

Nine Candidates Seek 13 School Board Seats

There is plenty of competition for seats on the Farmington Board of Education. A total of nine candidates will be vying for three positions on the Board at the June 13 school election.

Two will be new seats resulting from the fact that state legislation going into effect this year will require districts of Farmington's size to seat a seven instead of the present five-man board. The other will be to fill the seat being vacated by President Bayard Tupper whose term of office is running out.

The two newly created positions on the Board will be for four-year terms. Petitions were turned in for a total of seven candidates for these two new positions prior to the election, May 14, 4 p.m. deadline.

THESE WILL BE TWO running for the fifth seat on the present board. This is for a three-year term.

Four-year term candidates are:

John J. Breen
23408 Lakeland
George Duke, Jr.
23858 Grand Duke Drive
Albert E. Ketter
28416 Westerly
Mary L. McCracken
25331 Power Road
George A. Nahstoll, Jr.
30105 Ten Mile Road
Richard H. Peters
21032 Longacre
George Gordon Young
21032 Violet

The two candidates for the three-year term of office are:

Bertha M. Brown
29231 Ardmore
Calvin F. Oppenheimer
12411 Ridgebrook Road

Asked to comment on his decision not to seek reelection, Pres. Bayard Tupper said: "I've served on the Board for the past ten years and I feel it's time I step down and let some new blood take over."

He also indicated that his new position in real estate sales work was taking a considerable amount of time and conflicting with Board duties on occasion.

Area Boy Goes To Capital as Patrol Leader

Thomas Ruelle, 6th grader at the Shawnee School, was one of 108 Michigan safety patrol members recently honored in Washington, D. C. along with other leaders from across the state.

The first boy ever selected from the Farmington area for the annual trip to the capital, Ruelle was chosen by the members of the patrol who were given models of the Michigan Ford and Chrysler military vehicles and weapons by the Secretary of the Army, William L. Bruker.

The Michigan delegation met with other states at the 24th National Safety Patrol Rally, climaxed by the largest parade held annually in the capital. They spent four days in Washington.

Patrol boys were chosen for the trip on a point system based on the daily reports submitted by the patrol members. The school safety records, the Automobile Club of Michigan, sponsor of the program, made the final selections from a list of nominees.

The Michigan contingent traveled to and from the capital by train and stayed at the Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D. C. The young men were especially impressed by the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Each youngster was asked to write an essay on his experience and submit it by the end of May. A cash award will be made to the writer of the winning essay.

Poppy Sale This Weekend

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary will conduct their annual poppy sale in the Farmington area this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 19, 20, and 21.

These two veterans groups will be located throughout the downtown business district and at outlying community shopping centers on each of the three days.

Proceeds from the sale are used to help with rehabilitation work in veterans hospitals and convalescent homes for disabled veterans children and their wives.

The poppies sold are handmade by disabled war veterans and their families in their workrooms. The work provides months of beneficial and remunerative occupations for thousands of hospitalized veterans.

The sale is held annually just prior to Memorial Day as a tribute to America's war veterans.

"We must not only honor those who died for their country but honor and care for those who sacrificed health and strength in the service of their country," a veterans group spokesman commented.

Sewers to Be Topped At Meeting Tonight

Sewers for areas in Farmington Township will be the topic of discussion at a meeting of the Farmington Civic Association to be held this evening, Thursday, at 8 p.m. at the fire hall on Wheeler Street.

A public meeting, all citizens of the South Farmington area are invited to attend.

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Want Action On Greenbelt In Bel-Aire

What to do about the appearance of the greenbelt area behind the Bel-Aire Shopping Center separating it from residential property to the west again came up for discussion before the City Council Monday night.

It is a subject that has been discussed at considerable length at previous meetings with little being accomplished in the way of a satisfactory solution.

CITY MANAGER Earl Scherffius told the Council that he had discussed the matter with Joseph Kaufman, an official of the Farmington Management Co. which owns the center, and that he had agreed to do some general cleaning up, to be agreed to put in some landscaping on the center side of the easement and talk to the tenants about doing a better job of cleaning up the area.

Scherffius said, Kaufman would not agree to the city's proposal that they stand part of the cost of erecting a new fence, however, the city manager added.

SOMEWHAT irritated, councilmen were of the feeling that steps should be taken to enforce the city's parking ordinance which was adopted in 1954. A provision of the ordinance stipulates that masonry walls should be erected to separate parking areas from residentially developed land.

The city manager and attorney were instructed to meet with the owners of the property to negotiate the matter further.

OK Early Work On Water Line

A small part of the total project called for in the improvement of the City of Farmington water distribution system was taken on a special order Monday night.

Water supply will be completed ahead of schedule as the result of action taken by the City Council last Thursday night.

Approved was the laying of a water line under the Farmington-Brighon Expressway viaduct at Farmington Road now to eliminate the need for cutting through new pavement later this summer when the total project gets underway.

The work will be completed prior to completion of the widening of Farmington Road from Slocum as far south as Nine Mile.

Action was taken by the Council to have the Farmington Water Works and Sewerage Department to have a contract with the City of Farmington for the construction of a water line from the city to the water works.

Three bids were taken on the job and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder, DeMeche Construction Co., for \$20,000. This is more than \$2,500 below the estimated cost for this portion of the work.

At the time of the bid, the project was in the final project, Manager Scherffius said.

Steel Money From Dance, Music Studio

A total of \$13.40 was stolen from the building at 22784 Orchard Lake Road, housing the Alhambra Music Studio and Dickerson Dance Studio.

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Bell to Spend Over \$107,000 Here in '60

A considerable amount has been earmarked by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for service improvement and expansion this year, according to Hughes C. Brough, Bell manager here.

Breaking down the program called for in Farmington, Brough said Bell plans to spend \$107,000 for cable, wire, poles, and other outside plant work; \$34,000 for additional central office equipment; and \$20,000 for equipment on customers' premises.

It was brought out during discussion that this area was zoned commercial and that the use of the present building as a home was actually non-conforming. Its use as a home was allowed because of the fact that the residential quarters were located in the rear of the property.

When plans for the conversion were submitted to the building department, the matter was turned over to the Board of Appeals since it was felt this was a non-conforming use request and special permission would be required.

It was generally agreed by the Council that, since this was a residential zone, anything should be done to bring it closer to conforming with existing zoning should be permitted.

Instructions were given to grant Novels permission for the proposed building alterations if plans meet with the building code.

Farmington Population Growth Hikes Tax Rebate

Unofficial census returns for 1950 indicate that population in the city has nearly tripled while that in the township has more than doubled since the last census in 1930.

The population explosion is significant to the budget makers because it means a tax rebate of \$1.50 per capita annually.

Both city and township officials were well aware of the country's growth long before the 1950 census figures became available. The township had based its current budget on a population figure of 26,000, while the city budget makers are using a 7,000 total in the proposed fiscal budget.

Even though both city and township officials came about as close as could be expected to population estimates, the slight differences will mean \$1,500 less revenue for the city and \$2,500 for the township. The township estimate was 175 over the actual figure while the city's was 1,000 under.

The township guess was 446 on the optimistic side.

Many suburban communities have shown a similar growth pattern and will be anticipating much higher tax rebates from the state this year.

Waterford, the county's largest township, population wise, more than doubled in size going from 24,314 to 48,616 in 1950.

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THE RANDALL CAR, a 1949 model, was photographed shortly after the fatal accident occurred early Sunday morning at the intersection of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. Township Police arrived at the scene moments after the crash.

Proposed That City Annex Area in Twp. Takes One Life, Injures Three

A proposal that the City of Farmington purchase 21.8 acres of land in the township of Farmington, Michigan, for the purpose of annexing it to the city, was discussed by the City Council Monday night.

The proposal was made by Jay Mahan Randall, 33-year-old Garden City grocer and father of four who killed early Sunday morning as his car collided with one driven by Bernard Sakofski, 21, of 3117 Melford Road, Farmington, who was taken to Beaumont Hospital and was reported in serious condition.

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According to Ingle news service, the land was proposed for the use of an enlarged manufacturing plant for Quilley Machine Products, which now has a plant in the city in Grand River near the intersection of 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

The township land is presently zoned residential and proposed to be left as such under the proposed new township zoning ordinance.

It was pointed out in Ingle's letter that a request had been made to the township about a year and a half ago that the parcel be re-zoned industrial to permit the erection of four laboratories by four big individual corporations. This re-zoning was recommended by the township's planning consultants but despite this fact it was turned down by township officials, Ingle added.

THE COUNCIL seemed very much interested in the proposal.

A request by Wayne Novels for permission to convert his home at 22315 Orchard Lake to a short distance north of Grand River into a combination residential home and photo studio was turned over to the Board of Appeals since it was felt this was a non-conforming use request and special permission would be required.

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