

Being Mailed Out to Every Home in Area

Included in this week's issue of The Enterprise is a Special Bonus Section, the first such section to be put out and one which we hope to be able to continue on a monthly basis.

This section contains a wide variety of news and pictures we are certain will be of interest to you. It also contains messages from aggressive and progressive merchants throughout the community which you will likewise want to read.

In addition to being included with the papers sent out, to all our paid subscribers and those sold on the newsstands, the Special Bonus Section is being delivered to every household in Farmington City and Township as well as outlying Farmington areas.

Special Meet For Downtown Group Thurs

All downtown property owners and business men are invited to attend a general meeting of the Farmington Township Business District Association, to be held Thursday evening, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., at the city hall.

A number of topics important to the future of the downtown area will be discussed, so President Trace Conner asks all affected to attend.

To be discussed will be the value and accomplishments of the association to date.

Other topics will include the status and effect of the proposed downtown shopping center and requirements needed to rehabilitate the downtown area, conditions of sidewalks in the city and explanation of the new outdoor sign ordinance, and the need for a policeman to patrol the downtown area in order to police parking meters and enforce the anti-idle ordinance.

Editor Named By Enterprise

Taking over duties as News Editor of the Farmington Enterprise this week is Joseph Bernard Mullen.

Mullen, Joe, 32, presently resides at 6020 W. Outer Drive in Detroit. He is married and the father of five children.

Joe is a graduate of the University of Detroit High and the University of Detroit where he majored in Journalism. He has had experience editing a number of student newspapers, the U. of D. High Alumni newspaper. Mullen also served in an editorial capacity with the Detroit Legist publication in Detroit.

For the past three or four years, Joe has been away from the newspaper profession but he has been able to re-enter the field of journalism again for some time. From 1952 until the end of 1955 he was engaged in general office administration work with Chrysler Corp and Kelvintor. In November of 1955 he stepped up into a position in the advertising and sales promotion department with the Kelvintor Division of American Motors. Most recently he has been employed as a sales representative for the Rochester Germicide Co.

A former U. of D. football player, Joe still enjoys sports especially golf and tennis and participates when time permits.

Delos Hamlin Honored By Area Exchangeites

The program for the annual meeting of the Farmington Exchange Club last Wednesday night went unannounced and intentionally so.

Meant to be a complete surprise, the special "This is Your Life" Delos Hamlin program. And it was, not only to the honored guest, but to nearly all of the approximately 125 Exchange Club members and guests gathered in the ballroom at Botsford Inn.

A prominent Farmington citizen, Hamlin first made a name for himself as a leading local businessman and governmental official. He has since gone on to distinguish himself as a top governmental official and leader in Oakland County. Hamlin presently holds the office of Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. He is also Chairman of the Inter-county Board comprised of officials from six counties of the metropolitan area.

AS A MEMBER of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, Hamlin has promoted and seen through to reality many worthwhile projects in rapidly growing Oakland County.

Opening the program, a review of the highlights of Hamlin's life was long-time friend Ken Loomis. After a few choice remarks, Loomis

Introduced Dave Levinson, chairman of the ways and means committee of the County Board of Supervisors, who also made a short address. He in turn presented Edward Conner, Detroit City Councilman, who served as master of ceremonies for the program.

IT WAS related that Hamlin was born in Durand, Michigan on Dec. 4, 1904 and lived there until the age of seven when he moved with his family to Hamlin where his father owned a shoe repair shop. He was graduated from Richer School.

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SMILES OF happiness were being worn by both Mr. and Mrs. Delos Hamlin as events in the life of highly successful Delos were related.

Two Areas Vie For Next New Grade School

Two areas are now vying for the next elementary school to be built in the Farmington School District.

Two weeks ago a delegation from the Spring Lake Forest Hills and Leumans subdivisions appeared before the Board of Education requesting that the next grade school be built on a site in Section 11 in the township.

They presented a petition signed by 220 residents of these three subdivisions asking for such action. The Board is now studying the reasons why the next school should be in that section.

AT THE regular Board meeting Monday night of this week, a letter from Robert C. Rupp, president of Holly Hill Farms subdivision, was read asking that the next grade school be built near that subdivision.

As in Section 14, the school district already has an elementary school site purchased in Section 11 in the township where Holly Hill Farms is located.

Rupp stated in his letter that children in the subdivision have attended four different schools in as many years and that this year some youngsters in Holly Hills are attending two different elementary schools.

A petition asking that the next school be located on the Sec. 11 site are also being circulated. Rupp commented in his letter. As yet this petition has not been turned to the Board.

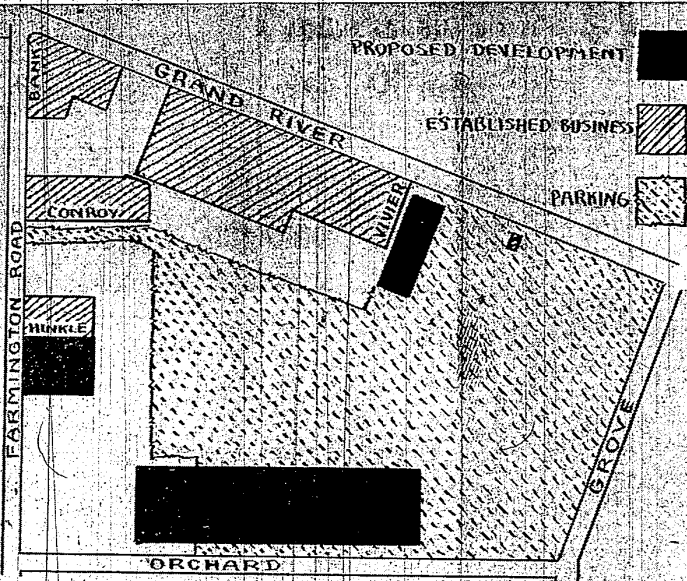
G.V. Harrison said Tuesday, Donald McEachin, president of the Spring Lake Association, who was president at the Board meeting Monday night, requested that he be kept informed on when the matter of where the next school was to be located was discussed by the Board.

He was advised to have representatives present at the next and subsequent meetings of the School Citizens Advisory Committee where detailed studies on such matters as school locations are made.

Supt. Harrison commented that some factual information on proposed school boundaries for next year and were heavy additional student enrollments are expected will be presented at the next regular Board meeting Feb. 22.

Asks Soil Removal

Maurice Cooper has asked the township for a permit to remove topsoil near the Farmington Road-13 Mile intersection and township officials have agreed to grant the permit under the recently enacted ordinance which restricts manner of removal.



DEVELOPMENT of the city's downtown area and its proposed shopping center is expected to follow the pattern shown on this map. Established business area are only roughed in, with a few names to make it easy to identify certain boundaries. The parking area indicated is that which is being accumulated by the city under a special assessment plan, and will be mostly re-sold to the developers. The developers also own or control the white area surrounding the Hinkle and Bradley stores, and this will be

part of their overall plan, but the city special assessment district has nothing to do with it. The largest black area will be the first unit built, and will include the new A&P store. The area below the Hinkle store will include several small stores, fronting to the south. The area east of the Earl Vivier building also includes several stores, fronting toward Grand street. The small rectangle off Grand River is the Checketts Dairy Maid, the only building which will remain in that area.

Enterprise Subscription Drive Starts

A special area-wide circulation drive is being started this week by The Farmington Enterprise.

A team of ten young high school age boys will be calling at homes throughout the community during the next three or four weeks taking orders for your subscription to the paper.

If you are already a subscriber, we hope that you will treat the young man calling on you with courtesy when he comes to your door. If you have been buying the paper on the newsstands with regularity in the past, we ask that you listen carefully to the advantages of having your name placed on our mailing list and receiving your paper each week with your regular Thursday mail delivery.

Each of the boys will carry a letter signed by the management of this paper showing that they are authorized to solicit new subscribers for us. If you have any doubts in your mind about whether it is an authorized solicitor calling on you, ask to see this letter.

Those wishing to pay for their subscription when called on rather than being billed are asked to do so only by check made payable to Farmington Enterprise.

Citizens Advisory Group Will Meet

Next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Group will be held at Farmington Junior High School library, 33000 Thomas, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.

FEA Wants \$100 Above Salary Hike Proposed

The Farmington Education Association and Supt. of Schools G.V. Harrison and his assistant administrators (a \$100 apart on what they feel the increase in pay for school teachers in the Farmington school system should be.

A large delegation of teachers, headed by Bernard Barach, chairman of the FEA salary committee, appeared before the School Board Monday night.

Spokesman Barach asked that the Board grant a \$300 blanket salary increase for all teachers in the system who have not yet reached their maximum of the 1960-61 school year.

SUPT. HARRISON's recommended salary schedule calls for a \$200 increase for all teachers.

The increases proposed in both cases is in addition to the annual increments of \$250 specified for all teachers in the salary schedule. The FEA proposal would thus mean a \$500 salary increase for teachers compared to the administration's \$450 proposal.

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at all this year, other than those realized by regular annual increments, would have been impossible if voters had not approved a two mill increase in the school operating levy last year.

He emphasized the fact that he did not think the school system would be justified in asking for still another increase in the operating levy this year and expressed doubt that it would be approved by the Board at a later date.

Next tax deadline for township taxpayers is Monday, Feb. 26, says Elise Avery, treasurer. Real estate taxes are already paid due, and when new point will draw a penalty. Tax books are still in the township offices, but after Feb. 26 they will go to Pontiac and will have to be paid there, plus interest and penalty.

Early tax payments were pretty fair in the township, but have slowed considerably more than usual the last few weeks.

As usual, a couple of personal property taxes were unpaid earlier when due, and the township treasurer is being forced by law to seize the property and hold a tax sale.

Approximately 65 Farmington city and township business and professional people gathered at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce last week to discuss the possibility of reorganizing an active Chamber of Commerce for the community.

A wide variety of opinions were expressed but a large number in attendance were in agreement that some organization was necessary to make Farmington a better community in which to live and do business.

THE MEETING was conducted by Daniel Hickey, local businessman. He was the only one with no business interests here but a keen interest in the community, and Albert Gann, president of the formerly active Chamber. Both expressed a strong desire to see the local Chamber of Commerce revived.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Charles Mortensen, manager of the highly successful Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out several reasons why an active Chamber of Commerce is needed for the betterment of the community as a whole. Examples of what the Birmingham Chamber has accomplished and is continuing to accomplish were cited by him.

ONE OF HIS recommendations was that a survey be made of the entire Farmington area to determine the shopping habits of local families and what their attitudes are toward local business. Other valuable information can also be obtained by such a survey to determine the weaknesses of a community, he commented. After this is learned, concrete steps can be taken to correct these weaknesses. Several community leaders present agreed that this was a very helpful plan in planning for a better community, he concluded.

Mortensen gave two chief reasons why Chambers fail for operational reasons. He would have the practical effect of not increasing the township's bonded indebtedness, which is limited, and might be needed more for another project.

Board members decided to bring this up again at the next meeting for decision on which method to use.

Progress on Sewer Good, Officials Hope To Open Next July

Construction progress for the Farmington interceptor sewer is almost on target, and it appears the project will be completed by the anticipated date of June 1. Donald W. Ringle, chief engineer of the county DPW, says he hopes to put the sewer in operation around July 1 this summer.

Over the entire project, which is being built in sections by a number of contractors, Mr. Ringle believes it may be from 70 to 75 per cent complete now.

The portion remaining, however, is the harder part and will take the remaining time.

Petitions with sufficient names are in for only one arm that known as the Halsted arm in the southwest part of the township. Work goes ahead for other arms, and Supervisor Curt Hall says a couple of these arms may be ready for consideration soon.

IT'S IMPORTANT that some areas will be connected to the main sewer before too long, as payments on bonds will start soon. Payments were planned, however, to be low in the first few years.

The township has been collecting \$250 connection charges on new homes since last June, and now has around \$68,000 in the fund set aside for the payments by the township. This is about what had been anticipated.

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TO BE SURE there is no ground opposition to the project, the board agreed to the start of its next meeting Feb. 23 would be devoted to bearing any expressions of protest or suggestions for sewer changes and its cost to homeowners.

Included in the Kendallwood arm are the Kendallwood subdivisions, Westbrook Manor, Spring Lake, and the new Forest Hills, plus some vacant land.

THE ARM would simply run from the present Kendallwood sewage plant southeasterly to the Middlebelt main sewer line. Fred Nickels of the Kendallwood Farms Ass'n said a news letter had gone out to residents last week asking them to observe the situation, and various official groups had been published. SEE KENDALLWOODS ASK-Col. 4, Page 8A

ONLY ONE minor accident has marred work on the Farmington sewer. In one section the sewer and gas collected and exploded in the tunnel, slightly burning five workmen.

Laying such a sewer is relatively dangerous work. Over the past few weeks several men have been killed.

Reject Rezoning The township board Tuesday followed the recommendation of the planning board and denied a request by Halmar Ericson to rezone a tract on Northwestern from residential to commercial.

Mr. Hall suggested that the township could now go ahead, but proposed that as an alternate the special assessment district be turned over to the county Dept of Public Works for operation. He would have the practical effect of not increasing the township's bonded indebtedness, which is limited, and might be needed more for another project.

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