

New Water Tank in City Forced Now by Summer's Shortage

Lack of water storage space has forced the City of Farmington to build a new water tank in the summer. The city has been planning for next year.

There is no shortage of water from the wells, but water supply can't be pumped from them. The city must pump water from the wells to supply summer needs.

The Council held a special meeting Monday night to review needs, and then instructed City Manager Earl Scherffius to immediately get bids for a million gallon tank, and see what can be worked out for purchase of extra land near the present standpipe.

It's possible the additional tank could be installed and ready for operation before August to help the shortage here yet this summer.

THE CITY water tank has been drained five times so far this summer, creating a serious water pressure problem.

Citizens are being asked to immediately help minimize this danger by doing lawn sprinkling in the morning and early afternoon, and not during the critical time which is from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

If voluntary action on sprinkling does not relieve the water shortage enough, the city may yet have to consider strict sprinkling regulations.

LOW PRESSURE in the city water is not apparent to a large portion of the city's residents, so they don't realize its seriousness. When the storage tank is low or empty, first to be affected are homes in the north-west part, near the standpipe.

These include Glenview subdivision, Pickett street, Gill road and Earl Court, plus parts of Oakdale.

That's because the mains there are higher than the remainder of the city, and even when there is no water in the area pressure will be fairly strong in other sections like Warner Farms and Alta Loma.

Thus, if all parts of the city cooperate in this voluntary changing of sprinkling hours, the higher areas will have water and fire protection.

THE NEW TANK would be at ground level. Its capacity of one million gallons would be for cost of the land, and concrete footings for the new tank.

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Get Only One Bid For \$500,000 Loan

Only one offer was made to loan the Farmington School Board \$500,000 on anticipated 1959 taxes due the district.

The bid was made by the National Bank of Detroit, Farmington Branch, and accepted by the School Board Monday night.

The interest rate on the loan will be 2.4 percent.

Delays in getting state aid money due the district is one of the chief reasons why it has been necessary to borrow money, at this time.

4 Youths Hurt In 2-Car Crash

Four youths were injured Friday night when the car in which they were riding was struck by another car at the intersection of Middlebelt and 12 Mile rd.

They were riding in a car driven by Clair Chodoroff of 32455 Tareyton, Farmington. She was making a left turn into Middlebelt when her auto was struck by another driven by Clarence R. Marks of Detroit. A police report indicated that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed and had been drinking.

Suffering cuts and bruises in the crash were Gibson Vaughn, 9, Ruel Chodoroff, 13, Carl M. Load, 8, and Cathy Vaughn, 15.

The accident occurred at 9:20 o'clock.

Crashes Into Trees On Farmington Road

Frank J. VanLoon, 24865 Ivywood Drive, suffered lacerations about the forehead and injuries to a knee early last Thursday morning when a left car ran off Farmington Road and crashed into two trees. The accident occurred just north of Ten Mile.

Before hitting the trees, VanLoon struck a road sign, and the car was thrown down phone and electric lines.

A police report on the accident revealed that VanLoon had been drinking.

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HERE'S WHERE the new Farmington interceptor sewer was started last week, at Middlebelt and Nine Mile Road. The section pipe will run from Shiawassee north, alongside Middlebelt. Contractor for the stretch from Shiawassee north to 15 Mile is The Mole Co. Other portions were divided among several contracting groups. After tunneling under the Nine Mile intersection the contractor will go south to Shiawassee, then work north on the remainder of the line.

Specific Road Plan Asked on One Mill Tax

A more detailed plan for the road work contemplated in the township under the one mill four-year extension income plan is to be voted on late this summer was asked from the township board Tuesday night.

George Douglas asked for details at the close of the regular session, when it had been thrown open for the audience participation. He said: people had been asking for more exact details.

SUPERVISOR Curt Hall again explained the proposal he made a couple of weeks ago. He said he had received the figure from the county road commission, that they were estimating how much would be required to better the roads in general areas.

There is a road committee now, and he believed the best way to plan the project would be to enlarge this committee, have it study all sections of roads, and place them in the order of the impending steel strike. It would help little to get a low bid, then wait a year or more for completion of the tank.

Other costs involved would be for cost of the land, and concrete footings for the new tank.



FIRST PIPE in the multi-million dollar Farmington interceptor sewer system was lowered into the bottom of this 19-foot trench. The work was started on the north side of Nine Mile road, and the pipe will be pushed under the roadway to the south side, thence laid the remainder of the way to the south end at Shiawassee.

Dachille Court Case Starting

The township action against Dachille Trucking Co. to hold them to terms of an earlier court order on pit operation started in district court at Pontiac Wednesday morning.

Pressing the action was Twp. Attorney Joseph T. Brennan with the assistance of a Detroit attorney who specializes in zoning work.

Mr. Brennan reported to the township board Tuesday evening that the Dachille attorney had filed a petition to go all the way back to the beginning of the work here, and that the judge would consider this first. This undoubtedly is a delaying tactic.

Twp. Starts Suit to Enforce Cleanup

Suit in district court was ordered Tuesday by the township board against a property owner on Orchard Lake Road who has been operating a junk yard in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Supervisor Curt Hall told the board the man had refused to comply with the ordinance, even after several other minor court actions, and this was the only way he could be forced into action.

Short Building Permit Talked

A shorter completion date for buildings in the township was discussed Tuesday by the board in an attempt to discourage instances where a home is started and not finished within a couple of years. Often such construction leaves neighbors unhappy.

His term will start Aug. 1, and the township attorney was asked to study this and see if a change in the ordinance could be drafted.

9 More Teachers Hired by Farmington

The appointment of nine more teachers to the Farmington School system teaching staff, recommended by the board, was approved by the School Board Monday night.

All nine are elementary teachers. This brings the total number of teachers hired for the 1959-60 school year to 365, Assistant Superintendent Marjorie VanAmeyde reported. Only five more teachers remain to be hired.

In separate action a one year leave of absence for health reasons was granted to Mrs. Ida F. Neal.

Russell Ellis New On Library Board

The township board Tuesday adopted a unanimous ballot electing Russell W. Ellis a member of the township library board.

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Twp. Hall Gets Phone Board

A new telephone board for the Township hall may result in better service for the offices, at an extra cost. The board is being switched over this week.

Mrs. Shirley Hultz, who has operated the smaller board, has accepted of years, is all ready to carry on by the approximate cost of \$1,000.

There are 14 phones in the township offices, and five in the township offices, and five in the township offices.

Blacktop for Stamen Acres to Start Soon

Blacktopping of all roads in Stamen Acres subdivision is tentatively scheduled to start the first of next week, according to Twp. Clerk Floyd A. Cairns.

The contract was recently let, and staking will be the first step.

1959 Farmington School Tax Bills to Run 13 Pct. Higher

School taxes will run approximately 13 per cent higher for property owners in the Farmington School District this year than last as the result of action taken by the School Board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The 1959 debt service tax levy was set at 12 mills (\$12.00 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation). The debt service tax rate last year was 8.7 mills or 3.3 mills lower.

The 12 mill debt service levy was determined necessary to raise sufficient funds with which to meet principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds for school construction and site purchases.

THE OPERATING tax levy will remain the same as last year—at 15.32 mills or \$15.32 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation.

This boosts the total 1959 school tax rate to \$27.32 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation. The average taxpayer, with a home having a state equalized valuation of \$8,000, will thus pay a total 1959 school tax of \$27.32. Last year the total school tax for the same average taxpayer was \$20.76, or \$6.56 less than what he will be asked to pay this year.

A TAXPAYER not knowing the state equalized valuation of his property, figures it out by multiplying the assessed valuation of the property by the established 1959 state equalization factor. The factor for Farmington Township is 1.93839, and the factor for the City of Farmington 1.091471.

A home in the township having an assessed value of \$5,000, for example, has a state equalized valuation of only slightly under that amount, or almost \$10,000. In the city, on the other hand, the state equalized valuation of a home would be less than 10 per cent higher than the assessed valuation.

Also shown is the expressway route, the new Village of Quakertown, and the new city limits for Farmington City.

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Largest of these was a sum of \$1,000 for miscellaneous equipment for the new 7-room Kenbrook school addition now under construction.

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Community House Plan Far From Dead

Dreams of a community house for the Farmington area are far from dead.

This was clearly indicated last Wednesday when, at a special meeting, the rebirth of the Farmington Area Community House Association took place. Some residents had forgotten about the association, but the rebirth was the opinion that the flame of interest in a community house for this area had died.

THESE ILLUSIONS were quickly dispelled as one listened to the lively discussion carried on by the approximately 60 civic-minded citizens in the larger session.

Members of the Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, Girl Scouts, Bel-Aire Hills Civic Assn., Town Club, Blue Star Mothers, Farmington Club, Exchange Club, Farmington Players, City Council, City Planning Commission and Township Board were present.

It was disclosed that the Community House Association has ready cash of \$5,000 on hand as well as pledges for funds when they are needed to construct the building.

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Twp. Has New Maps Available

There are many changes in the township maps now available at the office of Twp. Treasurer Elise Avery. The up-to-date maps were received last week.

An indication of how the township has grown is the listing of street names. The old map was made in 1956, and the index showed 443 streets, roads, courts and highways. The new map shows 477 listings, a growth of 34 new streets in the last three years. Most of these would be in new subdivisions.

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Summer Music Program Starts

The summer music program for the Junior and Senior high school students as well as those who attend Bond, Eagle, Kenbrook and Wooddale elementary schools, begins this week and will continue through the end of July.

The program for the other Farmington schools will begin June 22 and run through the first week in August.

All students who now play any band or orchestra instruments are encouraged to participate in this summer program. The rehearsals will begin on Monday, June 22.

Included in the summer program are Monday and Thursday rehearsals in the senior high school for more advanced junior and senior high students as well as any adults in the community who are interested in playing. This group will present concerts on the lawn in front of the Senior high school beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings, July 2, 9, 16, and 23.

In addition, there will be field trips to the state fair grounds and Belle Isle to hear the Detroit Summer Symphony and the Leonard Smith Band.

This was the decision of the School Board Monday night following reports and discussion.

John Totton, director of physical education for the Farmington public school system, reported that it would cost approximately \$500 for field trip and lunch for the summer.

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