

Area Water Plan is Beyond Dream Stage

The new Farmington intercept sewer is apt to bring its corollary service—water—into the township and city within a couple of years. It will be the first soft water at first, later probably boosted by Lake Huron water from a pipeline running southwest from Port Huron.

For a couple of years Farmington city and township talked but did little about a joint water authority to obtain Detroit water and serve his area.

THIS PLAN was realized to be limited, when it was found that for some plan which will serve a much larger area. The real change in planning started when Supervisor Curt Hall, with approval of the city council, asked the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works to survey the situation and make recommendations.

This is now being done, and already a rough outline for many years in the future is shaping up.

THIS IMMEDIATE first step will come soon after Detroit City and Wayne county agree on the long-tacked merger plan which may come within weeks.

Propose Study of Local Tax Base, Fiscal Needs

A research study of the tax base and fiscal needs for the township and city has been proposed by Edward A. Scheriff, community development specialist with the Michigan State Dept. of Resource Development.

The township is tentatively interested and has asked Alchin to present a more complete study. The city officials have also indicated interest in such a study, and it is likely Alchin will meet with the council soon.

LAST MONDAY a general plan was presented by the township and city officials at a joint meeting of the township board and the planning board.

It would be expected that the township and city would split a local cost of around \$7,500. Content of the study is tentatively proposed would include:

- 1. Examination and compilation of the laws and constitutional amendments covering sources of income to local government units.
- 2. A history of these sources and present trends.
- 3. A study variation in income from various sources, plus a breakdown of local property tax sources.
- 4. A history of the per capita income and expenditures, as related to the sources (residential, commercial, etc.).
- 5. A projection of fiscal income needs.
- 6. Compilation of assistance available from state and federal sources.
- 7. The relationship of assessments to property values.

After the data was completed, it is the result of the reports, charts and maps prepared. Then it was proposed, an educational program for citizens would be presented.

Catch Burglar in Act at Brenner's Market Sun.

The alertness of a local citizen and quick action of the police resulted in the "capture in the act" of a man burglarizing Brenner's Farmington Hills Market at 2125 Grand Lake Road early last Sunday morning.

Driving past the store at 4 a.m., W. J. Bell of 2051 Fredrick St. noticed a man with a flashlight in the store. He immediately called the police.

PATROLMAN Richard Thomas of the Township Police Dept. and Sgt. Bill Gardner and Patrolman Don Yuleen immediately went to the establishment.

Climbing onto the roof with a ladder, Patrolman Yuleen spotted a man crawling out of the store. He ordered him to halt and fired two shots warning shots when he didn't stop. The man jumped onto the roof and ran across the roof.

Ten Mile behind Greene's Ham-burgers establishment and then across Orchard Lake Road with the policeman in pursuit. Jennings, Jr., 30, of Davisburg, hiding behind some building materials at the H. L. Lumber Co. storage building.

JENNINGS told police that he visited the store on Friday to look it over with the intention of a nighttime break-in and robbery. Saturday evening he drove from his home and left a complete set of burglary tools in the field north of the market after which he drove back home again. Later in the evening he hitchhiked back to Farmington once more.

Jennings was coming up into the roof from the pole he had cut into the store with several cartons of cigarettes and packages of cigars when met by Patrolman Yuleen. He was taken to the police station and charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

ARRAIGNED before Township Justice James Lawson on Monday.

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Accept Bid on Water Tank; Ready Aug. 20

The bid of Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. for a water storage tank in Farmington city was accepted Tuesday night at a special meeting of the council, and completion date will be Aug. 20.

At a council meeting Monday night it was found another bid was low, but checking Tuesday by City Manager Earl Scheriff brought out the firm had omitted several items.

COST OF the new storage tank, holding one million gallons, will be \$41,700. The winning firm also contracted to do the footing and foundation work on the tank and to erect \$20,000 worth of steel pipe.

Work will start on the footing within a few days. The storage tank is partially completed now, with all steel in place, on which is expected on the supplies.

LAND ADJOINING the present city standpipe is now being purchased at a cost of \$5,000 from a Detroit resident. The new parcel is three-fourths of an acre in size.

City Manager Scheriff wants to thank residents for their cooperation on the water sprinkling plan requested last week. It was pointed out then that if citizens would then their lawn sprinkling mornings and evenings from 4 to 10 p.m., it would provide enough extra pressure to insure water and fire protection for several high parts of the city.

THIS IS JUST what has happened. The city tank was down to the 7 or 8 foot level a couple of times, but it did not run dry as it had five times earlier in the summer.

The city also continued cooperation by residents on sprinkling, until the new storage tank is completed and in use in August.

THE REGULAR meeting of the Farmington Downtown Business Men's Club Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Farmington Downtown Business Men's Club was held at the club house last night. The club is now in the process of raising funds for a new building.

Members and business men will be notified for the next meeting.

ATTEND POLICE CHIEF'S MEET in Muskegon.

Township Police Chief Irving Yakes and Joseph DeVriendt, police chief in Muskegon, are attending a meeting of police chiefs in Muskegon, the first part of the week.

L. A. Vandell has been serving as acting police chief in the city and Sgt. Thomas Scheriff is acting as acting police chief in the township.

THE FARMINGTON Township League of Subdivisions Takes Stand in Lansing.

The Farmington Township League of Subdivisions Association, Inc., held its annual meeting in Lansing last week.

Overwhelming opposition to proposed Senate Bill S-1191 caused the League to take its first stand in Lansing.

The "Green Bill," would allow a city to annex portions of a village or township by decree in the act rather than by vote of the people in the area involved.

THE OVER 1400 families represented by membership in the League had been solid in their opposition to this bill. Therefore, the League voted unanimously to take a stand in opposing this measure.

Tuesday night, June 23, a delegation of League officials traveled to Lansing to hear discussion on the bill and voice objections at a special meeting in the Capitol Building.

Speaking from the floor of the House was Richard Seely, President of the League. His speech urging the committee to oppose the bill was well received. The fact that under the American form of government, the people in the area to be affected cannot vote on the type of government.

Quakertown to Hold Hearing

A public hearing has been scheduled by the new Village of Quakertown prior to official adoption of its proposed zoning ordinance.

The hearing will be Monday, July 20, at 8 p.m., at the home of the Village clerk, Isabel Haynes, at 33475 Leisure Lane.

The zoning ordinance has received a great deal of study by the village officials, and is similar to those in effect in other villages in this area. It is intended to protect and conserve the character of the residential and other use areas, to secure the most appropriate use of land, prevent overcrowding, and facilitate adequate and economical provision of transportation, sewers, schools, water and recreation.

Charged With Assault on Son

Raymond Paquette, 37, of 3200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington, has been charged with aggravated assault against his young son, 12 year old Robert John Paquette.

Pleading innocent to the charge before Farmington Township Justice James Lawson, Paquette was bound over to Oakland County Circuit for arraignment and trial. He was freed on a \$750 surety bond.

A YOUNG Paquette charges that his father kicked him when he was in a hallway.

When Paquette and his wife, Mrs. Barbara Paquette of 11721 Marion, Detroit, were divorced in December of 1956, Mrs. Paquette was given custody of both Robert and his sister, Marie, 3.

LAST OCTOBER Mrs. Paquette told the judge that she felt the boy would be better off with his father. The judge amended his original divorce decree to permit this.

It was indicated that Robert was a belligerent boy and that it was because of the fact that Mrs. Paquette could not control him that she asked that he be returned to the custody of his father.

The boy is now back with his mother again.

NEW STREET LIGHTS ON Farmington Road

Ten new street lights were being installed this week on Farmington Road between State and Slocum streets, the area which will be replaced by new lights.

The new lights on steel poles will replace five overhead lights.

Work on the new pavement had been scheduled to start this week but was delayed by rain, said City Manager Earl Scheriff.

Shop in Friendly Farmington

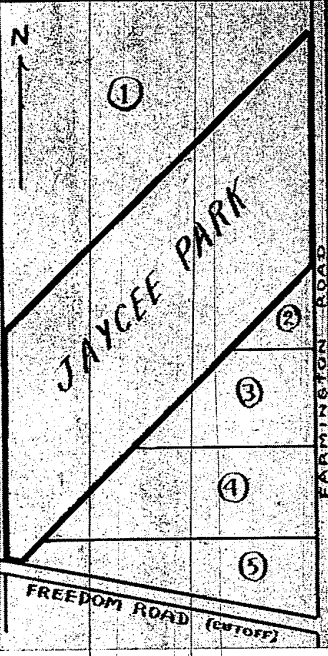
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JAYCEE PARK will not become a reality in Farmington. It was decided at a joint meeting here Monday night. But it has many officials and citizens aware that much more recreation facilities are badly needed.

The odd shape of the proposed site, west of Warner Farms subdivision on Farmington Road, would have made it difficult to purchase additional land. The triangle to the north (1) is owned by Christian Lehman. The small triangle (2) is owned by Mrs. Larry Kelly, and the other lots are owned by the Eugene Kennards, who operate the Huron Hunting and Fishing Club. There was discussion of purchase of some of this land, or trading to obtain a better shaped tract, but it was really the development costs that brought a decision to drop the project for now.

The odd shape is explained by the fact the land was part of the old Detroit Urban Railway, and a round-house was located there. Buried in the middle is a huge concrete slab so large it could not be moved when the Jaycees started to clean up the area.

INJURED WHEN CAR RUNS OFF ROADWAY

Catherine Stigleman of 34090 Edna, Farmington, was injured last Wednesday afternoon when her car ran off Orchard Lake Road and into a ditch near Lamar Drive.

She suffered a severe cut above eye, fractured ribs and broken teeth.

Police accident report indicated she had been drinking before the mishap occurred shortly after 2 p.m.

YOUTH KNOCKED FROM BIKE LAST Thursday

Ralph Pastor, 11, of 21813 Middlebelt Road suffered body injuries last Thursday night when he was struck by a car while riding on his bicycle on Middlebelt Road near Shawwassee.

Injuries were not serious.

THE PRESENT issue is confused, and the new bill may settle the question of whether a gravel pit can be operated in a residential area. This has been brought up before in metropolitan areas, and no clear decision ever reached.

Dachille Trucking, however, agreed to several improvements which will help in Farmington Township. They have agreed to keep roads near the operation dust free, and to fence their property near Briar Hill subdivision.

The pit will be operated week days only between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will not be open on Sundays except with permission of Supervisor Curt Hall.

Plat Approval Includes Drains

All final plans submitted to the township planning board must hereafter include approval by the county drain commission, it has been decided.

Jaycee Park Plan Too Expensive So is Dropped

Both the city and the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce agreed to develop a proposal to develop a city-owned park at land west of Farmington Road at a joint meeting Monday night at City Hall.

Instead of making a park site here, the Jaycees proposed the money they have earned over recent years be spent to improve (present) city park south of Shawwassee.

THE OFFER was gratefully accepted by the council, and it was agreed the Jaycees would work with City Manager Earl Scheriff to prepare a plan which would meet the aims of the Jaycees members.

Exactly what this will be is indefinite now, but various officers of the Jaycees told how they wanted to spend the money.

It will be some time before a memorial and provide some existing recreation facilities for youngsters.

Just adding some picnic benches and grills, or enlarging parking or something similar, it definitely not what they want.

IT WAS POINTED out that many recreation projects are either very limited or entirely lacking here. It's believed there is no public tennis court in the entire township or city.

Just a few days ago the Jaycees wanted to sponsor a golf tournament for youngsters, and had to go to Birmingham and make a district event in order to have a place. Of the 62 youngsters participating from eight communities, 31 were from Farmington. This indicates the need for such projects for youngsters.

Three Injured in Intersection Crash

Three were injured early Sunday morning when a car driven by Clarence Ward, 19, of 33604 Grand River, Farmington, crashed into another driven by James McGill, 20, of Farmington, Birmingham, as it was proceeding across Grand River northward of Farmington Road.

Witnesses indicated that Ward ran the red light.

Gerald Montgomery 19, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg. Sharon McGill, 18, abrasions and Darlene McGill, 8 months old, bump on her forehead. All were passengers in McGill's car.

Outdoor Band Concert Thurs.

The first of a series of "summer Evening Serenades" by members of the Farmington public school summer music program is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. tonight on the lawn in front of the Farmington Senior High School.

In case of rain, the concert will be performed in the high school gymnasium.

INCLUDED in the varied program for this concert will be "Star Spangled Banner," "Summer Evening Serenade," "Merry Men Overture," "Desert Song," "Random Mill Overture," "The Brahms Waltz in A Flat," "Belle of the Ball" and "My Revere."

With the addition of a string section this year, the traditional summer band has become an orchestra. This welcome new section offers an opportunity for talented string instrument players in the community to perform during summer months.

ALONG WITH the high school students in the ensemble are several adults from the community who add much to the performance.

An invitation is still being extended to all persons, students and adults, in this area to join the group.

Plats Approved for Two Subdivisions

The city council Monday night during a special meeting, approved the final plat for Farmington Meadows subdivision 2 and 3.

slightly front step. Boarding up the windows to keep children and others out of the building may seem like enough to do by the owner but we do not think so. It presents an unpleasant sight, not only for others owning homes in the vicinity, but also for anyone driving down the street or walking past the home.

FARMINGTON CITY, like the township, has its fair share of homes and surrounding grounds which have developed into eyesores for the community at large. One is a 1 1/2 story house with a large porch on the east side of Grace Avenue between Grand River and Shawwassee Roads. Blocks and old boards make an unsafe and un-

Registration in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission summer program continues to grow with the total reaching 1884 as of Tuesday.

Last week a park in 1,198 area youngsters were taken to Kent Lake in Kensington Park for swimming and another 366 from the William Grace and Ten Mile school playgrounds will be taken on a 2 1/2 day trip to Briggs Stadium to see the Detroit Tigers play.

The first of a series of registration shows: Bond, 255; Cloverdale, 120; Ten Mile, 233; Shawwassee 122; Hill, 137; Woodville, 171; Eagle, 105; William Grace, 133.