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BOOKS, BOOKS and more books. That's what the Farmington Public Library needs to fill the shelves of its greatly expanded new facilities. A big boost was given last week when the major portion of the 5,000 books loaned the library by the State Library of Michigan came in from Lansing. These books must be replaced with books purchased from local funds in a three year period. It is stipulated that one-third of the books must be replaced each year. At the present time the Farmington Public Library gets only three-tenths of a mill per \$1,000 valuation in local taxes with which to operate.

City Fire, Police Record Proudly Given Citizens

When Farmington City started 36, bit and run accidents 7, dog integrated public safety openers April 1, 1957, there were some who wondered how effective it would be. The combined fire and police services.

Not so today. Joseph G. De Vriendt, director of public safety, has given City Manager Earl F. Scherfflin a report which has been very gratifying to all the city officials.

ON FIRES the report is for 21 months from April 1, 1957 through 1958. There was a total of 76 fires in that time, of which 29 were put out by patrolmen especially trained for that work. The larger fire fighting apparatus was called 42 times, but several times was not needed after arrival.

The city has a volunteer fire group, but not once in the 21 months was it necessary to call members.

FIRE LOSS in the city for the 21 months amounted to only \$3,618, which figures out to less than \$18 per average fire. Of the total, 22 were grass fires, 29 were caused by carelessness or matches, 12 for spontaneous ignition, and seven for overheated heating device. For the year, the city has called public work for the integration, the period involved the calendar year 1958.

THERE WERE 833 separate items on which action was required, and at year's end had been cleared leaving only 125 pending.

Here's the numbers of some of the crimes and misdemeanors: attempted murder, 1; burglary, 11; check fraud, 36; drunk and disorderly, 18; driving under influence of liquor, 26; reckless driving, 17; destruction of property, 24; property damage accidents, 131; personal injury auto accident, 1.

Census Shows 11,070 Catholics In 2,802 Families in This Area

Census work completed recently by the Lady Sorrows parish, St. Fabians churches revealed that there are 2,802 Catholic families living in these parishes.

In this publication in the two parishes was found to be 11,070. All but a small portion of the Lady of Sorrows and all of St. Fabians is located in Farmington.

MOST OF this is in the Lady of Sorrows parish. St. Fabians, established to serve the rapidly growing north Farmington area less than a year ago, presently has only 517 families with a total population of 2,057.

Other information obtained shows that there are 5,307 pre-school and school age children in this total.

Of the total number of children, 1,366 are presently enrolled in Catholic schools and another 1,712 in public schools. The remaining 2,228 are in the 0-6 age group, considered as the pre-school age group by the Catholic Church since no kindergarten is offered in the Catholic schools.

THE CENSUS for this area was taken in conjunction with a census for the entire Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, which includes the counties of Lapeer, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne.

It was indicated that 86 per cent of the dwelling units in the archdiocese had been visited and that the total Catholic pop-

Agreements on Sewer Will Be Given Scrutiny

The two supplementary agreements the township board signed with Oakland County's dept. of public works for the interception sewer will be checked for validity by the township attorney.

It isn't likely there will be any change, but township board members will feel on firmer ground.

MRS. ELISE AVERY moved this action Tuesday evening at the regular board meeting, and on roll call it passed unanimously. She explained that the board had to study the agreements, and had to act on the explanation by Harold Scherfflin, director of the county DPW. She also referred to the discussion on sewers at the last annual meeting, and the concern of some citizens.

Twp. Attorney Joseph T. Brennan said he'd have a report on their validity at the next board meeting.

THE BOARD will hold its first budget conference this Thursday evening, not in the large room however. Supervisor Frank Stephenson invited all candidates at the coming election, and anyone else interested, to attend this budget conference.

Charles Ghesquiere, chairman of the township board, reported that they would also be meeting this Thursday evening in the main assembly room at the township hall.

A NEW ROUTE was presented to the board recently for the proposed 11th Mile Expressway, and this alternate route will be discussed. A crowd is expected.

Discussion of speed limits in the township brought a decision by the board to invite Mr. O. Szod of the traffic dept. of the county road commission to the township board meeting. Meantime board members will make their own surveys of township speed limits.

Other items discussed included the township's roads under jurisdiction of the county road commission, and support of legislation which would broaden the local safety powers of townships.

Mileage by the various cars and trucks was impressive. One of the patrol cars traveled 49,168 miles, the other 35,266 miles. It's interesting to note that the new fire truck traveled only 71 miles, while the old LaFrance truck, the city owns was driven 86 miles. That's because the new truck is kept only for emergencies, took part in a couple of parades nearby.

These are only highlights of the report of 10 pages. These city workers handled a multitude of items, many not realized by the taxpayers.

Linwood E. Chambers, 22910 Farmington Road, had taken out papers earlier. This week he notified the township board that he would after March 2, Mr. Chambers has been employed 40 years as power electrician at the Ford River Rouge plant. He served there as a director of Warner Bros. Improvement Ass'n.

Robert J. Boise, who also had notified the township board, is a definite candidate. Mr. Boise moved to Farmington from Detroit in 1955. He is a senior analyst in the central state office of the Federal Reserve Bank, an active member of the PTA, the American Society for Industrial Security, American Ordinance Ass'n, and Warner Bros. Improvement Ass'n.

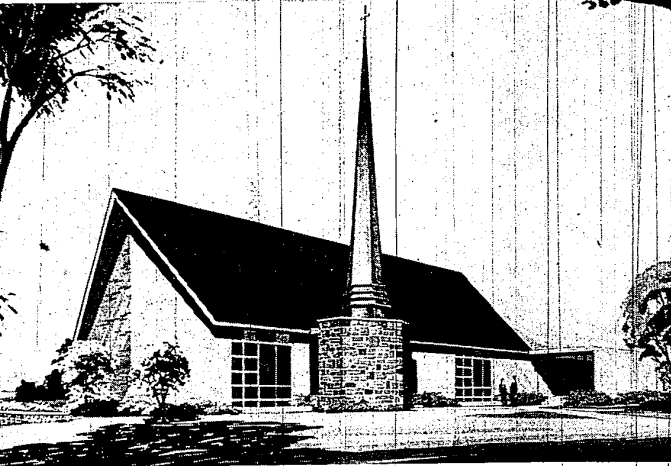
Mr. Boise states that in the spirit of good citizenship he wishes to lend his considerable experience with corporate budget administration, personnel project preparation to the affairs of city government.

Survey Equipment Taken From Home

Surveyor's equipment, valued at \$550, was stolen from a mobile home at 22216 Highland.

Kendallwood subdivision sometime Sunday, Township Police Chief Irving Yakes disclosed the theft.

The equipment had been left in the basement of the home by owner, Bernard Hayda of Detroit. The doors of the home had been left unlocked, Chief Yakes said.



DESIGNED to conform with the site on which it will be located, this is an architect's rendering of the new Orchard Methodist Church to be built on Farmington Road just south of 14 Mile Road.

School Bd. Has 1st Instruction Program Talk

An introductory session to better acquaint members of the School Board with the instructional program being offered Farmington Public School children was held following the completion of regular Board business Monday night.

Narimus V. Knappe, assistant superintendent in charge of personnel and curriculum, passed out a considerable amount of informational material prepared by administrators at the various school levels. Included in the material was information on courses being given, brief descriptions of the courses and an indication of the approximate number of hours spent weekly in each area of study.

Board members were asked to review the material and bring up any questions they might have relative thereto at the next discussion session. Tentative plans are to have sessions of this kind following completion of business at the second regular meetings of the Board each month. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Plans are to have teachers and administrators make presentations on specific phases of the local school program and in specific fields at later sessions.

Say Teachers' Handbook OK

A teachers' handbook for Farmington school system personnel, drawn up by the administrators of the school board, was approved for distribution by the School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The approval was given with the stipulation, however, that the two first introductory pages be left out. It was this portion of the handbook which drew some critical comments from board members when it was first presented to them at their last regular meeting.

In an essay, the introduction contained the policies expected by North Central Ass'n. (school accrediting organization) relayed to the school board by the superintendent-teacher relationships. Some board members were of the opinion that local policy should not be dictated by North Central Ass'n.

Dachille Pit Will Be Refilled Soon

Dachille Trucking Co. has consented to refill its deep pit located on the corner of 12 Mile Road as soon as weather permits. Twp. Attorney Joseph T. Brennan reported to the board Tuesday.

The consent decree also provides that future excavations will be filled as soon as possible, with a 30-day limit.

On another nearby Dachille property, a court case a couple of years ago provided for refilling which has not been done. Attorney Brennan reported he would soon go to court to begin contempt proceedings to get this earlier agreement fulfilled.

Orchard Methodist to Start Church in Spring

At a recent meeting of the congregation at Orchard Methodist Church plans were approved for a new church building.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring. The church will be built on the slope of a small hill near the corner of a five-acre site on Farmington Road, just south of Fourteen Mile Road.

Architects, Schley and Ward, have uniquely designed the building to most naturally conform with the site, incorporating the desired spiritual dignity.

The entire north wall of the basement will be above the ground level to supply natural light and ventilation. It will be possible to enter the basement level directly from a small parking lot on the north, or the sanctuary level from a larger parking lot on the south.

Seating capacity in the main sanctuary on the upper level will be sufficient for 250 persons while the lower level will contain educational, recreation and kitchen facilities.

The building committee chairman is Clyde Graham who has been assisted by Jack Brown, Arden Calhoun, Robert Davis, Edward Klein, Klonig Johnson, Edward Finkel, Roy Leonard, James Penhale, William McCollum, Robert Miller, Richard Perry, H. J. Darst, Harry May, Mrs. Robert Howard, and Mrs. Daniel Reynolds as members.

Until the new church is built, the Orchard Methodist Church is meeting in Kenwood elementary school for Sunday morning services with the Rev. Frank A. Cozad officiating.

Greencastle Paving

The bond resolution for hard surfacing streets in Greencastle subdivision was passed by the township board Tuesday night. This is the final step, and means work will start next summer.

Here and Elsewhere

Mobile homes residents face the same problems in Farmington on Township and Florida—two little space and growing animosity from other residents.

More than three million people now live in these houses on wheels, in Michigan and in every nation. They are hard to handle and harder time finding a place to park them.

POPULATION of these mobile homes in Farmington Township has decreased in the last year. There are 10 trailer courts in the township. Here's the total number of mobile homes:

January 1958	551
July 1958	412
January 1959	491

OCCUPANTS of these mobile homes also pay taxes. A fee has long been remembered in Farmington Township operators of the 10 trailer courts are required by ordinance to report monthly the number of trailers.

They also must pay monthly a tax on each trailer of \$3. Of this \$2 each goes to the Farmington and Clarencville schools. There is a hard-to-count county each year has several bills pending which would strengthen the

Contractors' Dispute Aired

A dispute between contractors working on the new Alameda elementary school on Power Road at Alameda was aired at the School Board meeting Monday night.

The dispute stems from a refusal by the Magnolia Heating Co., subcontractor to the mechanical contractor, to run tests on the heating system, and hook-up the heating system. It was reported.

MAGNOLIA HEATING, not represented at the meeting, was reported to be refusing to run the tests on the grounds that enough supplemental heat was not being supplied in the building to permit the testing without the possibility of considerable damage being done.

The other contractors stated that they had done everything possible to cooperate with Magnolia Heating. They also reported that temperature checks made gave no indication that the building was not warm enough to go ahead with the testing.

IT WAS the School Board's contention that since Magnolia Heating is a sub-contractor it has no legal jurisdiction. The responsibility to force him to proceed with the work is at the mechanical contractor.

This was pointed out. They instructed him to do so and agreed to back him in his demand.

Authorization was also given the mechanical contractor to take Magnolia Heating off the job, over 95 per cent completed unless the firm agrees to complete the work immediately.

Buy in Friendly Farmington!

Exchange Club Honors Pair

Two members of the Farmington Exchange Club were named active in the community many years have been accorded signal honors by the club.

Last week the group honored Art Lamb and his wife, Mrs. Lamb, on the couple's 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 18. Mr. Lamb is a charter member of Exchange Club, active in 38 years. He has been named "Life" member of the club.

Max Hulett, another longtime member, has been honored with a lifetime membership in the club for his outstanding service in the club and community.

C-C to Learn City Problems

At a monthly membership council meeting of the Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday noon, speaker will be City Manager Earl Scherfflin. He will talk on city problems.

The regular monthly meeting is now held Tuesday nights at 7:15 in the Chamber, and this gathering will be Tuesday March 3.

DAN LOWE was recently named by the board as membership chairman. There are now 60 members, and the campaign will be started to get membership back up to the 120 of last year.

There are now 12 enrolled and a new economic discussion group sponsored by the Chamber, and this committee wants to get a group of more people into the Chamber, and first planning meeting will be held soon.

Library Opens Mar. 2 Open House Sunday

Public library facilities will again be offered to local residents starting Monday, March 2, an official announcement by the Board of Directors of the Farmington City and Township District Library disclosed.

To celebrate the re-opening of the library in greatly expanded and modern new quarters at 2333 Farmington Road (the old post office building), an open house will be held on Sunday, March 2. The public is invited to visit and inspect the new facilities between hours of 1 to 5 p.m.

LIBRARIANS and board officials from neighboring libraries as well as officials from the State Library in Lansing also expected to be present on Sunday.

Refreshments at the open house will be members of the Friends of the Library, an organization which has done much over the past few years to promote new library facilities for the community. Chairman will be Mrs. Wendell Brown. He will be assisted by Mrs. Henry Ott.

Offered at the new facilities will be over 12,000 reading and reference books; nearly three hundred new books will be available at the old library. Residents will also find a comfortable lounge area and special areas with tables and chairs for both adults and children at which they can read and consult reference materials.

SHELVES in the new building, with 3,800 square feet of floor space compared to 338 in the old quarters, will accommodate thousands of additional books. It has been indicated that a drive for additional books will be started in the near future and that they will be made available as rapidly as they can be recorded and placed on the shelves.

The library will also be open longer hours to better serve the reading public, an official library spokesman stated. The building will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Wednesday when it will be closed all day. The doors will also be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees expressed its appreciation to the residents of the community who have been so patient and understanding since early November when the old library was closed pending remodeling, refurbishing and restocking at the new location. The board expressed over the fact that the work was not able to be completed as rapidly as had been planned when the old facilities were closed.

At least part of the holdup was attributed to unfortunate but quite understandable delays. It was also indicated that some minor items of equipment and furniture might not yet be in when the building is opened.

FLORIDA and California, the new deluxe models simply won't fit into existing parking spaces. Lengths have stretched out to 60 feet, and last year 80% of all mobile homes produced were 40 feet long, and wider than the older models.

TRAILERS of today, in fact, are more and more coming to resemble small homes. Almost all models have built-in kitchens, laundries and baths, wall-to-wall carpeting or vinyl flooring, and even a bathroom, over 95 per cent completed unless the firm agrees to complete the work immediately.

One new model has two levels, sleeping accommodations for eight and retails for \$13,500. Most, however, are in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 bracket.

No longer do their owners "pitch them to the family car and move at a moment's notice." It usually takes specially designed tow trucks to haul the king-sized models of today.

At present there are 13,623 parks in the U.S. with 60,000 to 65,000 trailers. So maybe Farmington Township's ten courts are an infinitesimal portion—but the problem here are the same as elsewhere.

Final Agreement on Widening Payment

Oakland County Road Commission has approved the contract for widening Farmington Road between State and Slocum streets, according to City Manager Earl Scherfflin.

The widening of the road will be widened to four lanes this summer. Perhaps in a year or two the city will be able to continue widening on south to 8 Mile Road.