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School Election Presentations Being Scheduled At All Schools

Information programs on the school bond issue and operating millage proposals to be put to a vote of Farmington School District residents on November 14 have now been scheduled at all but one of the 20 schools in the district.

The presentations are to be made by members of the Board of Education and administrative staff outlining exactly what is being asked for and why approval of each of the propositions is deemed necessary at this time. Each of the presentations will be followed by question and answer periods at which time all interested citizens will be given an opportunity to raise questions they might have on the proposals and their need.

THREE separate propositions will be on the ballot. One will ask for approval of \$5 million bond issue to provide for new classrooms, improvements to existing buildings and the acquisition of additional school property. The other two propositions will be operating millage

School Enrollment Up 1,067 From Last Year

As of Friday, Sept. 27, the total school enrollment in the Farmington public school system stood at 11,726 which is approximately 175 students above the pre-school enrollment figures made by district administrators.

This fourth Friday in September enrollment figures will be the official enrollment for the school district for the 1953-'54 school year as stipulated by state law.

The official enrollment for the school district last year as

of the fourth Friday in September was 10,659 which means there was an enrollment increase in the district from this year over last of 1,067 pupils.

Included in these enrollment figures are 143 special education students which come from a wider area than the Farmington School District itself. The local school district is reimbursed by the county to offer this special education training locally.

A breakdown of this enrollment by schools follows:

ELEMENTARY	
Alameda	396
Beechview	574
Bond	375
Cloverdale	349
Eagle	539
Flanders	389
Gill	312
Highmeadow	450
Kenbrook	618
Longacre	474
Middlebelt	410
Shiloh	496
Ten Mile	679
Wm. Grace	605
Wooddale	627
TOTAL	7,232
JUNIOR HIGHS	
Farmington Jr. High	885
North Farmington Jr. High	576
Dunkel Jr. High	571
TOTAL	2,032
SENIOR HIGHS	
Farmington Sr. High	1,013
North Farmington High	951
TOTAL	1,964

A New Football Contest Opens; Ladies Also Win

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. This advice we can give to those of you who have entered The Farmington Enterprise Football Contest for the first time. If you haven't entered yet, give it a try this week and in those to come. You'll find its loads of fun, best winner. If you haven't entered yet, give it a try this week and in those to come. You'll find its loads of fun, best winner. If you haven't entered yet, give it a try this week and in those to come. You'll find its loads of fun, best winner.

All this goes to prove that anyone who enjoys football can be a winner of the big \$25 prize being given weekly throughout the football season.

WINNER of the first prize money, a check for \$15.00, this week was Julius Gerber of 3829 Ardway. Mrs. Mary Ellen Orell of 2339 Marbledale took second prize of \$7.00 and William G. Clancy of 7880 Rappah third prize of \$2.00.

In the first week's contest all three winners had their entries stamped or signed by one of the participating business establishments but this week one of the winning entries did and thus lost out on the \$8.00 bonus jackpot.

Turn to page 2-B right now and start making out your entry for this week's contest. Make sure to follow all the rules and then go and get your entry stamped at one of the participating stores in the contest.

The participating businesses are: Pennywise Discount Store, Westby's House of Ken.

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Hearing Mon. On Home Move

This coming Monday evening, Oct. 7, there will be a public hearing before the City Council on the proposed moving of a home from Grand River Ave. a short distance to the west of the American Legion Hall to the corner of Shiloh and Lakeway Avenue. The hearing will be at 8 p.m.

The request to move the home has been made by Thomas Duke, local developer, who is hopeful of constructing a large apartment building development adjacent to the Legion Hall property on the west. Prior to Council action setting the hearing date at the last regular meeting, City Manager John Dinan informed councilmen that an inspection had been made and the home was found to be structurally sound. It would be in keeping with the other homes in the Lakeway, Shiloh and Lakeway area, he said.

Program Series On Human Relations Set

St. Alexander's Catholic Church will be host to the first in a series of programs on human relations scheduled in Farmington.

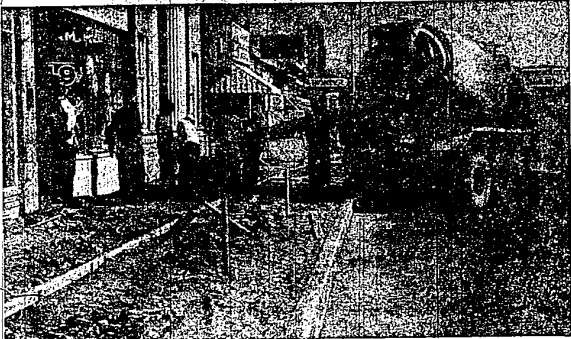
The series of public programs is being cosponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington and the First Methodist Church of Farmington.

These programs are offered under the auspices of the Archbishop's Committee on Human Relations, a service organization which has as its goal "to help the community to take a Christian outlook toward and seek out Christian solutions to many of today's problems."

THE FIRST program will be on Monday, Oct. 14, at 8:15 p.m. in the St. Alexander's parish hall at 2723 Shiloh Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

Subsequent programs will be presented at First Presbyterian Church on Oct. 23, the First Methodist Church on Nov. 11, and the final program back at St. Alexander's Church again Nov. 23.

The moral aspects of prejudice will be discussed as will problems being encountered relative to housing, employment and education. Prominent civic leaders, educators and professional agency directors from various religious and racial backgrounds will be included among the speakers scheduled for these programs; an official spokesman said.



THIS WAS THE SCENE last week as final stages of work progressed on the Grand River step removal project. Workers are laying the concrete sidewalk, now completed, along the north side of Grand River in the picture above. Parking meters came down along the stretch at the same time.

Township Board Delays Decision On Granting Sanitary Landfill Permit

The Farmington Township Board has tabled, until its next regular meeting, Monday night, October 14, a decision on whether to grant a permit to the Munn Contracting Company for a sanitary landfill operation on property owned by George Peacock of Halsted Road.

The Board, which met in special session Monday evening, September 29, at 7 p.m., to consider the controversial issue, agreed to wait until both the Township's firm of consulting engineers, Peck, Hitt and Bogus, and the Munn Company's engineers, Postiff Company of Oak Park, could submit additional information.

A DETERMINATION as to whether the nearly ten acres of low land Peacock wants filled by the Munn Company could be made usable by grading the surrounding land on the 100-acre farm is sought by the Board before a decision is reached on the issuance of a permit.

The most outspoken of the Board members against issuing the sanitary fill permit, Township Treasurer Elsie Avey, wants the property turned down on grounds that such an operation would create a nuisance and potential health hazard.

Most other Board members feel the Township's position in a court battle, should the request for a permit be turned down, would be untenable since engineering reports indicate there are no grounds for denying the permit.

TOWNSHIP Supervisor Carl Hall said the Board's decision would be made at its next meeting.

Receive Approval On Sale of \$1,560,000 In Twp. Water Bonds

The last major hurdle was made last week in bringing an adequate water supply to areas in the south and southeast portions of Farmington Township where critical water shortages have existed for years.

Official approval was given by the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission the latter part of last week for the sale of \$1,560,000 worth of revenue bonds to finance the construction of transmission lines into the seven special assessment water districts established earlier in the Township.

The lines into the Township will be extended from an existing Detroit main along Eight Mile Road.

Necessary legal steps to finance construction of the distribution lines within the seven districts on a special assessment basis were completed and given official approval earlier.

A total of \$20,000 worth of special assessment bonds will be sold to finance this portion of the project.

SUPERVISOR Carl Hall stated Tuesday that only one technical point now remains to be worked out before advertisements for the sale of bonds can be placed and the bonds for both phases of the project can be sold.

It will not be necessary to sell as much in revenue bonds as had been originally thought, he explained. It has been determined that only \$1,233,000 will be needed to finance construction of the distribution lines. Hall said. Negotiations are thus being conducted now with the Federal Home and Insurance Finance Agency for approval of the bonds.

If the Federal agency agrees to this substantial amount in interest costs for the Township will be able to be saved, the supervisor said.

Hall expressed confidence that this matter could be decided and that the bonds would be able to be sold before the end of this month.

SINCE contracts have already been awarded for construction of both the transmission and distribution lines actual work on the \$2,182,000 major community improvement project will be able to be started as soon as the bonds are sold, Hall pointed out.

This means actual work could be under way by the first of November or even before.

16-Yr. Old Girl Killed in Auto Crash Tuesday

A 16-year-old Farmington Township girl was killed Tuesday afternoon when the car in which she was a passenger was struck by a truck at the intersection of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Fatally injured was Kathryn Mary Sevin, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. R. Sevin of 2523 Westnash Drive in Farmington. The driver of the car, 17-year-old Donna Rader of 2700 Old Colony in Farmington, is listed in critical condition at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

THE TWO GIRLS, who had a car in the day, were attending class at North Farmington High School, were heading south on Sheldon Road and apparently did not see the truck approaching from the east on Ann Arbor Road. The driver of the truck, Alton Clark, 57, of 27800 Brinker Street in Roseville, is an employee of the Knott Company.

Students at North Farmington High School were dismissed from class for Tuesday afternoon. The accident occurred at 12:40 p.m. on the Wayne County Road Parol, which handled the report on the accident, said Miss Sevin was thrown out of the car, and the truck, a 1952 Chevrolet, of impact of the two vehicles.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Miss Sevin will be held at 2 p.m. this Friday, October 3, at the Trinity Episcopal Church with the pastor, Rev. Joseph A. Pelham, officiating. Burial will be at North Farmington Cemetery.

Surviving besides her parents are a sister, Evelyn; two brothers, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Bull and Mrs. Ethel Sevin.

Public Hearings Set for Oct. 24

Action was taken by the Township Planning Board at its meeting last Thursday night setting Thursday, Oct. 24, as the date for public hearings on two separate rezoning requests.

One is a request for rezoning from single family residential to multiple residential of a 60thly over seven acre parcel along Independence St. between Oxford and Colwell. The second is a request for rezoning from residential to light industrial of a 10-acre parcel on the west side of the Township was denied.

Also scheduled for Oct. 24, is a hearing on proposed changes in that portion of the Township Ordinance governing agricultural uses of land in residential areas.

Governing Bds. Meet Jointly

Continuing a practice started earlier this year, officials of the City of Farmington and School District met in joint session Monday night to discuss problems and plans which all three have in common.

School officials outlined for the other governing bodies' leaders details on the bond issue and millage proposals they will be asking voter approval on Nov. 18 and why approval is felt to be needed.

Township officials discussed their problems with regard to needs for better police and fire protection and City officials the tax reform programs now being considered and what effects they might have on the City.

Wd. Ck. Council Gets Reply From Rd. Comm.

The Village of Wood Creek Farms' Council met Tuesday night, October 1, and reported word had been received back from the Oakland County Road Commission on their request to have the 10 Mile and Middlebelt Road intersection made safer for traffic.

The Road Commission said a new traffic control had been ordered for the troublesome intersection and advised the Council of surveys already made. They suggested a stepped-up program of police enforcement for speed violators should be followed since their report showed nearly 30 per cent of the traffic exceeded the legal limit of 45 mph at the crossing.

Columbian Delegation Visits Farmington Plant, City Hall

A distinguished delegation from Cali, Columbia, paid a visit to the City of Farmington on Monday of this week and were conducted on a tour of the Star Cutter Plant and the City's new Municipal Building.

Delos Hamlin, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, said the five-man delegation from South America was much impressed with the industrial site occupied by Star Cutter on Grand River Avenue at the western City limits.

FARMINGTON City Manager John Dinan explained the local government operation for the visitors, who were accompanied by County Clerk Daniel Murphy and City Council members Oscar Tullio Deigado, Jorge Hererra, Columbian representative for the Organization of American States, Cali Municipal Planning Director Pedro P. Caycedo and manager of the water supply system and telephone company in Cali, Hernan Barrera.

DELOS HAMLIN, who headed a similar delegation from this country on a visit to Columbia this year, said the aim of both missions was to help improve urban development in the South American Republic through cooperation between the legal governmental units in our two countries.

The visit to Farmington made by the Columbian delegation was the only scheduled stop over outside the metropolitan area made by the group.

Farmington Mayor Robert Lindert and City Council members Pete Peterson and Howard Thayer were also on hand to greet the visitors.

Included among the visiting delegation were key government and industrial leaders from the rural area of Cali, Columbia.

They were: Cali Governor Gustavo Balcaraz; Cali Council President Oscar Tullio Deigado; Jorge Hererra, Columbian representative for the Organization of American States; Cali Municipal Planning Director Pedro P. Caycedo and manager of the water supply system and telephone company in Cali, Hernan Barrera.

Zoning Board OK's Re-Zoning Of Two Parcels

Action recommending approval by the Township Board on two rezoning requests was called for by the Zoning Board at its regular meeting last Thursday night after the holding of official public hearings on each.

The decision was to delay making any recommendation on a third request until the next regular Zoning Board meeting on Oct. 24.

The request given the Zoning Board's nod of approval involving the largest piece of land was for rezoning from one family residential to multiple dwellings of a 20.6-acre parcel at the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Gill roads.

Owners of this property propose to construct an 80-unit garden type apartment complex here.

At the public hearing there were no objections voiced to this rezoning although citizens did raise a couple of questions regarding the plan.

The Board also recommended approval on rezoning of a 1.43-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Nine Mile and Middlebelt roads from single family residential to commercial.

Two residents in the area voiced objections to this rezoning.

The rezoning request which action was delayed on has to do with a request for enlargement of the commercial property at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Halsted roads.

It was indicated that the proposed use of the property would be for a gas station if the enlargement were granted and members of the Zoning Board questioned the need for a gas station at this location.



THE NEWLY COMPLETED Municipal Building in Farmington got an inspection on Monday of this week from distinguished visitors from Cali, Columbia, and their Oakland County and local government officials.



THE NEWLY INSTALLED traffic light at the intersection of Orchard Lake Road and Grand River near the east City limits of Farmington came as a mildly pleasant surprise to motorists familiar with the location. The Oakland County Road Commission erected the stop and go signal last week and now drivers can negotiate turns at the intersection with a great deal more ease than was possible before.