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Twp. Planners Don't Approve 2 Free Sites

Two free sites for fire stations were disapproved by the township planning board at a meeting Jan. 15 attended by some township officials and citizens.

The planners had reviewed original recommendations that four sites in each corner of the township would be needed to provide not only fire protection but also fire insurance rates, and the board voted that the earlier recommended sites be adhered to.

Injuries Minor In Rear-End Crash

A rear-end collision on Eight Mile Road at Broadwood during the early evening hours last week resulted in minor injuries to two men.

Claude Hinson of 3000 Eight Mile Road, Farmington, suffered minor head injuries and bruising of the chest. He was taken to the hospital for observation. Hinson was not able to stop his car and it was involved in a rear-end collision with the car of Taylor's car which was driven into the rear of Hinson's.



Size of Parking Lot Downtown Still Undecided

There is divided opinion over just how much city parking should be provided in the downtown business area, but as the study progresses there appears a growing determination that such parking is necessary.

At the council meeting Monday night a report was made for the committee appointed earlier by the council, by John Allen.

THE PROPOSAL was that only the tract the city had purchased from John Lutz be immediately developed, but Mr. Allen admitted even this was not a unanimous committee agreement.

City councilmen, after discussing all angles, appeared to feel there was a real need for a larger parking area.

PRESIDENT Bob Lindhart took himself out of the discussion, turned over the gavel to V. O. Bates, president pro tem, and left the room. He explained he was an affected property owner, and that there was a possibility of a transaction involving his property. He felt that the councilmen should make this decision.

The committee, said Mr. Allen, had tried to ascertain how much parking property owners could reasonably be expected to provide. The committee felt that \$25 per lot would be a reasonable business property on the south side of Grand River and east side of Farmington Road would be a reasonable assessment.

Teen Club to Have Benefit Dimes Dance; Sell Miniature Crutches

Local teenagers will be going all-out this weekend to do their part in raising funds for the Dimes campaign.

Friday night the Teen Toppers Club of Farmington will hold a March of Dimes dance at the Legion Hall on Grand River at Lakeway. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight with all teens in the area invited.

PROCEEDS from the dance will be turned over to March of Dimes.

On Saturday members of the teen club will be at main points in the downtown business district and at community shopping centers selling miniature blue crutches. All money collected from this project will also be turned over to March of Dimes.

The final big appeal for funds to aid in the continuous fight against polio and also help in the battle against arthritis, birth defects and disorders of the central nervous system will be the Mothers March on Thursday, January 29.

VOLUNTEER workers in subdivisions and other areas throughout the city and township will be calling door-to-door in a direct appeal for contributions. All residents are asked to keep their porch-lights burning throughout the early evening hours.

Helpers are still needed badly in some areas, it was indicated. If you can make a few calls that evening in your immediate neighborhood you are asked to contact your neighbors and ask them to help. The mother heads: Mrs. Lucille Bradley, GR-4212, is in charge of the march in the city. Mrs. Polly Schan, GR-4288, is heading the march in the township.

Ingle Will Head Savings Assn; Out of JP Race

Allen C. Ingle, Farmington Township Justice of the Peace, has been named president of Farmington Savings and Loan Assn. 31500 Ten Mile Road, it was announced Tuesday.

A member of the board of directors, he replaces Frank J. Primm, another director, has been appointed vice-president.

T. Vance Kegen will continue to serve in the office of secretary of the savings and loan association.

Judge Ingle indicated that he would not continue in his office as Justice of the Peace but would devote his full time to duties as head of the association and as a practicing attorney.

Since January 1 was the final day for candidates to withdraw from the primary election, Judge Ingle's name will appear on the ballot as a Republican candidate for the Justice of Peace office although he will not be seeking another term in this office.

Killed in Hotel Fire Saturday

George Washburn of 3000 Eight Mile Road, Farmington, was one of the three men killed in the million dollar flash fire which swept through lower floors of the Tudor Hotel in downtown Detroit last Saturday.

Washburn, 65, was chief electrician at the hotel.

According to reports, Washburn along with the assistant manager and a maintenance man were burned to death in an elevator.

From the basement to the main floor, they were engulfed in flame when the elevator door was opened. The fire marshal said that debris from the fire kept the men from closing the door completely and it would not move again.

Washburn was the father of five children.

C-D Starts on Survival Plan

A meeting of registered nurses here precedes a 13-week survival course to be offered by Civil Defense Center.

Meantime, under leadership of Florence E. Schumaker, Deputy County Director, detailed necessary for survival and evacuation in case of an enemy attack are beginning to take definite form.

THE NURSES will attend a special meeting Monday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Shawansee Senior High, on Shawansee street. They will be briefed on new disaster training plans by Mrs. Rodriguez, county medical head.

There have been many queries made to Mrs. Schumaker on the survival course, and it is likely a large class will participate. Anyone interested may phone GR-4290.

THE SURVIVAL course starts at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21, at Farmington Senior High, and last 13 weeks. Colored film will be shown at each class. There is no charge or fee and it is not necessary to bring anything to participate. Instruction will be by army nurses.

The medical emergency course includes training for local hazards, explosions, accidents or family illness. It offers the trainees in Farmington township and surrounding areas an understanding of emergency hospital practices.

First Grandson for Councilman Bates

Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Bates are grandparents for the first time. The Farmington couple received word that Mr. and Mrs. James V. Bates of Jackson have parents Jan. 14 to a son. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 oz., and has been named Bradley James.

The father is a reserve football and basketball coach at the University of Michigan. The mother is the former Barbara Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Waters of Farmington.

Zoning Okayed For Apartment Houses Here

Rezoning of a tract on the northeast corner of Farmington Road and the old cutoff (Freedom Road) was approved Monday for multiple dwellings.

The plan of Farmington Development Corporation to build probably five apartment buildings with up to 150 apartments.

The public hearing was held two weeks ago, and the council voted after studying the proposal.

RETIRED plan for city employees was discussed after a preliminary report which had been requested of City Manager Earl Scherffius. Councilmen have talked of such a plan more than a year.

Apparently such a plan could be adopted by the council, but Mr. Scherffius said an actuary might recommend a vote of citizens. Councilmen also indicated they thought this would be wise.

Service Station Thieves Caught

Thieves who stole \$169 in cash and \$40 in credit slips recently from the Bilger's Service Station at 5800 Grand River have been apprehended. Township Police Chief Irving Yakes disclosed Tuesday.

Wendell Edwards of Farwell, Michigan, confessed to the robbery after being picked up by a Kent County near Grand Rapids on an arrest charge. Chief Yakes said. He is being held by authorities there on a charge of forgery.

Edwards also implicated Max Newsom of Romulus, former employee at the station. He told police that Newsom told him where the money was and he was also ordered to pay a fee of \$8 per month for the next three months and \$3 per month for three more as well as paying back half of the money taken from the station.

Edwards will be turned over to local authorities following disposition of his case on the forgery charge, Chief Yakes said.

City Precinct One Voters Get Notice

City voters living in precinct one are getting individual notices of a change of polling place from City Clerk Trena Quinn. In addition a notice of change is being published in the Enterprise.

Effective at the spring primary, Feb. 16 voting in precinct one will be at the city municipal building.

City Primary Has No Races

While there are no local offices to be voted upon, Farmington city voters will naturally partake in the spring primary election, Feb. 16, and will vote on state office candidates.

A news story last week may have left the impression city voters would not take part in the primary, but they will. In the township there are races in which local voters will select candidates for the regular spring election April 6.

IN THE CITY three councilmen will be elected April 6. City Clerk Trena Quinn says nominating petitions may be filed March 2 through March 12 inclusive.

Petitions must have no less than 50 signatures and no more than 75. Voters must be registered electors, and the signatures must be exactly as the signer is registered or the signatures will not count.

COUNCILMEN whose terms expire are James Cavanaugh, Tom Barber and V. O. Bates. There is no election for sheriff this time.

First meeting of the city board of review will be March 3, and other meetings are set for March 9 and 10.

For city voters, in the primary election Feb. 16, absentee ballots will be available Jan. 27 from the city clerk, and the deadline for absentee ballots is Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m.

Evacuation in Attack Studied

The first Civil Defense class for police and firemen was held Jan. 14 at the Wheeler street fire station, with evacuation procedures the first topic.

The classes will continue, and volunteers are welcome. Phone GR-4269 for information.

In addition to local township and city regulars and volunteers, there were men present from the county offices, from Livonia, Novi, West Bloomfield, and other nearby communities.

The chief evacuation officer for Detroit pointed out routes which have been accepted by the county, and now await state O.D. approval.

Some Interest In New Sewer

There have been a number of preliminary inquiries on procedures to take in areas wishing to connect to the coming Farmington intercept sewer, under Supervisor Frank Stephenson.

Some have come from residents of Section 36 bounded by 14th and 15th streets, and Middlebelt, where there is already a sewer.

Another definite inquiry has come from Old Farm County subdivision, and the township engineers have been asked to make an engineering data there. The question will probably be coming up at forthcoming meetings of various subdivision associations.

Once inquiries have been received, and engineering data gathered for individual areas, Stephenson will be asked to prepare the necessary petitions to circulate.

Quakertown Vote Is Feb. 16

Nearly every eligible voter is registered for the Feb. 16 election to approve a charter for the Village of Quakertown. Registration closed Monday.

Balloting will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Kent County, at the First Presbyterian Church, 11 Mile and Farmington Roads.

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Cville PTA Asks Opinions

The PTA Council and other members of Clareville School District will hear a talk Jan. 28 by Dr. Carl Anderson, East Lansing, on the importance of many state PTA organizations are conducting.

The group will consider such survey here, including an opinion poll on the importance of such program services, student activities, teaching staff, financial aid, etc.

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