

City Lawn Sprinkling Banned 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

A ban on lawn sprinkling in Farmington city from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day was put in effect Monday night by the city council.

The immediate reasons were a broken pump shaft in one well, and an inadequate amount of water storage.

After a day or two city officials will know by the water pressure and tank supply if this measure will relieve the serious shortage enough.

If it does not produce enough water to serve the higher northwest portion of the city, a stronger or possibly a full time ban on lawn sprinkling might have to be demanded, so that all sections in the city will have water and fire protection.

These are drastic measures, which the city officials hope are temporary, but should cause no difficulty if all citizens cooperate in watering lawns in early morning or late at night.

CITY POLICE and other employees started Tuesday morning going around to homes to notify residents of the hours of the sprinkling ban. On Tuesday afternoon they were taking around mimeographed notices giving details of the plan.

The city council Monday night told Police Chief Joe DeVriendt that after Thursday's issue of The Enterprise he should issue a summons to anyone violating the ban. However, by that time there is a possibility it might be changed, either made lighter or more stringent. Officials hope not, but will have to decide entirely on relief obtained by the present method.

A NUMBER of citizens from Glenview subdivision, most heavily hit by the water shortage, were at the Monday council meeting to plead for quick action to relieve their troubles. This sub is near the standpipe, but Pickett, Gill and part of Oakland also suffers from water shortage.

Water pressure builds up at night, but anytime between noon and 3 p.m. water pressure ceases to exist. At least 50 homes are involved, probably more. Residents complained there was no water upstairs. They could not use automatic washers in most cases, because they would not fill.

JIM CAVANAUGH, former councilman who acted as spokesman, told their troubles and said he had to go to the basement and drain water from the hot water tank

to shave before coming to the meeting. Water is commonly stored in pairs for the "dry" period of the day.

These people know that if other residents of the city will cooperate the storage tank can be kept full enough to provide water for them, even if the pressure is weak. The council stated its determination to see that this was done.

REAL TROUBLE started last week end, when the pump in well three quit. It had been pumping less and less, but a broken shaft ended its production. Workers started immediately to repair it, but expected it would be several days before its volume could be added to the other four wells.

The city trouble is entirely due to lack of storage capacity, and Monday night a few protests threatened to delay progress toward solving this problem.

RESIDENTS near the standpipe, where the new one million gallon tank is to be erected, were worried about any ill effects to their property. City Manager Earl Scherffius explained most of the materials would be trucked up the cemetery road, rather than on Locust Drive, which is a private road. It might be necessary to use Locust for some pieces, however.

There has been some overflow recently as city workers started the pumps manually in attempts to keep the tank full. Any overflow from the new tank, and there should be none as it will be controlled automatically, will be piped so that it will run down a cemetery road.

Dale P. Johnson, 24125 Locust, asked that trees be left to shield the new tank. He was assured they would be, and both the new and old tanks will be painted a metallic green to blend with the landscape.

THE CITY is pushing to complete purchase of the three-quarters of an acre near the present standpipe.

It has awarded the contract for the new tank, and work on the footings and foundations will have to start very soon to meet the scheduled completion date of Aug. 20.

Until the new tank is in use, city residents may face continual water shortages. The city officials will face rules needed to combat this, backed by ordinance No. C-40-55 which allows them to take whatever measures are necessary in such an emergency.

What is ahead so far as water is concerned depends greatly on how city residents cooperate in coming weeks.

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Twp. Budget Cut to Match Allotted Funds

The township board in a special meeting Tuesday night slashed \$23,135 from the original 1953-54 budget.

This is the exact difference between the 120 mills asked of the county allocation board and the .86 of a mill received. The millage allotted the township has been kept at the same level the last couple of years despite showings by the town ship that more was needed.

LARGEST amount slashed was \$15,135 for reduction of matching road funds. This meant little road work is possible in conjunction with the county road commission, simply because township funds are not available for matching equally. In past years there has been little of this, and there is some question whether full use of the money spent is obtained by township.

Supervisor Curt Hall thinks \$3,000 or \$4,000 might yet be available this year to use as matching road funds, dependent on how the budget works out.

ELIMINATED amount was \$3,000 in the original budget for a dog warden. The regular township police will have to hire control dogs as they are able.

Director Warren Fische disclosed Tuesday that a total of 3,168 youngsters had been bused to Kent Lake, Kensington Park, for swimming on the first eight swimming days of the program. This is an average of nearly 100 for each swimming day.

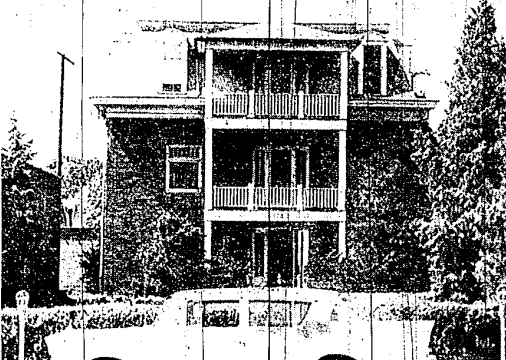
The director also revealed that attendance at the eight school playgrounds was averaging about 149 for each site on off swimming days.

"As the result of heavy playground attendance, craft materials a total of \$250 from the playgrounds at several of the playgrounds is nearly gone and there is very little left in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission budget with which to purchase more," Fische lamented.

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THE OLD APARTMENT building on Grand River, east of Farmington Road, may soon become one of the old city landmarks disappearing as the result of proposed plans here. It is one of several buildings which have posed problems in the

proposals to rejuvenate the downtown business area. It is located between Harris Homestead House and Mike's variety store on the south side of Grand River, at the rear of the lot.

City Manager Back After Hospital Stay

Earl Scherffius, Farmington city manager, returned home Monday after about a week in the Pontiac hospital where he had been ordered to rest. He attended the city council meeting that evening, and hopes to get off a few more days soon.

3,168 Children Go Swimming First Eight Days

A record number of youngsters are taking part in the Farmington area recreation program, this summer, craft materials a total of \$250 from the playgrounds at several of the playgrounds is nearly gone and there is very little left in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission budget with which to purchase more," Fische lamented.

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4th Weekend Quiet in Area

The Farmington city and township police departments reported an accident free Fourth of July weekend for the community.

Although traffic was heavy on the Farmington to Brighton expressway and on Grand River to the east, both at the beginning and end of the holiday weekend, no motor accidents were reported. Township Police Chief Irving Yakes stated. Because of the heavy traffic, rather than the expressway was rather hectic but motorists were moving slow enough and with enough caution to avoid crashes, Yakes added.

The city and township law enforcement departments also indicated that it was a peaceful holiday weekend off the highways as well. Complaint calls were at a minimum.

Has Luncheon For UF Heads

Mrs. Franklin Cotton, division chairman for the 1953 United Foundation Torch Drive, entertained this year's area chairman at a luncheon at her home on Howard Road, Farmington last week.

Area chairman for the drive this year, which will be conducted in October, are: Mrs. John N. Mills, Mrs. Conrad R. Lam, Mrs. Frank Fulding, Mrs. Joseph Martin, Mrs. Carl G. Johnson, Mrs. Leonard Stidwell, Mrs. Tracy Conroy, Mrs. Anacleto Romero, Mrs. Donald Schack and Mrs. Robert X. Hamford.

Discussion regarding the forthcoming drive was led by Mrs. Palmer Bundy, county drive chairman, and Mrs. Norman Boeticher, regional chairman.

Shop in Friendly Farmington.

Hawthorne St. Sewer Plan to Final Hearing

A decision to construct sanitary sewer along Hawthorne street from Nine Mile Road north to Elm (Sometimes called Fink's street) was reached by the city council Monday night after a public hearing.

Costs have been estimated, and the final step will be another public hearing on the assessment roll, indicating costs each property owner will bear.

AT FIRST residents of Hawthorne had requested the street be paved from Nine Mile north to Shiawassee. A hearing on this brought out that a sanitary sewer was needed worse than the paving, and that costs of both would be prohibitive to many property owners there.

The sanitary sewer will benefit more people, as it extends farther north than the proposed paving.

ANOTHER round of discussion was held Monday with representatives of the B. L. Smoker Company regarding a request for some variance to the zoning ordinance in Farmington Meadows subdivision.

As a result some councilmen said they feel a re-study of the zoning ordinance may be in order, regarding side lot requirements where attached garages are concerned. The Smoker firm was referred to the board of appeals.

THE REQUIREMENT for side lots is an aggregate 16 feet, with a minimum lot width of 66 feet.

Heaviest sales in the big new subdivision have been for the largest house plan, with attached garage. Their plans had called for most houses there to be of the medium size. Both the developer and the city officials are interested in upgrading the building for this area which was annexed to the city about two years ago.

City Manager Earl Scherffius

Two Advances for Downtown Area in Planning Stage Now

Some tentative plans for downtown business area have received tentative approval from the city council, and it is hoped the plans would work out.

Both must fit into the plan for rejuvenation of the downtown shopping area, and it is expected they will.

A DRIVEWAY and parking south of Grand River is a good possibility, it was indicated at the council meeting, Monday with Farmington Holding Company talking about tearing down the old apartment building west of Harris Homestead House.

The formal plan has not been presented to the city council by the firm, but a tentative proposal is for the holding company to have the building torn down at its expense, then lease the 60 foot lot to the city for a parking area.

THE OTHER possibility affecting the downtown has been proposed by Virgil Cornwell. He gave a very general outline at the council meeting, indicating there are a number of details to be worked out before the plan would become firm.

There is a possibility a route might be worked out with the cooperation of Tracy County to improve ingress to parking in the area south and east of the County store.

HE ASKED the council to give some indication whether the lot acquired last year from John Lutz, for parking purposes might be available for purchase by him if he could work out this plan. No public parking would be lost since the businesses involved would have to furnish parking space.

Councilmen told him they would be happy to cooperate if such a plan could be made, indicating they felt it would have a great impact on all the downtown area. The plan would have to protect other city interests, to which Mr. Cornwell agreed.

THE COUNCIL and city manager have been trying to bring about some improvements in the downtown area for some time. The city's planning consultants last year set up a long range program to provide better parking and other conditions which would lead to commercial improvement.

This plan has gone ahead rather slowly, and the two projects now proposed would greatly accelerate downtown improvement and growth.

Table Action on Fill, Soil Removal Laws

Wood Creek Farms' Village should delay action on the drawing up of a property fill and soil removal ordinance, it was decided at the regular village council meeting Tuesday night.

It was reported that a check had been made and that it was learned that Farmington Township is now in the process of re-writing its ordinance pertaining to these matters.

The council wants to study the re-written Farmington ordinance before drawing up one for the village.

Second Summer Concert July 15

The date of the second "Summer Evening Serenade" concert presented by the Farmington Senior High School has been changed to Wednesday, July 15, at 8:00 p.m. in front of Farmington Senior High School.

On the evening following the Farmington concert, the Farmington musicians will travel to Thurston High School in Redford Township to perform the same program.

JOINING with the Farmington musicians for both these concerts will be approximately 50 instrumentalists, 15 p.m. Thurston.

This group, which will appear on television during the month of July, presents week on SECOND SUMMER On Page 64, Column 6

SDM License for Kroger Store OK'd

An application for a SDM license by the Farmington Kroger store was approved Monday night by the city council. The Kroger store, which served the city several years ago had sold its rights.

Preliminary to this plan, several weeks ago the opening between the Kroger and Kresge stores at the shopping plaza had been closed up, so there no longer is any interchange of customers between the two stores.

Hamlin Renamed to Board of Appeals

Delos Hamlin was renamed Monday night by the city council to the zoning board of appeals. No other name was considered, and the vote was unanimous.

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To Have or Not to Have Horses is the Question

Does Wood Creek Farms want to have other livestock in the village? The question is whether the council should regulate the keeping of such animals?

This is the question that the council members must consider as they go about the task of drawing up an acceptable ordinance in the weeks ahead.

THE QUESTION of whether prohibiting horse ownership in the village is the majority of the people favoring the complete denial to residents of the right to keep horses within the village limits.

In a lengthy discussion on the proposed ordinance, during which heated statements were made by several residents as well as councilmen both for and against it, the actual intent of the petition became somewhat clouded.

The petition was clear in calling for the prohibition of horses and other livestock. It was indicated, however, that several signed with the understanding that it sought only to have a study made of the horse nuisance problem and that the ordinance was needed prohibiting

which would regulate the keeping of horses.

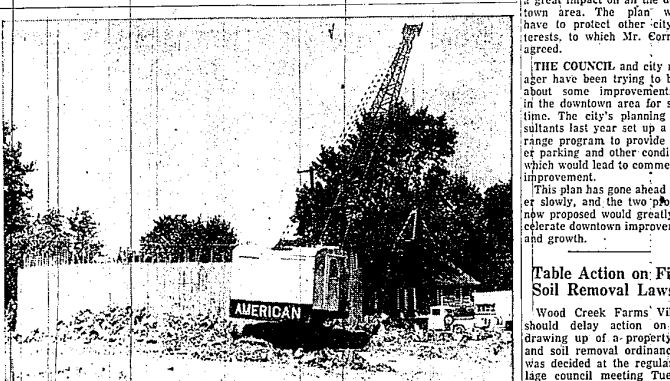
OPINIONS expressed by the various councilmen indicated that they favored an ordinance regulating rather than prohibiting horses in the village. The common opinion also voiced was that the ordinance should contain provisions which would correct existing nuisances with horses as well as preventing problems of a similar nature in the future.

Even a rough-draft, proposed ordinance drawn up by one of those parties circulating the petition included a provision which would allow residents to make a special appeal to keep horses.

It was Councilman Zar Read's opinion that the ordinance should not only regulate the keeping of horses in the village but also provide some controls on keeping dogs.

Councilwoman Lam was named chairman of the council committee to work on the ordinance. She was instructed to use the services of the planning commission when and if it felt necessary.

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THE LARGE cylinder-shaped structure which you have noticed on the north side of Eight Mile Road between Telegraph and Lahser in Southfield will be a pumping station for the Farmington interceptor sewer system when completed.

Since the Farmington main trunk line extends westward along Eight Mile, must pass under a Rouge River branch, the

pumping station is necessary to permit gravitational flow of sewage from this point eastward into the Detroit system lines.

A little further to the east work is also underway on the driving of steel sheeting and piling preparatory to the laying of sewer filling from the connecting point with the Detroit system westward.