

Court Action to Get Interceptor Hook-Up Likely

More delay in getting the Farmington Interceptor sewer in operation now appears almost certain as a result of action taken by the Detroit Common Council Monday.

A plea made to the Detroit Council Monday by R. J. Alexander, Director of the Oakland County Dept. of Public Works, for immediate connection linking both the Farmington and Evergreen interceptors with the Detroit sewer system was denied. Although the matter must still be acted on in a formal session of the council, it is not likely that the decision of the Common Council Monday will be changed, Alexander stated.

Court action to force Detroit to permit connection of the two interceptors now appears almost certain as a result of action taken by the Detroit Common Council Monday.

Kindergarten Registration Set August 10

Farmington public school officials announced that some 871 kindergarten children have been registered for the 1960-61 school year. They further estimated that approximately 750 additional children remain to be registered.

This combined figure is to be set with an enrollment of 1,621 at the start of the past school year.

Each of the twelve elementary schools in the district will conduct a special registration on Wednesday, August 10, from 9:10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Parents of eligible children who have not registered their children, because of no residency or inability to do so, are invited to register on this date. Children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 1960, are eligible to start kindergarten.

New residents in the other elementary grades may also be registered on this occasion.

Certification of birth is requested at the time of registration, as is family data, immunization and contagion information.

Deny Request For City Water

A request from Dr. Ronald Clark of 30755 Grand River for permission to hook into the city water supply system was unanimously denied by Council action at a regular meeting Monday night.

Dr. Clark operates a medical clinic on the east side of the city, just outside the city limits. He has a short distance of nine miles to the city water supply.

Dr. Clark told the Council, but explained that enough water could not be obtained from the city water supply during the dry summer months. It has been necessary for the past couple of years to haul water in from Detroit, he lamented.

Business to the east of the medical clinic are already piped into the city's water system. When water was extended to the building, however, the medical clinic is now used to pay his share for extending the water service.

Dr. Clark said he did not feel he was justified in granting his request at this time due to the city requiring restricted outside use. They suggested that he make his request again when a suitable entrance from Grand River Ave. into the large Parking Area "A" now being prepared.

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VOTE TO ABOLISH ANNUAL MEETING IN TOWNSHIP

Approve Final Plans for North Farmington Hi

Following a review of a long list of recommendations made and questions raised by the Building Sub-committee to the School Citizens Advisory Committee, the Board of Education approved plans and specifications for the new North Farmington High School at a special session last Thursday evening.

The architect was instructed by the Board to include many of the recommendations made by the advisory group in the final plans. One of these recommendations was that bids be taken for both oil and gas heating of the new school building.

The base bid submitted for the oil heating system with an alternate bid being called for on gas heating.

A tentative August 18 date, originally set for opening of construction bids on the project, was moved back until Tuesday, August 23, by action of the Board at the special Thursday session.

This will be a special meeting specifically for the bid opening. It is felt that contracts can be awarded within a few days after this date and construction started immediately thereafter.

Construction will be built to move ahead with the building to be ready for occupancy by the start of the 1961-62 school year as originally planned.

A report on proposed work to build blacktopped Hawthorne St. north of Lawrence Road back in good shape again was made at the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

The recommendation of the Michigan Asphalt Paving Assn. is that broken up areas be replaced about 14 inches down that sand then be put in with slag on top of that followed by blacktop. It was felt by the association that a city crew could do the work but councilmen questioned whether the city had adequate equipment.

Thomas Barber, a resident on the street in attendance at the meeting, told the Council that he felt something should be done since the street has been badly broken up for some time now. He also expressed the opinion that he should not be required to pay his special assessment for the road until something is done to put it back in shape again.

The Council asked that cost estimates be obtained and that a report be made at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Sec. of State Office Will Be Closed Sat.

The Secretary of State Branch office in Farmington, Michigan, will be closed Saturday, August 6, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

The office will be re-opened again as usual on Monday morning.



HERE ARE THE SOUTH Farmington All-Stars who won the District 2 Tournament last week end in Bobo Ruth competition. Kneeling, left, Don Davis, Larry Miller, Joe Jentzer, Larry Clayton, Russ Robinson, Dennis Heinenon and Bill Freeman. The little fellow in front is Randy Cleveland, the bat boy. Standing are Walter Christensen, coach; Rick Goyke, Rick Siler, Pete Sutherland, Bob Stevens, Tom Sherlock, Paul Rigby, Bob Byrne, Karl Blawie, Marshall McKelvey, manager, and Russ Cleveland, coach. (See story on Sports Page.)

Call For Engineering Drainage Problem Study

An engineering study to determine what can be done to solve drainage problems in the city in the area bounded by Grand River, Liberty Street and Gill Road as far south as Alta Loma was authorized by the City Council Monday night.

The action came following considerable discussion on specific problems within this area and strong complaints voiced by some citizens living in this section who have drainage problems.

Most of the drainage problems on which complaints were voiced are ones which have been brought up at Council meetings earlier.

"WE ARE just discussing the same problems over and over again and getting nowhere," if it were determined necessary.

THE FACT that drainage problems also exist in other areas of the city that should get some attention was also brought out during the lengthy discussion period. It was agreed, however, that this serious drainage problem area should be dealt with first.

Clyde Hefflicher of 23132 Cass, speaking on behalf of the Alta Loma Home Owners Assn., in calling for some action on the drainage problem, expressed approval of the Council's action calling for the engineering study.

Voicing the strongest complaints to the Council at Monday's meeting was Leonard J. Knighton of 33676 Alta Loma. His home has been flooded twice during recent months with considerable damage being done in the living room and other rooms on the main floor of the home.

Alta Loma was another resident who complained strongly. At an earlier Council meeting he expressed the feeling that most of the trouble was being caused due to the higher elevation of Alta Loma No. 4, now being developed. Another citizen present at the meeting was Alfred Kern, public works chairman for the Alta Loma Home Owners Assn.

A LETTER from Attorney Robert C. Surridge concerning a drainage problem at the Robert Bryner property at 33725 State Street was read in which legal action was threatened unless the city takes action to solve the water problem there and pays the owner of the home costs to date for all damages done to the property.

The letter that the city had no right to change the level of a street thus diverting additional storm water onto private land to answer to this letter.

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Maps Available At Enterprise

A limited supply of official 1960 Michigan highway maps are now available at the Farmington Enterprise office and are yours for the asking.

Since the supply is limited, we would suggest that you drop in real soon to get your copy. Only one will be given out to each Farmington citizen making a request.

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Authorize Payment

The payment of a sum of \$34.87 to the City of Farmington for the cleaning and painting of the city's 250,000 gallon water tank was authorized by the Council at its regular Monday night meeting.

Report Man Trying To Pick Up Two Girls

Township Police have received complaints recently of a man driving a late model green and white or blue and white car trying to entice young girls into his car.

Various descriptions indicate the individual is about 30 years old, slight of build and usually in need of a shave. Police are anxious to have any information that might lead to the apprehension of this man.

Proposal Carries By Slim 16 Vote Margin

The question of whether annual meetings would be continued or abolished in Farmington Township remained a question Tuesday night until voting tabulations from the last of the township's ten voting precincts came in.

For the answer had been given earlier due to the fact that a tie vote was recorded in the last precinct reporting. Precinct 4 voters—those living in the square mile section between 12 and 13 Mile roads bounded on the east by Orchard Lake Road and the west by Farmington Road—cast an even ballot on the proposition, 131-131.

Although the voting was not this close in any other precinct, the vote difference was nearly all the other precincts were very close. In Precinct 1 there was only a two vote margin with voters in that precinct favoring the abolishment of the meetings 109-107. In Precinct 3 there was only a six vote margin with the vote being 94 favoring the abolishment and 88 opposing it. A one vote margin was recorded in Precinct 8 with 70 voting 'yes' on the proposition and 69 'no'.

IN Precincts 6, 9 and 10 rejected the proposal but by rather narrow margins in each case. The vote in Precinct 6 was 107 'yes' to 114 'no' and in Precinct 9 it was 101 'yes' to 107 'no'. The proposal was defeated by the widest margin in Precinct 10—the northwest section of the township—where the vote was 143 'yes' to 159 'no'.

The total vote in the city and township combined was 3,744. Based on a combined total of 14,232 registered voters this figures out to a voting percentage of 26.3. It must be remembered, however, that this percentage would be somewhat less if it were based on the total number of voters who actually should be voting. There are still a fair number of citizens in the community who are not even registered voters although the percentage of registered voters here is somewhat higher than in many other communities throughout the state.

If PERCENTAGES were figured on total voting population, Tuesday's local vote would probably run under 25 percent. The voting percentage in the city was better than that recorded in the township. The total vote in the city was 1,011. Based on a total registration of 10,955 the percentage figures out to be 25.1.

A total of 2,733 voters turned out in the township. Based on the city's vote, the percentage figured out to 25 percent and the township's at 21 percent.

In the Primary Election in fact, the city's vote percentage figured out to 25 percent and the township's at 21 percent.

Holly, Orion, Novi and West Bloomfield townships, in 311 Lake townships, on the other hand, voters rejected the proposition.

Large Number Vote By Absentee Ballot

The number of absentee ballots issued by the township and city for Tuesday's Primary Election ran somewhat higher than in previous years.

There were 88 township voters who applied for absentee ballots prior to the 2 p.m. Saturday deadline. Clerk Floyd Cairns reported a total of 51 city voters applied for absentee ballots. This is a record number of absentee ballot applicants for the city, Clerk Trena Quinn stated.

Fatal Shooting

Charles Ben Early, 23, of 21925 Ottawa fatally shot himself last week with a 22 caliber pistol, according to police reports.

A letter from the Alta Loma Home Owners Assn. read at the Council meeting, indicated that some repair work had been done earlier this summer but that the job was still far from complete. The city must in several places, it was reported.

Engineer Francis Papke, former full-time city engineer now working on a part time basis, told the Council that he felt a special type of asphalt fill was needed for the city must in several places, it was reported.

During discussion on the road problem in Alta Loma, Engineer Papke stated that since this was a stabilized road, check holes developed quite frequently and that it is generally found that continual repair and maintenance is necessary.

Gets Strong Local Support

Len P. Meagher of 20091 Uley Road, only local candidate seeking nomination to office in the Primary Election, got very strong support from voters in both the city and township.

Seeking the Democratic nomination as Representative to Congress for the 18th District, he carried every precinct in both the township and city.

Vieng in a field of six candidates, he received a total of 369 votes in the township. His closest rival was Ralph Johnson with 213. In the city 194 votes were cast for Meagher. Again his closest competitor was Johnson who got 24 votes.

County Propositions Lose by Big Margin

Farmington voters made it very clear at the polls Tuesday that they would not be overloading themselves with a small increase in their county taxes for a four year period to provide for new county service and administration buildings.

They voted more than 2 to 1 against both county propositions on the ballot.

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