

Needy Family Names
Now Being Solicited

Names of needy families with children in the community are now being taken.

As in past years, the Goodfellows of Farmington hope to make Christmas time a happy time for all youngsters in the area. Toys, candies and a variety of other gifts will be provided by the Goodfellows as well as some canned and packaged foods.

Only needy families with children will be aided this year, said John Allen, chairman of the program.

Persons knowing of any needy family in the community are asked to submit their names as soon as possible. A private answering service line has been set up for this purpose. Call GR. 4-9941.

In addition to the name of the family in need, you are asked to give their address and the names and ages of each of their children so that appropriate gifts can be given to them.

Other information required, Allen said, will be the name of the person recommending the unfortunate family and his address and phone number.

Persons wishing to submit this information in writing should address their letters to: Goodfellows, Care of Michigan Bell Telephone, 23416 Farmington, Mich.

THE DEADLINE for turning in names of needy has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Boxes have now been placed in several stores throughout the community by the Goodfellows and Farmington Elks Lodge, working together in an effort to collect as many toys and as much packaged goods as possible for distribution.

Again this year children in the various schools in Farmington will also be collecting canned goods and packaged foods to be turned over to the Goodfellows for distribution.

THE ANNUAL sale of Good-fellow papers will be held next Friday, Dec. 11. All money collected from the paper sale will be turned over to the Goodfellows for distribution.

It is not intended, he emphasized, that the township should have anything to do with and discourage it from locating here. He said industry would not object to a fair share of the township's income.

Average figures indicate residential land use contributes only 82 per cent of its proportional share of the township's income.

Hall and Ghesquiere expect to submit names this week or two.

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Bids on Fire Truck Chassis Vary Widely

The Township Board, at its regular meeting last week, opened bids on the fire engine chassis soon to be purchased for the Kentwood fire station.

A three-man committee, headed by Clerk Floyd Cairns, is now studying the two bids submitted on the chassis.

The bids were from Mack Truck company, with a price of \$9,623, and GMC truck division with a bid of \$9,262.

THE BOARD members were surprised at the wide difference between the two bids. Firms bidding on the chassis had to quote prices on the township's previously-prepared specifications.

The board tabled action on the bids until the next regular meeting, at which time the three-man committee will report on its findings.

After the awarding of the bid, the chassis will be manufactured and then will be delivered to the John Bean company in Lansing, where nearly \$10,000 worth of fire engine equipment will be installed.

The bid for the engine equipment was awarded three weeks ago.

JOHN BEAN company will deliver the completed fire engine to the township.

At the present time in the Kentwood fire station is the replacement with a loaded fire truck owned by Bean company.

The motor on the truck chassis will produce approximately 275 horsepower at peak engine performance. The powerful motor will enable better all-around truck performance, township officials said.

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His death was a great loss to the township.

Funeral services will be held at the Spencer J. Hooley Funeral Home with Rev. Carl H. Schultz of the Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington, officiating.

Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery, Farmington.

ALL WHO KNEW and worked with Clarence in the community over the past several years spoke highly of him.

He started his duties as school custodian in Farmington in 1931 when the system consisted of only a high school and one elementary school, both located on what is now the Farmington Junior High school on Thomas street.

Active employment with the township began in 1934 when he was in charge of a full time school maintenance crew of 55 men and women and responsible for both lunch and custodial maintenance for Farmington's 15 schools and the district service and administration building.

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INSPECTION of the fire engine, police cars and various other equipment used by the Farmington City department of public safety was especially interesting while taking part in Student Government day from Farmington High.

Discussing various features of one of the fire trucks with Director Joseph DeVriendt, right, are left to right: Tom Guy, student counterpart to Chief DeVriendt for the day, Treasurer Herman Bullinger (seated in truck) and Mayor Bruce Boltz.

Students Reign In City Tuesday

Farmington city government director Tom Guy out on a few of its routine assignments.

Water and sewer superintendent Harvey Chapman provided a tour of the city's water and sewer facilities.

Patricia Cobb, public works director, inspected streets and curbs and other city facilities.

She was generally satisfied that the public works crew was doing a relatively good job.

MEMBERS of the Kiwanis Club, Student Government Day, Tuesday, December 1, was a day of relief upon learning that Councilmen John Annand, Caroline Balmain, Linda Brown, Carol Schmitt, and Bruce Boltz had neither increased taxes or voted on a salary raise for themselves.

Other students taking part in student government day were: Gary Tinkle, city clerk; Herman Bullinger (foreign exchange student); Larry Wright, engineer; Bob Gilman, attorney; and Joe Greenberg, municipal judge.

Kiwanis club members expressed thanks Tuesday evening to city officials for their time and effort on this annual project and also to the instructors in the government department.

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Give Qualified OK on 113 Home Development

A preliminary plat for a 113-home development in the township was given tentative approval by the Board of Trustees last week.

The action is subject to full approval by the township board of appeals.

The new development, engineered by Realtor Max Shelden, would be located on 10 Mile road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads.

The caution exercised by the township board hinged on the necessity of moving zoning boundary line separating R2 residential from R3 residential. The difference, in lot width between the two zoning districts is substantial. For R2, a 60-foot minimum lot width is required, while R3 calls for 80-foot minimums.

IN ORDER to permit Shelden's plan to receive approval, the zoning boundary line should be moved a short distance thus allowing him to more properly graduate the lot widths from one end of the development to the other.

The township board agreed to move the zoning boundary line, thus permitting more uniformity in the development.

However, board members asked that the matter be studied by the zoning board of appeals and full approval also be granted by that body before the action would be official.

As presently planned, the Shelden development will be comprised of lots ranging in width from 60 feet to 100 feet.

The township zoning board of appeals will consider the matter at its regular meeting this month.

Further study will be made by members of the Township Board before making an offer to purchase a house and land adjacent to the Wheeler Street fire station. The matter was tabled at the regular board meeting last week.

Should the township purchase the land, it will be turned into a much-needed parking area for the fire station which also houses the township police offices. Numerous civic meetings are held each month in the fire station.

A legal check will be made to determine if the Township Board may purchase the house and land without a vote of the people. Several real estate appraisals have already been obtained.

The value of the somewhat run-down house and the land on which it is situated ranges from \$3,500 to \$4,400, according to appraisers.

8 Mile Main Serves Farmington, Livonia

Detroit water is expected to be available, probably by June, 1960, to Farmington city, township and the city of Livonia.

The two cities will be able to start using it almost immediately. Farmington township also hopes to get water for the dry areas next summer, but there are more problems involved there than for the cities, which will have only to hook up their existing distribution systems.

The City of Detroit has already let the contracts for extension of the 8-inch water main as far west as Grand River and 8 Mile. Engineering is practically complete for the second extension from the intersection of Farmington Road and 8 Mile to the intersection of Farmington Road and 14 Mile.

These two extensions of the main had been planned some time ago. Last summer's water emergency in the city of Livonia, and resulting pressure for help, apparently made the City of Detroit hasten its plans, benefiting Farmington also.

AT 8 MILE and Inkster, the system will have a storage reservoir and a re-pumping and booster station.

By 1965 the plan calls for extension west on 8 Mile to Northville, thence south to Plymouth. The extension will include a pumping station at the Gill Road intersection.

Also included in this plan by 1965 will be a 60-inch main running north on 8 Mile on Inkster road, to 14 Mile and thence easterly to Bloomfield Hills.

The City of Farmington expects to tap into the soft water supply next summer when the main is finished, says City Manager Earl Scherffius. The city will already be running south on Farmington Road to 8 Mile, planned to be of sufficient size.

Only thing extra needed will be a pumping station on the city well site, on 9 Mile, just west of Farmington Road. This will force the water uphill to the two storage tanks.

The new tanks, built last summer, will supply their own storage an extra 25 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of water.

Because Farmington city has its own storage it won't pay the extra charge. The city manager figures the entire cost of the new tank will be repaid in between four and five years.

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Petitions Not Forthcoming on Sewer Arms

About half of construction on the new Farmington sewer is completed, and it may be done by the middle of next year.

But no petitions have been accepted by the township for any of the sewage arms, and only one petition to serve one subdivision is assured yet.

The Franklin Knolls special assessment district was set up before the intercity sewer was assured. Two, Clerk Floyd Cairns will receive bids Dec. 15, up to 8 p.m., on the construction of the sewer around \$100,000. At the same time he will receive bids on a rate of \$79,000 in bonds for the same project.

Last week the township board received petitions from George R. Klein, who business is real estate development and investment. These petitions are for the 13 Mile Road arm of the sewer system, and represent about 1,000 acres.

There are roughly 2,000 acres in this 13 Mile Road arm area. Under the plan originally set up it had been hoped petitions would be received indicating at least 50 per cent of the property involved, indicating general acceptance by the property owners. These petitions are for that percentage.

It is possible for the township board to go ahead on a lesser percentage, but the board is not sure of that. However, the petitions from Mr. Klein will be presented to the board at its next meeting Dec. 8.

Appoint C of C Sec.-Manager

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JCs Schedule Santa's Visit Here Dec. 19

Saturday, Dec. 19, has been set as the date for Santa's annual official visit to Farmington, under the sponsorship of the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He will arrive in town around 9:30 and make a tour through the downtown area and into subdivisions in the vicinity, according to official word.

His visit will be preceded by a Pole headquarters received by Jaycee officials this week.

From 11 a.m. until around 2 p.m. he will be at the Farmington Senior High on Shawassenee Road to take orders for toys and other gifts from all good boys and girls in the area.

Chairman of the Jaycee committee making plans for Santa's visit on this day is T. Smolin.

Authorized to Pay Bills Between Meets

A resolution authorizing Wood Creek Farm Village President Alger Clark to pay bills up to \$300 total between council meetings was authorized by council last Tuesday night.

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Village Plans Bus Stop Law

Steps that must be taken to require motorists to stop for school buses on main roads in the Village of Wood Creek Farms were discussed at length at the regular council meeting Tuesday night.

The general feeling was that this could be done by adopting only the section pertaining to this matter in the Michigan Vehicle Code for 1958. Posting at the four corners of the village and on each end of Northwest Highway running through the village would be enough.

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Greencastle Grading

Twp. Clerk Floyd Cairns reported the contractor has started grading and will gravel the streets in Greencastle subdivision.

Much work is being done by the contractor. The streets won't be "blacktopped" until spring, however.

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Yellow Pages Area Directory Coming Dec. 8

Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced today it will begin distribution here of a new Yellow Pages directory Tuesday, Dec. 8, as the first step in implementing its new Metropolitan Area Directory Plan.

The new single area directory will go to customers in Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, and Plymouth replacing the individual Yellow Pages now in use in those communities.

Under Michigan Bell's new directory plan, 29 telephone exchanges serving more than 100 communities surrounding Detroit are being split into six area Yellow Pages, and into three area White Pages.

The nine area directories eventually will replace the many books which now serve the city and township exchanges. Detroit up to, and including, Mt. Clemens, Pontiac, Wyandotte, and Rockwood.

Headings in the Yellow Pages are to be distributed here will have complete alphabetical lists of all business establishments in the communities served by the new area directory.

The White Pages, which will be delivered here next spring, will consist of a single alphabetical list of all telephone numbers in some 15 communities which will make up the local area directory.

Each listing in both the Yellow and White Pages, however, will contain its own community identification.

Population growth in the ever-expanding older area and the newness of other communities have resulted in telephone exchanges no longer following political boundaries. With the new books, a customer will only have to know the general area in which a person lives in order to find his telephone number, a Bell spokesman commented.

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