

Strict Grass Burning Rules for Township

There were 16 grass fires in the township last week end, costing the township a sum estimated variously at from \$800 to \$1,500.

As a result the township board Tuesday night hurriedly passed regulations based on the state laws, which will have great effect on any burning of grass here.

EFFECTIVE immediately, anyone wishing to burn off his land must first obtain a permit good only for 24 hours, signed by the supervisor and township clerk.

By signing this permit the applicant also agrees to hold the township without cost for fighting any fire which gets out of control. In other words, the person doing the burning agrees to pay the cost of the equipment and then when they have to be called out.

This would probably be a minimum of a little under \$50, and could run to more than \$100 for a big fire.

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City Sued By Livonia For Sewer Drainage

A suit to stop the City of Farmington from using a storm sewer into Livonia, now nearly all built, was filed Tuesday in circuit court.

Farmington, the Reclor Construction Co. of 30630 Van Born, Wayne, are charged with building a 48-inch storm drain in Livonia without permission.

The pipe was designed to drain a 40-acre subdivision, and would run into Bell Creek, a natural drain. The pipe is owned by Neal E. Fitzgerald, who has set March 30 for a hearing on a permanent injunction.

Last week Livonia officials be-

came aware of the project, on which work had been done for some time. They protested to City Manager Earl Scherffius, who told them they thought all proper steps had been taken. However, they claimed the new sewer would cause flooding in residential areas in Livonia.

LIVONIA officials had indicated to the city manager they would study the plan and negotiate, but then stalled on a couple of set meetings. They also allowed the contractor to finish the work on the Livonia side of 8 Mile Road.

Mr. Scherffius explained that the city is doing the work for the subdivision developer, who pays the costs. The pipe runs along the south side of the road.

EIGHT MILE Road is the Wayne County line, but for maintenance purposes it is divided into several sections. Oakland County maintains all of the road from 8 Mile to 12 Mile, but has asked and received permission of Oakland to do this construction work.

Mr. Scherffius said Wayne county has no objection now, but Livonia is the objector.

He also pointed out this area has always drained naturally to the south, and the pipe would change only the drainage and puts it into a covered container.

The city of Livonia will be at the developer's expense, not the city's.

Sight-Saving Room Approved

A proposed agreement with the Michigan County Board of Education to provide a sight-saving room, in conjunction with the special education program at Bell Creek, was approved by the Farmington school system, was approved by the School Board Monday night.

The room, which was provided at the Rockwood school, as recommended by the administration, the school district will be reimbursed by the state for the cost of the room, including the equipment of the room.

Report Made to School Board

Science Program in Farmington Schools Called Exceptionally Fine

A strong above average science program is being offered to children in the Farmington public school system.

This was the general opinion expressed by the state science administrators at a recent meeting in the School Board meeting Monday night.

SCIENCE training in the Farmington elementary schools begins in the kindergarten and is continued through all the elementary grades. Kenneth Locke, school principal at the Middlebelt school and chairman of a special science program study committee, functioning in the school system, said. He emphasized the fact that Farmington in one of the few systems using portable laboratory equipment in conjunction with text books for science training at the elementary level.

It was brought out in discussion that the high level of Farmington science laboratory facilities far superior to most school systems of comparable size in the state. Also recognized was the system followed by junior high students showing exceptional ability in science at their first year high school program reports will be given.

PROPOSED FIRST UNIT of the Farmington Township civic center is a building which would house a fire station with two trucks and other equipment as described elsewhere in this issue. One suggested location is a ten-acre tract southwest of the 12 Mile-Power Road intersection, bounded on south and west by a creek. Adjoining to the west is the sewage treatment station for the Kendall-

School Budget Being Studied

A proposed operating budget for the Farmington School District for the 1959-60 school year is now being studied. Action will likely be taken at the next regular meeting of the School Board April 13.

Prepared by Superintendent G. V. Harrison and other members of the administrative staff, it was turned over to members of the School Board last week.

Details of the budget or the amount that has been determined necessary for operation of the district for the coming year was not disclosed. Supt. Harrison reported to the Board at its regular meeting Monday night, however, that over effort budget as low as possible, in view of present financial difficulties, and still provide the same school services.

Annual increments on the teachers' salary schedule plus the need for an estimated 35 more teachers to meet increased enrollment needs naturally necessitated an increase in this section of the budget over last year, Harrison said.

Hume Confirmed

George Hume was confirmed Tuesday night by the township board as chief of district police, with quarters at the city station. Mr. Hume had been serving as chief some time.

Stores to Close 12-3 p.m. For Good Friday Services

Most stores and business places in the community will be closed this Friday from 12 noon until 3 p.m. in observance of Good Friday.

Special services will be held at several of the churches to recall to worshippers Christ's sacrifice.

A UNITED community service will be held during the three hour period at the Salem United Church of Christ on Oakland Avenue between Grand River and Farmington road with ministers from six community churches taking part in the service. All in the community, regardless of what church they may have attended in past years are invited to participate in the service.

School Bd., OLS Agree on Plans For Service Rd.

Plans including proposed minor revisions for the private service drive from Shawwassee to Ten Mile between Our Lady of Sorrows Church property fronting on Power Road and Farmington public school property to the west were reviewed by the School Board Monday night.

The School Board and Edward Smith, representing Our Lady of Sorrows Church, were in wholehearted agreement on all phases of plans for the road.

Peter Tarapata, representing the Smith, Tarapata and MacMahon architectural firm, was instructed to make up final drawings and work out engineering details.

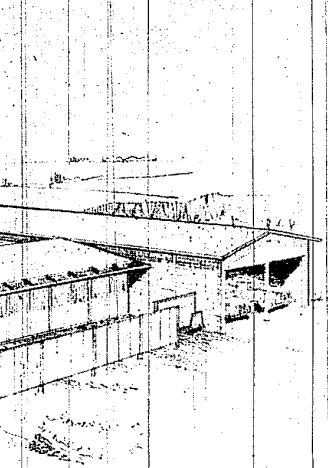
A gravel road to be blacktopped at a later date is called for in the south end of the road will be shared jointly.

It will provide another route to and from the church's property and is driven to new service and administration building for the Farmington Public School District now going under construction.

Local Music Combo At Good Night Spot

Paul O. Temple, who was the trumpet player in the Jaycee minstrel show here Friday and Saturday, leads a small orchestra which is now making a name for itself in the metropolitan area.

The Tailgate Ramblers, a Dixieland Jazz Sextet, is playing this week at Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Livernois at 8 Mile. Musicians feel the music is more popular here than in the Jaycee minstrel show here. The group has played together about a year.



wood area, which would be abandoned when the interceptor sewer is in operation. The small portion, however, is included in the Village of Quakertown, and might present difficulty in acquisition. There is a possibility the remainder of the site might be donated the township by Thompson-Brown Co.

Agenda OK'd For Township Annual Meeting

The agenda for the annual meeting of Farmington Township Board, April 4, was approved Tuesday night by the township board. It is published elsewhere in this issue, with the proposed annual budget.

The agenda was compiled with the help of Dr. Louis Friedland, expert parliamentarian from Wayne State. It includes approval of the agenda at the meeting with additional items proposed from the floor.

UNDER this arrangement only items which may properly come before an annual meeting will be allowed, and discussion will be limited strictly to these items.

The budget is based on hoped for increase in millage by the county allocation board. The township has gotten .86 of a mill the last couple of years, is hoping to get 1.271 mill and expects a 10 per cent delinquency.

The board reviewed a March 13 joint meeting with the school board, when the two bodies discussed the millage allocation problem. Mr. Stephenson said the township board, following this meeting, had trimmed \$12,000 from its budget, in addition to a 10 per cent delinquency.

He said he understood the school planned to ask for an additional 1.1 mill of the 15-mill tax pie.

Demos Parade Less Governor

Governor G. Mennen Williams was unable to attend the celebration planned here Tuesday afternoon by the Farmington Democratic Club, because of action by the state legislators on the bill to mortgage the Veterans Trust Fund.

Treasurer Sanford Brown came instead as did more than 200 local democrats who attended the supper, took part in a parade around the township, and met a number of candidates for the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan and board of governors of Wayne State.

Also present were Jude Williams, J. Beer and Judge James C. Allen and Maurice E. Finegan.

Twp. Civic Center Proposal Outlined

A proposal for a civic center for the Township of Farmington was outlined Tuesday night to the township board by Supervisor Frank Stephenson, who challenged the board to do something about it.

After discussion the board, on motion of Treasurer Elsie Avery, voted to withhold any action until the next regular meeting. This would be the one after the township board election, therefore the new board.

THE BOARD, did, however, show interest in the proposal, and thanked to Architect Charles D. Hannan and the Township Planning Board for their study and the work involved.

David Mills, who reported for the Planning Board, told trustees the detailed proposals were not those of the Planning Board, but that members did favor generally a suggestion to acquire land now and start with a small unit, which could be expanded as population grew. His board also approved the location at 12 Mile and Power Road.

SUPERVISOR Stephenson in his presentation had two large colored drawings, one of the proposed first unit, the other of a possible layout of buildings designed to accommodate needs of a township with an ultimate population of 100,000.

He also said a property owner had offered another ten acre tract on Drake south of 12 Mile at a cost. However, there was no indication yet what the cost would be.

THE BUILDING first proposed would be a fire station, housing two trucks, quarters for a fireman, and a meeting room, plus a small office. There would be a large parking lot, all facing east on Power Road. When other fire stations were built according to the original plan, this building could be converted to perhaps the township police headquarters or the dept. of public works.

OTHER buildings to be added might include one for municipal business administration. Mr. Stephenson suggested it might include such things as council chamber, supervisor's office, fire department, clerk and treasurer's offices, building inspectors and license bureau, and quarters for parks and recreation, planning and zoning commission, engineering and water department, and dept. of public health.

Recommendations of municipal functions were listed as: municipal court including judges and jury chambers, police dept. and jail, juvenile court, and municipal coroners.

FOR cultural activities requirements suggested were an auditorium for public meetings and social events, concert hall and civic theater, library, art museum, and a center for activities, outdoor recreation, and perhaps a public dining room and restaurant.

THE MONEY is already on hand and in the budget. Mr. Stephenson said. He was referring to the balance carried the last couple of years specifically designated for fire stations.

The land is owned by Thompson-Brown Co. Mr. Stephenson said there is a possibility the township might be donated by the firm, but this won't be known yet awhile.

MRS. AVERY, in moving for delay, said she wanted to find out what Kendallwood and other nearby residents would think of the possibility of a jail there. Wendell Brown moved, and the board approved, referral of the proposals to the township attorney to see if the services and plans mentioned were legal for the township to do.

Okay Plans for New Water Line

Authorization was given by the School Board Monday night to enter into and agreement with the City of Farmington for the extension of a water main from Twin Valley subdivisions eastward at least to the Ten Mile elementary school.

The Board authorized an expenditure of approximately \$4,000 to cover the cost of a six inch main. The Board was agreeable to the city's proposal to lay an eight inch main providing the city stands the additional cost. They also agreed to another city proposal that the township might be required to Power Road at city expense.

Also discussed was where hydrants should be located and how many might be necessary. No financial action was taken. It was indicated that the matter would be given further study and consideration.



SPRING was in the air the latter part of last week. Although it was still a little chilly, many, like this young man, were attracted outdoors with rake, shovel or lawn mower to make a big chore later on in the year but right now it's a pleasant relief from a long, hard winter of confinement indoors.

New Adult Ed. Courses to Start in April

Two new adult education classes being offered by the Farmington Public Schools will start the first of next month, Martinus Van Ameyde, assistant superintendent and director of adult education disclosed Monday.

A six week course in flower arranging will start Wednesday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. in Rm. 105-E at the Farmington Senior High on Shawwassee Road. The course fee is \$4.50.

"This is a beginning course in flower arranging," local florist and instructor Lawrence Meyer said. "Basic instruction in floral arrangement dealing principally with small quantities of flowers and the art of arranging them in the proper containers for the select use of centerpieces, buffets, cocktails, etc. will be given."

A health class, taught by Miss Marilyn Spohn, will start Thursday, April 9, and continue through May 14. The class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Farmington Senior High gymnasium. The fee for this course will also be \$4.50.

Students will be given a manual of Education office at 33000 Thomas Street. Letters should be directed to Mr. Van Ameyde and include the name, address, telephone number of the registrant as well as the course and the appropriate fee.

Barn, Cars Burn Early Monday

A barn on the Wesley McCutloch property at 3311 W. Nine Mile Road was destroyed by fire early Monday morning.

Also destroyed were two vehicles parked in the barn - a 1954 pickup truck and a 1956 two-door station wagon parked between the barn and the rear of the house. Some damage was also done to the rear wall of the house.

Cause of the fire, which was reported at 2:10 a.m., was not determined. An estimate on the total amount of damage was not given.

New Library Very Popular

The Farmington Public Library has become very popular since re-opening in new quarters the first of this month, library officials stated this week.

On the first day of re-opening a total of 1,000 books were put into circulation. During the first two weeks this total swelled to over 5,000, they indicated.

During this same period over 600 new patrons registered for library cards.

This is reportedly more than triple the use local libraries officials got when the library was housed in small quarters at the Township Hall.

"The children are making proportionately greater use of the library than the adult population," said an official spokesman for the library said.

"We urge adults to start using their new library and library cards. There is now an adult lounge area and a fair start toward a good book collection."

Twp. Hall Closed Friday Afternoon

The township offices will be closed the afternoon of Good Friday, the trustees decided Tuesday. They would be closed normally from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on that day, so the board decided it was no use reopening for the remainder of the day.

The city offices will be kept open all afternoon on April 4, to allow employees who wish to attend services.

Gravel Deposit Valuations Up

Valuations of three large gravel pits in the township were increased by about \$58,000 Tuesday by the township board of review, following a hearing.

The action was reported to the township board Tuesday night by Supervisor Frank Stephenson, and supported by the township board, by resolutions.

THE BOARD of Review had considered earlier with the state tax commission on these valuations. It had notified the three owners to be present for the hearing. One only phoned to protest, one failed to appear, Mr. Stephenson said.

Dachille Trucking Co. appeared with its attorney, and threatened legal suits on the increase of \$27,000 in valuation. It said it had refused to give the board information on its operations, costs, selling prices, re-fill plans and future plans.

The board was made up of the township board of review and the land concerned is zoned residential.

Several in the audience Tuesday night spoke in approval of the action. Trustee Wendell Brown said that if this was within the power of the board of review the township board would certainly support a fair valuation.

Quakertown in Split of Funds

A division formula for the split of tax collections coming from the state was agreed upon last Friday evening at a joint meeting between the township board and the quakertown village council.

The formula was based on 6,000 residences in the township and estimated population of 25,435 which includes Quakertown. The township has 113 residences and a population of 435 within the village.

Next Monday night the village council will meet here with representatives of the state highway department to agree on this allocation formula.

Request Paving for 13 Mile Road Again

Residents of Westbrooke Manor asked the township board Tuesday night about paving plans for 13 Mile.

Board members said \$19,800 had been placed in the annual budget for county highway matching funds, and if this fund were available the board was on record as favoring \$6,000 to be placed in the township stretch west of Orchard Lake Road. Other contributions are available toward this pavement.

Shop in Friendly Farmington.