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## Seek Settlement In Builders' Suit

Township attorney, Joseph T. Brennan, announced today that the Township Board that a settlement be negotiated by the township with the developers of the Westlake subdivision who had recently filed suit against the township and Farmington School Board was put in the form of a motion and carried at Tuesday's meeting of the Board. The Board also approved the developers' preliminary plan.

## Alleged Bad Walking Areas To Be Studied

Another school year is now underway and again a few problems have presented themselves regarding what youngsters should be transported to schools by bus.

A strict transportation policy has been established by the Farmington Board of Education. It is the policy that children must live to be transported. Unless extreme hazardous walking conditions can be shown this policy is adhered to.

Donald Hossler, elementary administrator, informed the Board of Education Monday night that there were four or five areas in the district where complaints had been voiced over the fact that children were being required to walk.

ONE OF THE complaints voiced personally to the Board by husband and wife was that their children were being required to walk along heavily traveled Farmington Road and thence westward on Nine Mile to get to the Gill school.

It was decided to set up a committee to investigate the alleged hazardous walking conditions which are alleged to exist here and alleged hazardous conditions in the other areas where complaints have been voiced. Treasurer Vernon Fisher and Trustee Mrs. Barbara Brown agreed to represent the Board and work with the administration in doing this investigation.

With over 100,000 miles of road and it is hard to just about outlived its usefulness. But, it has now been found that a vehicle is needed to be disposed of recently by the Board and the various schools in the district. Administrative personnel in charge of transportation have taken an interest in the old vehicle and decided it still has a few more miles left in it.

Based on the administration's recommendation, the Board agreed to keep the wagon for mail duty.

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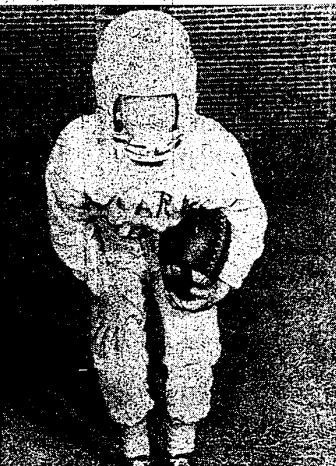
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AS THE WARM WEATHER gives way to the crisp fall breezes heralding the return of another football season, young and old alike have turned their attention to the gridiron of Farmington. Nine year old Mark Stevens, pictured above, is one of the Little League Leaguers but coaches have appraised Mark as a tough competitor. There seems to be some mystery about his weight, however, with reports ranging from 65 all the way up to 72 pounds. Could it be that even the Little League has a "program weight" for its players? See story on sports page.

## Various Assignments Designated To Engr.

"Several items of business discussed at Monday's regular meeting of the City Council were referred to the city engineer for his consideration."

A letter from the Farmington Board of Education was read asking that sidewalks be installed within the walking routes of elementary schools.

Two locations were cited, namely, north of Shawwassee to Farmington Road and along the east side of Gill Road north of Alta Loma.

Consulting engineer Francis Papke was instructed to make cost estimates as soon as possible so that the project can be completed before the cold weather sets in.

Papke was also asked to get figures on sidewalk installations for commercial establishments as requested at the regular meeting of August 29.

Following discussion of the driveway at Our Lady of Sorrows being used temporarily by construction workers, Papke was instructed to write a letter to the contractors advising of the hazardous conditions in the use of the driveway as presently located.

IN ANSWER TO a resident of Alta Loma subdivision, who inquired about the progress of road repair plans in that area, Mayor Lindbert advised that the Superintendent of Public Works is ready to start work immediately and that the project should be completed early next week.

Engineer Papke was also instructed to establish the grade of the alley east of Orchard Lake Road and at Shawwassee and submit a letter to the property owner asking that he meet the grade.

The City Council voted unanimously Monday night to approve the bid of \$136,825 submitted by the Rocca Ferrara Company for the construction of the water main that will bring Detroit water into Farmington.

Mayor Robert Lindbert was empowered by the Council to execute the contract as early as possible and this will reportedly be completed yet this week.

According to Lindbert work on the water main should begin within two weeks and he added that the contractor now has access to much of the materials needed for the job and that this material should appear on the job site within a few days.

In further discussion of the proposed water main the council also approved the appropriation of \$50 to cover cost of removal of trees from easements in the path of the main that will run north along Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road.

Offer School District 2 1/2 Acre Land Parcel

A parcel of land on Schroeder Road approximately two and one-half acres in size has been offered to the Farmington School District for purchase.

The land is adjacent to two other lots which are owned by the school district. No figure was given on the amount being asked for the land but authorization was given to investigate the matter in more detail.

## Hook-Up Of Interceptor Expected In Few Days

Certainty was expressed the first part of this week that sewage from the Farmington and Evergreen interceptor sanitary sewer systems would be flowing into the Detroit sewer system before the week was out.

All that remained in the way as of Monday was formal action by the Detroit City Council approving payment of its previously determined proportionate share for construction of a \$4.6 million storm drain along W. Eight Mile Road.

Earlier action was taken by the Detroit Council giving tentative approval of \$350,000 as its share.

The State Highway Department and Oak Park both agreed earlier to share in the amount figured as their shares by engineering surveys.

Storm drain which must stand the major portion of the cost for construction of the storm drain, yielded last Saturday.

Unofficial word received Wednesday morning was that the Detroit Council had agreed to take the formal action required of them Tuesday night. Two or three changes in the wording of the resolution to be passed by them, requested by their attorney, may result in a few days delay, however, it was stated.

At a special session, the Southfield Council agreed to pay for approximately 68.7 percent of the project.

IT WAS pointed out by the letter that although Section 36 users had received maximum service it had been billed out at regular rates in the past. It was made clear in the letter, however, that service from the new Eight Mile Road Water main will be initiated soon and that when it is it will be necessary to increase the usage rate "to a level commensurate with the service rendered."

The "Deering connection has been a temporary, inadequate and unsatisfactory method of supplying your community with water, until recently, been the only way by which you could receive water from the Detroit System," the letter stated.

No exact figures were given on how much higher the new water rate might be but the feeling was that it would be considerably higher than the rate presently being paid by Section 36 users.

Whether schools in the Farmington district should be heated with oil or gas has been discussed several times over the past few years. The tendency has been to stick to oil heating.

Richard Peters feels there may be some advantages to using gas. His recommendation that gas be specified for the new school building is being considered by the Board and got their approval on them.

A letter from the Oakland County Department of Public Works revealed that the school district would be permitted to use water from private wells for the new Kimberly subdivision development at Detroit water is not yet available when the school is ready to open.

It is hoped to have school ready for occupancy by the start of the 1961-62 school year.

Have 355 on Teaching Staff

The teaching staff for the Farmington public school system has now been filled.

All but four of the regular teachers on the staff are fully certified teachers, Asst. Supt. Marjorie Van Ameyde told the Board of Education Monday night.

The staff now numbers 355 instructors, he said.

To complete the staff the Board approved the appointment of eight more new teachers as recommended by Van Ameyde. One teacher's resignation was also accepted and leave of absence granted for another.

It was indicated that the four substitute teachers presently working on a full time basis would be replaced with fully certified teachers if they can be found.

## City Seeks Solution To Noise at Truck Co.

Following a lengthy discussion at Monday's City Council meeting of the E. S. Mather Trucking Company operations which have been called excessively noisy and a general nuisance by some residents of the area near the firm at 30777 Shawwassee, councilmen decided to investigate how other communities are dealing with similar situations.

Mayor Robert Lindbert volunteered to conduct this inquiry. It was also decided to have police check on the company's operation periodically and submit reports and also that City attorneys be kept advised.

A LETTER WAS read at the meeting from the Mather Company stating that it is seldom later than 10 p.m. when their trucks are gassed up, that they were doing everything possible to keep the noise at a minimum, that they will cooperate on the parking problem and that the former employee who had a habit of racing trucks around the area and making undue noise has been fired.

The letter further stated that plans to move part of the firm's operation elsewhere in the state are now under consideration. Later comments by residents pointed out that this was not the case.

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TwP. Agent in Bid Awarding

On the recommendation of the Township's consulting engineer, a motion was passed at Tuesday's meeting of the Township Board that the township act as agent in awarding bids on the water and sewer line to be constructed by the St. Francis Council of the Columbus Shrine, Middlebelt.

The K of C Council is planning construction in the area of its new club house on Middlebelt between 8 and 9 Mile Roads and it is anticipated that other residents of the area will wish to take advantage of this service when the project is completed.

The course will run for 18 weeks each semester. First semester-classes will begin this coming Monday, September 19. The second semester will start on January 30.

Enrollment will be possible on the first Monday of each session only and no additional enrollments will be accepted. It was emphasized.

Students interested in getting the training this fall are asked to report to Room 207-B at the Farmington Senior High School at 23000 Shawwassee between 3 and 4 p.m. this coming Monday.

There is no charge for this driver education training but each student is required to attend classes faithfully in order to meet local and state requirements for completion of the course.

Persons having any other questions about the program are asked to call the high school office (GR. 4-6135).

Salvador to Remain Closed

Several residents of Farmington Twp. appeared at the City Council meeting Monday night to protest the closing of Salvador Street at the intersection of Oak and Eight Mile. They forced the four cars to park on the street through streets during bad weather and walk a great distance.

After some discussion by the Council members the petition was filed and no action was taken.

A FAR greater percentage of children who have received their grade school training at the Gill school are failing or falling way behind when they enter junior high than are youngsters from other schools in the district. They asked that some comparative research be done to determine just how well Gill school students do compare percentage

wise in grades with youngsters from other schools after they have entered junior high. Even the principals and teachers at Farmington Junior High say that youngsters from the Gill school are far less prepared than children from other grade schools in the district. One man charged. The other parents agreed with him.