

Study Parking Voluntary Plan

To speed public parking in the downtown area, a strictly voluntary plan among affected business property owners is now being studied. It also would set up a special assessment district, taking as the first project the large parking lot south of Grand River and east of Farmington Road.

While the newly appointed committee is studying the parking problem as a whole, the reception to the voluntary plan has been so good that it has had to take some precedence.

USING THE AREA called parking lot A, to handle over 400 cars, there are 17 owners adjoining involved. In hearings held the fore part of this week, seven out of eight owners agreed to the plan.

The plan would call for owners to agree to a voluntary assessment at \$100 per front foot, which would bring in \$160,000. There are plans for a major food store and two other stores nearly the same size, and these would pay in addition another \$100,000 for off street parking, making a total of \$260,000 available.

It would cost \$180,000 to buy and improve the parking area. The extra would be used to reduce the \$100 per front foot assessments under a formula providing later rebates.

IN OTHER WORDS, the voluntary plan is pretty much the same for the area which would provide the most parking. Being on a voluntary basis, it could be started soon, with no danger of being held up by any protests.

Requests to Cut Side-Lots Not Resolved

Acting as a zoning board of appeals, following adjournment of their regular council meeting Tuesday night, Wood Creek Farms council members wrestled with two requests for reduction in the minimum side lot requirements called for in the zoning ordinance.

Under the zoning ordinance a minimum of 15-feet from the rear of the house on the property line is required.

Both requests were made by property owners having lots approximately 100 feet in width. Through lengthy discussion, Aljar Clark, council president, held firm to his conviction that the requests should be granted only if hardships in coming to these restrictions could be proven. It was his feeling that in both cases the designs of the homes could be changed to meet the minimum requirements.

Other members of the council took a more lenient view, with one member feeling that the appearance of the homes, as well as the convenience to other homes in the immediate area and several other factors should have a bearing on their decisions.

In Next Week's Paper

School Situation Discussed In September Suburbia Today

Articles on the school situation in rapidly growing suburban areas will be featured in the September issue of "Suburbia Today," national editor Thomas E. Roinson. Biggest difficulties are in getting enough good schools and teachers fast enough to meet our exploding need, he says.

The president of the State Teachers College in Glassboro, New Jersey, reports on the unique opportunities that suburban schools offer any beginning teacher, both in personal and professional growth.

THE SECOND half of the suburbia school portfolio is not quite so rosy—but it does help point up the excitement that is found in suburban school systems all over the country. The

story is about the vast needs in the field of education, and about the many problems of finance encountered in meeting these needs. The battle for better schools is far from won, but many taxpayers all over the country are beginning to wonder if the bill is going to be too high.

There are many other stories too, in this month of September, that all reflect the atmosphere of "well, the summer is about over, it's time to settle down and get to work again."

ONE FEATURE tells about the method used by the parish of St. Stephen's Church in Orlando, California, to raise money for a building fund. Instead of just signing a check, the parishioners are asked to perform a service to each other. In just two months, they had swelled the building fund by hundreds of dollars, and they had a grand time discovering each other's talents.

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Area Schools To Enroll Over 11,000



FIVE NEW BUSES have been added to the Farmington public school system's fleet to replace a similar number which have outlived their usefulness. Inspecting the new buses her car Assistant Superintendent James Reed (left) and John Greeshover, bus supervisor. All 32 buses in the fleet are in good running order and ready to roll out next week, Greeshover indicated.

Although enrollment in the school system is up nearly 700 over last year, approximately the same number of

children will be bused this year as last, Reed commented. Two new schools and an addition at a third, all in heavy school population areas, will eliminate the necessity of transporting several elementary pupils. A change of policy requiring high school students living closer than 1 1/2 miles walking distance from the school to "hoof it" will result in approximately 100 fewer being transported, it has been estimated. Last year high school students living more than a mile from the high school were bused.

Classes Will Start In All Four Systems Next Week

Over 11,000 students will be trekking off to their respective schools next week as all four school systems in the Farmington area open their doors for another school year.

Biggest of the systems, the Farmington public schools, will begin class sessions on Thursday, September 10, with a total enrollment of 7,483 expected. This is an increase of 717 over last year's official enrollment count of 6,766 on the fourth Friday of September.

A breakdown of the estimated enrollment shows 4,981 in the elementary

grades (kindergarten through 6) or an increase of 381 over last year, and 2,502 in the secondary grades (7 through 12), a jump of 336 from a year ago. Farmington Senior High (grades 10, 11, 12) is expecting 1,050. Farmington Junior High (grades 7, 8, 9) will enroll 802 and Dunckel Junior High a capacity 650.

Although classroom sessions will not start until Thursday, seventh and tenth graders as well as all new Junior-Senior high students in the district will be asked to report to their schools for special orientation programs on Wednesday morning. These programs will start at 8 a.m. and be concluded by 10:30. School buses will make their regular runs to pick up and return students.

CLARENCEVILLE School District students will file into their classrooms on Wednesday morning. Half-day sessions will be held at all the schools this first day, with full-day class sessions starting on Thursday.

Approximately 2,600 is the estimated total school district enrollment. The official 1958 enrollment, computed on the fourth Friday, was 327 less—2,373.

The enrollment breakdown shows 1,650 in the elementary grades and 950 in the Junior-Senior high grades.

OUR LADY OF Sorrows Catholic schools will again enroll to a maximum 1,200 capacity. Approximately an equal number would be enrolled if the facilities to accommodate them were available. Pastor Thomas Sheahan, pastor, estimated.

Students beginning through at Sorrows will report for a half-day on Tuesday, September 8, and begin full-day class sessions on Wednesday.

Seniors are being asked to report to the high school on Tuesday, juniors on Wednesday and sophomores and freshmen on Thursday. All students will report on Friday to begin classes.

The school year will be opened officially on Monday, Sept. 14, with a special Mass at 9 a.m. for the entire student body.

FINAL REGISTRATION day at St. Paul's Lutheran school is Tuesday, Sept. 8. Classes will also start this same day beginning with a special devotional service at 10 a.m. with class sessions following until 3:15 p.m.

An enrollment of approximately 155 students in grades 1 through 8 is expected. Serving as principal again this year will be Ernest Winter. New teachers will be Donald Scheek, 5th and 6th grade, and Ilean Arnold, 1st and 2nd grade. Dan Thiede will instruct 3rd and 4th graders.

Start Dunckel Addition Plans

The Tarapata-MacMahon architectural firm of Birmingham has been instructed to proceed immediately with preliminary plans for a 14 or 15-room addition at Dunckel Junior High, Superintendent G. V. Harrison disclosed Tuesday.

It is expected that these preliminary plans should be ready for study by the Board of Education at its next regular meeting September 14.

Dunckel school is presently filled to capacity with 650 students, the superintendent said. It has already been necessary to extend the boundary for Farmington Junior High slightly northward to accommodate an overflow of junior high students in the Dunckel area, he added.

The building was originally designed for such an addition as soon as it was found to be needed. It is called for at the east end of the present building.

C'ville School District Plans to Borrow \$51,500

The Clarenceville school board approved a motion at its regular meeting last Thursday evening to borrow \$51,500 in 1959-60 Primary School Interest Fund money as collateral.

Although the move was made before the Michigan legislature established the state aid school formula Saturday, Clarenceville will proceed with its plans in view of the lag foreseen before state aid money will be forthcoming.

The Clarenceville School District, according to Superintendent Louis E. Schmidt, will seek bids from several municipal banks to obtain the low interest-rate bidder on the loan.

Proposed by President Aljar Clark at the regular village council meeting Tuesday night, other councilmen agreed that such an ordinance might be desirable.

In discussion, Councilmen H. A. Dobson questioned whether such an ordinance would have any value unless owners of unimproved acreage were also required to cut down weeds on their land. President Clark was of the opinion that the ordinance should apply only to lots in already built-up areas.

Since an ordinance could not be adopted in time to do any good this year, it was agreed to give the matter more careful study with the intent of adopting it at the earliest date of next year, if one is determined desirable.

Although initial training was received by them under the civil defense program, it was pointed out that they also took special advanced training not offered in the civil defense police training program.

Our apologies to all offended.

Early Copy

Because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, early news copy will have to be delayed on for next week's paper.

News copy should be in no later than noon Saturday. Although the noon Tuesday deadline for news copy will not be changed, no assurance can be given that material submitted as late as Tuesday morning will be able to be processed in time to appear in the September 10 issue.

Advertisers are also urged to get copy in prior to noon Saturday. Deadlines for advertising copy will also remain the same; noon Tuesday for display advertising and 10 a.m. Wednesday for classified advertising.

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6.3 Per Cent Of City Taxes Delinquent

Of nearly \$200,000 in real and personal property taxes due the city of Farmington for 1959, only \$12,500 was paid to the city treasurer as the deadline of August 31 was reached.

Thus, less than seven percent of the total tax assessment is placed in a delinquent category, subject now to a four percent penalty.

The actual figures involved are: 1. Total assessed valuation of real and personal property in the city for 1959 is \$16,531,150. 2. Total tax bill for 1959 for city property owners is \$199,573. 3. Total taxes paid up to the deadline of August 31 were \$187,073.

4. Total delinquent taxes starting September 1 are \$12,500, representing 6.3 percent of the over-all assessment.

The payments prior to the deadline and the now-delinquent taxes are essentially the same as the percentages encountered in 1958, explained Mrs. Kathryn Cotter, city treasurer.

As of September 1, delinquent taxes are subject to a four percent penalty. Until February 28, 1960, these taxes, along with the penalty, may still be paid at the city hall.

However, beginning March 1, such monies in escrow as the 1960, the taxes must be paid at result of newly-constructed residential areas.

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C'ville Area to Discuss Sewer

The Clarenceville area residents of the township, to be served by the 13 1/2 mile arm, will meet next Thursday, Sept. 10, to discuss petitions for joining the new interceptor sewer.

This is one of several such meetings lately, and with numerous other petitions being prepared and in circulation, there will be more similarly important meetings. They will be to great extent the only places taxpayers can get first hand information on the project.

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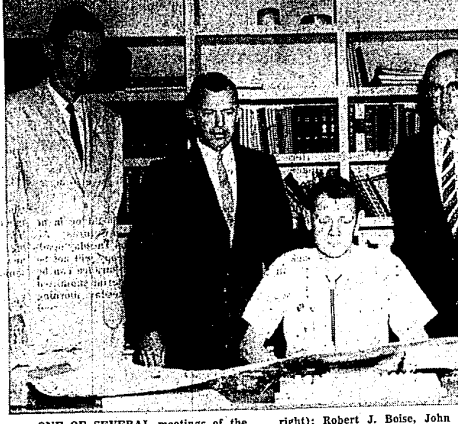
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Subdivision Is Filling Fast

The new Farmington Acres subdivision on Farmington Road north of 8 Mile is expanding with startling speed. Already 30 building permits have been asked for on Farmington Meadows No. 2, an extension to the east.

In the main subdivision, fronting on Farmington Road about 100 building permits have been issued by the city. Seventy homes are either finished or in addition seven more basements have been dug.

The developers have found unusual acceptance for new homes in this area, and building is really being rushed.



ONE OF SEVERAL meetings of the three-member redevelopment committee for Downtown Farmington was held recently with City Manager Earl Scherffius and city council to discuss the proposed downtown off-street parking plan.