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SUPERVISORS GIVE PRIORITY TO FARMINGTON SEWER INTERCEPTOR



LITTLE LEAGUE baseball player Jeff Barth is shown above accepting a contribution from an unidentified woman during the annual Farmington Baseball Boys "Tag Days" conducted last Friday and Saturday throughout the area. According to officials of the Baseball For Boys organization, around \$550 was collected from the sale of it. It was pointed out, however, that a great deal more money is still needed to help in at least partially defraying the heavy costs involved this year for considerable expansion of the summer baseball program.

Permanent League Of Subdivisions Elects Charter Officers Monday

Elliott Rogers was elected president of the permanent League of Subdivisions at the formal organization meeting of the new Township group, held Monday evening at the Ten Mile Elementary School. Rogers, from Normandy Hills Subdivision, served as chairman of the Residents Committee and chairman of the Board of the Temporary Farmington Baseball Boys "Tag Days" conducted last Friday and Saturday throughout the area. Rogers re-emphasized his faith in the success of the League and pledged to do everything in his power to make the organization effective and constructive.

WOODCREEK FARMS INSTALLS NEW VILLAGE OFFICERS

The newly elected officials of the Village of Woodcreek Farms were officially sworn into office at a special ceremony held Wednesday evening at the home of Vernon Fisher, 28393 Wellington Drive. Taking the oath of office were: Robert Burton, Glen Orchard, Village Assessor, and the following new officers: Arthur J. Busch, Village Clerk; M. W. Davenport, Village Treasurer; Robert J. Swill, Village Assessor; and the following new members: Herman A. Dobson, Harry O. Lang, Jr., Norman E. Kreider and Zar A. Reader.

AROUND THE BLOCK

A LOT OF TOP TALENT... It is going to waste these days at the Music Circle Theatre on the grounds of Boscawen Inn and, frankly, it's a downright shame. Not only is it disconcerting to see good entertainment ignored, but it is particularly rough when it happens right in your own backyard. The residents of Farmington are indeed fortunate in having these programs available to them. According to reports, however, the Theatre is not getting the support it needs and deserves. In our opinion, this type of organization and program can be of tremendous value to the community in many ways if it is afforded the opportunity to grow and develop.

SOME CONFUSION...

... apparently still exists regarding the present water use restrictions now in effect throughout the City. Numerous calls are being received at the City Hall from new residents seeking information on the regulations. As a result, we have been asked to restate the provisions of the restrictions which are now in effect and will continue until further notice. The restrictions pertain only to the use of outside water for such purposes as lawn sprinkling and car washing. Persons living in old numbered houses are permitted to use outside water on odd numbered days and even numbered houses on even numbered days. City officials stated that the vast majority of residents are cooperating 100 per cent on the program.

CONGRATULATIONS...

... to Dave Catherman on his election as Lt. Governor of the 1957 Wolverine Boys State, being held this week on the campus of Michigan State University. This is the highest office ever won by a Farmington representative to the Annual Boys State. Dave, who will be a senior at Farmington high school next fall, was elected to the high office by delegates from hundreds of communities throughout the state. He was sponsored by the Groves-Walker Post of the American Legion. Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Catherman, 32780 Grand River.

Deficit In 1957-'58 School Operation Budget To Be Heavy, Board Told

Even though substantial cuts have already been made by the administration in the 1957-'58 Farmington School District operating budget, it is estimated that a deficit of nearly \$110,000 will exist at the end of the school year, a report filed with the School Board Monday night disclosed.

The shortage in anticipated operating funds will result primarily because of a sizeable decrease made in the school operation tax rate as set by the Tax Allocation Act. It is indicated that the \$1,971,644 school operation budget was approved in April, it was estimated that \$1,832 per \$1,000 State equalized valuation would be granted for school operation, not including the additional \$2,800 per \$1,000 approved by voters of the district. The rate, however, was reduced by the Tax Allocation Board to \$9.14 per \$1,000 equalized valuation, or \$18 less than was allocated the previous year.

The administration stated that it had pared \$92,180 from the original budget, making largest cuts in the total amount earmarked for instructional purposes, and felt that any further cuts to reduce the estimated \$110,000 deficit still existing would be unwise.

The Board indicated that it would review the entire budget including proposed reductions by the administration.

IN SEPARATE ACTION, the Board authorized an increase in the tax rate on the 1957 bond issue from the estimated \$6.64 to \$8.60 per \$1,000 State equalized valuation. It was pointed out, however, that this increase will not effect the total debt per \$1,000 equalized valuation since reductions in two previous bond issues tax rates—the 1951 and 1956 rates—will be offset.

Plans for both the Gill Road and Bond School additions were submitted to the Board by John Allen architect. The final plans and specifications for the Gill Road addition were approved and indication given that by next Monday night final plans for the Bond School addition will be approved. Tentative plans were made to advertise for bids on both units by next week. Peter Tarantia, architectural representative for the proposed addition at the Old Junior High site, informed the Board that final plans should be ready by next Monday night.

Early Copy

Next week's issue of The Enterprise will be published and distributed one day early in order that you may receive your Home Community News paper prior to the 4th of July holiday.

In order to accomplish this early publication date, we request that each advertiser copy be in our hands not later than noon on Monday, July 1. The deadline for classified advertising will be 10 a.m. Tuesday. If at all possible, correspondents and organizations are urged to turn in their news copy by Saturday afternoon.

Your help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

OVER 500 ATTEND POLIO CLINIC AT BOND SCHOOL

At 500 persons took part in the special polio inoculation clinic held Monday evening at the Bond School under the sponsorship of the Bond and Eggle Parent-Teachers Association.

D. S. A. Broadman, Township Health Officer, administered the polio vaccine during the 2½ hour clinic. Both children and adults were vaccinated. Officials of the two P.T.A. groups expressed appreciation to Dr. Broadman for his help during the clinic.

A second clinic has tentatively been set for September 23, under the sponsorship of the Bond and Eggle Parent-Teachers Association.

Test Public Safety Officer Applicants

A total of 11 out of 19 applicants for the position of Public Safety Officer in the city, have passed the preliminary written examination. Earl Scherffus, City Manager, announced this week.

An oral examination will be given to the 11 candidates on July 2, the City Manager added. The applicants will then be classified and final selection will be made by the Acting Director of Public Safety and the City Manager.

Scherffus stated that the appointments would be made as early in July as possible.

The written examination was given by officials of the Michigan Municipal League while the oral test will be conducted by a committee of Police Chiefs and Public Safety Directors. Funds for the examination were provided by the Department of Public Safety. They have been allocated in the 1957-'58 city budget. This will increase the personnel in the combined Police and Fire Departments to 12 full time employees including the Director and one clerk. The full time force is also supplemented by the regular group of volunteer firemen.

Council Withholds Action on Demand For Library Funds

A decision to table action on the pending list of funds from the Clinton Wilbur estate to the Farmington Library Board until further study and consideration can be made was taken by the City Council at a special session Tuesday evening.

The action came following considerable discussions on a written statement issued by three of the four members of the Library Board, that unless funds from the estate were turned over immediately their resignations would be effective June 27. Tabling of the matter in effect, indicated that the Council would not allow its opinion in order to prevent the resignations of the three appointed Library Board members. The Communication to Council was signed by Howard Thayer, George A. Ford Smith and Edward Moseman.

Board To Press Demand For Road Repair Accounting

The Township Supervisor was authorized by the Board Tuesday evening, to submit a resolution to the Road Commission of the Oakland County Board members. The Communication to Council was signed by Howard Thayer, George A. Ford Smith and Edward Moseman.

Supervisor Frank Stephenson advised the Board that he was seeking the action since the Road Commission has refused to submit the requested breakdown. He added that following the receipt of the latest report from the Road Commission, he personally requested an accounting on the \$15,709.27 listed for road patching and \$6,145.79 listed for road side and drainage work. The Supervisor stated that the Commission advised him that they were not obligated to supply such a breakdown. Stephenson added that in his opinion the Township Board and the people have a right to know what this money was spent on and where.

THE BOARD approved a motion directing the Clerk to advertise for applicants for the position of Township Attorney. The present contract with A. G. Leonard, Township Attorney, expires on June 30. The motion specifies that applicants for the position must be municipally experienced. Applications will be accepted at the office of the Township Clerk up to 10 a.m. July 1, 1957, and will be considered at the next regular Board meeting on July 9.

Action was also taken by the Board approving the permanent appointment of Jack Habermeil as Chief Building Inspector of the Township. Habermeil is now serving as Building Inspector on (See BOARD TO PRESS, Pg. 6A)

F.A.R.C. Reports Big Registration

Preliminary registration figures indicate a record attendance for the Farmington Area Recreation Commission summer program. Warren Piche, Director announced that since registration is continuing throughout this first week, it is not possible to determine a final total as yet. However, attendance is running above normal for the opening days of the program. A total of 1,500 youngsters from 11 City Park, Eggle School and Gill Road School made the initial swimming trip to Kent Lake on Monday. On Tuesday, 135 boys and girls from the Shawassaw School playground alone visited Kent Lake for swimming.

The summer program opened on Monday and will continue through the end of the season. Piche stated that students at the Kent Lake swimming grounds will visit the Detroit Zoo on Friday. Special field days will be conducted at the other playgrounds during the day.

Announce Postal Fee Increases

Starting July 1, a number of important postal service rate increases will be in effect. Henry Trombley, Postmaster, announced this week.

The current schedule covers all certified mail will be increased from 15 cents to 20 cents. The surcharge on registered mail will be eliminated and a straight rate will be applied. The Post Office Department will be liable up to \$1,000 on registered mail. The new rates represent graduated increases up to the maximum liability.

Three rate schedules instead of the previous four, have been established for Postal Money Orders. The charge up to \$5.00 will be 20c; \$5.00 to \$10.00 will be 20c and \$10.00 to \$100 will be 30c. Returns on registered mail have been increased from 7c to 10c. Restricted delivery in case of registered mail has been raised from 20c to 50c.

Special delivery and special handling on letters has been increased from 20c to 30c. Special handling on parcels post has been increased. Trombley added Business reply envelopes from 4c to 5c.

Expect Early Action On Proposal By New Public Works Commission

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting Monday morning, approved a resolution giving the proposed Farmington and Evergreen Sewer Interceptor projects top priority under the newly organized County Department of Public Works.

Designation of the priorities on the two proposed sewer projects followed formal organization of the Public Works Department by the Supervisors. The creation of the new department, as authorized by the recent session of the State Legislature, was approved by formal resolution of the Board. The department will be administered by a Commission, similar to the County Board of Supervisors, and will organize and supervise various public works projects throughout the County.

Three Injured When Car Skids, Rolls On 12 Mile

Three persons were injured Monday afternoon around 3 p.m. when the car in which they were traveling skidded on slippery pavement and rolled over on 12 Mile Road west of Drake Road.

William V. Corcoran of Detroit, driver of the auto, suffered deep lacerations on his forehead. His wife Margaret suffered lacerations about an ear and facial fracture and their young son, Kevin, 3, a possible skull fracture. All were taken to William Beaumont Hospital for treatment.

Shortly after noon on Friday, Martin Poff of 21020 Telegraph Road, Detroit, was injured when he was struck by a truck on Halsted Road. He suffered a broken arm and three broken ribs. Poff was putting a tire on the side of his truck parked on Halsted when a second truck operated by Craig Klassen, also of Detroit, ran backwards out of a private drive and pinned him between the two vehicles.

Terry Tulloch, 16, of 30600 Orchard Lake Road suffered abrasions about his hip when he was thrown from the car in which he was traveling with Lionel Tulloch when it was hit by a second car driven by Frank Carol of Dearborn. The accident occurred at the Orchard Lake 14 Mile Road intersection around 8:15 p.m. Saturday (See THREE INJURED, Pg. 6A)

CITY TO ANSWER BILL OF COMPLAINT IN ZONING CASE

Paul Pare, City Attorney, is expected to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court this week in connection with the suit filed against the City of Farmington seeking action to require the issuance of a building permit for construction of a gas station at the southwest corner of Farmington Road and Alta Loma.

The suit was filed several weeks ago by the Shell Oil Company and the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. The City is being asked to void the present residential zoning on the four lots involved and to issue a building permit for the construction of the gas station. At the time of the City Attorney's appearance, the particulars of the bill of complaint will be outlined and the city will be given an opportunity to file an answer prior to the hearing.

CITY PREPARES TO MAIL ANNUAL TAX STATEMENTS

Kathryn Cotter, City Treasurer, announced Monday that tax statements, totaling \$162,150, will be mailed July 1 to property owners throughout the city.

According to Mrs. Cotter this year's total statement is approximately \$40,245 larger than the record 1956 statement. The increase is largely due to the addition of three mill levies approved by the City Council following the annual budget hearing. The assessed valuation of the city for the year 1957 is \$8,159,010 as compared to \$7,113,775 last year.

The current statement covers only city taxes and is due and payable on or before August 31 without penalty.



A CHECK in the amount of \$666.10 is presented to Mrs. Ed Chabala by Francis McGowan, finance chairman of the Groves-Walker Post, American Legion, representing proceeds from the "Chabala Benefit Dance" held Saturday, June 15, at the Legion Home. Chabala, seated in a wheelchair chair, was totally paralyzed in a swimming accident last summer and is under treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Dearborn. All monies from a common fund were turned over to Chabala and his family, who live at 31619 Leclaire. Harold Quinn, right, Commander of the American Legion Post, expressed appreciation to the Exchange Club, the Bel-Aire Civic Association and the Legion Auxiliary for their assistance in the program.

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