

On-To-Dallas Benefit Car Wash Scheduled

Another project in the committee's effort now being made to the end to send to the Farmington High School Falconaires to Dallas, Texas, in June to appear before a national gathering across Grand River in the town business district reading: "Send the Falconaires to Dallas." Approval to host the sign was given last week by the Farmington City Council. The banner was lettered by Paul Temple, local professional sign painter.

THE FARMINGTON Elks Lodge will sponsor a car wash for the purpose of furthering this cause. The car wash is planned, tentatively, for Saturday, May 16, on a site on Oakland Avenue near the Farmington Junior Grand Hotel. The section, members of the Elks Club as well as several Falconaires will be on hand to wash cars between the hours of 9 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Adding its support, the Farmington Lions Club will make a loan of its car washing equipment, according to Lions' President, Roy Peterson.

THE ON-TO-DALLAS Committee also announced the titillation of a gift of special sta-

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Livonia May Call Off Suit If Terms Met

Livonia city may call off its suit against Farmington city if water drainage into a natural drain south of the city limits, providing Farmington pays what Livonia calls its "appropriate share" of the drainage improvements.

City officials here think Livonia has a pretty tight case and probably would resist, except that the development of Farmington Meadows' subdivision, which has caused the difficulty, has suggested a method which will cost the city nothing.

LIVONIA had an engineer study made of the drain which found that the main obstacle in that area had been eliminated to slow down runoff. Some work is now needed in the drain, nearly all in Livonia, to hasten runoff.

About 450 acres north of Farmington is drained, also, which some Livonia officials in the city limits. This always did drain thus, so it is a natural waterway.

When the subdivision started development, the local drainage pipe, which probably empties the water faster into Livonia than its drain.

ARLYLE Land Co., the subdivision developers, have suggested they will put up the \$200,000 share by Livonia as the local share of the drain work in return for dismissing the suit.

Of this they will pay \$100,000 to the firms share, and suggest the remaining \$100,000 be assessed against two other tracts which will be developed on Arlyle will get its other \$100,000 back when the other property is developed. Meanwhile they can proceed with the Farmington Meadows development rapidly.

Have Tractor, Or Chain Saw?

If you have a small tractor with blade or bucket, or a chain saw—someone is looking for you.

Al Gain would like to talk with owners of such equipment who might be interested in being part of a group which could go to work in case of a disaster such as a tornado.

He's looking for a character who wouldn't mind pitching in to move wrecked buildings, or cutting up a tree felled across a highway.

Anyone interested in joining an informal standby group for this purpose is asked to phone Mr. Gain at GR 4733.

His group has had such a disaster for some time, but the tornado season is soon here.

George Evans Leaving City

George E. Evans, advertising manager of The Enterprise, since December, 1957, has accepted a better position in Colorado and leaves this week end.

He takes over May 18 as manager of the Jefferson Sentinel at Lakewood, a Denver suburb. The Sentinel has the largest circulation of any Colorado weekly.

Mr. Evans has lived in the west and it was his desire to return there. Both have been very active in the community. He has shared with many friends, their success and happiness in their new location.

City Treasurer Feted; Has Served Ten Years

Devotion far beyond the call of duty is one of City Treasurer Kathryn (Kay) Cotter's biggest attributes.

Special tribute on ten years of meritorious service to the City of Farmington was paid to her at an open house at the Municipal Building.

It will be ten years ago this June that Mrs. Cotter started work as treasurer for the city. Having retired from work as a secretary and bookkeeper, she accepted the job somewhat reluctantly, Delos Hamlin, mayor of the city; at that time, realized it was on the promise that it would require only work for a half-day during the morning hours that she agreed, he added.

BUT IT WAS around this time that the City of Farmington really began to grow and with it grew the career more and more work. Kay's half-day soon began to extend into the afternoon hours.

With the annexation of Floral Park subdivision into the city followed a short time afterwards by a change from Mayor-Council form of government. Mrs. Cotter's work load continued to increase. This, coupled with the city's building boom, further extended the city treasurer's work day well into the late evening hours many nights of the week. But she tackled the job with vigor, fellow employees commented, for she had no interest in providing accurate, prompt and courteous service to all with whom she has dealings.

WITH THE retirement of City Clerk Harry Moore in 1955, Kay's work load was increased even more with the acceptance



CONGRATULATIONS for many years for faithful service to the city are being extended here to Treasurer Kathryn Cotter by Mayor Robert Lindbert.

of the combined clerk-treasurer position. She held this position until April of 1957 when it was again divided into two positions. Mrs. Cotter's duties as Mrs. Trena Quinn was named clerk.

Mrs. Cotter has been almost singularly responsible for the most efficient treasurers in the city.

Oakland County Treasury Officers have reported that their praise of tax reports and tax delinquency return reports, submitted by Mrs. Cotter, she is considered by them as one of the most efficient treasurers in the county.

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EIGHT STUDENTS from Farmington High will represent Farmington at Westinghouse Boys' State in East Lansing and Wolverine Girls' State in Ann Arbor this summer. Seated, left to right, are: Marjorie Lam and Carol Dustin. Standing, left to right, are: Joel Greenberg, Bruce Boltz, John Anderson, Harvey Chapman and Jack Swift. (Not present when the picture was taken is the sixth delegate to Boys' State, Chuck Thomson.)

New Downtown Office for C-C

Farmington Chamber of Commerce hopes to have a new office in downtown Farmington, perhaps by June 1. From the start its officers hope to renovate the organization.

Russell Ellis reported this at the monthly membership luncheon Tuesday, saying the group planned to buy a small building and move it, perhaps temporarily, to the small triangular park west of the township hall.

THE MOVE

was laddered by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, who would be the committee. He said it should mean better promotion by the local Chamber, and draw the business and professional men together.

He said all communities and all Chambers have the same problems, including that of support by the people who should be members of the Chamber. He mentioned recent progress downtown in Detroit, which should have been made 25 years ago.

EVERY KIND of business in Farmington should be supported in the Chamber, he insisted. The Chamber of Commerce is not organized to make money, only to carry along necessary work that must be done in any community.

"Another problem he mentioned as common to most communities is that of absorption of various kinds of businesses or buildings.

THE MEMBERS

present approved action by the board of directors to abolish all standing committees and replace them with four. With these chairmen, they include: membership, Ed Goetz; civic affairs, John Clappison; industrial development, Thomas Motes; and retail sales, no chairman yet named.

President Harry Farmer asked board meeting minutes to be approved. He reported the resignation recently of Bayard Tupper from the board. The treasurer's report was given by Harry Lapham.

It was pointed out at this meeting that the Farmington Chamber is not a sponsor of any greeting organization for new residents.

Propose Water Safety Program

Members of the Wood Creek Village Council, in agreement with the residents' mandate that they do not want a swimming pool, are now studying fencing and other restrictions tabled indefinitely adoption of the long-discussed proposed pool ordinance.

It was the feeling of the council, however, that some program should be put in effect to inform present and future pool owners as well as people having ponds on their property or streams running through it of their responsibilities regarding health and safety.

The establishment of a water hazard education program was proposed.

Feeling was also expressed that persons should be required to obtain a building permit and meet certain standards before being granted the right to construct a pool.

No action was taken.

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Township's Commercial Rezone Hearing May 13

A public hearing by the township zoning board on proposed changes in the zoning ordinance will be held next Wednesday, May 13, 8 p. m. at the township hall. Edward Schmid is chairman of the zoning board.

Village Drivers Get Warning

Residents of Wood Creek Farms Village and non-residents traveling on the village's road have been issued a stern warning about speeding and careless driving.

"Members of the village council and the road administrator's staff have been publicly advertised as receiving complaints about unsafe drivers on village roads," President Pro-Tem H. A. Dobson said in a statement to the press Tuesday.

"The charter of the village charges the council with responsibility for the public peace, health, welfare and safety of persons and property within the village. The council has, and I hope will continue to enact only laws that have been accepted as reasonable and proper in discharging these duties. In accordance with this policy, the council in August, 1958, adopted by reference, the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages as published by the Michigan State Police under date of Feb. 4, 1958.

"Under this code any person owning or operating a motor vehicle within the village limits in violation of said code, can be arrested and prosecuted by any law enforcement officer without complaint and warrant sworn for by an individual.

"It is the sincere hope of officials of the village that it will not become necessary to take legal action against any citizen, resident or non-resident, to enforce the laws of the village. However, if violations continue, the council will not hesitate to take proper steps to correct the situation," Dobson concluded.

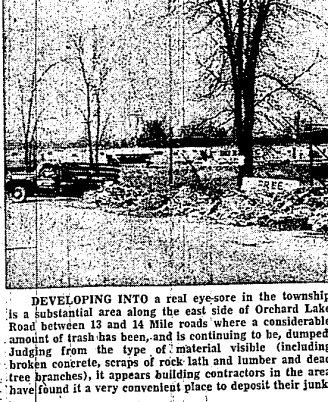
Water Election

An election of Woodbine Water Commission officers was held last Thursday, April 28, at the Liddell elementary school of Robert F. Donovan, and Eugene V. Miller were elected to office.

Injuries Minor

A car driven by Lawrence E. Ford of 20561 Gil Road, propped up on Farmington Road, was struck by another driven by Ed O. McCullough of 22750 Hayden, making a left turn from Farmington Road south of Nine Mile.

Theresa Ford, 50, was taken to Redford Medical Center for treatment of head lacerations, and then released.



DEVELOPING INTO a real eyesore in the township is a substantial area along the east side of Orchard Lake Road between 13 and 14 mile roads where a considerable amount of trash has been, and is continuing to be, dumped. Judging from the type of material visible (including broken concrete, scraps of rock lath and lumber and dead tree branches), it appears building contractors in the area have found it a very convenient place to deposit their junk.

City's Proposed Millage Increase is Protested

The city's proposal to increase its tax rates by 25 per cent next year met vigorous opposition Monday night at the budget hearing. Councilmen met again Tuesday night to review the figures.

The council meeting was adjourned next Monday night, May 11, at 8 p. m. It is possible final budget figures will be accepted at that time, although the law says the budget must be adopted on or before May 15.

SOME 75 men and women, many either business men or residents of Warner Farms subdivision, crowded the municipal building for the budget hearing. They spoke for or against the proposed budget, but it got a good going over nevertheless.

John O. Butters, spokesman for the dept. of public safety workers, gave the council a comparative summary of wages scales paid in other communities. He asked for a pay-increase, and a different pay schedule.

Budgets Prove No Problem In Wood Creek

A public hearing on the proposed general operating budget for Wood Creek Farms Village or fiscal 1959-60 was not really a public hearing at all as not a single resident showed up to raise questions on it.

Passage of the budget, which calls for a total expenditure of \$2,161,000, was approved by a 5-0 vote for contingencies, was unanimously approved at the opening of the village council's regular meeting Tuesday night.

The council was also handed a proposed road budget for fiscal 1959-60. It was estimated by Norwall at \$6,614. Action on the budget was tabled until the June meeting.

Blood Bank Slated May 19

A Red Cross blood bank is scheduled for Farmington on Tuesday, May 19, at the American Legion Hall on Grand Street at Lakeway. Donors will be handled between the hours of 1:45 and 7:45 p. m.

Persons wishing to donate blood for the local bank are asked to contact either Mrs. Fred Lenz, GR 4-5332, or Mrs. Thomas Smith, GR 4-2070.

ANYONE living in the Farmington area is entitled to free blood transfusions and is not obliged to give that it is required. Mrs. Lenz, release chairman for this area, stated, the only charge for this Red Cross blood is a small one for administering made by the hospital, if it is emphasized.

"There has been some confusion on this point. People do not seem to realize that they may use blood from the bank in emergency even when they are out of state," Mrs. Lenz said.

ALL IT takes to get blood is a call to Mrs. Lenz, GR 4-5332. Mrs. Lenz advises that people living in the district served by the blood bank learn the name of their donor recruited chairman.

"Blood bank is needed quickly and there is no time to make arrangements with the Red Cross," Mrs. Lenz continued. "In cases like this blood is charged from the hospital and arrangements made when the emergency is over to replace this hospital blood with that from the blood bank. The charge for the blood made by the hospital is then returned."

School Census Calling Started

Census workers began yesterday, Wednesday, in the taking of the annual school census for the Farmington School District. They will be calling door-to-door for the remainder of the month.

Primarily they will be asking questions regarding the number of children in each household in the district and their ages. In addition to this, however, they will be seeking in each household children who may be in need of special training, which is available in the local school system.

When a census worker calls at your home, school officials urge that you give them your full cooperation. In past years friendly dogs have proven a hindrance to the census workers. The charge expressed here that residents would keep their dogs tied up.

Boys on Bicycle Run Into Trailer

Michael Sanderson, 12, and Donald Hopkins, of Valley View suffered minor injuries last week when the bike on which they were riding ran into the rear of a trailer being pulled by a car.

The mishap occurred on Shwassee Road at Prospect.

IN AN ATTEMPT

to compare costs, he told of contacting near-by cities such as Warren, Northville and Ypsilanti. He said cities with double our valuation were getting along with no more employees than we had. He had held a public hearing as required by law that the council should understand the budget and make their own decisions.

Mayor Lindbert assured the crowd his committee and opinion would be carefully considered by the council before making a decision.

However at the conclusion of the regular council session, Howard Thayer, recently elected with Hugo Peterson, suggested the council meet with a committee from some of the larger subdivisions, and business, and go over the budget with a fine comb. Both Thayer and Peterson expressed concern at the budget increase.

The mayor said he felt this would not be necessary, that the council had studied the budget and had held a public hearing as required by law that the council should understand the budget and make their own decisions.

A cement foundation further off the road has been standing for some time without any effort being made to continue the construction of a building. The trash might be termed fit by those doing the dumping, we do not feel that it is suitable for this purpose. Nor do we feel that, if it can be used for filling purposes, it should be dumped so close to the road instead of back by the foundation of the building it is intended for.

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