

# C'ville to Vote on 3 School Proposals

Clarenceville School District voters will be asked to go to the polls in March to cast their ballots on an \$850,000 bond issue and a proposal which will increase the tax levy for operational purposes by two mills.

They will also be asked to grant permission for the re-classification of the district from fourth class to third class.

Action calling for the placing of the three proposals to a vote of the people was taken by the Board of Education at its regular meeting last Thursday evening, Monday, March 21, was set as the date for the special school election.

The \$850,000 bond issue has been determined necessary to provide for additions to existing school buildings, the erection of new buildings and the improvement of existing facilities.

Voters will not only be asked to approve a mill increase in the operating levy but also to give their approval to the continuation of an earlier approved five mill special operating levy which will be expiring soon. The proposal, if approved, will result in only a two mill increase in the operating levy, it was emphasized.

Residents will be asked to authorize the additional two mill levy for a five year period from 1961 to 1965 inclusive.

THE ADDED two mills for operating would provide for the services of two additional full-time staff members for the elementary grades, funds for an improved counseling, guidance and testing program, money for more instructional supplies and certain capital equipment, such as Supt. Louis Schmidt commented.

Re-classification of the school district from 4th to 3rd class would increase the size of the Board of Education from five to seven members. It would also permit the board to take action on minor matters not now permitted and to enter into area-wide agreements dealing with matters of education more easily.

In separate action the School Board also agreed to retain the services of two architectural firms to work on its future building programs. Waparatma and MacMahon, Inc. of Birmingham were retained to do planning for elementary additions and alterations to the high school and W. T. Anickas and Associates to prepare additions to the senior high.

Supervisor Curt Hall told the board that the work involved in studying a request for a zoning change, a notice of intent to change the ordinance at its meeting last Friday night.

There has been no charge for this, but by comparison the City of Southfield asks a fee with each request for zoning change, he said.

AFTER SOME discussion the board thought a \$75 fee might not be too stiff, yet would recover some of the costs involved. After a public hearing on the proposed change a definite fee will be set.

Last Friday there were three requests before the board. One was a request to rezone from residential to commercial, 300 feet facing Northwestern Highway at the northeast corner of the highway and 15 mile road, made by Hjalmar Ekkelson.

Donald A. Zell asked that lots 147 and 148 be rezoned to industrial, at 10 Mile and Northwestern Highway, made by Hjalmar Ekkelson.

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POLICE RECORDS for the township will undergo re-filing under the state uniform records law, the board decided.

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## Four Named to Twp. Planning Board Friday

Two members were re-elected and two new named to the township planning board at an action held at the regular meeting of the township board.

Earlier Harvey Freeman had submitted his resignation, having moved from the township. The remaining two members of his term went to one of the four named.

RE-ELECTED were P. H. Gardhouse and William E. Ryan. New to the planning board are Conrad Braseth and Kenneth Fink.

Ryan and Braseth were named to three year terms. The other two men were elected, so one will get the three year term, the other the two years.

MR. GARDHOUSE has been active in the township for three years, and recently was also named to the township's industrial development committee.

He has lived in the township, at 22351 Brookview, almost six years and has interests here before that. An attorney, he retired in 1957 and increased his interest in township affairs.

THE OTHER member re-elected, Mr. Ryan, lives at 21895 Westmoreland, and has resided here five years. Earlier he had worked for the township for several years, and is a sales supervisor with Michigan Bell.

NEWLY NAMED Kenneth Fink also has been active in the League in the past, and is active in the planning board and in the township's organizations. A Township resident for four years, he resides at 8417 Peppermill, and is manager of the Detroit office of Fowler Chemical Corp.

MR. BRASETH is one of the "older" township residents, having moved here in 1950. He has been continuously interested in township affairs and is a director of Clarenceville Civic Ass'n, and was its president three years. Living at 22351 Brookview, he is a former man with a Detroit power plants contractor.

Next regular meeting of the planning board will be Thursday evening, Jan. 28.

ALL other classes, however, are still open and will be of interest to the residents. They are bridge, hobbying at the organ, physical education, sewing, quilting, holstering, great books and the women's health class.

Those wishing to make late registration and late fee, should contact Director VanAmeyde at the school administration building on Shawnessee Road at soon as possible.

SCHOOLMEN Convene Gerald V. Harrison, Supt. of the Farmington public schools, was in attendance at a meeting of the township school administrators held at the Grand Rapids. Heads of school systems from all parts of the state were present.

Final preparations for the annual March of Dimes Mothers' March will be held next Thursday, January 28, at the Farmington City Hall.

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MAKING WAY FOR PROGRESS, White's service station and the small Airport grocery at the southwest corner of Orchard Lake and Thirteenth Mile roads have been torn down. Directly to the west of these two demolished buildings is the Westbrook Shopping Centre including Nellie Davis Pharmacy, Westbrook Cleaners, Manufacturers National Bank, and the offices of Justice Robert Nelson and Dr. R. C. Chuskin.

Immediately to the south of the intersection is the new A & P Super Market, a portion of which is visible in this photo. According to company officials, work on the market is proceeding on schedule and is expected to be completed before Spring.

Early American in style, the exterior of the building is done and work on the interior moving ahead rapidly. Service highlights of the new market include a self-service meat department with refrigerated production line which may be observed by shoppers. Automatic doors, power check stands and the latest type lighting is being incorporated in the building.

The new store will incorporate virtually all the latest methods in food merchandising, according to Vice President M. W. Alldredge of the company's Detroit unit. Paved parking facilities for more than 160 cars is also being provided at the market.

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## New Sewer-Water Township Ordinance In Effect Feb. 21

Coming of the new Farmington interceptor sewer has made mandatory new township regulations to control sewage and water. After several months of study by township officials, these are now ready.

The new water supply and sewerage disposal ordinance was adopted Jan. 15, and will become effective Feb. 21, 1960.

Many of the regulations were previously in effect. These continue in force with some changes. Some new items were added which will affect nearly every sewer resident sooner or later.

One thing which won't make much difference here regards outflows. These shall be maintained on the township second upon farms of ten acres or more where they are located not less than 100 feet from any dwelling house.

WHERE A public sanitary sewer is available to any premises, that system must be used and the use of any private sewerage disposal system of any kind shall be discontinued within a reasonable time after the new sewer becomes available. It shall be made a misdemeanor for any person to connect to any premises if any connection is in the original system is in the public road, or otherwise reasonably nearness.

PETITIONS are being circulated for the sewerage and water areas. They are the lateral are built, the necessary connections will be determined. Of course, if a group of people in an area do not petition for the sewer, they can not be forced immediately to hook up. The long term picture, however, is that if the sewerage problem becomes worse in southeast Michigan, public health authorities will force home owners into sewerage connections.

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## Strict Litter Ordinance Is Passed by City

There has been so much littering of city streets and vacant areas that the city council has studied and passed a new ordinance which really has teeth. It's hoped citizens will help see that its provisions are enforced.

Official publication of the anti-litter ordinance, in full detail, is made this week as part of the council proceedings, on the city's new ordinance.

FOR BUSINESS areas the ordinance prohibits sweeping of litter into the street, and sidewalks in front of businesses must be kept clean by the occupants or owners.

NO ONE can throw litter, whether walking or in a car, but all must be placed in receptacles furnished by the city. HANDBILLS will be prohibited in public places, in and on cars, and for distribution at residences. The only exception to this is where there is an occupant and the handbill is handed directly to him and he is willing to accept it. The last is important.

A couple of other sections are aimed directly at people who carry litter from their cars, and for distribution at places to nearby unoccupied roadsides or vacant property. There has been quite a little littering.

See STRICT LITTER Page 6A, Column 5.

SOUTH Farmington Assn. Meets Tonight The South Farmington Civic Improvement Association will hold its first meeting of 1960 tonight, Thursday, January 21, at the fire station on Wheeler Street.

Annual reports will be given. All residents of the South Farmington area are invited to attend.

McCall, Holly Hills; Mrs. Florence Richards, Wood Creek; Mrs. Mary D. Hargrave, Hickory; Mrs. William Hargrave, Westbrook Manor I; Mrs. Alice Gaines, Westbrook Manor 2; Mrs. Mary Trebble, Kendallwood; Mrs. Judy Prince, Forest Park; Mrs. Elita Vanderberg, Sec. 36.

OTHER volunteers for sections included were Mrs. Dan Hickey, Mrs. Delia Hargrave, Mrs. Betty Wagner, Mrs. Louise Malanki, Mrs. Robert Todd, and Mrs. Joyce Bratton.

Captains for other township subdivisions are now being contacted. Mrs. Schen said. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services is asked to contact her. Those who will not be home next Thursday evening may mail their donations in direct mail to Mrs. Schen. Send your check to March of Dimes, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Hattie DeVincenzi, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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## City's Summer Paving Program Under Study By Councilmen

An expanded concrete paving program, due to increased state payments as a result of the forthcoming federal census, is under study now by city council.

CITY Manager Earl Sheriffius hopes to add the city paving projects to construction due in Farmington Oaks and the new Aloma project, thus getting a better price for the whole package. Work done in these new subdivisions is under city supervision, but paid by the developers.

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## Sewer Bidder Would Renegé Or Boost Cost

What a contractor will be building the Franklin Knolls sewer system which will hook up the new interceptor sewer before his bid was accepted that it had made a mistake of \$20,535 in computation for pipe. The contractor said this would have to be added to the original bid of \$103,535, making his total bid \$124,070. The second low original bid of \$109,968 by Gordon Selway, Inc. of Berkeley, would become the lowest bid on the project.

THE OAK PARK firm, by now, sent along a certified check for five per cent of its bid, about \$1,666. Technically they would forfeit this if they failed to fulfill the contract at the original bid.

THE TOWNSHIP board nullified this development at its meeting last Friday night. The engineer, however, the job for the township has recommended that the original low bid be accepted, saying it was within \$2 of a legal estimate.

BOARD members decided to let the estimated opinion before taking any action, inasmuch as the bid is good for 45 days. However, if the sewer problem becomes worse in southeast Michigan, public health authorities will force home owners into sewerage connections.

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