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Work Halted On Sewer Line By Injunction

Plans the City of Farmington has to make use of a 1970 50-year-old sewer line as an alternate or overflow system for a problematic adjacent line south of Valleyview in the city have been knocked into a cocked hat, it was revealed at the regular City Council meeting Monday night, August 3.

An injunction has been obtained by the property owner, Carl Shaw of 31831 Valleyview, which called a halt on the construction of a man hole in his back yard needed to service the old line.

THE OAKLAND County Department of Public Works just completed an inspection of the old line and advised the City that it could be made serviceable with some repairs and the installation of at least two man holes, one on Shaw's property and one just to the north of Valleyview where the pipe bends drastically to the east.

The County made their inspection with closed circuit television equipment from a point west of Lakeway Street, approximately 120 feet north of Valleyview, south to approximately 400 feet north of Grand River Avenue.

It was the opinion of the City Manager, John Dinan, that the City should wait until the City Attorney, Robert Kelly, has checked the legal status of the sewer before further efforts are made to utilize it in relief of the Bel-Aire sanitary sewer.

THE BEL-AIRE sanitary sewer, changes from a north-south line to an eight-inch line just south of Valleyview and blockage which has occurred in several instances in the past has caused the sewer to overflow onto Shaw's property and that of his neighbor to the west, Edward Smith of 30903 Valleyview.

It is Shaw's contention that the City has no easement rights for the old sewer line which runs north and south across his property and that the line runs right under his house.

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The Council decided to ask the State Highway Department, which made the recommendation to eliminate the Grand River parking, to point the lane dividers along Grand River Avenue's westbound approach.

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Griffin, who served in the same capacity last year, is a member of the American Legion, Groves-Walker Post 346 of Farmington, which annually co-operates with the City in standing the U-N Day activities.

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VOTER REGISTRATION in Farmington Township climbed to nearly 13,000 during the period from July 27 to August 3 when a total of 806 new registrations were taken. Pictured above are (L to R) Veima Andrews and Gladys Thomas. Those that registered on Friday weren't the late comers since more than half of the total registered during the period, 445, pulled out until the final day, Monday, August 3.

Voter Sign-Up Reported Good In City, Twp.

Both the City Clerk, Treva Quinn, and the Township Clerk, Floyd Cairns, reported a substantial number of voter registrations taken during the past month as well as those taken on the special registration days and on the last day to register for the September 1 Primary Election.

City Clerk Quinn reported that her office had taken 154 registrations in July; 62 on the special day, Saturday, August 1; and 120 on Monday, August 3, the last day for registration, making a total of 346 new registrations.

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Climax 1964 Summer Recreation Program

The Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) six weeks summer recreation program was climaxed Friday, July 31, with the annual excursion to Bob-Lo Island. Some 329 youngsters boarded buses for the Bob-Lo trip.

In climaxed the 1963-64 FARC program, Director Chas. Shandor announced a total of 14,302 youngsters participated in the varied summer program.

With the 2,613 youngsters who participated in the FARC winter recreation program, the total participation for the year reached a record 14,302.

SHANDOR EXPRESSED gratitude for the donations provided for the programs from business and professional people in the community. He also gave a vote of thanks to the FARC personnel who supervised activities at the ten school playgrounds in Farmington Township.

The total registration at the ten playgrounds was 11,689 compared with last year's total of just 7,755.

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A breakdown on the various activities in this year's summer recreation program shows that participation reached 5,992 at the playgrounds, 3,511 on the swimming days, 861 for the Detroit Zoo trips, 637 for the Detroit Tiger baseball games, 357 for the FARC Field Day and 328 for the Bob-Lo field trip.

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Christmas Out Of Contest For Twp Supervisor

It was, announced by Township Clerk Floyd Cairns this week that there will be no contest on the Republican ticket for the office of supervisor in the September 1 Primary Election.

Christmas, Christmas of 21550 Hamilton St. had filed petitions as a GOP candidate to oppose Curtis Hall, incumbent, for this position and he was announced as an official candidate following the July 21 petition filing deadline.

Cairns explained, however, that of the 146 signatures which Christmas had on his petitions, a total of 15 were found to be invalid for various reasons.

WHEN THE CHECK of all signatures was completed it was found that Christmas had only 132 valid signatures on his petitions or four short of the 138 needed, Cairns said.

In one of two cases it was found that signs of petitions for Christmas were not registered as voters in the township until after his petitions had been turned in. Cairns explained that another example of invalid signatures was found to be that the signers were new residents who had not transferred their registration.

A third situation he cited was where a person signed petitions for both Hall and Christmas on the same day with the petition Hall having been signed earlier thus making it necessary to scratch this name from the Christmas petitions.

The township clerk emphasized the fact that an assistant to the state election commissioner had checked over his action on the Christmas petitions and concluded that those that he had scratched were definitely invalid petition signers.

There will be a contest on the Democratic ticket for the office of justice of the peace with James P. Lawson, incumbent, pitted against Gerald A. Freedman of 21977 Treadwell.

The only other contest will be in the bid for constables nominations on the Republican ticket with six running for the four nominations. Bidding for the at the GOP constable nominations are Ralph Evert, Hugh Owen, Billy Hicks (all incumbents) and Morris Harcourt of 28163 Peppermill Terrace, J. McManus, 28840 Bella Vista, and Thomas Williams, 28338 Badalament Court.

Planners' Apt. Study Ready for Council

The Farmington City Council is expected to have the apartment study report from the City Planning Commission by its next meeting, August 24.

The Planning Commission study on apartment house development will be finished at their next meeting on Monday night, August 10, and then forwarded with recommendations to the Council for action on August 24.

City Council Initiates Proceedings For Traffic Signal at Alta Loma

The Farmington City Council has authorized City Manager John Dinan to investigate the cost for a traffic light at Farmington Road and Alta Loma which would also serve to regulate traffic at Orchard Street and Farmington Road, just to the north of Alta Loma. The action was taken at the regular Council meeting Monday night, August 3.

The City would stand the initial cost of the traffic signal and its maintenance. A report on the cost and a design for the signal is expected to be ready for the Council's consideration by their next meeting August 24.

COUNCILMAN HENRY Forrest raised the question of need for the signal at Alta Loma, charging that heavy traffic at the intersection has created a dangerous traffic problem.

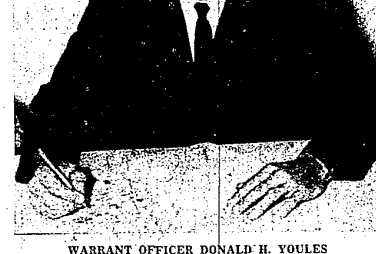
Forrest gained support from fellow councilmen on his motion to take the first steps toward establishing a light at the intersection. Vehicles attempting to enter Farmington

Road from Alta Loma, which dead ends at that point, are restricted by the heavy flow of traffic on Farmington. The same situation exists at Orchard Street to the north, it was pointed out by Councilman Howard Thayer.

MAYOR ROBERT Lindbirt said the new National Bank of Detroit offices at Alta Loma and Farmington Road increased the flow of traffic at that point already heavy due to the draw of the Downtown Farmington Center and other businesses in the area.

Although no actual traffic counts have been made at this location, it was pointed out that Friday evenings draw the largest volume of traffic. The Farmington Public Safety Department Director Maurice Folts reported that heavy traffic congestion does occur at this location which is currently included in his department's overall traffic study survey for the City, not yet completed.

The traffic light installation at Alta Loma and Farmington Road, Folts recommended, should be designed at an angle to cover the Orchard Street intersection just to the north with some restrictions in turning movements. Details on the signalization are expected to be completed by the Council meeting on August 24.



Warrant Officer Named To Replace Constables

Officer Donald H. Youles of the Farmington City Public Safety Department has been appointed Warrant Officer for the City.

A veteran of eight years service with the City of Farmington's police department, Youles will assume the duties of the Constable's office for the City.

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THE POSITION of Warrant Officer, as specified in the City Charter, is under the jurisdiction of the Public Safety Department and Officer Youles will be available for duty with that department when he is not actively engaged in performing assignments connected with his new office.

Youles is married and has three children. He is a resident of Farmington and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Prior to joining the Farmington Police Department in August of 1956, he was with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

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Recognition Sought for JC's In City Park

Councilman Henry Forrest has asked fellow councilmen to consider naming the lighted baseball diamond in the Farmington City Park after the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, the local service organization which provided the lights. Forrest made his request at the regular Council meeting Monday night, August 3.

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Downtown Farmington Center. Stores along Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue also participated in this year's sidewalk sale which merchants rated the most successful of the annual events to be staged locally.