

Clarenceville School Bids Being Called

Bids will be publicly opened May 7 at Clarenceville High School board of education office for a new elementary school. It will have 14 rooms, but alternate bids are being called for which might add two more rooms.

A new feature is being included in the school building. At the end of the main classroom, one-story building, a hallway will run out to a "satellite."

This is a six-sided area, two stories in height, with a multi-purpose room in the middle. The multi-purpose room is surrounded by other rooms, including two kindergarten, administrative offices, kitchen, storage and the boiler room.

Most of the weight bearing is on these interior walls. This means they will be heavy enough to provide insulation from much of the noise in the interior.

Bids will be opened at 8 p.m. May 7, and then studied by the architects and board of education. All proposals submitted will remain firm for 30 days.

Tickets for Lions Club Circus May 6 on Sale

Tickets for the big Mills Brothers Circus coming to town on Wednesday, May 6, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Lions Club, are now on sale at several business places in the Farmington area. Advance sale tickets, at reduced rates, are now available at the Bel-Aire Pure Service Station, Bel-Aire Drugs, Dickerson Hardware, 12 Mile Farmington Mobil Gas, Al Jean's Hardware, Hinkle's Dry Goods, Zolkover's Department Store and the Willowbrook Market.

ALL PROCEEDS realized by the Lions will be turned over to the City's Sight Conservation Fund. A greater profit, realized from advance ticket sales, a club spokesman stated, in advance purchases.

The circus tents for the three performances will be set up in the big lot to the north of the Farmington Plaza Shopping Center.

Circus marvels from 18 different nations will be featured at each performance.

ALLURING elephant girls, clowns, acrobats, high-jumping and tumbling horses, trained animals, roller skating whizzes and other circus champions will combine to make the one-day advance sale tickets, at reduced rates, are now available at the Bel-Aire Pure Service Station, Bel-Aire Drugs, Dickerson Hardware, 12 Mile Farmington Mobil Gas, Al Jean's Hardware, Hinkle's Dry Goods, Zolkover's Department Store and the Willowbrook Market.

City Council to Meet April 27

Next regular meeting of Farmington city council is Monday night, April 27.

There are several important items on the agenda, but none of the proposed budget changes is planned because councilmen are having several special meetings on this. The public hearing will be held on the budget, City Manager Earl Scherfuss says.

City Manager Earl Scherfuss says the new budget contemplates a five per cent increase in salaries for city personnel.

Two Invited to Join Honor Society at MSU

Sue Ellen Hymes of Farmington and Mary Durfee, formerly of Farmington, have been invited to join the Alpha chapter of the Honor Society at Michigan State University.

This is for freshmen girls attaining a high scholastic standing in their communities.

Ground Breaking Friday

Bridge to Re-Open Old U.S. 16 Route Bringing New Hope to Businessmen

Come October a new bridge on old Grand River (U.S. 16) at Kensington Park west of Farmington will be completed, they are operating "in the red" even though they keep their establishments open for business.

MRS. ROSE MARCHESOTT, owner of the Saratoga Farms restaurant between Farmington and Novi, said. "The only thing that has kept us going was our belief that the State Highway Department would recognize its injustice and build another bridge to reconnect old Grand River."

She stated that her business has dropped from a \$250,000 annual gross to \$181,000.

"I nearly was bankrupt and have had to use my own money and even borrowed some to keep my doors open," she said. "We all know that the new bridge won't bring back all the business we are hoping it will enable us to make a 'dent' profit."

FEELING the effect of the bridge closing, the Greater Grand River Businessmen's Association was formed and Gregory Anderson, owner of the Lakes Drive-In Theater, elected at Kensington Park west of Farmington, said his business has been dropped off 30 per cent.

"Regular customers and salesmen who know enough to get off the expressway to find a 'mom and pop' only trade now," he said, "but the money this brings in leaves me only a small profit."

"I've got a \$100,000 investment here and yet I now make less than a factory worker. It's been quite a gamble to stay open to this."

NOW THAT a bridge reopening old Grand River is as reported, the businessmen's group has turned its attention to campaign to have the old route designated as U.S. 16 Alternate. Anderson said that High Commissioner John C. Mackie has tentatively agreed to this.

Making the old road an alternate route, it is believed, would relieve overcrowding on the expressway and also bring more trade to businesses along the old road.

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Food Fair to Build in Area This Summer

A Food Fair supermarket will be erected this summer at Farmington Road and 12 Mile, according to information released this week in Detroit.

It will be one of 16 more new stores, with opening scheduled this year, which will be started "within two months." No building permit has yet been taken out at the township offices, however.

THE CHAIN will have 46 stores in the Metropolitan area by the end of 1959; it all goes as planned. Each new store costs summer runs to about \$9.5 million, most of it to be paid out of expanding business and profits, according to the firm.

Food Fair is a local chain, not to be confused with the national chain of the same name operating in other sections of the country.

IT ALL BEGAN in 1924 when Tom Brown opened a neighborhood grocery in Detroit. Three years later his wife, Mrs. Brown, opened an independent store on the east side.

The brothers eventually formed a partnership; but in 1948 they split. Tom went on to develop the Lucky Stores, now the name of the present Farmington Food Fair store. Brother Al built up the Food Fair Markets.

In 1953 they merged under the name of Food Fair. "Recently they adopted the corporate name of Borman Food Stores."

An open house will be held next Wednesday afternoon, April 29, from 10 to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth State Home and Training School, Farmington Unit, it was announced Wednesday.

The home and training school is located on Trunk Road just south of the Farmington to Brighton Expressway. This is the former location of Farmington High School, which has now been turned over completely to the care of mentally retarded children between the ages of 1 and 18.

To reach the unit take Nine Mile south across the expressway or come up Eight Mile and turn north at Trunk Road.

Open houses being held in conjunction with National Mental Health Week.

Mental Home Open House Set

A teaching contract for the coming school year for Miss Barbara Margolis was approved last Thursday by the Clarenceville board of education. She will teach language arts in junior high.

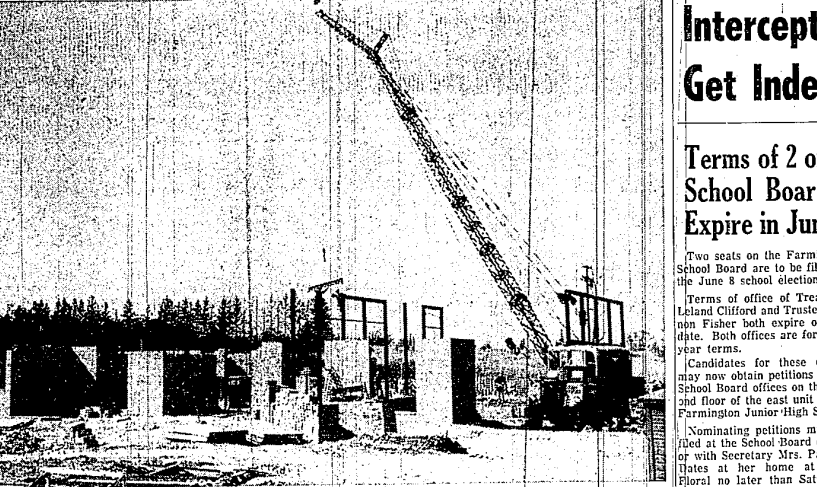
Her husband, Mr. Gregory, is a radio engineer and works for the State Highway Department.

Teacher Hired

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WALLS OF THE NEW Longacre elementary school, located at the end of Arandel Street at the southwest corner of Woodcroft subdivision, are now going up. A big crane is shown here lowering another section of steel into place. Although contracts were let last fall, work was at a standstill throughout the extremely bad winter building months. Work is moving ahead rapidly now but little hope is held out that the building will be ready for occupancy much before the start of the second semester of the 1959-60 school year.

Boy Injured, Struck Down by Pick-Up

Allen Boyd, 15, of 32631 Nine Mile Road is now recuperating from a fractured leg and lacerations which he suffered when struck down by a pickup truck on Freedom Road near Parker last week.

Robert Smith of 22431 Truck Road, driver of the truck which was proceeding east on the service road, told police that he was momentarily blinded by a light reflection. He said that the boy had darted across the road directly in front of him and that he was unable to stop his vehicle in time.

Named District Elks Official

Past Exalted Ruler Al Tillin of Farmington Elks Lodge 1342 was recently elected to the office of district vice-chairman for the Elks Southeast District.

He was elected at the spring meeting of the Elks lodge held at Flat Rock Elks Lodge. Thirteen Elks lodges from the area, extending from Port Huron and Pontiac to the north to Jackson at the west were represented at the meeting.

The election of Tillin to this historic office is a real honor for Tillin and the local Elks lodge, now only in its third year, an official spokesman for the Elks here said. This is the first district office to be held by a Farmington Elks lodge member.

3 Paving Jobs Starting Soon

Three paving jobs in Farmington, city, all won by contractor A. J. Smith, will be started perhaps yet this week or next week, says City Manager Earl Scherfuss.

The contractor will start work first in Farmington Meadows subdivision, east of Farmington Road between 8 and 9 Mile. He will pour a half side of each street, then move to the downtown area.

Old concrete and dirt from these jobs will go into the area back of Bradley Drive where the new city parking lot will be built. When filled, this will be traveled and oiled, and then allowed to settle over winter before being blacktopped next summer.

After or during this work the remaining half streets in Farmington Meadows sub will be poured.

Wet Ground Delays Start By Bakery

Ground too wet to work properly has delayed slightly construction work for the new American Bakeries building on 12 Mile between Farmington Road and Gill Road.

Some grading was done this week, and actual construction will start as soon as possible.

Future High School Site On 13 Mile Purchased

Transactions have now been completed by the Farmington School District for the purchase of a parcel of land slightly over 12 acres in size for a future high school site in the North Farmington area, Superintendent G. V. Harrison disclosed Tuesday.

The land was purchased at a price of \$2,800 per acre. Total cost of the parcel, including other expenses, was \$11,885.40.

Although no indication has been given that a new senior high will be needed in the North Farmington area in the immediate future, it was felt necessary by the School Board to purchase the site now. All large areas left in the township are being bought up rapidly for subdivision into residential developments.

Population projects indicate that at least one more high school will be needed in the area in the not too distant future.

Helping Plan MSU Club Benefit April 29

Local residents helping plan the third annual scholarship benefit sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Michigan State University Club of Oakland County are committee chairman Mrs. Thomas E. Munson of Lathrup Village, program; Mrs. Robert Hall of Farmington, prizes; and Mrs. Roger Vogel of Lathrup Village, program.

The event will be held at 1:30 p.m., April 29, at Meadow Brook Hall on the new campus of Michigan State University Oakland at the home of Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson. It will include a tea, fashion show and tour of the home.



Warning Given—Bad Checks Being Passed

Bad checks are again being passed at several business places in Farmington, Director of Public Safety Joseph DeVriendt warned this week.

"Know your endorser" is a good rule to follow, he said. Proper identification such as a driver's license, social security number, or car registration should be required before accepting a check.

C-C Names 3 New Directors

Three new members of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce board of directors have been named to fill vacancies, it is announced by President Harry Farmer.

New directors are Howard Vopper, Thomas Moss and Edward Goetz. They succeeded Fred Curcio, Herbert Lundberg and Vance Keigen, resigned.

A SPEAKER which should prove of exceptional interest to the membership will talk at the next regular luncheon meeting for members May 5, at 12:15 p.m. at Guffin's.

He is Ted Kuleman, manager of the Wayne City Chamber of Commerce, a man familiar with metropolitan C-C problems.

City Will Burn Off Land if Requested

There are several large vacant land areas within the city upon which grass fires might start this spring.

Chief Joe DeVriendt suggests that if the owners of this property will request him to do it, city workers will contact nearby people for permission and then burn off this land, as a safety measure.

Buy in Friendly Farmington



Interceptor Sewer to Get Indefinite Delay

The proposed Farmington interceptor sewer project has been delayed at least 60 days by legal entanglements, according to Harold K. Schone, director of Oakland county dept. of public works.

A state supreme court ruling on legality of the procedure was delayed weeks and weeks, but finally came through last week.

IN EFFECT the ruling recommended an amendment to state county's dept. of public works act, which would permit a better method of pledging the full faith and credit of all municipalities for such bonds.

The county has this right, of course, but there apparently was some doubt about whether the township could enter into this without approval by the voters in exceeding a levy on property taxes in excess of 15 mills.

To some extent this is a technicality, since the bonds will be retired by the users.

Terms of 2 on School Board Expire in June

Two seats on the Farmington School Board are to be filled at the June 8 school election.

Terms of office of Treasurer Leland Clifford and Trustee Vernon Fisher both expire on this date. Both offices are for three year terms.

Candidates for these offices may now obtain petitions at the School Board offices on the second floor of the east unit at the Farmington Junior High School.

Nominating petitions must be filed at the School Board office with Secretary Mrs. Patricia Plates at her home at 22512 Floral no later than Saturday, May 9, at 4 p.m. To be valid the petitions must be signed by not less than 50 qualified electors of the school district. It is also stipulated that no elector may sign petitions for more than two candidates, the number to be elected.

Indication has been given that both Clifford and Fisher will seek re-election.

Teacher Paid Special Tribute

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Hazel Brasher, third grade teacher at the Ten Mile Elementary school, and outgoing president of the Farmington Education Association, last week.

She was honored at a testimonial dinner, sponsored by the Board of Education, at the Council of the Michigan Association at the Dunckel Junior High School last Friday.

Mrs. Brasher was singled out as an outstanding teacher and leader in her profession in Oakland County over the past years. For the last ten years she has been a teacher in Farmington.

Among her tributes were congratulatory telegrams from Vice-President Richard Nixon, Senators Phillip Hart and Patrick McNamara, Governor G. Mennen Williams and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Lynn M. Bartlett.

At the dinner, Mrs. Brasher was also presented with her past-president FEA pin.

3 City Fires Do Heavy Damage

A fire at the Frank Henry, Jr., residence at 23231 Prospect Road, 7 (Oakland County) last afternoon resulted in total loss of a garage. The back of the Henry home and the corner of the house next door were also scorched.

Children playing with matches in a small play house next to the garage started the blaze, Director of Public Safety Joseph DeVriendt said.

City Department of Public Safety personnel was also called out to extinguish two grass fires during the past week.

A brush and grass fire which got out of control in the valley behind houses on Brookside resulted in loss of a tool shed and a chicken coop as well as burning of a substantial amount of ground cover. The area is hard to reach from existing hydrants, Director DeVriendt commented.

The second grass fire reported was between Wilmarth Street and Gill Road over an extended area. A lot of good cover for rabbits and pheasants now nesting there was burnt off.

Get City Dogs Licensed Now

Any dogs in Farmington city which are not now licensed by their owners will bring trouble if they give any trouble. The city's new strict dog ordinance is being enforced, says Chief Joe DeVriendt.

Dog licenses were due March 1. Members of the dept. of public safety have been checking on known owners who did not renew licenses, and will continue.

Strict enforcement has taken place this spring, says Chief DeVriendt. He suggests that any resident twaddling was ever permitted to be put under construction or the owner allowed to live there as long as he did is hard to understand.

A SHACK such as this with badly unkempt surrounding property can be an eyesore to any community. Fortunately, the building and property at Shiawassee Road and Collingham, condemned recently by the township, have now been sold. Repairs to the old building will be two modern homes in keeping with other homes in the neighborhood. The previous owner, who had allowed the home and grounds to run down badly during the nine to ten years he had lived there, has now moved to northern Michigan. Why the abandoned twaddling was ever permitted to be put under construction or the owner allowed to live there as long as he did is hard to understand.