

today's hot line

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At-Large Election Ordered For S'craft

Circuit Judge Roland Olzak late Friday ordered at-large election of trustees of Schoolcraft College on Sept. 13, emphasizing it was only a temporary measure until the Michigan Legislature can write "one-man, one-vote" reapportionment.

Olzak, however, rejected the Schoolcraft board's proposal for a nine-man board and instead ordered an eight-man board, the same as at present.

Although they had promised to do so, no one from the new Democratic Coalition of Livonia appeared to argue in favor of a "ward" or single-member district plan.

State Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia), who has drafted a bill requiring single-member districts, failed in a plea to have the judge order the college board to draw up such a plan.

Trustees John LaRue, George Martin and Robert Geake, who are already elected at-large, will be allowed to remain in office. Voters on Sept. 13 will elect five trustees.



OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN — Paul Barber Jr. (right) received the Distinguished Service Award Wednesday for being the outstanding young man of the year. The Farmington Area Jaycees sponsors the DSA contest and presented it during the May 19 Livelihood Day Luncheon for Michigan Week. Making the presentation were Frank Hill, Jaycee president (left), and Dave Hammond, DSA chairman. (Evert photo)



FIRST POPPY — Dave Jones, City of Farmington DPW Director (left), buys the first poppy from Hal Quinn, American Legion poppy chairman and Mrs. Jeannie McGovern, American Legion Auxiliary poppy chairman. The veteran organizations in Farmington will be selling poppies May 27-29 to raise funds for disabled veterans, children and widows of veterans. (Evert photo)

Paul Barber Is Outstanding Man Choice

Paul Barber Jr. has been selected outstanding young man of the year for 1971-72 because of his efforts in organizing and directing the growth of the Farmington Community Concert Band.

Announcement of Barber's selection as Distinguished Service Award recipient was made at the Wednesday Livelihood Day luncheon held annual during Michigan Week.

THE DSA IS given each year to the outstanding young man of the year by the Farmington Area Jaycees.

Normally, the winner is announced at a DSA Banquet but this year the Jaycees joined with the Farmington Area Exchange Club and Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce to present the winner at the Livelihood luncheon.

Barber, 26, joined Farmington Public Schools in 1966 as band director at Farmington Junior High after graduating from Michigan State University.

He remained at Farmington Junior High until this past fall when he became band director for the new Harrison High School when it opened.

special engagements such as one at the Michigan State Fair.

The band is co-sponsored by Farmington Exchange Club which raised the funds last year to purchase new uniforms. It was the Exchange Club which nominated Barber for the DSA contest. Barber was chosen by a panel of judges from a field of five nominees.

In making the presentation, Dave Hammond, DSA project chairman for the Jaycees, commented that the band is a direct product of Paul Barber's exceptional talent and unusual devotion.

Barber commented that to have a good band a good team of musicians is required and, just like a football squad, one person cannot do it alone.

THE GUEST speaker for

the Livelihood Day luncheon was Sen. Carl Pursell (R-14th district which includes all of the Farmington area).

Pursell said that joint sharing of responsibilities by local governments can result in creative solutions to problems and was preferable to the metro government approach which the senator felt would not work.

During the '70s, Pursell continued, there can be expected to be a new relationship between young and old persons with youth working more harmoniously with the adult world with less conflict resulting.

Problems will be solved when persons discuss issues rationally and trust each other, he added. "I believe that if, in the next 10 years, we become not our brother's keeper but our brother's brother, we will have a better world." Pursell concluded.

Old Bank Gets Life

BARBER organized the Farmington Community Concert Band in 1966 through the Farmington Schools adult education program. Six persons showed up for that first rehearsal and the band has since grown to 75 musicians.

This year, the band will perform 13 concerts plus

After being empty for some four years, the old bank building at Grand River and Farmington Rd. may be started and filled with people by fall.

A local realtor has lined up a developer willing to convert the old NBD building into a mini-mall with a series of small specialty shops located around an indoor court area.

The project is up for site plan approval and the City of Farmington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 24, beginning at 8 p.m. in the city hall.

THE CONCEPT has been discussed for the past couple years by city planners for the empty building. Many city officials see the specialty shop-mall approach as the best development for the building.

If approved, the restoration of the bank building could begin a redevelopment of the downtown area because it would be the second long-standing empty building in the city to be filled in recent months.

The realtor lining up the mall project, Robert Beauchamp of Farmington, has also found a tenant for the old Elks building on Grand River just east of Farmington Rd. which has been empty about three years.

BEAUCHAMP SAYS he envisions an old village atmosphere, much like Greenfield Village, for inside the building with possible a cobblestone walk, miniature street lanterns, small trees, park benches, etc.

There will be a balcony in the center of the building with an open area between the first floor and basement. Initial plans are to locate seven to nine small shops inside.

Beauchamp said the use of the building is very limited because it's old and landlocked. It took him nine months to come up with a buyer.

says Beauchamp, who about a year ago left Thompson-Brown Co. as a vice president to start his own real estate business.

Economic pressures for commercial space create the need for small shops, Beauchamp explains, and customers have recently created the rather intense demand for specialty shops.

THE FIRM which will buy the building and invest money for its renovation is Total Spectrums of Detroit. President of the firm is Paul Barron of Livonia.

Beauchamp Realty will be leasing agent for the mall. "With several small shops, we should be able to generate a lot of pedestrian traffic with persons browsing and going from shop to shop," Beauchamp says.

Parking will not be a critical problem, he adds, because only at certain hours is there a parking problem in downtown Farmington. City Manager John Dinan agrees parking will be a factor to consider but does not think it will be critical. "If we deny use of the building because of lack of parking, it will never be developed and always be vacant," says Dinan.

Dinan said the city anticipated the parking problem in the older section of the city when it put in the municipal parking lots. The bank building, when developed, could use the municipal lot across Farmington Rd. for its customers.

"The building is the focal point as you enter the downtown area and has been a real eyesore," Dinan adds. "Any improvement would be appreciated and will help from an aesthetic as well as economic standpoint."

Beauchamp recently found a tenant for the old Elks Club which is being occupied by Sight & Sound Music Shops which has stores in Troy's Somerset Mall and in Detroit. The store specializes in records, tapes, radios and accessory items.

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About Elimination...

The committee of residents wanting to recall four members of the Farmington Board of Education still want to, but they have sent a letter to the board thanking the trustees for their sense of fairness... "with one notable exception."

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HAPPINESS IS FINDING A HOME...



This special section, which answers important questions about buying and selling real estate, is a MUST for your reading list.

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TRANSFORMATION — The old bank building at Grand River and Farmington Rd. (above) in the City of Farmington has been empty for four years now. But it may be re-

vated and converted to a mini-mall (below) if plans are approved. Site plan hearing will be May 24 at 8 p.m. in the city hall.

