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Record Number Of Bids Received For Construction Work On Proposed Addition To Farmington Junior High

A total of 42 bids for various phases of construction on a substantial addition proposed at the Farmington Junior High were received by the School Board Monday night and turned over to the architect for study.

Contracts for the building to be awarded on Saturday by the recommendations of the architect to be given at a special meeting called for 5 p.m.

Plans by general, mechanical, electrical, kitchen equipment and metal locker contractors ranged from a low of approximately \$58,000 to a high of approximately \$76,000.

Bids were also received from three firms for three new school buses to be purchased to turn over to the school administration for study. Recommendations on these bids will also be made on Saturday and contracts awarded.

Architect John L. Smith instructed to proceed with working drawings and specifications for the proposed remodeling of the west unit on the Ten Mile School.

In addition, a multi-purpose room and corridor between the west and east units following a discussion on estimated costs for the final plans for a multi-purpose and all-purpose room addition at the Shawwassee School were approved and Architect J. L. Smith instructed to proceed in placing advertisements for bids.

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Police Prepare For Record Traffic Flow During Labor Day Week-End

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Accept Furniture Bids For New Clarenceville H.S.

The Clarenceville School Board, at its regular meeting Thursday evening, approved the final purchase of basic furniture and equipment for the new high school building on Middlebelt Road.

Contracts were awarded to separate companies for the purchase of eight 12 foot folding tables, eight 48 inch round tables and eight 42 inch square tables at a bid cost of \$2,128. Action was also taken awarding contracts for the purchase of 225 stacking chairs at a price of \$2,418.75 and 225 folding chairs at a price of \$954.00.

The total cost of the tables and chairs is to be charged to the 1936 Building, Site and Equipment Fund.

Approval was granted by the Board accepting a bid of Earl Vivier, Farmington dealer, for a new 60 passenger school bus on a G.M.C. chassis at a bid price of \$3,675. The bus is to be added to the present school transportation fleet as soon as possible.

The Board formally approved a resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$15,825 from the State to meet current principal and interest payments on the 1936 bid fund. The resolution also provides that in the event a loan is obtained from the State School Bond Loan Fund, the District agrees to levy a tax of at least 13 mills on the state equalized valuation each year until the loan is repaid in full.

A motion was made and approved that arrangements be completed to provide the opportunity for second grade Latin students to take the course through the University of Michigan Extension Service if a qualified and acceptable Latin instructor can not be contracted.

Goers Resignation To Take Effect September 1

The resignation of Clayton Goers, who has served as Township Treasurer for the past 15 years, will become effective on September 1 when he turns over the position to Elise Avery, newly appointed Treasurer.

Goers was first elected to the Township Treasurer's position in April of 1922. He has served in that capacity continuously until the present time. Goers stated in his letter of resignation to the Board on July 9, that he was leaving the position for reasons of health. Mrs. Avery was appointed to the Treasurer's position by the Township Board on July 20. She has been serving as a Trustee of the Township Board having been re-elected to the position at the general election in April.

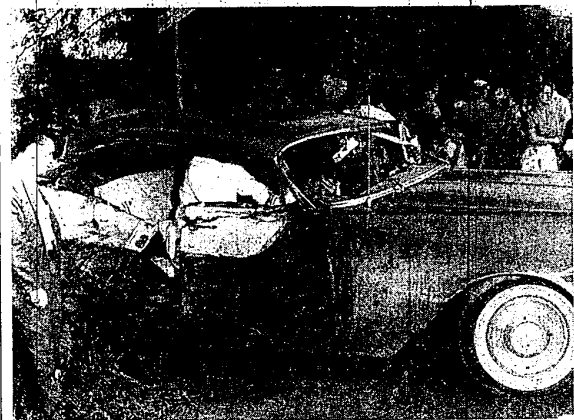
Monday evening approximately 65 persons honored Mr. and Mrs. Goers at a Farewell Party held in the community room of the Farmington Savings and Loan building, West End. The former Township Supervisor, was toastmaster and principal speaker of the evening. Other speakers included: Frank Stephenson, Township Supervisor; Thomas Tardy, former Board Trustee; Edward Moseman, former chairman of the Zoning Board; Fred Westlake, Board Trustee; Floyd A. Cairns, Township Clerk; Harry McCracken, former Township Clerk; A. G. Leonard, legal consultant for Township and Mrs. Avery. Leonard also gave the invocation.

Mr. and Mrs. Goers received a silver hot beverage set as a special gift from their friends and associates. Mrs. Goers has assisted her husband in the Treasurer's office for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goers were commended for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Township and its citizens. It was pointed out that during the 15 years in which Goers served as Township Treasurer, his department has experienced a tremendous increase in volume and activity. The various speakers emphasized that through his able and conscientious administration, Goers has made a valuable contribution to the progress and development of the Township.

Plan Township Bridge Projects

Construction work is to be started within a month on replacing four old bridges and installing new metal culverts at key spots throughout Farmington Township. The four Farmington Township projects, along with nine others throughout Oakland County, were announced this week by Paul Van Rookel, County Highway Engineer. The County Road Commission has awarded contracts for the modern metal culverts, multi-pipe arches, all to be delivered to the job sites within 30 days.

The longest culvert in the 13 projects will be installed in Farmington Township under Halsted Road half a mile south of Twelve Mile Road. The new culvert will be 74 feet in length and 10 feet in diameter. Other Farmington Township projects include culverts under Thirteen Mile Road, under Farmington and Drake Roads, under Howard Road west of Drake Road, and at Drake and Howard Roads.



A LARGE GROUP of spectators look on as a large group of people, including Maurice E. Wilson of Farmington in the front seat and his smashed auto. He suffered painful cuts and bruises about the face and chest when another auto, operated by Harold Jacobs of Plymouth, smashed into the side of his car on Orchard Lake Road at Hulford Saturday afternoon.

Six Injured In Four Area Auto Accidents

Three persons were injured in two separate auto accidents on Grand River Avenue just west of Middlebelt Road and two others in a crash on Orchard Lake Road a short distance south of 14 Mile Road over the weekend.

John Homoroden of 21401 Purdie was injured Friday afternoon around 4 p.m. when his car was struck by another operated by Robert Ritchie of 23133 Floral Street. Homoroden was making a turn from Grand River onto Purdie when the crash occurred. He was taken to Redford Receiving Hospital for treatment of bruises about the head and neck. Ritchie suffered only a minor cut on the forehead.

LACERATIONS about the forehead were suffered by James Lawn of River Rouge early Saturday morning when the car in which he was traveling with Gaylord Speaker of 3320 Moore Drive, Farmington, smashed into the rear end of a semi-truck operated by Charles Amy of Grand Blanc at the east end of the Grand River Cut-Off. Police indicated that Amy pulled directly in front of Speaker's auto while moving into an intersection.

Farmington, Clarenceville Schools To Open For Classes Thursday

A record number of students in both the Farmington and Clarenceville School Districts are expected to return to classes on Thursday, September 5, for the opening of the 1937-38 school year.

Teachers and administrative personnel will begin orientation activities on Tuesday, September 3. Farmington teachers are to report to their respective buildings at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday for unit meetings. At 11:15 a.m. all teachers will meet in the Farmington senior high for a general session, at which time G. V. Harrison, Superintendent, will address the group. This meeting will be followed by a luncheon in the high school cafeteria under the sponsorship of the Farmington Educational Association. Roger Lee Brigham, Assistant Director of the Phoenix Project at the University of Michigan, will be the guest speaker. The subject of his address will be "Developments in Atomic Energy--What It Means to the Public School Teachers."

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, teachers will continue various meetings and discussions at their respective buildings. At noon teachers from both Farmington and Clarenceville will meet in the Farmington senior high school cafeteria for a luncheon under the sponsorship of the Farmington and Clarenceville Public School Employees Credit Union.

C. Of C. Schedules Breakfast Friday

The Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce will hold its "First Member's Council Breakfast" this Friday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the Steak Room at Guffins House of Beef, 3068 Grand River.

All members and prospective members are invited to attend the breakfast. A progress report on the organization of the Chamber of Commerce will be given along with a discussion of plans for future activities.

Two new committees were organized last week as part of the overall planning program. The committees include Health and Education and Retail and Wholesale Sales and Promotion. John Colton was named chairman of the Health and Education Committee. Other members include: James Geiger, Jerry Spink, Robert McBride, Dr. M.L. Hulton, Robert J. Kelly, Dr. M.E. Whitehead, Dr. Donald Wingard and Dr. Donald Baxman.

Members of the new Retail and Wholesale Sales and Promotion Committee are: Forest Dickerson, Sam Turbow, Richard Sartora, Gene Hyman, Ed Sierns, Hugh Owens, Fred Menke, Bayard Tupper, Fred Kingdon and John Zoceano.

The Industrial Committee has organized two sub-committees with James Tagg as chairman of public utility and Lee Stevens as chairman of solicitation control.

Early Copy

The last big holiday of the 1937 summer season is coming up this week-end.

Since Labor Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 2, the Enterprise staff has another short week starting them in the face. In an effort to smooth the road a little bit and at the same time give our staff members an opportunity to spend the holiday with their families, we are asking your cooperation in submitting as much news and advertising copy on Friday and Saturday morning as possible.

Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

POSTPONE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 9

City officials announced this week that the next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, September 9, instead of the regular meeting date of September 7.

The meeting is being postponed one week since September 2 will be observed as Labor Day. All matters scheduled on the Regular September 2 meeting agenda will be taken up on September 9.

Bell Announces Rate Increases

The rate for two-party residence telephone service with unlimited long distance calls is to be increased under a recent order by the Michigan Public Service Commission. It was announced by John Kamego, Farmington manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

The rate for private-line residence telephones will be increased by 50 cents and the rate for two-party service with a 55-cent allowance will be increased by 25 cents. Kamego said.

Other rate changes moved non-rate private switchboard trunk lines up \$1.50 per month, business lines up \$1, and business lines with a call allowance up 75 cents.

Commenting on the commission's order which granted an increase of about \$230,000 per month to Michigan Bell, the company termed it "disappointing because it falls far short of providing for increased costs of doing business."

"Even with this increase, rate changes since 1930 have raised company revenues only 31 per cent on the average, with prices of other goods and services have almost doubled, and our own cost of providing service for each telephone also has nearly doubled."

Adopt Employee Policy Resolutions At Stormy Session

A group of charges and counter-charges were tossed back and forth across the table Tuesday evening as the Township Board approved a series of resolutions including the establishment of separate funds and the earmarking of monies for a new fire hall and a new township hall.

The principal discussion and debate centered around eight resolutions proposed by Wanda Brown at the August 13 meeting as well as five new resolutions presented on Tuesday. The original eight proposals were tabled at the meeting in order that the Township Attorney might render an opinion on the duties and responsibilities of the various officers and the Board. Six of the eight resolutions concern employee-resolution relations.

Prior to any action on the proposals Supervisor Frank Stephenson urged that the Board members refrain from making any hasty decisions until each matter had been discussed in detail. The Township Attorney reported that considerable study had been made of the resolutions and in his opinion there was some question as to whether the Board could approve all aspects of the proposals. He asked that more time be allowed for study and preparation of a written opinion.

Brown stated that adoption of the resolutions could not supersede any studies that there could be no harm in taking action. Elise Avery read a letter from the Assistant Corporation Counsel of Oakland County which he stated that the clerk and treasurer shall appoint deputies with the consent of the Board. Brown stated that the purpose of the first six resolutions was to restore all employees to their original status and permit the establishment of a planned procedure on employee relations. Brown stated that they were prompted by reports that clerical employees were being transferred from one department to another without the approval of the other officers.

Stephenson stated that as Supervisor he is responsible for the efficient operation of the Township. He added that "the major part of the resolutions proposed on August 13 are based on untruths". He charged that controversy was being stirred by "a group of persons who were not in the Township Clerk, without any foundation. Stephenson cited several examples where personnel has been changed in order to avoid the approval of the Supervisor. The Supervisor added that in his opinion this is his responsibility. Brown stated that he did not believe the Supervisor should be given the right to move personnel without the approval of the Board.

At this point Stephenson called for a 10 minute discussion on the (See TOWNSHIP BOARD, Pg. 8A)

Catholic School To Open Tuesday

Classes at Our Lady of Sorrows School, Powers Road between Shawwassee and 10 Mile Road, will open on Tuesday, August 31, with a record enrollment of 1,150 students.

A total of 850 students will be enrolled in grades one through eight and 300 students in grades nine through 12. The 12th grade is being added this year for the first time in the history of the school.

Following the Mass students will go to their respective classrooms for orientation. Only a half day session will be observed the first day with regular full day sessions beginning on Friday.

The complete school bus schedule has been prepared and published in the Parish Bulletin.

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City Tax Deadline Set For Tuesday

City property owners have until Tuesday, September 3, to pay their 1937 tax statements without penalty. Kathryn Colter, City Treasurer, announced this week that the normal August 31 deadline has been extended to September 3 since the City offices will not be open on Saturday or Monday due to the Labor Day week-end.

Mrs. Colter emphasized that all city taxes must be paid no later than September 3 to avoid penalty. Taxes not paid by that date will be subject to a four per cent penalty.

Mrs. Colter reported Monday that a total of \$115,180.20 in taxes is expected to be collected, which represents approximately 70.5 per cent of the total tax statement of \$163,180.20. Officials emphasized that the percentage of collections in the next few days as many of the mortgage companies delay payment until the deadline-date.

TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 4

A public hearing on the proposed rezoning from Residential to Commercial of a parcel of land at the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Ten Mile Roads will be held before the Township Zoning Board on Wednesday evening, September 4.

The hearing is scheduled to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Farmington Town Hall. All residents of the parcel affected by the proposed amendment are invited to attend and participate in the discussion. Edward Schmid, chairman of the Zoning Board, announced.

The proposed amendment provides for the rezoning from Residential to Commercial of the north 222.18 feet of the west 330 feet of the northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Farmington Township. The Planning Board has recommended that the rezoning proposal be approved.



THIS WEEK'S ISSUE carries the last of a series of schedules of the Farmington Enterprise for the Farmington and Clarenceville Public School Districts. The schedules appear on Pages 2A and 3A of this week's issue. Included in the information are bus stops, time schedules, bus numbers and drivers' names. These new schedules will take effect with the opening of school on Thursday, September 5. If the parents and officials of the school districts. Persons who desire additional information regarding the schedules are requested to contact their respective Board of Education office. The Farmington number is GR. 4-1135 while the Clarenceville number is GR. 4-0274.

THE CITIZENS of the Farmington area are mapping plans for one last thing before summer passes from the scene. The coming Labor Day week-end marks the unusual close of the official summer season. However, this is not the purpose of this paragraph. It is rather a reminder to all of you that the City and Township offices will be closed from 5:00 p.m. Friday evening until Tuesday morning. The branch offices of the Secretary of State and the National Bank of Detroit will be closed on Saturday and Monday while the Farmington Post Office will be closed on Monday. Most stores and business places will also be closed on Monday. In order that employees may enjoy this last big holiday of the summer season.



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