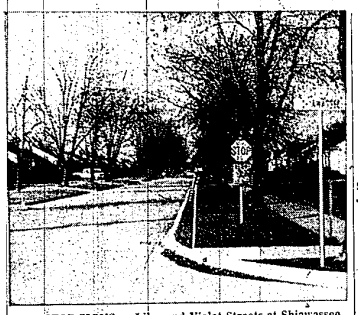

STOP SIGNS on Lilac and Violet Streets at Shiawassee Road in Floral Park Subdivision still say they are "dead end" streets although they were re-opened to traffic onto Fink at the north end nearly two weeks ago. Little time was wasted in taking down the barricades, however. The city council ordered that they be removed Monday night, November 3, after considerable earlier debate on the matter, and by the following afternoon they had been removed.

A barricade at the north end of Hawthorne Street to the west was also taken down. Since no sign was ever erected to indicate that it was a "dead-end" street, however, there is no problem here.

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Local Postoffice Part of Plan Speeding Mail in 9 Counties

Next morning delivery for any first class mail deposited before 5 p.m. in nine counties of southeast Michigan is now a reality, with the Farmington postoffice a vital part of the system.

Postmaster Henry Trombley says it is now classed as an exchange office. There is no extra sorting for local postal employees, but it does mean this postoffice now opens at 4:30 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. as in the past.

THERE ARE 156 postoffices in this nine county area, including Wayne, Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

Next day delivery is guaranteed because of a closely integrated time-table governing the 156 offices, and the transportation system that links them together.

THE REVISED system is based primarily on establishment of special mail exchanges between Dearborn, Royal Oak and East Detroit, where "concentration centers" have been set up. Farmington mail goes to Dearborn.

These centers will handle mail that previously went into the overloaded Detroit postoffice. Almost every highway mail transportation route in the area was changed as part of the new plan.

The new system actually was begun Oct. 20, but announcement was delayed so any problems could be worked out. Postal authorities said the improvements were accomplished at little if any additional cost.

School Board Acts on Many Misc. Matters

A resolution calling for a change in the official name of the Farmington school district was one of several miscellaneous matters taken up by the school board Monday night.

Since the transfer of that portion of the district extending into Livonia has now been approved, the official name will be Farmington Public School District, Oakland County. Previously it was necessary to have Wayne County included in the official name.

A resolution was also passed increasing yearly tuition rates for non-resident students to $105 per year at the elementary level and $165 at the secondary level. Superintendent G. V. Harrison pointed out that the district has very few tuition students at this time, when recommending the increases.

Expenditures approved by the board included $1,726.21 for miscellaneous equipment for schools throughout the district, $768 for the resurfacing of portions of the practice athletic fields at the senior high and $650 for painting the two boiler rooms at the Ten Mile elementary school. Also approved was payment of another $335 for an additional manhole required in the sewer line running to the new Alameda school along Power Road.

An earlier request made by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission for use of multi-purpose rooms in some of the elementary schools in addition to the two junior high gymnasiums was granted. Use was requested for Saturday and Christmas holiday recreation programs planned for youngsters in the district. Another request for the use of classroom space after school hours at a reduced fee or no fee made by the Christian Business Mens' Committee, however, was denied. It was deemed to be contrary to existing policy.

A proposed administrative salary schedule was discussed at some length but no action taken. The matter was delayed for further study.

Boys Republic Seeks Small-Screen TV

Anyone having a useable small - screen television set which they would like to donate to Boys Republic are asked to contact Dr. Milton Huber, director, KE 1-1931.

"We have a boy who will be confined to the infirmary here for some time," Dr. Huber explained," and know that such a television set will help him pass away the time more enjoyably."

Around 1,100 Get Polio Shots Tues.

Approximately 1,100 Salk polio shots were given in a 2½ hour period at the clinic held Tuesday night at Bond School, the township health officer reported Wednesday.

In making the report he asked that special thanks be made to Mrs. Shirley Sauer of the Bond School PTA, Bel-Aire Drug for supplying drugs and materials used at cost, Anthony Vendetty of R. P. Schere for the loan of hypo spray equipment and the Farmington Twp. Auxiliary Police for the way they handled the crowd and traffic.

C-C Directors Elected for '59

Seven new directors for the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce were elected by members in a mail ballot, and the results announced at a special meeting Wednesday morning.

They join eight holdover members at a meeting Nov. 21 at which the new officers will be elected from and by the board.

THE SEVEN new members are Harry Lapham, Conrad Sullivan, Dan Lowe, John Clappison, Russ Ellis, Earl Vivier and Byron Lapham.

The holdover directors are Vance Kefgen, Frank Holtzman, Forrest Dickerson, Dr. Don Wingard, Harry Farmer, Bayard Tupper, Fred Curcio and Herbert Lundberg.

Chamber members were invited by the state highway department to attend the public hearing in Farmington Nov. 20 on the proposed 11½ Mile expressway.

Blood Donors Needed Badly

Residents living in Farmington township south of 11 Mile Road are urged to sign up now to give blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank to be held next Friday, November 21, at the Farmington Junior High gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Town Club.

Blood is needed badly at this time, an official commented. It was pointed out that blood donated may be credited to either the Farmington Community bank or any other bank of the donor's choice.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 59 may contribute blood but those under 21 must have the written consent of a parent or guardian.

Appointments are now being made. Call Mrs. Thomas Smith, recruiting chairman, at GR 4-2070.

Shop in Friendly Farmington.

Contracts Let For Next New Grade School

Work will be getting underway shortly on another new elementary school in Farmington. To be known as the Longacre school, it will be built on a site at the southwest corner of Wooderoft subdivision just west of the City of Farmington and a short distance south of Grand River Avenue.

BIDS WERE opened prior to the regular school board meeting Monday night and contracts awarded immediately afterwards.

A total of 49 bids were received for the various phases of construction work to be done. School officials termed the bids as "highly favorable." Over all construction cost will be $353,730.

The general contract was awarded to the Wallace Construction Co., a local firm which has handled a considerable amount of the new school construction work done in the district during the past few years. Wallace's bid for the construction decided on was $216,665 and was the lowest in a field of 17 bidders.

A TOTAL of 11 bids were received for the machanical work to be done with the contract being awarded to Brady Plumbing and Heating, low bidder for the work, at a total price of $99,775. Peterson Electrical Company was low bidder for the electrical work in a field of 14 competing. The company's bid for the work called for was $26,550.

The kitchen equipment contract was awarded to Great Lakes Hotel Supply Company at a price of $9,190. This was the lowest of 7 bids submitted.

Courtesy Park Tickets in Use

The new courtesy parking meter violation tickets donated by the Farmington Downtown Business District Ass'n are now in use by city police. The procedure was reviewed at the regular meeting Monday evening of the association.

Meter violators, instead of receiving the usual ticket and paying it, will get instead a courtesy ticket saying the business group is paying for an extra hour of parking. After that time, however, the usual violation ticket will be issued. License number of cars will be kept by police so that persistent violators will not get the courtesy tickets.

THE BUSINESS group talked about street cleanliness downtown, and urged individuals to keep their own places clean and neat, cooperating with the services offered by the city.

It was planned to ask the city if streets could not be cleaned early in the morning when there would be no cars parked on business streets.

The membership drive will be continued strongly, and further plans to promote business in the downtown area were aired. The association has paid its members' share in the Christmas decorating program for downtown streets.

A new master downtown plan was shown the group, incorporating some proposals advocated by the association. This is the result of the improvement program started by the city, working with Geer & Associates.

Yule Lighting Drive Ending

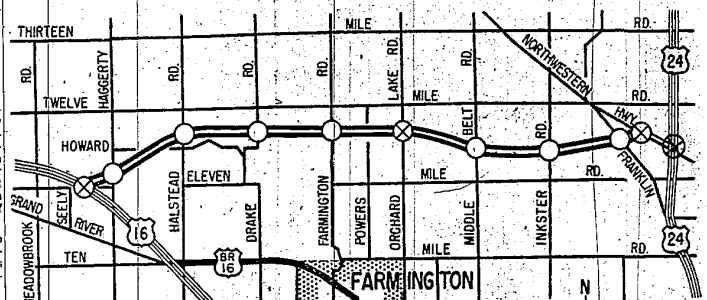
More funds are needed for the downtown Christmas decorations, and the Chamber of Commerce committee plans to make its final calls as soon as possible.

More than $600 was needed, as a minimum, and $360 is now in. It was hoped there would be enough additional to decorate Grand River and Farmington roads some distance away from the intersection. Some new permanent decorations are being bought, and all former decorations will be used.

The committee hopes to have the decorations up around Thanksgiving this year. Anyone who may have been missed may send their check for Yule decorations to the Chamber of Commerce.

Over 1,100 Shots

Over eleven hundred Salk polio shots were administered at the polio clinic held at the Clarenceville Junior High School last Friday night.



THIS IS the proposed route of the 11½ Mile Expressway which would link the Brighton-Farmington Expressway with Northwestern Highway and Telegraph Road to the east. Double heavy lines indicate the general route of the proposed highway. The four points of entrance and exit are indicated with "X" in the circle. The plain circles indicate the points where bridges only will be constructed.

Plans Completed for Hearing on 11½ Mile X-way Nov. 20

Interested residents will have an opportunity next Thursday afternoon, November 20, to get the latest information and ask questions on the proposed 11½ Mile Road expressway from Northwestern Highway and U.S. 24 (Telegraph) westward to connect with the Farmington-Brighton expressway.

A public hearing will be held, starting at 2 p.m., at Groves-Walker American Legion Post 376 on Grand River at Lakeway.

Since the proposed 8.2 mile route will run across the entire width of Farmington township, splitting it almost through the middle, strong opposition has been voiced by local individuals and groups ever since plans were first announced. The township board has gone on record as strongly opposing the proposed route as have subdivisions and individuals in the vacinity of the path if will follow.

THE PROPOSED $14,500,000 new northbelt highway is planned as a major link in the beltline expressway system ring the Metropolitan Detroit area.

At the public hearing the state highway department will present data it has prepared about the economic effect of the proposed highway and its influence on the surrounding area as well as engineering and location data.

Testimony will be taken from interested citizens attending the hearing and a record kept. A transcript of the proceedings will then be studied by the highway department and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads before final plans for the new highway are approved, the highway department said.

OF CONTROLLED access design, entry and exit along the proposed route is called for at only four interchanges and only one in Farmington — Orchard Lake Road. Other interchanges will be at U.S. 24, Northwestern Highway and the western terminus Farmington to Brighton expressway.

Bridges are called for at all the main north-south roads along the route. They are Halsted, Haggerty, Drake, Farmington, Orchard Lake, Middlebelt, Inkster, Franklin, Telegraph and Northwestern. Under this plan all other roads will be closed at the fenced controlled access right-of-way limits. Neither will driveways from homes or businesses be allowed along the route.

A FUTURE pedestrian overpass is also called for at Power Road to permit students to cross the expressway to a school contemplated in the vacinity.

The new beltline expressway is on the Federal Interstate and Defense Highway network and will receive 90 percent federal financing.

Target date for taking bids for construction of this expressway is the fourth quarter of 1960.

Bus Re-Routing Request Aired

A request from the Holly Hills Farms Association asking that some consideration be given to the re-routing of school buses through the subdivision was discussed at some length at the school board meeting Monday night.

It is the association's contention that it is unsafe to have a large number of children waiting in one or two spots to get on a bus as is the case at this time. The request made was that the buses run further into the subdivision and pick up and leave off children at more points.

Board members pointed out that similar situations to this exist in many areas in the district. It was emphasized that if such a move was made here it would have to be carried out throughout the district and that the total additional cost would be tremendous.

Representatives of the association at the meeting were asked to refer this matter to the traffic and safety committee of the PTA Council, now making a complete study of such matters for the entire district.

City Precinct 1 Being Changed

Precinct one in the city will have another voting place for the election next April.

The voting will return to the municipal building, instead of the junior high building on Thomas street, where there was some confusion at the election last week.

Precinct one voters will hereafter go to the city hall. Precinct two will continue to vote at the American Legion hall and precinct three at the lobby of the senior high school.

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Pair Works at Polls 80 Years

Two Farmington people have a record of service at city elections which may be unbeatable. Their combined service totals 80 years.

Mrs. Joe (Hattie) DeVriendt worked Tuesday, Nov. 4, at precinct one for the thirtieth year, and it was the first city precinct to report returns. Election day this year also happened to fall on the DeVriendts' wedding anniversary. It was remembered, but did not interfere with the business at hand.

Arthur Lamb has a very unique place in Farmington's village and city history. This was the 50th year he had served as an election official of some kind. He was a special assistant of City Clerk Trena Quinn, working with all precincts.

Art has held many municipal positions during his lifetime in Farmington. He is a former mayor, on the village council, was a township supervisor and at one time chairman of the board of supervisors. But at election time he has been undoubtedly one of the most faithful workers in Michigan.

Named to Head 'Dimes' Drive

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of residents to head the 1959 March of Dimes campaign locally.

Mrs. Mel Stevens will again serve as area chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Gladys Stephenson as co-chairman. City drive chairman will be Mrs. Lucille Bradley. Chairman for the township will be Mrs. Polly Schan with Mrs. Betty Wagoner as co-chairman. Again serving as secretary-treasurer will be Mrs. Hattie DeVriendt.

NAMED as special gifts chairman for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation was Bayard Tupper, prominent local citizen and president of the Farmington School Board.

As in past years, the Farmington Kiwanis Club will be distributing canisters to local business places prior to the fund raising drive, Mrs. Stevens said. An outline of the entire local drive program will be announced later.

Service Building

What Speed-Up On Unit Plans

Displeasure was expressed by school board members and members of the board's building advisory committee Monday night over the fact that work is not being completed more rapidly by the architects on plans for the new school district service building.

A representative of the advisory group reported that only one or two of the several plar changes called for by his group had been included in the latest revised drawing received from the architects. The board expressed concern over the fact that little information had been submitted to substantiate the architects' claim that fire-proofing of the building would be necessary or indicate what the additional cost might be.

It was requested that the architectural firm be contacted immediately and urged to make the changes in plans called for as soon as possible.

Action Starts Against Gravel, Dump Abuses

An immediate program of action, including filing of bills of complaint in several cases, was outlined Monday night by the township board against ordinance violators in regard to excavations of sand and gravel, fill, and in one instance an unlawful dump.

The township board has been studying these problems some time, in the light of earlier defeats in the court.

RECENTLY the ordinances were strengthened to apply to present day conditions. Supervisor Frank Stephenson and the board now feel they are on firm ground, and can successfully prosecute violators.

Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, and Mr. Stephenson spent a day recently checking all known excavation projects in the township. The attorney made a full report Monday, and the board instructed him to take certain action in each case.

ONE FIRM which beat the township in a law suit a couple of years ago, and has defied township officials since, gets immediate consideration. The attorney was requested to take action in regard to a court order issued at that time.

Bills of complaint will be filed immediately against two other firms the township officials feel are in definite violation of ordinances.

On several others there appears a possibility that failure to comply with regulations about grading and seeding afterward might be remedied with a conference, and this will be attempted before legal action is taken.

IN ANOTHER case, the operator is working under a two-year permit and has asked renewal. Because investigation indicated this work was being done in almost complete compliance, the attorney recommended renewal of the permit and bond under certain conditions.

A couple are operating without ever bothering to ask for a permit. The board ordered that the courts be asked for injunctions immediately.

THERE IS at least one instance of a peat bog being dug out with the result a nearby roadbed fell and caused a costly fill operation.

Members recognize there are a few instances where peat digging can not harm the property. That's all the land is good for, and it could not possibly be used for building purposes later. Nevertheless, the operation is unlawful under the ordinances. If there is a hardship, members think the owner should appear before the zoning board of appeals and if proven a variance may be granted.

A COUPLE of operations may be out from under control, where they existed prior to passage of the zoning ordinance. However, if there is any change in the operations, the change can be stopped.

Attorney Brennan has been called on for a great deal of legal advice and ordinances in the few months since his appointment by the township. Quite a lot of changes in old ordinances and new ones have resulted. In addition he has successfully prosecuted some violation cases which had been let slide before.

Knights of the Long Table?

Wendell Brown started to wonder Monday night if we were reverting to medieval times when he spotted one item in the bills the township board was examining.

There was a statement for scabbards for the police department. All Mr. Brown could think of was the holder for swords.

Turned out the scabbards are to hold riot guns kept in police cars.

First Township Record Book Is Library Gift

The original record book for Farmington Township is going to have a preferred place in the new township-city library.

The first book is now in possession of Township Treasurer Elise Avery, and she told board members about it at the meeting Monday night. First date in the book is May 28, 1827.

IT WAS the wish of two former supervisors, Ernest Blanchard and Harry McCracken, now deceased, that this book be placed in a new library if ever built.

Mrs. Avery suggested, and it was immediately approved, that the oldest living supervisor, Ward Eagle, be given the privilege of presenting the book to the library.

Before being turned over, the township board suggested that a nice wooden box, with glass cover, which could be locked, be prepared as a suitable receptacle.

Plan Woodcroft Meeting Soon

At a meeting of some residents of the proposed Village of Woodcroft Monday night, it was decided to hold a public meeting soon for all families involved. Meantime the plan is in abeyance, says Al Gain.

Mr. Gain hopes it will be possible to get some government expert from Lansing to come here and explain how a village could be formed under the state's general village law. It's a plan not often used now, and most people do not understand its provisions.

THE COUNTY board of supervisors, which had been asked to approve village incorporation under the plan, did not wish to do so until further meetings could be held. It also will set up another meeting later, after legal notice has been published.

Ingle on Twp. Planning Board

Allen C. Ingle was named by acclamation to the township planning board Monday night by the town board.

The vacancy existed because of the recent death of Howard Warner. Both boards wanted a representative from the Clarenceville area, and felt Judge Ingle was a fine choice.

THE RESIGNATION of Donald D. Pullen as township civil defense director was accepted, and a study of a successor will be made immediately. The letter from Pullen complained of politics, and Wendell Brown said that while Mr. Pullen had done a big job, he personally knew of no such politics or actions and he resented the implications.

A study and reports by the township's engineers, bonding attorneys, financial consultants, and state board of health was asked on the proposal that the township take over the Grand River Homes water system.

By resolution the board expressed its thanks to The Farmington Enterprise for its impartial reporting and presentation of the facts prior to the Nov. 4 election on incorporation of the proposed cities of Farmington Woods and Clarenceville.

A property on Shiawassee was ordered posted so that it could not be occupied until brought up to health and safety specifications.

IT'S EASY to fill out your own auto registration slip—besides, you have to do it this year, for the first time. So get your application form at the nearest Sec'y of State office, and follow the style shown above.

First off, do NOT print anything in the space for license number. The same information repeats all the way across the three sections. Take this information from your certificate of title. The application must be typed or printed.

There are three kinds of application forms—for passenger, commercial and trailers. The license fee on all is the same as last year. On commercial and trailer applications you don't have to re-weigh the vehicle if you have last year's registration.

There's nothing on the reverse side to fill out. Present this form and your certificate of title, plus the money needed. Gerald Grace reminds Farmington applicants to come early. The plates this year will last three years, with years tabs issued for 1960 and 1961.