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Twp. Bd. Stages Meadowbrook Sewer Hearing

The Farmington Township Board, at their regular meeting Monday night, September 28, will hold public hearings on a sanitary sewer project and set the dates for public hearings on two other sewer projects proposed in the Township.

The hearing staged Monday night was for the proposed sanitary sewer facilities in Meadowbrook Hills Subdivision, Meadowbrook Hills Sub No. 1 and No. 2. The estimated cost of the project, according to the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Pale, Firm and Boggs, will be \$200,700. THE UNIT COST per benefit to the property owners was estimated at \$1,205.33, with a total of 169 units included in the special assessment district. There were no objections to the establishment of the district, which was unanimously approved by the Township Board. The date for payment of the first special assessment installment, which can be spread over a 15-year period, was set by the Board for May 1, 1965.

Public hearings were held on proposed sanitary sewers for Fairgreen Hills, Golf Lake Hills, Coventry Subdivision and a parcel of acreage for October 26, and for proposed sanitary sewers in Commerce Park, November 16. The October 26 public hearing will be to hear objections on the estimated cost of the proposed sanitary sewer project while the November 16 hearing will be on necessity for sewers.

Absentee Ballot Requests Heavy

If the number of requests for absentee ballots is any indication, it appears that Farmington City and Township will have an exceptionally good percentage of voters out to ballot on November 3 Presidential Election. Township Clerk Floyd Cairns reported Monday that his office had issued 12 absentee ballots. Absentee ballots, City Clerk Treva Quinn stated that she had given out 45 absentee ballots and was getting requests for more all the while.

Both clerks pointed out that absentee ballots may be obtained until the Saturday before the election but that good reason for voting absentee must be established. The statutory grounds for obtaining an absentee ballot are: (1)—Expecting to be absent; (2)—Being unable to get to the polls; (3)—Being unable to vote because of the tenets of one religion; (4)—Being appointed as elector; (5)—Being unable to vote other than one's own voting precinct.

Open Adult Ed. Classes Here

Richard T. Tyler, Director of Adult Education for the Farmington Education Center, announced this week that approximately 600 persons have enrolled in the first ten-week term of the 1964-65 Adult Education program. The final ten-week Adult Education term is scheduled to open in March.

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COLLEGE NIGHT PLANS are being coordinated this year with the representatives from all of the area high schools. Students taking part in the above planning session are (L to R, seated) Evelyn Assemany of Our Lady of Sorrows, Sandy Schulz of Farmington and Janet Lam of North Farmington; and (L to R, standing) Rick Korte of OLS, Michael Mesler of FHS and Bill Oldershaw of NFHS.

NFHS to Host 13th Annual College Nite

The thirteenth annual College Night Program in Farmington will be held on Tuesday, October 6, from 7:00 p.m. at North Farmington High. The night is planned to give high school students and their parents an opportunity to become acquainted with various colleges and to have questions about them answered.

Browsing periods will be held from 7:30 and 9:35 p.m., during which time guests may visit rooms assigned to various colleges to have questions answered and obtain information. Three closed sessions of forty minutes duration will be held at 7:30, 8:15 and 9:20 p.m. During these sessions each college representative will discuss his institution and answer questions pertaining to that particular college.

POLITICAL SPOTLIGHT

Gov. Romney Will Arrive Sat. Via Motorcade

Governor George W. Romney will visit Farmington via Motorcade on Saturday, October 3, Farmington's "Meet Your Governor" day, and will make three public appearances.

Governor Romney will arrive at Republican Headquarters, 3316 Grand River Avenue, at approximately 12 noon where he will participate in the official opening of the GOP headquarters. The Governor will then proceed to the Downtown Farmington Center where he will brief and meet the public at White House Valet at about 1:30 p.m.

After lunch the Motorcade is scheduled to arrive at Kendallwood Shopping Center, Twelve Mile and Farmington Roads, at approximately 1:15 p.m. where he will speak.



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B OF C GETS APPROVAL Annual Football Game Ok'ed for Fund Raising

On Saturday, November 14, the Farmington High versus North Farmington High football game will be played for the first time as a total community event as approved by the Farmington School Board at a regular meeting on Monday, September 28. A request was made to the School Board on September 14 by the Farmington Board of Commerce that the annual football game be played on a Saturday and expanded into a larger and better community function which all area sports fans could attend. It was requested that extra funds derived from the event be used by the Board of Commerce in their drive for more Farmington community Christmas decorations. The Board postponed making a decision on the matter at that time.

AS A RESULT OF A September 22 meeting of representatives of the School Administration and the Board of Commerce, the following recommendations were made to the School Board last Monday evening: 1. The Board of Commerce will participate annually in the promoting of community interest and the sale of adult tickets to this regularly scheduled game. 2. The cost of the adult ticket shall be determined annually by the Board of Commerce with the approval of the administration. The prevailing Department of Athletics adult ticket price shall be returned to the schools for all adult tickets sold and the balance shall go to the Board of Commerce. 3. A separate account shall be established by the Board of Commerce for the FOOTBALL GAME. 4. The entire sale of student tickets would be retained by the school. School policy relative to admission of school employees will remain unchanged. 5. A separate account shall be established by the Board of Commerce for the FOOTBALL GAME. Page 8-A, Col. 3

County Health Dept. X-Ray Unit to be Here

The Oakland County Health Department will offer a free chest X-Ray for all persons over thirty years of age October 5, 6 and 7 at their B.U.C. Gray Mobile Unit in the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center. The X-Ray Mobile Unit will be open Monday, October 5, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7, the unit will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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Recommended Speed Limit Changes in Twp

Details regarding the speed limit changes and other safety measures which have been recommended for major roads in Farmington Township as the result of a special study recently completed, were disclosed this week to "The Farmington Enterprise" by Supervisor Curt Hall. The supervisor made it clear in announcing the recommendations made however, that official approval from the state highway department still had to be obtained before these recommended changes could be carried out.

At the request of the Township Board, the study of speeds and safety problems on major artery roads in the township was made by officials of the Oakland County Road Commission and the State Police Dept. in cooperation with Township Police Chief Wm. Vokes. ONE OF THE recommendations is that the speed limit on Twelve Mile Road from Inkster Road to Farmington Road be reduced from 30 miles per hour to 45 m.p.h. No reduction in the 45 mile per hour speed limit is recommended for Middlebelt Road, except in front of the East Junior High School. The recommendation here is that the Farmington School District put up yellow school flashers at either end of the road in front of the school and the speed limit be reduced to 35 m.p.h. for a distance of 1,000 feet. On Farmington Road north of Ten Mile in the Township, the speed limit is 35 m.p.h. Page 8-A, Col. 1

Gas Station Is Approved for M'belt, 12 Mile

A rezoning request to permit the construction of a two-bay Marathon gasoline service station on Twelve Mile and M'belt roads was approved by the Township Zoning Board at a regular meeting on Thursday, September 24. A public hearing was held on the request to rezone property at the southwest corner of the intersection, fronting 160 ft. on Twelve Mile Road and 100 ft. on Middlebelt Road, from RA-2, single residential, to B-1, business classification. One citizen, Albert Walker of 22215 Twelve Mile Road, voiced objections to the proposal. He said that service stations tend to be noisy, they accumulate wrecked cars, and create unsightly conditions by having piles of oil drums, etc., piled upon the property. WALKER SAID rezoning of the property would be "spot zoning" and that he would rather see funeral homes or other business on the corner. In Board action on the matter a motion was made to deny the request. The vote was three for rezoning and two against. The chairman of the Board, Percy Gardhouse, cast the tie-breaking vote against denial of the request. A motion was then made to approve the rezoning. The vote was three for approval and three against approval. Gardhouse again cast the deciding vote for approval of the rezoning. Page 8-A, Col. 1

Herrington Bound Over For Circuit Court Trial

Wells S. Herrington, 45 of Farmington, will be arraigned Monday, October 5, in Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of first-degree murder for the September 16 slaying of a Birmingham dentist, shot attempting to break up a reconciliation between Herrington and his 41-year-old wife, Betty Stewart. Farmington Municipal Court Judge Sylvester J. Phoney bound Herrington over for trial in Circuit Court at the examination held in his court Friday morning, September 25. HERRINGTON'S attorney, James P. Lawson of Farmington, succeeded in obtaining an agreement with the Oakland County Prosecutor to allow the defendant out on bond. A personal bond of \$25,000 was set by Judge Phoney and approved by the Oakland County Judge after the examination last Friday. The arraignment Monday will be at 9 a.m. before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James S. Thorburn. Herrington is charged with the gunshot slaying of Dr. John R. Foster, 407 Foster was shot with a .38 caliber revolver in Herrington's Farmington West Apartment. TESTIFYING at the examination last Friday were the coroner, Dr. W. F. Fort, Farmington City Police Chief Maurice Foltz and Sgt. Robert Deadman of the Farmington City Police. The arraignment Monday will be at 9 a.m. before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James S. Thorburn. \$150 Buys Old Bus The Farmington Board of Education at a meeting Monday, September 28, approved the purchase of a 1958 Buick Oldsmobile for \$150. (Repairs needed) the bus had earlier been estimated at \$460 to \$600.)

Village Green Development Gets Twp. Zoning Bd. Okay

Rezoning of parts of 160 acres at Halsted and Grand River to allow development of Village Green Apartments, a Country Club Community proposed by builders Thomas A. Duke and George A. Duke, Jr., was approved by the Township Zoning Board, four to two, at a regular meeting last Thursday evening, September 24. The Village Green project was proposed several months ago and has been before the Zoning Board on three separate occasions. The original request was made in July. It was set up for a Public Hearing on August 27, and was adjourned; and it was continued at the September 24 meeting. During the past three months the project has provoked much citizen reaction, both pro and con. Residents of Old Homestead Subdivision, which is located about one-half mile east of the development site, held a meeting of their association two weeks ago to discuss the project. There were conflicting reports on the outcome of the vote taken at the meeting, but at last week's public hearing it was reported that the vote was in favor of Village Green Apartments. MRS. CHECKETTS, 25488 Old Homestead, spoke first when the hearing was opened. She asked that members of the audience refrain from heckling and keep the discussion on a high plane. She traced the history of Farmington and pointed out that every worthwhile change made in Farmington in the past had met with opposition by the people. She stated that she hoped they would consider what was good for Farmington, instead of just what they themselves wanted. Two questions most frequently asked during the discussions came up at the meeting. "Aren't the wishes of the public considered in zoning?" and "What is to prevent someone else's buying property on a 40-acre lot and pulling up some apartments?" The answer to the first question was supplied by Township Attorney Harry T. Quinn. He said that every citizen has the right to reasonable use of his land and that the zoning board must consider an application on its own merits. He pointed out that zoning matters are governed by law and must be decided, not by the people, but by their elected and appointed representatives. THE SECOND question was answered by Charles Leman, planning consultant. He stated that Farmington Township's Master Plan is based on a "neighborhood unit" plan. The Township is divided into units and a population density established for each unit. When the population density for a given unit is reached, whether by multiple housing, subdivisions, single-family residences, additional developments will not be approved. He stated that Farmington's unit development plan has been upheld by the State Supreme Court. Page 8-A, Col. 6

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THE AAUW BOOK SALE in Farmington last week attracted many residents who welcomed an opportunity to stock up on reading material at bargain prices. Popular television commentator Paul Williams (pictured above) was among those who browsed through the offerings at the three-day book sale.

MISHAPS RESULT

Water Not Flowing Into Twp. Homes Yet

While the water from Detroit is already flowing through the lines in one or two of the special assessment water districts in Farmington Township, it is still not coming from the taps of homes because of some unfortunate mishaps, it was disclosed this week. Testing of the water had been completed earlier with approval from the state on the quality having been obtained. But when the valves were turned on Friday to emit water under 80 pounds of pressure through the main line a leak developed. The leak was taken care of over the weekend but new tests had to be taken as a result of the leak. A report back from the state on the second tests is expected by the end of this week or early part of next. In the meantime switchboxes have been put on in streets in the districts that are set to get water first and all will be in readiness for the water to be turned on into homes as soon as favorable conditions report get back from the state. PEOPLE in Kimberley and Lincolnshire subdivisions and areas nearby are still going to have to wait a little longer, however, Township Supervisor Curt Hall said Monday. These two subdivisions and areas around them are being served from a line coming up from Eight Mile along Inkster Road and then westward along 41 Mile Road. A tributary of the Rouge River cuts across Inkster just north of Nine Mile Road, he explained, and a difficult construction problem presents itself. An expert in the field of well pointing has been engaged by the contractor doing this job to get a line across the tributary but it may take as long as 30 days before the work is done. There are also some final connection problems at Inkster and 11 Mile but it was expected that these would be solved within two weeks and the hook-up there made. ALL THAT will remain to be done after the line across the river tributary is completed is to get state approval of the quality of the water and it will be flowing through taps in homes in Kimberley and Lincolnshire, Supervisor Hall said. Wednesday night October 1, water in these subdivisions can be made.

2 Zone Appeals Slated on Wed.

Two requests for zoning variances which will permit the erection of new business establishments at locations where other buildings now stand in the Downtown Farmington business section are scheduled to come up for consideration before the City of Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday night, October 1. One of the parcels of property is the land where the Thayer Funeral Home is now located on Grand River Avenue just east of School Street. It has been indicated that a tire company outlet store is proposed at this location if some minor variances in present zoning can be obtained. The other parcel where a variance will be asked for is that property on the west side of Farmington Road just south of the Dan Lowe Hardware Store where the old building, which was formerly a taxi cab stand, is located. A new office building is planned for this location if a variance in present zoning is granted.

Rex Cawley Day Set for Nov. 12

Farmington City Councilman Rex Cawley announced this week that his committee making arrangements for the homecoming of Olympic hurdler, Rex Cawley of Farmington, has set Thursday, November 12, as the date for the Rex Cawley Recognition Banquet in Farmington. Working on the committee with Councilman Forrest are John K. Conellan and Dick Habicht.

Voter Signup Deadline Oct. 5

Don't lose your right to vote Nov. 3 because of a misunderstanding of the new voting regulations, City Clerk T. C. Quinn and Township Clerk Floyd Cairns both urged this week. If you have not voted in a state or national election in the last two years you must be re-registered as a qualified voter. If you are a new comer to the county you must be registered in order to qualify as a voter locally. If you have resided here more than one month and in the State of Michigan at least six months.

The registration deadline to qualify as a voter Nov. 3 is this coming Sunday, Oct. 5. You can register anytime during the next 10 hours at the clerk's offices but special hours have been set by both clerks for these last few days before deadline. The special 12 1/2 hour Farmington Township hours are: FRIDAY, Oct. 2, North Farmington High School, 13 Mile just east of Orchard Lake Road, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. SATURDAY, Oct. 3 - Farmington Twp. Hall, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. SUNDAY, Oct. 5 - Farmington Twp. Hall, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. The special City of Farmington hours are: FRIDAY, Oct. 3 - City Municipal Building, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. MONDAY, Oct. 5 - City Municipal Building, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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