

Election Monday on Twp. Road Program

Next Monday township voters will pass judgment on a proposed one mill increase in taxes, for a four-year period, to improve roads by grading, ditching, grading and graveling.

IN TALKS during recent weeks Supervisor Curt Hall has been urging approval of the millage increase, and says indications appear favorable for passage.

Sewer Work is One-Third Done

The Farmington interceptor sewer construction work is about 35 per cent completed, and will likely be done next week.

THE NEW sewer runs east on 12 Mile from the east end of the township, Inkster Road.

Work on the area along 8 Mile is going slow, and will likely be among the last areas finished.

New Park Lot Plan is Likely

The new voluntary assessment district for the proposed new park lot on the south side of the Grand River-Farmington road intersection seems to have a good chance of realization, it appears.

THIS PROPERTY is one of several tracts which have hindered redevelopment of the downtown business area.

THE LARGEST donation came from the Toppers Teen Club, which held a dance and raised \$100 through a lot of hard work.

History of Area May Be Lost, Not Recorded

Where is the recorded history of Farmington? There is only an elementary outline of the town's early years and the people who know what happened 50 years and more ago are getting fewer and fewer.

Paving Streets in New Acres

The paving of the streets in the new portion of Farmington Acres, on Eight Mile east of Farmington Road, is taking place this week.

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C'ville Schools Still Have Money Trouble

Since its hopes to borrow \$51,500 were shattered recently, the Clarenceville Public School system is right back where it started financially.

BUT WITH regard to the One-Third School fund, they haven't any idea after the end of this month unless we can borrow on State Aid or unless we receive State Aid.

ON RENELAR, the first street west of Inkster, the line runs north to Shawnee.

THE NEW sewer runs east on 12 Mile from the east end of the township, Inkster Road.

NEAR ORCHARD Lake the work is slow, hampered by winter which was anticipated.

ALREADY Clarenceville is owed close to \$100,000 in State Aid monies. (State Aid is paid in six equal installments during the fiscal year.)

THE CLARENCEVILLE Public School system presently has approximately \$100,000 in unpaid bills. Payment of these bills will be deferred until funds are more readily available.

Police Sponsor Hop for Teens

The first annual teen hop will be sponsored Oct. 3 by the City of Farmington Public Safety Officers' Ass'n.

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THE ONLY article printed in the "Enterprise" is a small 16-page booklet titled "Farmington History & Hand-Quide," which was printed in January 1947 by Graham Typecraft Shop of Farmington.

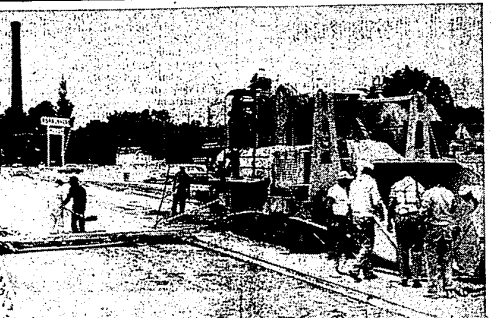
THE LIBRARY here has pitifully little on Farmington history, and Mrs. Mildred Drogos, librarian, would be willing to accept printed records, classified by what is available, and records even on some historical item which might later be available for a historical collection.

EVERY YEAR the public library has a heavy demand for local history from school pupils required to write the community history.

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FARMINGTON PLAZA will soon have a newly-paved street for its patrons. Money street, which runs in front of the plaza and north from Grand River, is presently being resurfaced by a St. Clair Shores construction company. A portion of the street had been paved some time ago.

Action Taken On Complaints

The owner of Quigley Machine Products at 3000 Grand River and City Manager Earl Scherffus met Monday in an effort to iron out problems arising over complaints registered by city residents against Quigley's factory.

Accompanying Charles Quigley was his attorney, Allen C. Ingles.

Discussion centered around the removal of items which residents in a petition of complaint to the city council. The original complaint listed 11 trouble spots. Residents said that noise was the main disagreement.

Scherffus explained that Quigley at the meeting agreed to remove some of the remaining items, agreed with reservation to others, and that he said it would be very difficult to conform to still others. An exact report will be made to City Council by Scherffus Monday evening.

Quigley has agreed to turn down bright flood-lights, stop trash-burning and profanity and has assured caution in the use of a hose. He will also build a fence along Lilac street and about 16 feet inside the alley behind the factory.

The other major complaint from residents that has been before City Council during recent meetings also progressed further this week.

A letter ordering construction of a four and one-half foot masonry wall behind the A & W Roast stand, on Grand River at Hawthorne, was mailed to the property owner, Scherffus explained.

The letter directs the owner, Mr. Wm. J. Brown, to build the wall within 30 days of receipt of the order. Wonsae owns the property and the stand. The stand is leased by another man for operation.

One of our newest residents has been doing a great deal of research the last few years. She is Mrs. Vayle Lorion of Kendallwood, who has researched records at Pontiac with enthusiasm and is now publishing a book.

THE OLDER residents are fast disappearing. One who could have written such a history was Harry McCracken, a former publisher of The Enterprise and township supervisor for some years. Another who knew much local history was Fred Cook, who was buried Wednesday last week.

Not so many years ago Farmington was indeed a small rural town, surrounded by large farms and orchards. The scrap of its early history make fascinating reading. The whole picture would make up a great public service to community history. To some interested people it seems likely that if someone would take the time to do the necessary research and write a complete history of the town, it would be a valuable record of a bygone era.

Kendallwood Shopping Center Soon Will Include 18 Stores

New under construction are the first units of a new \$1.5 million Kendallwood Shopping Center, which is expected to be completed by the latter part of 1960.

It will be within the Kendallwood community and located at Farmington Road just north of 12 Mile Road, according to Charles F. Brown, president of the Thompson-Brown Company, developers of Kendallwood.

FIRST TWO units will be an 18,000 sq. ft. Food Fair supermarket, and a 6,000 sq. ft. self service drug store, Arnold Drugs, Inc.

THE FOOD FAIR market will be of colonial design, and a special feature will be a set of murals depicting a commission to be designed by a Michigan artist) marking its various departments. It's planned to have automatic bag dispensers and change dispensing cash registers at the eight check-out counters.

Arnold Faudman, spokesman for Arnold Drugs, Inc., says a new drug store will include hardware, soft goods, camera, drug, toy, record and electric departments. Plans to install a drive-in automatic are also under consideration.

THE DEVELOPERS are also making preliminary plans for Kendallwood sub. No. 5, to be located south of 12 Mile and on the east side of Farmington Road.

This new subdivision would be well under a mile from the new shopping center, and its south end is just past the border of the new 11th Mile expressway for which plans have already been announced by the state, highway department.

Planning Board Wants to Plan The township planning board at its last meeting talked of its desires to start speeding up meetings so that it can plan more purposeful planning.

Members want to take another look at the master plan which has been in effect several years, and to get the board made of residential, recreational and highway problems.

As the result of a request of the township planning board to rezoned four lots on the east side of Orchard Lake, north of Elm (Pink) street, and another request at Orchard Lake and near the intersection of the board decided to ask the planning consultants for a more detailed map regarding commercial along the road.

Thompson - Brown Company has been asked to plan a road system for Kendallwood No. 5 south of 12 Mile on either side of Power, and asked the planning board if it fit in with the new expressway plan. The board suggested one change and said so far as it could tell now the road system was okay.

Water Tank Nears Finish Construction of the city's million-gallon water tank on Locust road is "well along toward completion," said City Manager Earl Scherffus.

The rafters and roof were installed Wednesday and within two weeks the huge coffee-can shaped structure will be in service. It will then be painted and put to use. "There will be no leaks," Scherffus declared.

Recognition Dinner For Teachers Set For the first time, all new teachers in the Farmington system will be guests Sept. 30 at a special recognition dinner. The dinner will be held at the school, and will be a special talk by one of the school officials, explaining school policies, and welcoming them to the system. Music is planned, and a county-wide program of "education" and "the administrative" staff.

New State Aid Means School Retains Budget

Sup't Gerald V. Harrison reported to the board of education Monday night that it looked like the state aid boost from \$190 up to \$205 per pupil, if and when received, would allow the Farmington school to retain the budget it had prepared early in the year.

THE INCREASE, with a couple of other minor improvements, was enough to make the difference. For some time it looked like the spartan budget would have to be trimmed even further.

There would have been a deficit of about \$104,000 had the legislature left school aid at the old \$190 per pupil figure.

AUTHORIZED also was borrowing up to \$150,000 on notes, if the new state aid before the aid monies were forthcoming. The borrowing would be on the primary school fund, first made possible this year by a new state law.

State aid payments are behind for all schools now. Schools were further hampered when a flaw was discovered in the new state law, so that there could be no borrowing unless it were repaid by September of the current year.

THE ADDITION at Wm. Grace will be located at the north end of the elementary school, and will contain eight classrooms, toilets and storage space.

A one-room storage area will be added to the elementary school on Bonnet Hill. Bids for this will be received Sept. 28 up to 7:30 p.m.

MORE ROOM has been needed at the Dunekun school than originally contemplated by the school officials. The school is now filled to capacity with 650 pupils.

One suggestion which seemed to meet the needs easiest and likely to cost the least was for a two-story addition on the east end, with eight rooms on each floor. This would also provide a connecting hallway making a circle, and easier circulation.

Two other alternatives were also suggested. All were studied by the building advisory committee.

The board approved some change orders for Alameda, Longacre schools and the new service building, and approved some equipment and furniture purchases for the service building.

One Dead, 5 Injured In Auto Mishaps

One person died and five were injured in traffic mishaps here during the past week.

James G. Green, 23, from Utica, was killed when the car he was driving slammed into a bridge abutment on the Grand River expressway early last Thursday morning.

Township police reported that Green was traveling west on the expressway in his 19-year-old car. The auto veered off the highway about 35 feet from the base of the Drake road overpass bridge and crashed into the heavy abutment.

Some surface wells of residents in the vicinity of Wm. Grace school on Shawnee street have gone dry, with the result owners have started to look for connections to the Detroit by a state policeman for water furnished by the Section 36 system.

ALTHOUGH some of these wells normally go dry about this time of year, it is speculated that the ditching done in that area for the new interceptor sewer is also causing some of the lack of water.

IT'S DIFFICULT to obtain permission to connect to the Section 36 water system, which is in the square mile bounded by 8 and 9 Mile roads and Inkster and Middlebelt.

Reason is that permission must be given by the city of Detroit before any additional connections can be made.

THE BOARD of education has been asked to establish a connection charge to the water line it built and paid for to serve the school. Under the circumstances the school is entitled to recover a charge which would pay a part of the original cost.

School officials Monday decided to ascertain the tap in charge, on the likelihood that some hardship cases might be granted permission to tie in to the water system.

John Lapham Buried Monday

John E. Lapham, 32415 Covert, died Sept. 11, at St. Joseph's hospital, Pontiac following several days' illness.

BLACKTOPPING of Nine Mile Road from Grand River east to Inkster Road is well along this week, and will provide a smoother ride for the city's yearly road renewal program. Patching and widening on curves had been done to great extent recently because of the roughness. The work is being done by the Oakland County Road Commission, and is well along this week, and will provide a smoother ride for the city's yearly road renewal program. Patching and widening on curves had been done to great extent recently because of the roughness. The work is being done by the Oakland County Road Commission, and is well along this week, and will provide a smoother ride for the city's yearly road renewal program.