

Twp. Bd. Okays Vote On Library Expansion, Operating Proposals

A unanimous vote was cast by the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night in favor of placing on the April 5 ballot a proposition for a special one-half mill tax levied for a period of ten years to permit proposed expansion of the Farmington District Library.

The board members' vote was also unanimous for placing a vote at the same time a second proposition seeking continuation of a one-half mill levy

now being collected for operation of the district library system. The extension of this special one-half mill levy will be requested for a period of 20 years.

The expansion planned calls for a new main library building on 12 Mile Road on a five-acre parcel already purchased across from the Duncel Junior High and substantial improvements and enlarging of public library facilities in the City of Farmington.

ROY CZUBARIK and Mary Allison, township representatives on the Farmington City and Township District Library Board, appeared at Monday night's meeting to explain their expansion plans and answer any questions from board members.

The library expansion plans were first revealed a week ago Monday at the regular Farmington City Council meeting. It was proposed by City Manager John Dinan and city councilmen at that time that district library board officials consider a one-half mill levy for a 20-year period for the expansion planned rather than the one mill levy for ten years as originally proposed.

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B of E Approves 2 New Sub Plats

Two preliminary plats for proposed subdivisions were presented to the Board of Education on January 25, and approved after lengthy discussion. One plat was for Colony Park Subdivision, to be located in Section 9, south of 13 Mile Road, between Drake and Farmington roads, near Wooddale School. The plat, which will contain 12 lots, was approved subject to provisions for walking easements for school children.

The second plat, for Heritage Hills Subdivision, will contain 221 lots and will be located in Section 4, south of 14 Mile Road and from Drake Road to Farmington Road. The district owns a school site of nearly 600 acres in the area.

Attractive "New Look" For Enterprise Coming

The Farmington Enterprise, Inc. management is pleased to announce that it will soon be converting to a modern, new method of producing the Enterprise.

This new production method will permit us to provide our readers with a much more attractive looking and easier to read newspaper. It will also give us substantially more versatility in providing good looking advertisements for our advertising accounts.

Known offset printing, this new production method is a photographic process with printing being done from aluminum plates on high speed, top quality press equipment. Very clear and distinctive black impression on white paper is obtained and photographs are also made equally as clear and detailed as actual photographs.

Exceptionally good colored ink reproduction can also be obtained from this new press.

THE HIGH SPEED web offset press and camera equipment required to produce a newspaper by this method is very expensive. This high cost factor makes it impractical if not impossible for most community newspapers to convert to this new production method in its entirety alone.

Throughout the nation community newspapers converting See PLAN "NEW LOOK"
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Tax Payments Reported Good

Both City Treasurer Kathryn Cotter and Township Treasurer Elise Avery reported this week that they were well satisfied with the way winter tax bill payments have been coming in from the offices.

Mrs. Avery reported that a total of \$2,450,872.51 in tax payments had been collected by her office as of Monday against a total billing of \$2,894,177.55 or approximately two-thirds of the total.

She reminded taxpayers of the fact that her office would be open on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the specific purpose of accepting tax payments as well as other business that you find it hard to get to the Township Hall on weekdays.

Mrs. Cotter's report was that \$244,427 in winter taxes had been collected by her office as of Monday against a total billing of \$1,070,191.80.



LIBRARIAN MILDRED DROEGE, recipient of a special award from the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce Saturday night, is pictured above with her husband, Stephen H. Droege (left), and Mrs. and Mr. Ralph Parnin who both took part in the awards presentation.

Mrs. Parnin is shown pinning a corsage on the Farmington librarian on behalf of the Jaycee Auxiliary following the presentation of the Meritorious Service Award which was made by Jaycee President Ralph Parnin.

County May Ask Millage Vote For Special Ed.

The Oakland County Board of Education is studying whether to submit to the electors in June a referendum asking for 1/2 of 1 mill for Special Education in the County, according to a report given by Supt. Gerald V. Harrison to the Farmington Board of Education on January 25.

Harrison explained that the 1/2 mill tax voted for Special Education in 1953 has not been producing enough revenue in the past few years to meet the growth of the county. State Aid payments have gone from \$1 per cent to \$1.50 per cent and the County has had to pay a larger proportion of the total cost.

IN FARMINGTON there are presently a total of 33 teacher "stations" in the Special Education program; and for the 1965-66 school year, it is estimated that another nine will be needed.

There are 125 mildly to mentally handicapped children in Oakland County and 84 rooms are needed at the present time. "EXPANSION" of the program is certainly needed," said Harrison. "I shall try to meet the needs or retrench. All we have to work with is the property tax. What we need most is some kind of fiscal reform to give relief to the property taxpayers."

Harrison, a member of the Oakland County Mental Health Board, asked that the Board of Education consider giving him some direction as to their thoughts regarding a referendum so that he would have the benefit of their thinking in his work at the County level.

It was agreed among the members that a study session be held on February 1, to consider the proposed Oakland County Special Education Tax.

Questions Don't Come At Twp. Bd. Meeting

Usually the most lively and time consuming portion of Farmington Township Board meetings comes during the questions and answer period at the end of the meetings.

When at a single question was asked, and after a momentary silence, Trustee Thomas Duke offered a motion to adjourn.



RUSSELL O. CAIN of Farmington is pictured above receiving congratulations from Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce President Ralph Parnin (right) upon being awarded the Meritorious Service Award which was annually given by the Jaycees to the man voted the most outstanding young man of the community. DSA Chairman Pat Nowak (left) is holding up the award, presented to Cain Saturday night.

JC's Awards Program & Show Kick-Off Held

Last Saturday evening, January 23, the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce held their annual Award Night and "Show Kick-Off" Dinner at the Parker House. One hundred and twenty Jaycees, wives and guests were in attendance.

THE COVETED distinguished Service Award, the highest recognition the Jaycees can bestow on a young man in the community, was presented to Russell Cain by D.S.A. Chairman, Pat Nowak.

Cain, an employee of the Star Cutter Company, in addition to being an active Jaycee, also devotes his time to the Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A., junior football and Little League baseball. Further, he is a volunteer fireman and a church Sunday school teacher.

Also, as a part of the award program, Jaycee President Ralph Parnin, presented Mrs. Mildred Droege, Farmington Librarian, with a special plaque recognizing her outstanding contributions to the Farmington community.

An outline of this year's Jaycee Musical Variety Show, entitled "Anything Goes," was

Twp. Industrial Picture Looks Much Brighter

The biggest single boon to the tax base of Farmington Township in 25 years is represented in the \$421,000 Diamond National plant which is now under construction in the Haggerty Road-Tep Mile industrial park area.

Not since the Star Cutter Company opened in the Township more than two decades ago has an industry of comparable size offered so bright a prospect to Township officials.

DIAMOND NATIONAL'S 66,000 square feet of plant will last substantially but a growing estimated 125 employees and future plans call for an expansion to 200,000 square feet and 500 employees.

The new industry, which will be engaged in the manufacturing of egg cartons, is expected to be in operation by the second quarter of this year.

Ground was broken for the Diamond National plant last month, however, the 15-acre site was purchased early in 1961.

The first industry to purchase land in the Township's industrial park area, Diamond National is expected to be joined shortly by a growing list of interested industrial firms which are being attracted to the rapidly developing area.

A NORTH-SOUTH freeway which will roughly parallel Haggerty Road, water and sewer facilities being extended into the area in addition to the existing expressways which serve the area.

Petition Filing Deadline for 3 City Council Seats Feb. 15

Three seats on the five-member Farmington City Council are to be filled at the Spring Election on April 5.

Under provisions of the Farmington City Charter the deadline for filing petitions as a candidate had been 25 days prior to the election date but provisions in the new state constitution have moved this deadline date up substantially. State law supercedes local law on matters of this kind.

The deadline for filing as city council candidates this year therefore will be February 15 at 12 p.m. City Clerk Trena Quinn pointed out.

Mrs. Quinn stated that petitions have already been taken out by some interested in campaigning for a seat on the Council. Others who might be interested in obtaining petitions for themselves or someone they wish to circulate petitions for may get them from Mrs. Quinn anytime during regular office hours Monday through Friday.

The city clerk emphasized the fact that in order to qualify as a candidate one must have been a resident of the city for at least three years, be a property owner in the city and have all taxes and special assessment obligations paid up with the city prior to the Feb. 15 filing deadline.

THE THREE incumbent councilmen whose terms of office expire this year are those of Mayor Robert Lindbert,

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilbur (Sandy) Brotherton and Henry Forrester.

While none of the three have officially announced that they will be seeking re-election, Mrs. Quinn stated that petitions had been taken out to be circulated for all three of them. Petitions have also been taken out by two or three others indicating that the incumbents will have opposition if they do choose to seek re-election, Mrs. Quinn said.

In the election on April 5 the two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes will be seated for four years in terms while the person receiving the third highest number of votes will serve for a two-year term.

A CLARIFICATION regarding the earlier filing date for candidates in city elections that had been prescribed by city charter election regulations in the past is contained in a letter from Robert M. Montgomery, state director of elections, to the Oakland County clerk's office and thence to the various city clerk's offices.

The letter states: "There appears to be no question but the Compiler's Section 555, which is Section 646a of the Election Law (in the new state constitution) requires that the primary for an April election must be held on the third Monday in February, and if it is held on that date by petitions they must file no later than the date of the primary. This would See COUNCIL SEATS
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Twp. Bd. to Seek Funds For Study of Planning

An extensive study and updating of Farmington Township's present comprehensive plan for future community development may soon be started as a result of action taken by the Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

A start on the study will be dependent on whether the township can qualify for federal and state aid under the 701 program of the Federal Housing Act. Several communities in this

area, including the City of Farmington, have qualified.

The board took official action authorizing the township's planning consultants, Villard-Herman Assoc., to draw up the necessary papers and resolutions for making application. Members also instructed Township Attorney Terry Brennan to review procedures that should be followed and report back at the next regular meeting.

THE PLANNING consultants pointed out in a letter recommending that the township make application that two-thirds of the cost for the three year study could be obtained under this federal assistance program. For a little under \$7,000 per year, the township would be able to get another \$14,000 annually in aid money to complete the thorough study, it was pointed out. The approximately \$7,000 would only be a little over \$1,000 more than the township is now budgeting for See TWP. PLANNING
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Middlebelt Rd. To Be Closed

Middlebelt Road, from 8 Mile Road to Grand River Avenue, will be closed to through traffic for about five months starting next Monday, February 1, according to the Oakland County Road Commission.

The existing bridge is to be removed and replaced and the road is to be rebuilt with a 48-foot-wide concrete pavement. Construction work is expected to be completed on or before July 1, 1965.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, traffic will be re-routed via Grand River Avenue and 8 Mile Road. Southbound Middlebelt traffic will turn left on Grand River, proceed to 8 Mile Road, turn right on 8 Mile Road, proceed to Middlebelt Road and turn left.

Northbound Middlebelt traffic will turn right on 8 Mile Road, proceed to Grand River, turn left on Grand River, proceed to Middlebelt Road and turn right. Construction work on the project will be done by the Cooke Contracting Company of Detroit.

Larkshire School Reported Progressing

Larkshire School is progressing despite weather conditions. A list of sub-contractors under the construction of the general contractor, was approved by the Board of Education on January 25, subject to the furnishing of additional information in the names of manufacturers of the doors and frames, windows, flooring and hardware.

A list of suppliers for sub-contract work under Zeni & Maguire Co., mechanical contractors for the school, was also approved.

City Police Report Shows Accidents Up

The City of Farmington's Department of Public Safety this week released its annual operations report with traffic accidents showing a marked increase during 1964 and the City recording its first traffic fatality in several years.

A pedestrian killed while crossing Grand River Avenue last Sunday morning, the record of the City posted over the last several years when no traffic deaths were recorded. There were a total of six accidents in 1964 compared to just 247 reported in 1963.

B. of C. Elects Six Directors

At an annual election meeting held Tuesday night, members of the Farmington Board of Commerce elected six members to serve on its board of directors.

Present board members re-elected were Ken Ekstrom of Ekstrom Electric Controls and Dr. Don Krohn, both for two year terms, and Mike Kiley of The Farmington Enterprise for a one year term.

Those members elected were Ed Balden of the Farmington Central Corp. and Bill Bowman of the Thompson Brown Co. for two year terms and Mrs. Stella Strive of Custom Bridal Salon for a one year term.

There were 112 accidents involving personal injuries to those involved while 302 accidents were classified as property damage mishaps last year. In 1963, there were just 60 personal injury accidents reported by City Police and 187 property damage accidents.

CHIEF MAURICE D. POLY, since taking over the Department of Public Safety for the City of Farmington last February, has introduced several innovations which were also enumerated in the 1964 operations report.

A full time police officer was added to the department along with two police cadets last year. A Detective Division, headed by Sgt. William Garden, was established and the office of enable was assumed by the Police Department. Methods of filing reports were updated and a records bureau regularly maintained established during the last 12 months.

The City's Juvenile Division handled a total of 300 cases during 1964 with less than 2 per cent of the offenders becoming repeat violators.

THE OPERATIONS report for last year showed there were a total of 225 arrests made and all but one of those arrested See CITY POLICE
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Board of Ed. Hears Detailed Drop-Out Study

As a result of the interest of the guidance department of the Farmington Secondary Schools and the work of the Advisory Committee on Drop-outs, the Guidance Department of the Farmington Public Schools kept a tabulation of drop-outs indicating some of their characteristics, for the year June, 1963, to June, 1964.

Miss Virginia Carney, counselor, submitted the report to the Farmington Board of Education on January 25. She emphasized that the statistics gathered by the tabulation are not conclusive in themselves but are intended as guides for counselors in identifying potential drop-outs and evaluating the role of the counselor in this field.

THE ENROLLMENT and number of drop-outs for the 1963-64 year by schools and grades was East Junior High, 7th, 249; 8th, 222; 9th, 207-5; total, 679-6. Farmington Junior High, 7th, 205-2; 8th, 311-1; 9th, 261-2; total, 877-5.

O.B. Duckel Junior High, 7th, 316-0; 8th, 345-0; 9th, 273-3; total, 934-3. Farmington High, 10th, 400-21; 11th, 348-15; 12th, 285-1; total, 1,034-36. North Farmington High, 10th, 367-7; 11th, 220-4; 12th, 243-0; total, 932-11.

THERE WAS A total of 4,440 students enrolled in the five schools out of which 7 students became drop-outs. Comparative studies usually use grades 9 through 12 figures to give perspective. Using these enrollments, we find that 87 of the 2,681 enrolled dropped out during the 1963-64 school year.

Assuming a constant enrollment and rate of drop-out for the four grades, approximately 9.8 per cent of Farmington students drop out before completing high school. In Michigan, about 30 per cent of the high school students drop out before See DROP-OUT STUDY
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Absentee Ballots Now Available in City

City Clerk Trena Quinn reports that absentee ballots for the February 15 election are now available at her office and may be obtained anytime during regular office hours.

Those persons who are out of town on election day or will be unable to get to the polls on that date for some other justifiable reason are advised to make application for an absentee ballot early.