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A sculptor of international fame has designed a commemorative coin for Oakland County's sesqui-centennial. The silver and bronze coins, destined to be collector's items, are on sale at banks and savings and loan institutions in the Farmington Area.

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Two ladies who find banking fascinating want other women to know why. They're this week's "Women On The Go."

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Planners Deny Nursing Home, OK Ethnic Club

The Farmington Township Planning Commission went against recommendations of its planning consultant in rezoning two properties.

However, both decisions seemed to be popular with the large audience attending the commission's regular public hearing meeting last Thursday.

The rezoning request which attracted the gathering of about 125 was for a nursing home on the west side of Inkster between 10 and 11 Mile



FOURTH ORATOR -- Guest orator for the Fourth of July in Farmington will be William R. Beasley, Oakland County circuit judge. Beasley will speak at Wooddale School at 11:20 a.m. Saturday following the parade sponsored by Kendallwood I and Colony Park subdivisions. Beasley's address will be on "Massachusetts Bay Colony's Contributions to American Independence," the theme for this year's July Fourth observance in Kendallwood. (Event photo)

Rds. The planning commission had rejected earlier attempts by the owners of the parcel to change the present residential zoning and unanimously recommended to the township board that the request be denied.

The township planning commission's powers are limited to recommending zoning changes to the township board, which has final authority.

Emil O. Cardanone, speaking for the rezoning, said a 160-bed nursing home would be placed on the 10.02-acre site. The proposed two-story building would have 54,000 square feet of floor space at a cost of \$13 million exclusive of land and equipment, he said.

Cardanone commented that the developer proposed to "preserve the natural setting" of the area by retaining trees on the site.

To develop the 33 x 130-foot site as single family residences would require extensive improvements. Cardanone noted. A street traversing the site would have to be bridged and other improvements made, he said. Preliminary engineering costs to \$36,000.

"Nursing and convalescent homes are not intensive uses by any means. It's a quiet use," The proponent stated.

The planning commission opposed the request from the beginning. Board Member Tom Nolan moved to deny the request even before it was in the large audience's hat, a chance to speak against the rezoning.

"I really believe that this area should be single family and it should be held there," Nolan said.

Also in opposition was the Woodbine Subdivision Association. Robert Dingman, president of the Woodbine Improvement Association, presented petitions with 200 signatures opposing the change.

The nursing home plan had qualified support from Claude Coates of Villacrieman, the township's planning consultant. Coates said the nursing home "would not be injurious to the area" even though the site could be developed as residentially zoned.

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CROWD PLEASER -- About 500 persons gathered on the lawn of the Farmington Community Center Sunday to enjoy "A Concert Under the Trees" presented by the Max Davey Singers and Orchestra. Shown singing "Summertime" by George Gershwin are Onita Sanders, harpist and soprano, and Bill Robinson, tenor. The next free concert presented by Max Davey, a Farmington resident, at the Center will be at 4 p.m. July 26 as part of the Farmington Founders Festival activities. (Event photo)

Need Contestants For Festival Queen

The search is on for candidates to enter competition for Farmington Founders Festival Queen.

The queen will reign during the three-day festival--July 23, 24, 25--and represent Farmington at various occasions throughout the year.

In order to qualify, contestants must have lived in the Farmington area since July 1, 1969, never have been married and be between 17-22 years old.

Contestants will be judged on poise, appearance, personality and talent. The winner and her court will be announced during the festival.

FORMS FOR ENTRY are available at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce office at 22715 Farmington Rd., Post Office Box 15, or by calling 474-3440.

The festival committee, chaired by Vernon Lunn, is also looking for businesses who would like to sponsor a queen contestant. Merchants may either sponsor their own choice or let the festival committee choose one for them.

Details of sponsorship can also be obtained from the chamber office.

Lunn wishes to clarify an error in the weekend edition of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer concerning political candidates. Political candidates cannot enter the parade, said Lunn, but are welcome to view the parade and mix with spectators.

Applications for concession stands during the festival are still being taken by the concession committee headed by James Knight.

JULY 6 IS the deadline to apply for concessions. A \$10

fee is required and concessionaires are asked to participate in their net proceeds to help defray festival expenses.

Spaces for stands will be allocated on a basis of pre-arranged participation plus first-come, first-serve.

Anyone wishing to enter the festival parade can pick up entry forms at the chamber office. Deadline for parade entries is July 15.

Parade floats should be designed around this year's festival theme: "Past Progress Challenges the Future."

The sixth annual festival is being held this year in cooperation with the Oakland County Sesqui-centennial to observe the county's 150th anniversary.

Farmington's sesqui-centennial will be held in 1976, which will also be the 10th observance of the Founders Festival.

Restage Revere's Ride Here July 4

Paul Revere will be riding down Thorny Brae Rd. Saturday in Farmington Township and is certain to be accompanied by Sam Adams, John Hancock and the Sons of Liberty.

The parade of patriots is a recreation of the contributions made by individuals living in Massachusetts Bay Colony before 1776, the year the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Children living in Kendallwood I and Colony Park subdivisions will be parading in costumes of Boston patriots with floats depicting events in our nation's history leading up to July 4, 1776.

THE PARADE IS but one of a full day's activities planned as part of the Kendallwood July Fourth observance, the only one to be held in the Farmington Area.

Last year, 168 marchers participated in the parade when the theme was "Foreign Contributions to American Independence." An equal turnout of marchers is expected Saturday to relive for a day the colonial era in Boston.

The parade will assemble at 9:30 a.m. near the pump house in Kendallwood I. At 10 a.m. the parade will begin north on Thorny Brae and then west to Peppermill. Marchers will proceed north on Peppermill to Wooddale Elementary School where the parade will end.

For the past two months, residents have been researching American history to come up with ideas for floats and costumes to enter in the parade.

They have been assisted by Mrs. Mildred Droege, librarian, who arranged a special display in the Farmington District Library on this year's theme.

AFTER THE parade, expected to last an hour, a refreshment break will be taken at the school. Then a Yankee Doodle Dandies ceremony will be held to honor those born on July 4.

At 11:20 a.m. Oakland County Circuit Judge William R. Beasley will give the Fourth of July Oration on this year's special theme.

Judge Beasley was the honored speaker last year but was rained out. He took a rain-check and will be back Saturday.

After his speech, winners of the parade contest will be announced and prizes given. Then a three-hour break will follow, permitting picnics and naps for the youngsters.

At 3 p.m. the recess will end with two hours of family games.

Included are: a hole-in-one putting contest for golfers; a casting contest for anglers; basketball shooting; "barnyard billiards"; popularly known as horseshoes; frisbee accuracy contest; and a variety of races for the tots.

The observance will end with fireworks at Wooddale starting at 8:30 p.m. and followed by home movies of previous July Fourth observances.

General Chairman Keith Deacon stresses that all Farmington residents are encouraged to watch the parade and fireworks.

Deacon asks, however, that everyone cooperate by keeping sparklers and fireworks away from the school. "The unauthorized possession or shooting of fireworks is a crime in Michigan," he says, "and is dangerous in a crowd."

COMMENTING ON the program, Deacon says, "Our program requires many a helper, many a dollar but, best of all, we'll be helping younger generations achieve a well-rounded appreciation, both intellectual and emotional, of our American heritage."

With the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, there was born a new nation with new and important principles--nothing like it in the entire history of mankind, something really worth celebrating.

During the day, a historical display will be available for inspection on the grounds of Wooddale School. Included will be a picture of the lantern hung in Christ's Church and copies of documents and reports.

Assisting Deacon in planning this year's observance was Jack McMan, deputy general chairman. Serving as treasurer was Robert Nelson.

Among the committee chairmen are: financial drive chairman, William Pullicin; grounds, Charles Owen; decorations, Margaret Koltz; parade marshal, Virgil Anderson; afternoon program, Richard Letter; souvenir report writer, Dyanomi publicity, Nelson; and equipment, McMan.

Homes throughout both subdivisions will be decorated Saturday with accent also on this year's theme.

There should be plenty of American flags (lying as a number of flags were sold by youth working under Mr. Koltz). The flag sale helped raise funds to provide insurance for the fireworks and other expenses.



GIFT ON WHEELS -- Charles Scheer (right) gives a grateful handshake to R.W. Pierdon, sales manager of Shelby Automotive Co., for the gift of a Ford GT 500 to be used in his auto mechanics classes at North Farmington High School. (Event photo)