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THE FARMINGTON CITY Department of Public Works is cutting down diseased Elm trees in the City Park. Trees infected with the Dutch Elm disease have been tagged throughout the City by the DPW in cooperation with the Michigan State Department of Agriculture. Bill Croteau, inspector for the State Agricultural Department, is pictured

above (at right) viewing the center section of one of the diseased trees' branches which shows the tell-tale signs of the Dutch Elm disease. The disease is transmitted from one tree to another by a beetle, and periodic spraying of the Elm trees is the only method currently being used to combat the bug.

Objection To Milk Contract Action Voiced

The Farmington Board of Education at regular meeting on July 26, stood firm on its action on July 12 in awarding the 1965-66 school milk contract to the Sealtest Company whose bid was only \$200 under that of Farmington Dairy.

A letter, signed by a number of Farmington business people and individuals asking that the Board reconsider its decision was read at the meeting. (The letter appears on page 6A of this week's Enterprise.) James Reed, asst. supt., stated that letters had already been sent notifying bidders that the contract had been awarded to the Sealtest Company. A motion by Vernon Fisher to reply to the signers of the letter that the milk contract had been awarded according to the competitive bidding procedures the board has always followed, was approved by a vote of five to seven.

GEORGE NAHSTOLL and Sylvia Schwartz stated that they voted against the motion because they were against the original decision to award the contract to the outside firm over the local firm.

Herbert Neal said, "\$200 is a lot of money. It's somebody's taxes for a year." Leland Clifford, board president, made the observation that most of the signers of the letter were business people and said, "Probably the majority of the non-business people think we did the right thing."

Seek Ousting of Rev. Eddy As Youth Guidance Head

The ousting of Reverend Robert Eddy of the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington as chairman of the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee was called for Monday night by a group of citizens in a surprise appearance before the Farmington Township Board.

A biting denouncement of Rev. Eddy for recent public statements made by him in the press regarding youth conduct was a leveled by Leo Meagher, of 2097 May Road in the township. Meagher who is a realtor and has been active in politics in this area as well as in the local Knights of Columbus Council, acted as spokesman for the group.

WHILE THE Township Board did not go along with the demand for the immediate ouster of Rev. Eddy, a motion to withhold the township's contribution to support the Youth Guidance Committee until this matter can be cleared up was unanimously approved.

The sharp dissatisfaction with Rev. Eddy by Meagher and many other citizens stems from a story that he wrote which appeared in an early

May edition of the Detroit Free Press. In this story Rev. Eddy stated that he favored free sexual expression by our older youth.

A couple of separate paragraphs from this story were quoted by Meagher as follows: "I say the state should not forbid or punish voluntary premarital intercourse between persons over the legal age of consent."

"For example, young people, 17, 18 or 19, who could obtain parental consent to live together might be allowed to do so."

The privileges and responsibilities would be defined by a contract as detailed or as loose as the parents would desire. It could be solemnized by a ceremony similar to the wedding ceremony. Such a relationship could be ended by mutual consent as long as the couple did not conceive children."

A MAN who advocates anything of this kind by night should be removed immediately from the guidance committee, Meagher and the other citizens felt. Taxpayers' money should not be allowed to be spent to support any kind of a program headed by a man of this kind, Meagher said.

Meagher was also highly critical of Rev. Eddy for his recent involvement with a small group of others in a demonstration for peace in Vietnam on an overpass of the Chrysler Expressway in Detroit.

During the course of the discussion at Monday night's meeting, a question was raised as to what approved the appointment of men to head

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A BATTERED mass of steel was all that remained of the auto driven by LaRue Gaines when it crashed into a guard rail and rolled over several times. This picture of the car, in which

Gaines was killed was taken at the scene of the accident shortly after it happened by Ralph Everett, Farmington Enterprise photographer.

Founders' Festival Program Continues To Grow and Grow

Activities planned for the Farmington Founders Festival this Thursday, Friday and Saturday—July 29, 30 and 31 continue to grow in size and scope with each passing day. A special Founders Festival section which is included with this week's issue of The Enterprise contains all the information that was available through this past weekend. But some announcements made the first part of this week indicate that it is going to be an even bigger and better gala festival than expected.

IT WAS LEARNED Monday that not only will the Arthur Herendons from Farmington, New York be coming here

Same Citizens Object To New Corner Project

At the July 22 meeting of the Township Planning Commission residents of Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairway subdivisions and individuals in the area, through their attorney, Wendell Brown, again voiced objections to a proposed use of the property at the northeast corner of Northwest Highway and Middlebelt Road.

The request this time was for rezoning of the property to allow construction of a Wrigley Supermarket and other businesses to make up what the proponent called a "one-stop service center."

CHARLES LEMAN, planning consultant, didn't say, "I told you so," but he reminded the board and audience that just about a year ago a proposal for luxury apartments butted by high quality homes had been proposed for that corner and that he had strongly recommended approval of the request as a reasonable and proper use of the land.

The same homeowners, represented by Wendell Brown had objected to the apartment plan and the plan was denied by the (then) Township Zoning Board.

Members of the commission adjourned the request until the August 26 meeting.

Start Work on More Sewer Lines

Work is now underway on about to get underway on the construction of sewer lines in Regal Gardens, Heather Hills and Meadowbrook Heights subdivisions. Township Clerk Floyd B. Cairns reported last week.

The contract for these improvements on a special assessment basis were awarded recently and the contractor reported that he had scheduled work to get underway in two of the three subdivisions prior to July 26.

Work in the third subdivision is expected to be started shortly thereafter.

Boy Drowns In Private Twp. Lake

A 15 year old Southfield boy drowned last Friday night in a small artificial lake in the Conventy Subdivision development just west of Inker Road and south of 14 Mile Road in Farmington Township.

The victim was Joseph Allen Wing of 20749 Negaunee, Southfield.

This is the second drowning that has occurred in the lake on privately owned property.

A construction worker who went there for a swim last summer was the first drowning victim.

TOWNSHIP Police Chief Irving Yakes stated Monday that he was going to make every effort possible to convince the owner to post the property in numerous locations as being private and that any trespassers apprehended would be prosecuted. If the owner will do this, township policemen will be instructed to patrol the area and keep people out, Chief Yakes said.

Young Wing, along with his brother Archie and four other companions had gone to the lake early Friday evening for a cooling swim. The youths decided to swim across the approximately 100 yard wide lake but when approximately half way across Joseph complained of cramps.

HIS BROTHER grabbed hold of him and attempted to help him across but lost his grip. Even with the help of the other companions they were unable to locate the body.

Sgt. Newell along with Officer

Hall Sees No Basis for Grip On Water Bill

A letter of protest to water payment charges written by Mrs. Clayton Goers of 21416 Roosevelt St. and filed with both the county and township was read at the regular Farmington Township Board meeting Monday night, July 26.

Mrs. Goers resides in that area known as the Section 36 Water District that has been serviced with Detroit water ever since 1940.

Superior Hall stated that he did not feel the protest had any basis since the homeowners in this district are paying a small amount compared to the rest of the township.

He pointed out that the Detroit Water Board had informed the township as long ago as 1940 that the small line serving this area was actually drawing water from a line designed to service Livonia and that service would have to be discontinued as soon as the Middlebelt transmission line was put in.

The old Section 36 system was actually being taxed beyond capacity, he commented. Home with Reverend Richard T. Markham of the Farmington First Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Shelby, Michigan.

Left to survive besides his wife, Maude, is one daughter, Mrs. Mary DeSteno of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Mary Lavery of Detroit; and two grandchildren.

Set Water District

Official action to proceed with necessary steps to set up a special assessment water district for property owners on Rockledge Street east of Orchard Lake Road just north of the Farmington City limits was taken by the Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night, July 26.

This one street was left out of the special assessment water district to the surrounding area established earlier but now the owners of property on this street have indicated they want to be included.

Man Killed In Crash on Twp. X-way

LaRue Aaron Gaines of 304 Blain St., Detroit, was killed almost instantly early Friday morning last week when he ran off the 696 Expressway in Farmington Township, hit a steel guard rail and rolled over several times.

Gaines was traveling east on the expressway when the accident occurred approximately a quarter of a mile east of the Orchard Lake Road exit. Gaines was traveling alone when the accident occurred at 2:24 a.m. It was not possible for the police to determine whether he fell asleep at the wheel or lost control of his car for some other reason.

WHEN SGT. John Palmer and officers Melvin Hall and Allen Nale of the Township Police arrived at the accident scene they found Gaines' body along side the road almost 45 feet from his totally demolished car. According to the police accident report his head was mutilated and nearly every bone in his body crushed.

Gaines apparently was conscious before his 1964 car ran off the expressway and hit the guard rail and rolled over several times skid marks on the expressway were found.

Flashers for Firemen Ask

A suggestion of Township Trustee Earl Oppenheimer that a committee be named to check into the costs that should be involved and other factors in connection with providing warning devices for the cars of all volunteer fire fighters.

At the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, Oppenheimer said that firemen were experiencing more and more difficulty in getting to fires because of the ever increasing amount of traffic on township roads. Without special warning devices many motorists don't recognize them as firemen hurrying to a fire when they can use only their horns and lights, he said.

Appointed to the committee along with Oppenheimer was Trustees Thomas Duke and Thomas Nolan.

Fear Classrooms Won't Be Ready

The outlook for completion of all of the classrooms being constructed in the new elementary school and the various additions to other schools by the start of school in September no longer looks good according to reports given at the Board of Education meeting on July 26.

Lino Smith, architect, reported that there are no problems on the addition to East Junior High and that it will be ready for the building is ready for use.

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should consider an alternate way to handle the enrollment scheduled for the school.

THE GREATEST holdup on construction has been the lack of enough masons, Smith said, and the rooms are far from being finished. Some of the rooms may be able to be used, he concluded, but at this point he thinks it will be early October before the building is ready for use.

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Tom Nolan New Twp. Board Trustee

Thomas R. Nolan of 22180 Ontario Court was officially named as new Farmington Township Board trustee Monday night and immediately sworn into office by Clerk Floyd Cairns to replace Trustee Byron Walker.

Walker resigned as of the end of June to take over duties of a Farmington Township justice of the peace. Active in community politics and civic affairs since moving here, Nolan is director of the Farmington Township Republican Party and has been a delegate to both state and county Republican Party Conventions in the past. He has attended Farmington Township Board meetings regularly.

NOLAN and his wife, Marlene, have four young children ranging in age from 13 to 5. He is employed as a dispatcher for the Detroit Police Department.

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Grand River Homes Sewer Hearing Set

A public hearing on individual cost estimates for the establishment of a special assessment sewer district for Grand River Homes Subdivision was officially set by action of the Farmington Township Board at its regular meeting Monday night, July 26.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday night, August 24, at 8 p.m. in the Township Hall.