

Seek \$1 1/2 Million for Two Grade Schools, Service Building, Sites

Planning considerably ahead is necessary to assure adequate school facilities for youngsters in the school district, school officials stated.

"This is why taxpayers are being asked to go to the polls on Monday, March 10, to vote on a \$1,500,000 school bond issue even though considerable school construction is still in progress with money from the \$4,000,000 school bond issue authorized a year ago for new schools, additions and sites.

Specifically, taxpayers will be asked to approve the selling of bonds for this amount to defray the cost of erecting and equipping new elementary schools, a service building and the purchase of still more school sites for future schools which it is anticipated will be needed in years to come.

BASED ON projected enrollment figures, it will be possible for all elementary students in the school district to be enrolled on full day sessions when buildings and additions now under construction or planned to be put under construction with funds available are completed, school officials indicated. Additions at the Farmington Junior

High and the Senior High, being built with 1957 bond issue money, will not only satisfy present needs but allow for anticipated enrollment increases through 1965, they added.

Thus, funds being asked for now are not needed to satisfy any school needs for the 1958-'59 school year, but rather for the following year (1959-'60) and years ahead, school officials emphasized.

FROM ENROLLMENT figures, revised less than three months ago, it has been conservatively estimated that there will be an increase of 750 students in elementary school enrollment between the beginning of the 1958-'59 school year and the 1959-'60 school year.

Disregarding increases through new families moving into the community, enrollments in the district continue upward each year, Superintendent G. V. Harrison said. To emphasize this fact he pointed out that while only 132 seniors will be graduating this year, an estimated 872 new students (kindergartners) will be enrolled. Since only 425 students will be advancing into junior high next year, there will be an increase of nearly 450 students at the elementary level regardless of whether any new families move into

the community. The increase at the secondary level will be approximately 270.

Since it takes a considerable amount of time to see a new school through to completion, money for the two new elementary schools which it is anticipated will be needed by September of 1959, must be asked for now. It takes from 15 to 18 months, at best, from the time money is authorized with which to build new schools until they can be completed and ready for occupancy, Superintendent Harrison said. Between four and five months is needed after a bond issue is approved before a contract can even be let, he stated. This time is needed to take care of all the necessary legal work as well as having detailed plans drawn up, studied and approved. Between 300 and 350 days must be allowed for building time and another month or more to equip the school and make it ready for students.

THE NEED for a service building for the school system gets more and more pressing each year, school officials commented. It should be built now to provide for efficient operation. The building they propose would provide space for general supplies, food storage, furniture and equipment repair and bus repair.

Although some sites for future schools have already been purchased, the school board and members of the site sub-committee of the School Citizens Advisory Committee are in wholehearted agreement that still more sites should be purchased now. Purchasing of sites well in advance, before subdivisions are developed, will save the district money in years to come, they emphasize. It also makes possible the suitable location of schools rather than the necessity of having to put them on and left (usually undesirable property) after an area has been developed.

ONLY REGISTERED voters and those who are taxpayers and reside in the district will be permitted to vote on the school bond issue, it was emphasized. Those who have not yet registered are reminded that they have only today and tomorrow, February 27 and 28, left in which to do so. Registrations will be taken at the Farmington Municipal Building and Township Hall until 5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow. Persons living in the small northeast portion of the district outside Farmington Township must register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall. Those living in the small portion of the district in Livonia can register at the Livonia City Hall.

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Contracts were awarded by the School Board Monday night for the construction of a new 15 classroom building at Farmington Senior High and the expansion of the industrial arts section to include four more classrooms.

Bids for all phases on construction, including necessary alterations, totaled \$267,453.95.

This is the lowest construction bid which has been received by the school district, based on square foot cost. The bid was made by officials pointed out. Excluding a price of \$43,000 for alterations, the 21,000 square foot addition will be made at a cost of \$12.74 per square foot, they commented.

THE GENERAL contract was awarded to Lockwood, McCutchen, Inc. for \$224,688.55 including a 3 per cent management fee to supervise and coordinate all electrical work. Some concern was expressed by board members on whether the firm was capable of handling the job in view of the fact that it had never before been awarded a contract as large as this before. Based on the high recommendations given the firm on previous jobs, however, it was decided that it should prove satisfactory.

The mechanical contract was awarded to Allen Briggs Company for \$106,495 and the electrical contract to the West Coast Electrical Company for \$35,270.

City Divided Into 4 CD Districts

As part of the City of Farmington "Operation Readiness" program, the city has been divided into four sections with Farmington Road and Grand River as the dividing lines. Civil Defense Director Joseph G. DeVriendt disclosed this.

Volunteer workers from each of these sections are requested to report now to city street headquarters on Liberty Street just west of the River to register and obtain further instructions.

"The purpose of training volunteers in the various phases of auxiliary police and fireman work, first aid, handling of gas masks and clothing is to be prepared for emergencies such as tornadoes, major explosions, fires and other catastrophic events. The training program is being held in the city hall in Jackson to procure these needed items. Members of the public works department have also been trained in the handling of the heat equipment."

To date, 18 men have volunteered for training in auxiliary police and fireman work and 150 women have volunteered for training in first aid, housing, feeding, nursing and operating first aid stations. A list of doctors available to the city and county is being compiled, DeVriendt commented.

Most of the residents who have volunteered so far live in the northeast section of the city and it is desirable of obtaining volunteers from the remaining sections before starting classes. Courses will be given in each phase of work as soon as groups can be formed, DeVriendt indicated.

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Three Hurt in Crash At 8-Mile, Farm. Rd.

Three persons were injured Sunday afternoon when a car driven by Elizabeth R. Harkness struck through the red light at Eight Mile and Farmington Road and crashed into another driven by Cecil L. Oliver of Royal Oak.

Oliver was proceeding west on Eight Mile Road with the light when the crash occurred.

Mrs. Harrington was taken to the hospital suffering from a shock. Oliver suffered cuts about a hand and leg bruises and his wife a facial fracture.

Taxpayers Get Value Reviews

Some city taxpayers this week were getting an informal review of the new property valuations by City Assessor Arthur G. Garfian. A total of 29 municipal building Monday, and more are expected during the week.

The assessor will be at the city hall through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions or complaints about valuations. He will also be there Friday, February 28, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VALUATIONS are expected to double last year's \$8,000,000 tax roll to match state equalized values.

The city expects to cut the tax rate from \$20 per \$1,000 assessed value to about \$18.50, and the same taxes would be affected the same as city taxes.

The statements of new valuations went out the first of this week to all city property owners, and explained the method used in the recent citywide reappraisal of all real and personal property.

3d Twp. Suit Over Zoning

Another suit has been filed against Farmington Township, making three now pending. Latest is by Arthur J. and Carrie Primm.

Issued February 21 it orders the township to show cause why it should not be dissolved. The township is to be dissolved if the township is not to be used for a building permit. The Primm want to build an office at Grand River and Purdue on the site of the old school. The township has refused to waive side lot requirements as spelled out in the zoning ordinance.

In the suit by developers of subdivision in which some of the original plaintiffs withdrew, the court postponed the hearing three weeks. The township attorney reports he has heard that some Floral Park residents have hired an attorney and intend to litigate.

In the Emma Keller suit against the township for refusing to allow landfill by the City of Detroit, the judge Monday heard some evidence, adjourned the case until March 8, and will personally inspect the area.

Postoffice Started

Pouring of concrete foundations for the new Farmington post office began last week. The contractor furnished by F. and D. Builders Supply. The preliminary work was a little difficult because frost this winter has gone into the ground about two feet. The contractor expects to complete the new building by next July. It's located on Slocum, west of Farmington Road.

Survives Concentration Camp, Joins Son Here



MRS. MARIA HIMMELPACH AND SON JOE

Surviving a Yogo - Slav concentration camp and later inhuman treatment in that Iron Curtain country, the 82-year-old mother of Joe Himmelpach is now at peace here with her family which includes four generations.

Her rugged spirit carried her through that terrible ordeal, and left her with so much energy she still insists on doing work around the house and garden, knitting and crocheting.

THE KIWANIS Club, of which Joe is a long time member, recently benefited also. She went into the kitchen of the Himmelpach dining room and personally fixed the main dish of Hungarian goulash, then took charge of the serving details. Kiwanians ate every morsel.

Mrs. Maria Himmelpach now comes to the dining room a couple times a week, just to have something to do. Those who have gotten to know her, even if she doesn't speak English, think she is quite a remarkable person.

HER LIFE is like what comes out of a story book, with the final reward the success of son Joe in finally getting her to Farmington after several years of trying.

Born in Parbuc, in what was then Austria - Hungary, she spent nearly all her life in the one community, a city about the size of Farmington. She was a midwife 26 years, has delivered over 5,000 babies. Naturally she was known by many families, and her deeds helped greatly in recent years when old friends helped mitigate prosecution by the communists.

IN 1947 SHE and her husband were put in a concentration camp. The husband died there. After 28 months she succeeded in escaping, and spent the next six months hiding, part of the time in an old corn crib.

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No Smoking?

Two weeks ago Township Board Member Fred Westlake proposed study of a smoke abatement ordinance.

A few days ago he got a letter saying his suggestion must have been sparked by the acrid haze from smoking at township meetings.

Signs of "Non-Smoker" the writer suggested smoking not be allowed at future board meetings.

Delos Hamlin On Area Study Committee of 16

Delos Hamlin of Farmington, chairman of the Oakland county board of supervisors, is one of the 16 men named last week to launch an exhaustive study of social, economic and governmental growth in southeastern Michigan.

A \$25,000 Ford Foundation grant and the ambitious plan under which six rapidly growing counties will be studied with hopes the material organized will benefit all and show proper planning for continued expansion.

The citizens' committee is headed by William M. Day, president of Michigan Bell, and includes Mayor Miriam Walker L. Ciesler, the president of U. of Michigan and Michigan State, Walter Reuther, and others.

Time to Register Running Short

A reminder has been given by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce that just today and tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, remain for taxpayers to register to vote in the school bond issue election March 10.

They remind further that rides to places of registration will be furnished by the JCs upon request.

MEAGHER to Run For State Senate

Announcement made by Leo P. Meagher that he would be a Democratic candidate for State Senator from the 12th District (Oakland County) in the August 5 primary election, was the highlight of the last regular meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club.

Mr. Meagher resides at 2997 Ulfley Woodcrest Village, with his wife, Mae, and their three daughters. He is a specialized real estate broker with an office at 16800 W. McNichols and handles mainly the sale of commercial property. The candidate was graduated in pharmacy from Wayne State and owned three drug stores at different times in Detroit before World War II. During the war Meagher worked at the Fisher Research Division of General Motors Corp.

He was recently elected vice-president of the Farmington Democratic club.

The next meeting of the Democratic Club will be held March 5 at Farmington Savings and Loan, Ten Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Mays Change Ok'd

A rezoning request by Clyde C. Mays which would allow him to operate a lawnmower service on lot 3 of his land on 10 Mile near Middlebelt was approved Tuesday night by the township board. Earlier the board had turned down the request, then reconsidered and after the change was approved by the county coordinating board approval was finally given.

Hi There, Young City!

Farmington is becoming younger every day! Developing around an old established nucleus are neighborhoods with recently arrived young families. Here is a graphic picture of our City, taken from a recent U. of M. Better Service Survey.

Where You "Lived Before"	
Elsewhere, Oakland Co.	5.5%
Detroit	49.0%
Elsewhere, Michigan	21.4%
Out of State	5.2%
Other	18.9%

Where Family Income Is Earned	
Inside City or Twp.	14.3%
Detroit	62.5%
Dearborn	6.0%
Ferndale	1.2%
Pontiac	2.3%
Other	23.1%

How Long Residents Have Lived in Community	
Under one year	16.1%
One to five years	49.8%
Five to ten years	24.1%
Over ten years	10.0%

Ask Court Stop Bel-Aire Change

District court is being asked by Wendell Brown, attorney for the Bel-Aire Hills Improvement Ass'n to issue a temporary restraining order and injunction against owners of Outd'A in that subdivision, who plan to erect a bowling alley.

Mr. Brown said the request was to be filed today, and that he hoped to stop plans until the case could be tried on its merits.

Recently the city changed the zoning from C-1 to C-2 after a hearing. The developers last week put up a sign on the property announcing the bowling alley to be built.

Name Constable

Richard C. Walker was appointed constable by the township board Tuesday night to fill a vacancy. Walker is a township resident, but is a member of the city police force.

Dr. Huber Named One of State's Five Outstanding Young Men by JCs

Dr. Milton J. Huber, Jr., director of Boys' Republic on Nine Mile just west of Inker Road, was chosen by the Michigan State Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the five outstanding young men in the state.

He along with the four other outstanding young men—a nuclear scientist, a city mayor, a municipal accountant and an outstanding

Businessmen in the area are expected to be on the lookout for checks from the Carlestone Concrete Pipe Company of 2860 Eight Mile Road being passed illegally by a man using the name of Fred Bell.

Township Police Chief Irving Yakes indicated that the checks, were stolen last week from the company office. The checks were being bearing the company name were taken, he said.

The checks which have been passed so far have been made out for \$28 and \$200 each. In each case, Chief Yakes said, Bell gives his address as Howard St.

Anyone asked to cash a check from this company but not known to the party submitting the check should contact the police department at once. Call GR 4-1222.

Knocked from Bike On Shiawassee Road

David Van Dusen, 17, of 23663 Westley Drive suffered minor injuries last Friday morning when he was knocked from his bike on Shiawassee Road just west of Farmington Road by a car driven by William R. O'Brien of Novi.

Momentarily blinded by the sun, O'Brien hit the rear of the bike, police said.

VanDusen was treated for bruises about the arms and legs and minor back injuries.

How's Water Plan?

The Township Board wants to know how the planning for the water system in the "dry area" is coming along. At the meeting Tuesday members instructed the clerk to write Claude Stephens, the consultant, and ask him to report progress of the plan and just when he will have his work completed.

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Dr. Huber, 35, qualified for the state honors at the result of his selection in January by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce as recipient of the local distinguished Service Award for 1957.

APPOINTED Executive Director of Boy's Republic in 1953, he was instrumental in developing the youth corrective institution, formerly located in old quarters at Nine Mile and Inker, into a model treatment center for boys with problems. In 1957 boys at the center were moved to a new, modern new quarters which now occupy as the result of Dr. Huber's devoted efforts.

Dr. Huber received his bachelor of arts degree with honors from Western Maryland College in 1943 and his S.T.B. degree, cum laude, from Boston University in 1946. He was awarded his Ph.D. in Social Studies in 1950.

A legislative representative of Michigan Association of Children's Agencies to the State Legislature, he also co-chairman of the special committee appointed by Judge Nathan Kaufman to ascertain costs of operation of private children's institutions. Huber is also active as vice president and a member of the Board of Directors of Youth Anonymous which has for its purpose the organization of gang-type boys also co-acting in neighborhood to direct their energies into constructive channels under the leadership of reformed criminals.

Injured Slightly When Hit by School Bus

Young Duncan Lickey of 21322 Hensley was injured slightly last Thursday afternoon when he darted into the path of a Clarksdale school bus on Sedalia St. just east of Ontario. He suffered only minor lip bruises.

Running directly into the path of the bus hit by the driver, Lickey of 21323 Hensley was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting him, police said.

Sunday Opening Displeases Twp. Board Members

Discussion of a Sunday closing ordinance was on the agenda for the Township Board Tuesday evening, with most members opposed to store openings.

Finally by unanimous vote the clerk was instructed to write state legislators urging them to expedite action on a Sunday closing law now before those bodies.

DIFFERENT types of municipal ordinances were discussed, and the group favored generally allowing small "mom and pop" stores to stay open but limiting the larger stores.

There were no plans announced to go into the matter further. ST. JOHN'S American Lutheran Church is caught in a tug-of-war between the city and township and has been unable to get action from either municipality.

The group asked the township board to let it annex to the city so it could hook up the city sewer system with the new parsonage and first church unit it hopes to start soon.

THE CITY claims its sewer contract with the City of Detroit would allow it to give service to anyone outside the city limits. Township officials claim the state says the contract would allow this, and that it was done once before in a special instance.

Supervisor Frank Stephenson says the city will have to pay certain of these days from the planned Farmington interceptor sewer, and that a church organization should get special consideration.

BACK OF IT all is the suspicion of township officials that if this annexation to the city is allowed, it will open the way for annexation to the city of a large area of township land in its vicinity.

Brown suggested the township try to get a joint meeting with city officials March 6, to discuss this and the city road blocks in Floral Park. This will be held in the city hall.

CIVIL DEFENSE Director Don Pullen was asked to see what surplus equipment was available immediately, and try to have a proposal soon under which township police would get a monitor and two-way radio.

The township budget will be presented at the next meeting for the first time.

A RESOLUTION of intent to amend the zoning ordinance was presented to the city council. The council members made recently by the board in regard to industrial zoning. After publication a hearing will be held, to be set up by the zoning board.

Three clerical errors were made in transcribing assessment data, and the board voted to repay overpayments from the overage account in these instances.

The attorney told the board it had acted correctly in denying an auto wrecking permit to Union Wrecking Co., as it could have approved it anyway. No such business can be within 300 feet of a residential, nor within 500 feet of an intersection area.