Unfortunately, the notices carried the hours of 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the date of Tuesday, March 12, which were in error. The Township Board of Review met during these hours but the City Board of Review adjourned at 5 p.m. This was strictly an error on our part and we apologize for the mistake. Efforts are being made by the City to contact any persons who were inconvenienced by this error so that their complaints or comments can be heard prior to the final certification of the roll.

Consider Added Operation Millage At Clarenceville

Wait Recommendations Of Citizens Committee

Recommendations on the levying of either a two or four mill tax for operational purposes within the Clarenceville School District is now being considered by members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

A final report is expected to be submitted to the Clarenceville School Board on or before March 28. The Committee has already recommended a two mill tax levy but have requested the Board to delay action pending further study of the possible four mill levy by the Committee member groups. It has been suggested that the additional funds be used to provide necessary adjustments in the salary schedules as well as provide instructional supplies.

If the proposed levy is authorized by the Board, a special election will be required. It is anticipated that such an election would be held early in May. Approximately two months is required from the date of the authorization of election to the actual voting.

OFFICIALS pointed out that any new millage would be in addition to the present levy for operation purposes. However, it would replace the present two mills which are being levied in that portion of the District located in Farmington Township and the City of Livonia in accordance with the present provisions of the tax allocation board. Since property owners living in that portion of the District located in Redford Township are not paying the present two mills, the new levy would equalize the contribution being paid in all three governmental units. Thus, a two mill increase in the tax levy would not only affect those property owners living in the Redford Township section.

The District will continue to request the differential from the tax allocation board, however if a millage increase is approved the differential would not be used. Any new levy would not be effective this year.

A.A.U.W. Study Committee Suggests Boost In Township Official's Pay

Recommend Streamlining Of Board Meetings Including An Automatic Adjournment Hour

Should the salaries of Farmington Township officials be raised? Do we pay a "living wage" for these full-time jobs? What other measures might be taken to improve local Township Government?

A study group of the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women recently considered these and other questions on Township government and came up with some interesting information and suggestions. According to the report of the study group, the Supervisor of Farmington Township receives a salary of $6,500 per year plus a car allowance of $750 while the Supervisor of Southfield Township receives $9,000, the Supervisor of Waterford Township receives $9,400 per year and the Supervisor of Redford Township receives $8,500 plus a $1,200 car allowance. A comparative wage study also shows that the salary of the Farmington Township Clerk, $4,500 plus $750 car allowance, and Township Treasurer, $5,400 plus $400 car allowance are below the average paid by other surrounding Townships.

It was the concensus of the A.A.U.W. study group that the salaries of the three full-time elected public officials in Farmington Township should be raised and that the salary of the clerk should be equal to that of the Treasurer.

A SECOND question considered by the Study Group involves the conduct of Township Board meetings. It is the feeling of the Group that the meetings are too long and drawn out partly as the

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Award Contracts For New School

Bids were received and contracts awarded for construction of the new elementary school at the Kendallwood school site at a special meeting of the School Board last Thursday evening.

The bids, which were made on revised plans for the new 12 classroom unit as originally planned, ran approximately $85,000 less than the total bids on the first unit designed.

Wallace Construction Company of Farmington was awarded the general contract at a price of $339,900 being the lowest of ten bidders. The mechanical contract was awarded to LaPointe Heating Company of Garden City for $122,730 and the electrical contract to the Jones Electric Company at a bid of $34,599. The kitchen equipment contract was awarded to Canton China Company for $9,314.

In other action John Allen, local architect, was selected to draw up plans for a kindergarten and multi-purpose room addition at the Bond School and the Emmerling-Calkins firm of Detroit plans for the same additions at the Middlebelt School.

The Board instructed Superintendent O. E. Dunckel to have the necessary papers drawn up for the sale of the old German School on Middlebelt Road by June.

Certification of the vote in the special school election on Monday was also completed by the Board.

BOARD SETS TIME FOR ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Farmington Township has been set for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, according to a resolution approved by the Township Board Tuesday evening.

Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk, stated that the law requires that this year's Annual Meeting be held on Saturday, March 30, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Board set 1 p.m. as the starting time for the meeting, which will be held in the Town Hall.

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear the annual financial report of the Township for the year 1956-57 as well as the proposed budget for the year 1957-58. Committee reports will also be presented along with any suggested resolutions which may legally come before the meeting.

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GOV. WILLIAMS TO VISIT DEMOCRAT RALLY FRIDAY

Governor G. Mennen Williams will be a guest at a Farmington Democratic Rally and Dance to be held this Friday, March 15 at Gramer's Hall, Eleven Mile and Inkster Roads.

Guests from Hazel Park and the 15th Congressional District will also be present at the Rally being sponsored by the local Democratic organization. All Democrats and friends in the Farmington area are invited to participate in the program. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Since this is the first time in the history of Farmington that the Democrats have had a full slate of candidates running for Township offices, the outcome of the April 1 election is being closely watched by Governor Williams and other State Democrats.

Open Meeting Set On Water, Sewer

A public meeting on the water and sewer situation in Farmington Township will be held on Wednesday evening, March 27 under the sponsorship of the Township Civic Association, George Steinberger, president of the Association, announced Tuesday.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Senior High School gymnasium on Shiawassee. Steinberger stated that the meeting will be open to all residents of Farmington Township. Arrangements are being made to accommodate a record attendance.

Daniel Barry of the Oakland County Drain Commission and Harvey Kinney of the Municipal Finance Commission have already agreed to attend and participate in the meeting. Invitations have also been extended to other officials who are experienced in handling water and sewer problems. It is also proposed that a representative from the "dry area" as well as a person interested in sewer facilities be included on the panel.

Last Of Series

Kiwanis Travelog To Feature Color Tour Of "Germany Today"

"Germany Today" will be the subject of the next World Travel Series program to be held this Sunday afternoon, March 17, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Kiwanis Club.

The outstanding travelog on post-war Germany, presented by Gordon Palmquist, will officially close the 1956-57 World Travel Series. It will feature an exciting color tour of the beautiful German countryside with its castles on the Rhine and its majestic Bavarian Alps. The audience will also visit the ancient cathedrals and the interesting medieval cities as contrasted to the modern Ruhr Steel Mills and life in Communist controled East Berlin.

The entire story will come alive through the expert photographic technique of Gordon Palmquist. This outstanding traveler and photographer has established a fine reputation for the realism he incorporates in his travel pictures. An alumnus of the University of Michigan, Palmquist's narration is of the same high quality as his camera work.

Officials of the Kiwanis Club stated that tickets for the final travelog may be secured at the door of the Farmington Junior High School Auditorium prior to the start of the program. Curtain time has been set for 4 p.m. sharp. Proceeds from this Fourth Annual World Travel Series will be used to help finance a community house for the Farmington area.

GORDON PALMQUIST