

Blood Bank Ran On Credit Plan

Blood put in the American Red Cross Blood Bank in Farmington on November 3 and November 5, will pay off in lives within two weeks after those dates, an official blood bank chairman commented.

It will not stay in the bank to earn interest. It will be spent almost immediately in the urgent need of saving lives.

On TUESDAY, November 3, the South Farmington collection station at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be open from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. On Thursday, November 5, the North Farmington area collection station at St. Fabians Church will be open from 2:30 to 4:45 and 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

From both stations the blood will be taken directly to a distribution center and, within days, will be used in operating and emergency rooms of hospitals throughout the whole area.

THE CREDIT system of the Blood Bank credits accounts of all donors, so that if they ever need blood for themselves or friends or family, they will receive free of the blood they require simply by phoning a release chairman in their area.

South Farmington release chairmen are Mrs. Fred Lenz, GR. 4-9832; Mrs. Wingard, GR. 4-6053. Blood release chairmen in the North Farmington area are Mrs. Carl Breich, MA. 6-8395; Mrs. C. F. Jake, MA. 6-1147; Mrs. W. D. Davidson, GR. 4-7814; Mrs. M. A. Harris, GR. 4-3921; Mrs. V. W. Westdale, MA. 6-6273.

AS THE FARMINGTON area is, at this time, in debt to the blood bank, all who are able to give blood are urged to donate at either collection center.

Appointments for the South Farmington collection may be made through Mrs. Robert Wickham, GR. 4-3373, or W. J. Bell, GR. 4-1257. Appointments for the North Farmington area may be made by calling any one of the blood release chairmen.

Offer Adjusted Study Program for Boys Here

The old, two-classroom Noble School on Middlebelt Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads, temporarily retired, has been called back into service.

It is being used for a new school program for boys from ten through 14 years of age. This offering of the Farmington public school system is being referred to as the Adjusted Study Program.

Classes are designed specifically for boys who are thought capable by their teachers and principals of greatly improving the quality of their school work and classroom conduct.

Council Seeks Compromise On Greenbelt

An answer is still missing to a problem involving the greenbelt area behind the Bel-Air Shopping Center, City Council realized Monday night.

A while ago, Joseph Kaufman, owner of the shopping center property, offered to let the city take the green belt and build a fence along the western edge of it where it abuts residential property.

AT THAT time, the city council wondered about the advisability of a masonry wall. A while thereafter, residential property owners to the west of the greenbelt asked that the 150-foot wide strip of land be given to them and that the wall be built along the eastern edge.

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COUNSELLORS, the city councilmen came up with a compromise approach to the matter. Monday night they instructed Scherffius to ask Kaufman to build a wall down the middle of the greenbelt and split the half of it. The other half of the greenbelt would revert to the residential property owners.

Scherffius will report on the results of his inquiry at the next council meeting Nov. 2.

Run Off Road, Five Injured

Five persons were injured early Friday morning when their car in which they were traveling failed to make a sharp turn on Farmington Road a short distance north of Ten Mile Road.

After running off the road the car crashed into a utility pole. The investigating township police officers indicated. The crash occurred at 12:30 a.m.

Donald L. Carrothers, 39, of Detroit, the driver, suffered cuts about the face and knee and rib injuries.

Passengers injured were Marilyn Carrothers, 23, Detroit, leg and back injuries; Rita M. Miliman, 26, Detroit, injuries to the chest and back; Herbert Carrothers, 38, Southfield, leg injuries; and Henry Carrothers, 63, Southfield, leg injuries.

All were taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for treatment.

MIDDLEBELT ROAD, between Twelve and Thirteen Mile, was deliberately turned into a mess recently. Workmen laying the main trunkline of the Farmington Interceptor sewer ran into two waterlogged portions of ground. The soggy earth had to be dug out before work could proceed.

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Public Hearing Scheduled for Parking Levy

City Council re-affirmed its belief at a public hearing Monday night that the Downtown Farmington free off-street parking area is a public necessity.

Then councilmen requested the preparation of a special tax assessment roll which will provide for the financing of the plan.

Having anticipated the request, City Manager Earl Scherffius promptly submitted the special assessment roll and the council accepted it without change. A date for a public hearing on the special assessment was then established.

BY FOLLOWING these formal procedures, the councilmen intend to motion the council eventually should bring about at least partial rejuvenation of the downtown commercial district.

The public hearing will precede the next regular council meeting and will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2. If the roll is accepted at the hearing, the council will adopt still another resolution confirming the levy.

Scherffius explained Tuesday that the cost of acquiring the approximately four acres of off-street parking lot would be about \$150,000. That is the amount of the special assessment. When completed, the lot will allow parking for 400 cars.

An additional \$30,000 will be necessary for the construction of the lot. This money will come from commercial businesses that will later locate adjacent to the parking lot.

AT THE PRESENT, the city is moving ahead with plans on parking area "A" which is bounded by Grand River, Farmington Road, Grove and Orchard streets.

A certain amount of bonds will likely be floated by the city in order to pay for the parking lot.

The exact amount will depend on how much of the special assessment against the property owners is paid in cash and how much is paid in installments.

Where Do You Burn Leaves?

The matter of leaves being burned in the city arose Monday night at the council meeting. Council members outlined the various restrictions and voiced their opinions on the problem.

They quickly agreed that no leaves could be burned on city streets. The council also agreed that no leaves could be burned on the city's property.

City Manager Earl Scherffius told the council that the department of public works will pick up leaves if they are placed in proper containers. Scherffius added that no permit is necessary to burn leaves.

The council asked that city residents burn leaves, where possible, on gravel driveways.



ROCKETS, players on the two Farmington Junior League football teams, will be calling door-to-door Friday evening to sell tickets for the league's second annual Peanut Bowl. Discussing plans for the fund-raising game are officials of the

Annual Benefit Peanut Bowl This Saturday

The Farmington Junior Football Association's second annual Peanut Bowl contest will be played this Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24, at the Farmington Senior High football stadium.

Proceeds from ticket sales to these bowl games is the principal source of income for the association with funds to buy needed equipment for players on the two Farmington Junior League football teams.

MEMBERS of both junior league teams will be selling tickets to Saturday's benefit contest on Friday evening.

They will be calling door-to-door throughout the community from 7 to 9 p.m. Residents are asked to keep their porch lights burning.

Tickets can also be obtained from any member of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring organization for the Peanut Bowl.

The Farmington Rocket teams will take on the West Dearborn Lions with action getting underway at 1 p.m.

JC Round-Up Next Tuesday

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Fall Round-Up on Tuesday, October 27, at a special meeting at the Farmington Universalist Church starting at 8 p.m.

The Jaycees, one of the most active civic organizations in Farmington is open to all young men between the ages of 21 and 35. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the club is asked to contact any present member.

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Election Registration Deadline Set Nov. 13

Notice has been given that the final date for registering to vote in the November 23 special Farmington School District election will be Friday, November 13.

Only those persons not already registered in the city or township in which they reside need register; it was emphasized.

Persons living in Farmington Township should make application for registration with the township clerk at the Town Hall and those living in the city of Farmington with the city clerk at the Municipal Building.

Those living north of 14 Mile Road in the district must register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall.

VOTERS will be asked to cast their ballots on three separate questions: (1)—A \$3 million bond issue for more school classroom construction and site purchase.

(2)—Permission to use unused bonded funds from previous bond issues for classroom construction other than that originally specified.

(3)—A two-mill increase in the operation tax levy for a five year period.

On both the bond issue and the question of using unexpended funds for construction other than specified, only property owners will be permitted to vote. All registered residents will be allowed to vote on the millage increase proposition, however, school officials stated.

Grid Guessing Gets Tougher

It was a football week end that had a lot of expert guessers in the game. The rules must be followed strictly. Entries must list the firm name, not the name of the person, pictured in the ads, in order to be counted.

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Set 70-Foot Minimum For Future City Lots

Collect \$7,456 In First Week Of UF Drive

At the end of the first week of the 1953 Torch Drive fund raising campaign in the Farmington area a total of \$7,456 had been collected, a report from United Foundation headquarters in Detroit released Monday revealed.

This represents slightly over 40 per cent of the \$18,418 quota set for Farmington in the "give once for all" campaign for 1953.

A BREAKDOWN of this total revealed that \$6,139 had been collected in the house-to-house campaign. The quota is \$14,114. The collection from school employees toward a goal of \$2,237 was \$983.

Another \$190 was collected from business places. The goal is \$3,070. From government employees the collection through Friday of last week was \$85 toward a goal of \$259.

Residents and businessmen are urged to be prepared to make their contributions when solicitors call on them.

Volunteers are already giving up their free time to aid in the drive and numerous call-backs have been made to them, it was emphasized.

Homeowners Assn. Formed By Brook Hill

Homeowners from the Brook Hill Subdivision, just off 14 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, met on Saturday, October 17, at the home of William Spencer, Brook Hill, and unanimously voted to form a civic association.

The meeting was initiated due to the fact that even though the subdivision is fairly new many problems have already arisen that need immediate attention, an official spokesman said.

Among the problems discussed were water and wells, street signs, street snow removal and beautifying the subdivision as a whole with the planting of trees and grass. These items were thoroughly discussed for the main purpose of holding and increasing the property value of the homes in Brook Hill.

An executive committee, consisting of William Spencer as chairman, with Ruth Friedman, John Dean, and Bernice Nelson, was appointed by the group to initiate action on the immediate problems and to gather further information on future activities of the association.

Those who attended the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. Fred Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, Mr. Merle Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett and Charles Carlson.

On New Committee

Township Treasurer Elise Avery has been named to a five-member committee formed to prepare by-laws for a new organization which will consist of representatives from all of Oakland County.

The committee will meet Nov. 10 in Birmingham to discuss the preparation of the by-laws. The committee was established at a meeting Oct. 13 of numerous city and township treasurers from throughout the county.

Area Township Officials Meet Planned Here

The annual meeting of all township officials of the four Congressional Districts embracing Oakland and Wayne counties will be held next Thursday, October 29, at the Betsford Inn in Farmington, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Directors of these four Congressional Districts of Michigan Townships Association (14th, 16th, 17th, and 18th) are Elise Avery, Mr. Farmington, Robert J. Bullinger of Dearborn and Louis Stein of Plymouth.

Plans have now been completed for the dinner meeting, designed to bring together those who make the laws and those who carry them out. It will feature a "face-to-face" discussion with Congressmen, State Senators, State Representatives, other state officers, county officers and township officials.

Among those invited to attend are several hundred township officials, are: Congressmen Louis Rabaut, John Lesinski, Martha Griffiths and William Broomfield; State Senators Patrick J. Doyle, Harvey L. Lodge, Harold M. Ryan and Raymond Drendzel; State Representatives William R. Cope, Joseph I. Jackson, Lucille H. McCallough, Hiram McCallough, Robert Waldron, Peter Wozniak, Alexander Chert, Harvey J. Beale, William H. Thorne, Lloyd L. Anderson, Arthur J. Law, John Hitchcock, Farrell E. Roberts, S. James Clarkson and William Hayward.

Oakland County officials include Delos Hamlin, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors of Oakland County; Charles A. Sparks, county treasurer; F. C. Ziem, county prosecuting attorney; and Frank Jones, county sheriff.

Representing Wayne County will be Eugene Van Antwerp, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors; Edgar J. Brangan, county clerk; Harold Stoll, county treasurer; Andrew C. Baird, sheriff; and Samuel H. Olsen, prosecuting attorney.

Also among the invited guests will be Robert M. Montgomery, Michigan State Director of Elections, who will explain the new election laws.

The directors said that although the meeting is called primarily for township officials of member townships of the association, all township officials and those interested in local township government are invited to attend.

Two new city zoning districts were approved by council members at their regular meeting Monday night and at the same time the councilmen agreed to increase minimum lot widths here from 68 to 70 feet.

The council asked City Manager Earl Scherffius and City Attorney Robert Kelly to work out the wording of the three new measures and submit them for official adoption at the next council meeting.

When adopted, the two new zoning districts and the increased minimum lot width will be added to the existing city zoning ordinance in the form of an amendment. They will then become effective.

HOWEVER, council members were quick to assure residents that the new measures will not affect any presently platted property in the city. The new zoning will not be retroactive.

The three new measures are: 1. Increasing minimum lot sizes from 68 foot widths to 70 foot widths and at the same time upping the minimum square foot area from 7,500 to 8,000.

2. Establishing a new zoning district, termed R-1-A, whereby minimums will be 35 foot widths and 10,000 square feet in area.

3. Establishing another new zoning district termed R-1-A-A, whereby the minimum width will be 100 feet and the minimum square foot area will be 12,500.

OVERALL effect of the action on further city residential growth will be to reduce the number of new homes built and increase the individual size of the new homes.

The new measures will apply primarily to property which might be annexed to the city in the future. However, some existing land in the city remains to be developed. This, too, will be affected by the new minimums and the new zoning.

Some of the existing land which could be affected, is located west of Farmington Road and north of Freedom Road. There is a 24-acre parcel of land which is not yet platted is located along Glenview Drive in the vicinity of Grand River and 14 Mile Road.

ANOTHER small piece of land is situated at Maple and Freedom roads near the Cloverdale school.

In a month planning commission on a month ago recommended the changes to the city council.

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Council Again Tables Request For Re-Zoning

Appearing a second time before City Council last Monday night was Ralph Banfield, who had requested re-zoning of an acre of land on the southeast corner of Gill road and Grand River.

Banfield, from Howell, has petitioned the council to rezone the land for commercial and multiple-family residential use. It presently is zoned single-family residential.

With this lawyer, Banfield had appeared two weeks ago before the council with the same request. At that time, the matter was tabled pending further study. The same action resulted at the most recent council meeting.

FOLLOWING a rather heated verbal exchange between Banfield and Councilman V. B. Bates, the members moved to table the request until next time as the city planning commission completes its study of the general area in question.

Banfield is anxious to have a portion of the land re-zoned commercial since a major road is planned to be built through the area. He is interested in purchasing the property and building a service station there.

While the matter was before the council, City Clerk Trena Quinn read a letter signed by 16 residents of the neighborhood. The residents voiced their objection to the requested rezoning change. They claimed that re-zoning Banfield's land would depreciate adjacent land value, that the service station would create a traffic hazard and that the end result would detract from the area's present beauty.

COUNCILMEN suggested that Banfield consider his property as a residential area. They said they would table the request again.

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