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MORE JR.-SR. HIGH ROOMS ON WAY

Dunckel Addition Contracts Awarded

On Monday and Tuesday nights this week the Farmington Board of Education took two big steps in its continual effort to have necessary classrooms ready as needed in the school district.

The biggest need now is for classrooms at the secondary grade levels.

On Tuesday night contracts were awarded for the new 16-classroom Dunckel Junior High addition with awards on each phase of construction going to the low bidder. The contracts were awarded subject to review and approval by the architects—Tarapata and MacMahon of Birmingham.

At the regular School Board meeting Monday night, Linn Smith and Associates of Birmingham was appointed as architects for the new combination junior-senior high addition to be put under construction in the near future on a site of 13 1/2 acres near Farmington Road. The architectural firm will begin work on preliminary plans for the new group.

The first meeting of the township industrial development committee was held last Thursday, Jan. 7, to organize and set up a course of action for the new group.

This year "our marching activities" J. Ghesquiere, long active in township planning, is chairman of the committee.

In SEPARATE action the board also gave tentative approval to the name Farmington Northern High for the school and agreed to the appointment of Harold Humble as principal for the new school, effective July 1, 1961. Humble is presently serving as assistant principal at Farmington High.

Bidding on the addition at Dunckel Junior High was exceptionally keen with total bids running around \$2400 under the estimated figures for constructing and installing permanent equipment in the proposed building.

BASE COST for the addition figures out to \$1250 per square foot which school officials termed "good" for a unit of this type.

A total of 18 bids were received for the general construction work with the low bid of \$204,000 being submitted by the Lockwood McCutcheon Co. of Detroit. Bids of several other general contracting firms were exceptionally close to this.

There was less than ten percent difference between the high and low bids for this phase of construction.

Firms bid for the mechanical work with the low bidder being J. D. Naylor of Detroit. His total bid, including electrical, was \$31,800.

In a field of nine, Fred W. Moore of Pontiac was low bidder for the electrical contract. His bid was \$22,500.

CHIEF LAKE'S Hotel Supply Co. submitted the lowest bid for kitchen equipment. The low bid was \$8,471. The Peninsula Co. of Farmington submitted a bid of \$11,993 in a field of five, was awarded the contract for science and art equipment.

The bids for all phases of construction and permanent equipment installations, including construction of a driveway, total \$288,450.

Work on the addition will get underway immediately, Architect Peter Tarapata commented following the awarding of contracts. A major portion of the classrooms are scheduled to be ready for occupancy by the start of the 1960-61 school year in September.

The developers, Farmington Properties, Inc., have signed an escrow agreement with the city, and put up \$100,000 to pay for the improvements.

After receipt of the bids they will be tabulated and made ready for presentation to the city council at its next meeting, to be held Feb. 1, together with the recommendation of city manager Earl Schertgen.

An Advisory Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Farmington Public Schools will be held in the January meeting tonight, Thursday, Jan. 14, in the library of the Farmington Junior High School, 3300 Thomas Street at 8:00 p.m.

Rezoning Hearing on Star Cutter Is Set

A public hearing date has been set for the proposed rezoning of the Star Cutter property west and north of the present plant on Grand River Avenue. This is the zoning change proposal which earlier brought protests from residents living even at some distance.

Apparently several meetings between the township officials and Norman Lawton have now brought agreement on his proposal to build an industrial park on his property.

The hearing will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 10, at the Township Hall, starting at 8 p.m., according to the notice being published this week by Edward Schmid, chairman of the township zoning board.

TWO CHANGES are proposed in the rezoning. An area north of the present plant, now industrial, would be rezoned residential. Then the north portion of the property, west of Drake Road, would be used for a new industrial park, now industrial, would be rezoned residential. Then the north portion of the property, west of Drake Road, would be used for a new industrial park, now industrial, would be rezoned residential.

The tract west of Star Cutter, facing on Grand River and running west to Drake, would be used for an industrial park, except for a buffer strip along Drake Road.

This tract would have to be rezoned from commercial and residential to industrial.

AN INDUSTRIAL park is a recent development, under which a large tract is sold to certain light industrial firms by lots, so that they blend their activities and are under certain restrictions to protect the area and create a harmonious unit.

Lawton has assured township officials that the industrial park would be as nice or nicer than the present Star Cutter property.



AS IN PAST YEARS, the task of distributing March of Dimes canisters to business establishments throughout the Farmington area was undertaken by members of the Farmington Kiwanis Club. Turning over a canister here to hardware store proprietor Dan Lowe (center) is Charles W. Lawton (right). Checking this stop off the list is Harry Farmer. This marks the seventh year that the local Kiwanis Club has handled the distribution of canisters. Most canisters were placed in stores Saturday.

Killed in Crash On Eight Mile Early Tuesday

Injuries suffered by Melvin Hardy, 23, of 24022 Colfax, Farmington, early Tuesday morning when he lost control of his car on Eight Mile Road, proved fatal.

After running off the pavement, Hardy's car struck six large trees. The accident occurred about 200 yards west of Farmington Road at 1:45 a.m.

HARDY was going west. Police said that he was apparently traveling at high rate of speed. A part of the left side of his 1960 auto was torn off when it struck the first tree.

Other parts of the car were scattered along the line of the five other trees, a total distance of 175 feet. Fragments of metal were also found buried in the trees.

A piece of the car top was found in the front yard of home of the highway and fender in a field approximately 200 feet back on the other side of the highway.

THE YOUNG MAN was thrown out of the car and hurt as a result of the crash.

Several residents in the area, awakened by the noise of the crash, called police.

To Seek Both Funds, Facts On '60 March

Thousands of mothers of evening January 23, according to Mrs. Howard Legg of 23392 Springbrook, Farmington. Mothers will ask for information along with a contribution.

Mrs. Legg said: "Both are needed for the National Food Fair's fight against birth defects, arthritis and polio. One of these crippling attacks on a million of our families in the United States."

In addition to collecting voluntary contributions to the New March of Dimes, Mrs. Legg explained the mothers will present each household with a copy of "Dor County," a concise, fact-finding folder in which each family is asked to indicate if any of its members has a birth defect, arthritis or polio.

MRS. LEGG stressed that each family record will be in strictest confidence.

"We hope the Mothers' March door count will focus attention on the family and community situation."

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Renew Contracts of Two Asst. Supts.

Farmington School District's two assistant superintendents, James Reid and Marjorie Van Ameyde, have been awarded contracts for another three years.

The School Board, at its regular meeting Monday night, was unanimous in approving the contracts for renewal for both men for three year periods.

Members of the Board and Superintendent Van Ameyde were high in their praise of the services the two men have rendered to the school district.

First Petition For Sewer In

The first petition for an interceptor sewer has been received by Twp. supervisor Curt Hall, with about 65 per cent of property owners signed. Validity of the signatures is now being checked, as usual for such petitions.

The area involved is the Halsted arm in the western portion of the industrial park. Petitions are being actively circulated now in three other arm areas—Kendallwood, Tarapata and the Grand River arm.

Work on the interceptor sewer is going ahead this winter on a storm sewer. Early in the middle of next summer.

Approve Calling of \$70,000 in Bonds

The calling of approximately \$70,000 worth of bonds from previously approved school bond issues was approved by the Farmington Board of Education and 21 of 28 members of its regular meeting Monday night.

Approved for calling was \$15,000 worth of bonds issued in 1953 bond issue and \$55,000 from the 1952 bond issue and \$40,000 from the 1954 bond issue.

Had the same cost factor been used as in 1958, the 1959 new home valuations would have been about 1 1/2 millions more.

NEW COMMERCIAL and industrial building dropped last year in the township, although 1958 permits in 1959, with 16 compared with 10 the prior year. However, the valuations were up to \$919,523, compared with \$686,995, the year before.

More city autos got homes. Valuation was estimated at \$2,069,239 last year compared with \$2,020,855 in 1958.

A major share of last year's new homes were built in Farmington Acres subdivision, now being expanded to 112 lots east of Farmington Road and north of E. Bert L. Smoker is the developer.

Second Food Fair Opened Here

A spanking new Food Fair Market has opened in Farmington. This new Food Fair Market is located in the Kendallwood Center at 12 Mile.

The new market has 16,000 square feet of floor space and eight checkout counters, including one for express. There is a paved parking lot which will accommodate 350 cars. A special feature of this new market is the separate pickup station.

The contest will run through Saturday, January 23, prizes served by a private driveway.

Kam M. Towns 1st 1960 Baby

Farmington's first baby of 1960 is Kam Marie Towns. She entered the world on New Year's Day at 1:28 p.m. at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, just 13 hours and 28 minutes after the heralding in of the new year.

As winners of the "First Baby of 1960 Contest," Kam Marie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan A. Towles, 28227 Thorny Brae (Kendallwood subdivision) will receive a host of gifts from 24 Farmington area business places. These include a variety of gifts for Mom and Dad as well as the baby.

KAM MARIE, weighing 8 pounds, 101 ounces at birth, has a pink peak like the first more than 12 hours earlier than Farmington's second infant of 1960. "A boy, Michael" Kuffel, was born Saturday, 2 at 12:58 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kuffel of 34969 Bridgman.

Greeting Kam Marie at home were a brother, Kevin, 6, and two sisters, Kathy, 3, and Kerry, 2.

No Easement Without Vote

A request for an easement for the running of a gas line across Ten Mile elementary school property made to the Farmington Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night was denied.

Acting on the advice of School Attorney Robert Kelly, the board took representative action of the Consumer Power of that this would be impossible to do without approval of the school district of Farmington.

Barthello's — Chicken dinner with oysters, scallops and shrimp and pizza.

Bank Pharmacy — \$5 in merchandise.

Brenner's Farm, Hills Market — Case of baby food.

National Bank of Detroit — \$5 savings account for baby.

Farmington Enterprise — Free baby cup and free subscription to paper.

Local Building Booms Back in 1959; City Increase Biggest

Construction in Farmington rebounded aggressively in 1959. The city last year was \$3,145,000 in value of building work done by all areas in 1959.

Building in the city last year was well over double that of 1958. The township also had a satisfactory increase, but not quite so startling as the city's leap ahead.

categories were also up in 1959. For remodeling 66 permits were issued for \$77,750. In 1958 there had been 12 permits totaling \$26,380.

There were fewer commercial and industrial permits in 1959, with 12 compared with 16 the prior year. However, the valuations were up to \$919,523, compared with \$686,995, the year before.

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As this subdivision got underway, the price range of the homes was first set, but as the market opened, the buyers were demanding the higher priced homes, so some upward adjustments were made.

ALL OTHER construction