

American Bakeries Starting Plant Here

Construction is starting immediately on the building to be erected on a 5 mile Road, between Farmington and Gile Roads, for American Bakeries. The city building permit was taken out last Friday.

Lafayette the firm bought the tract from the city and announced plans for a building.

AMERICAN Bakeries is the second largest bakery firm in the nation, with plants located all over the east, south and upper midwest. It has an excellent record of growth and earnings.

Hi School Site Report Is Good

It appears likely that the Farmington School District will be successful in obtaining a 12 acre site for a new high school in the north Farmington area without condemnation court action being necessary.

The indication given in a report made at the School Board meeting Monday night on progress in negotiations with Max Dobrowsky, principal land contractor, for the parcel on the north side of 13 Mile Road just east of Farmington Road. No definite commitments have as yet been made, however.

Some questions regarding the legal description of the property proposed for purchase are now being worked out.

The price per acre being considered was not disclosed.

Nat'l Food Is Building Now

Rebuilding of the burned out National Food store in Bel-Aire shopping center started this week.

A city permit was issued Friday and it is hoped the work will be completed in 40 days.

To insure safety the city had been asked to have an engineer check the building and was determined that portions were safe and others had to be rebuilt.

OK 256 Teacher Appointments

The appointment of 256 teachers to the Farmington School District teaching staff for the 1959-60 school year, based on administration recommendations was approved by the School Board Monday night.

Included in the list of teachers approved was 244 teachers employed in the system and 12 new instructors.

Also approved was the reappointment of present school principals and administrative staff.

Several teachers have yet to be hired, it was indicated.

Hamlin Again Heads Board

Delos Hamlin of Farmington was re-elected chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors at its organizational meeting Tuesday.

Nine new members of the board were seated, including Supervisor Curtis H. Hall of Farmington Township.

Grant Sorrows Use Of FHS Track

A request from Our Lady of Sorrows for use of the Farmington Senior High running track for two league track meets this spring was approved by the School Board Monday night.

It was indicated that Our Lady of Sorrows would have its own track by next year.

Form Fund Raising Committee To Send Falconnaires to Texas

A Citizens On-To-Dallas Committee to raise funds to defray the cost of sending the Farmington Senior High Falconnaires to Dallas, Texas, to sing at the State Chorus Convention, which was held in June was formed earlier this week.

Parents of members in the young group of the group expressed enthusiastic approval and enthusiasm for the project at a special meeting last week. This prompted Falconnaires to form a fund raising committee.

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Twp. Board To Ease Rules on Meeting Topics

New rules will be formulated by the township board in an attempt to get any desired discussion topic on the agenda, it was announced by the Supervisor.

Cur Hall at the initial meeting Monday night.

He explained there had been some resentment at what he called the "old rule" for board meetings. Under this old rule, discussion was not placed on the agenda unless agreement was reached well ahead of the meeting.

Following the meetings it has been the practice to have a question and answer period.

AN ATTEMPT will be made also to work out some sort of system whereby interested persons or organizations can pay attention to a small fee, will have the agenda mailed to them before the meetings.

Exact details have not yet decided, but the main idea is to have meetings more open to audience participation.

NEW MEMBERS: Art Basette and Raymond B. Wilcox participated for the first time.

A good crowd of about 65 attended this first meeting, including 10 former Supervisor Frank Stephenson in the audience.

There were several recommendations before the board on zoning matters, from the township planning board. The new board voted to take no action on most until it had a chance to study them, or if the recommendation of the planning board was to carry down a request for rezoning.

There will be a few of financial changes as a result of the election, Art Basette resigned from the township zoning board, but was immediately named to the zoning board of appeals.

In the past, the supervisor has also acted as zoning inspector. He will now name a temporary zoning inspector with the idea the appointment would be given further study.

One was needed immediately. The board issued and inspections may.

EDWARD JOSEMAN, long time member of the township library board, has submitted his resignation. He had been a member three years.

He was asked to resign in order to make room for a new member, and at 70, he felt he had served long enough.

Board members praised him and his service, and accepted his resignation. They said it would be difficult to replace him, and asked anyone for suggestions for a capable replacement.

By resolution the Farmington branch of National Bank of Detroit was again appointed depository, and signers of checks deposited.

A letter was received from Officer Ted Epps telling his thanks for the township sending him to the criminal investigation school at MSU.

Main Contracts Let to School

Bids were received by the city council Monday, on extension of water main on 19 Mile Road from Twp. Valley subdivision east to the 10 Mile elementary school. It is expected the low bid for that work will be accepted.

The school district will stand the cost of a six-inch extension, but as the city wanted 8 inch pipe it will pay for the difference in cost.

ORIGINALITY had been planned to run the main around to the rear of the school, but this will provide two hydrants at the front and give proper protection.

An alternate bid was taken to extend the main to one on Pow Road, but this was not needed in the foreseeable future it was decided to skip it for now.

Bates Suggests New Industry Committee

City Councilman V. O. Bates suggested a new committee Monday that study the possibility of setting up a committee to go after industry for the city.

He said that he had not needed to get other industry for the city, but that he had seen in Detroit Edison. He felt the city should encourage such attempts.

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Grand River and Eight Mile. Little or no effort to finish the home or clean up the grounds around it has been made for some time. The property is littered with rotting lumber, old car bodies and parts, broken concrete, tin cans and other debris. Action to force owners of this property to clean up, and do it now, is needed badly.

Keller Dump Suit In Supreme Court

The suit against the township on refusal to allow a dump permit for the Mrs. Emma Keller property on Grand River is before the state supreme court, with the township fighting it.

Twp. Attorney Joseph J. Brennan reported to the board Tuesday night he had filed the township brief last Friday, and the court would now await the brief from the Keller attorneys.

Study Paving Of 2 Streets

Whether or not two streets in the city should be paved this summer was discussed Monday night by the new council, and City Manager Earl Scherffius.

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Commercial Zoning Change Hearing Set

Date of public hearing on proposed changes in the township zoning ordinance, for commercial zoning, has been set for Wednesday, May 13, according to Edward Schmid, chairman of the township zoning board.

Place will be at the township hall, at 8 p.m.

THE TOWNSHIP board passed a resolution of intent to amend the zoning ordinance several weeks ago and, as required by law, will hold a public hearing.

There are proposed changes in the definitions of various commercial lands, and in some of the zoning districts.

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Hug Asks Board Civic Center Plans

Twp. Trustee Richard Hug moved Tuesday night that Supervisor Curt Hall should investigate the possibility of getting the free tract at 12 Mile and Power Road, which had earlier been proposed for a township civic center.

The motion passed, although other board members didn't appear particularly interested at this time.

Support New State Aid Bill

The Farmington School Board Monday night gave its wholehearted support to school State Aid bill being pushed for passage by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Known as House Bill No. 311, it calls for a rate of \$20 per pupil at 3 1/2 mills to replace the \$10 at 1 1/2 mills rate in effect at this time.

Jointly sponsored by School Boards Assn., the bill has been introduced in the State House of Representatives by Representatives Ray Wurzel, Elmer Erdland, Allison Green, George Montgomerie, Clayton Morrison, Lucille McCullough, Lloyd Anderson and Frank Williams.

C-D Alert Is Friday and Sat.

A national Civil Defense alert is planned for Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18. The city and township organizations have different plans for this.

City head Joe DeVries says his members will participate only Friday when a large bomb is theoretically exploded on Detroit during a certain time period.

MOONEY-street paving was discussed, and a report also asked. When the shopping plan was built the developers paid their share of paving Mooney, and it was understood that the remainder would be paid before the report.

Mr. Scherffius reported that the city has a responsibility to protect the plaza merchants.

Approve High School Curriculum Changes

High school curriculum changes for next year, recommended by the administration, were approved by the Farmington School Board Monday night.

A new course in science, to be known as physical science, will be offered as an elective for seniors who have taken neither physics or chemistry. A third year course in Spanish will be offered as well as two English courses for juniors in English I and Advanced English I.

School Landscaping

A proposed plan for landscaping the Farmington Junior High side on Thomas Street at an estimated cost of \$2,980 was established by further discussion by the School Board Monday night.

Next City Council Meeting April 27

The second meeting of the month for the city council will be Monday evening, April 27.

Approve Record \$2,650,888 59-60 School Operating Budget

Bob Lindbert Relected as Mayor of City

Mayor Robert Lindbert was re-elected to that position Monday night without opposition by the new city council, meeting for the first time. The council elects its own officials.

V. O. Bates was re-named mayor pro tem. Howard Thayer was nominated for this position by Hugh Peterson, but in the vote, Thayer was voted for Bates making it a 3-2 decision.

CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS was made by the new council despite the handicaps usually imposed by a first meeting.

Most important item was presentation of the proposed 1959-60 budget, which was received for study, and copies will be open for public inspection at the city manager's and clerk's offices.

The public hearing was set for May 4 at 7:30 p.m., and councilmen will spend a couple of evenings studying it. The budget must be adopted on or before May 18, which would be the regular meeting night.

HUGO PETERSON was named by the council to the city planning board, to succeed Tom Harrison. Peterson was placed on the board of appeals by Howard Thayer.

City Manager Earl Scherffius had been asked to work out a purchase agreement for the Gullen property on Grand River, just east of Earl Viviers. The tract has a frontage of 32 feet, is 127 feet deep, contains two buildings which are rented.

IF PURCHASED it would provide an extension of Warner street south toward the proposed large parking and shopping area, although some land would have to be purchased also from Earl Vivier to get through there.

Councilmen will study how this could be fitted into the budget. Purchase price would be \$23,000 with \$9,000 down and monthly payments.

Another Polio Clinic Slated

Another polio clinic, sponsored by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held next Thursday evening, April 23, at the school district building. Polio clinics are held half block south of Grand River.

All persons having received the first shot of the J.C. sponsored clinic are urged to return for their second injection. All others needing polio shots will also be welcome.

It has been noted that most of the younger people in the community have had their shots, but that many adults have not yet received theirs. Polio knows no age limits, an official spokesman for the J.C. said.

A \$1 charge per injection is made to cover the cost of vaccine and materials.

Phone Increase

The city council was formally notified Monday night of the request of Michigan Bell Telephone for a rate increase covering this area. This is a formal, as the hearing and determination is made by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

PROUDLY displaying his first place winning project in the physics division of the Clareville Science Fair was a Winthurst state machine. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sitar of 18200 Antago, Livonia. (A story and pictures of first place winners in the two other divisions appears on Page 5-B.)

National Bank Opens North Twp. Branch

A new National Bank of Detroit branch office has been opened at 12 Mile and Farmington Road in Kendallwood to serve residents of the North Farmington area.

Norman W. Henry, vice president in charge of Branches for National Bank, announced at the official opening ceremonies that a new office will be designed to replace the current temporary facility which is immediately adjacent to the forthcoming Kendallwood shopping center.

The new building, according to Henry, will be designed to offer complete banking services including drive-in windows, a safe deposit vault and night deposit box.

He said that the new building will be a landmark for the area, and that it will provide a convenient location for banking customers.

Rapidly expanding population in the northern part of Farmington Township prompted the establishment of the 12-Mile Farmington Road Branch at this time, John S. Cleland, manager of the new office, said.

At the present time, the Farmington School District falls far short of having the required number of families within the broad-winner employed in a favorable connected industry to qualify for Federal school construction aid.

There is still an outside chance that the district could qualify for the school aid, as indicated. This would be possible if business places were present residents work Federal construction aid.

What will be forthcoming in State aid is also very uncertain in view of the unsteady financial condition of Michigan at this time.

Sign Ordinance Change Tacked

A new sign ordinance for the city is in the works, as councilmen agreed Monday night the ordinance fails to meet the situation.

Bradley Drug, which has wanted to put a sign on top of its new building, was told to go ahead with the plan, subject to submission to the city manager. If they fit an agreed pattern the sign may be erected without waiting for the new ordinance.

EARLIER the city council had set a deadline this summer by which time signs protruding over or into the street right of way had to be removed. The deadline was eased, but the new ordinance will also contain this provision and set a time limit again.

Mainly the new ordinance will seek simple language which will regulate (1) distance the sign may encroach into the street right of way (2) regulate safety of construction and mounting.

At the council meeting Howard Thayer questioned whether or not a full time assistant engineer were needed. This would be to be licensing and inspections with fees charged.

City Engineer Is Confirmed

Francis A. Papke has been appointed new city engineer by City Manager Earl Scherffius, and his appointment was confirmed Monday by the city council. The position has been vacant two months, and there is considerable work ahead.

Papke is a city resident, living at 32388 Marshall. A former city engineer, he has been with The Sallie Co. of Detroit the last two years, and before that worked 11 years with the Wayne county road commission. He also was with the U. S. army corps of engineers.

SELECTION was made among five applicants, and Mr. Scherffius said he was happy with the new engineer's qualifications.

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