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Council To Consider (Again) Asphaltting Drake & Clusters

By EMORY D. ANIELS
The decision to pave Drake Road could be made at Monday night's meeting of the Farmington City Council.

Engineer reports will be made available to councilmen who could vote to confirm the assessment role at Monday night's session.

Another major item of business for the council that night will be a public hearing on proposed rezoning for cluster housing on the west side of Drake north of Freedom Dr.

Bruce Polozoker of Stan-

dard Construction Co. is appeal to the council the planning commission's denial of his request for rezoning from single-family to cluster.

THE PAVING OF Drake has been before the council for some time, beginning over a year ago when plans were first presented to pave with concrete.

Those plans were dropped when the state declined to classify Drake as a major street, making it ineligible for financing through gas and weight tax rebates. When bids were taken, the project costs were so high the council voted

to drop Drake from its paving projects for the year.

Instead, the city paved Gill Road in 1971 and Shiawassee from Farmington Rd. to Grand River.

As '71 came to an end, plans were presented to the council to improve Drake with seven-inch, deep-strength asphalt. The asphalt would give the road a 10-year life at a cheaper cost, about \$10,000.

The first phase would be done this spring and some time in the future a second phase would see the road widened with curbs and gutters and improved drainage added.

Public hearings were held and the council voted that the improvement was necessary and decided to proceed with the paving.

RESIDENTS with frontage on Drake presented petitions opposed to paving Drake and some residents in Drake Heights indicated they would be opposed if it meant they would be assessed for the improvement.

Residents also indicated opposition to paving Drake if that would facilitate the construction of cluster housing by Polozoker, a proposal which most

homeowners in the immediate area are against.

The linking of the cluster housing rezoning and Drake paving was strengthened when Polozoker made an offer

through then City Manager John Dinan, to pay the resident's share of the Drake paving project in exchange for favorable action on his rezoning request.

That offer was promptly turned down by homeowners. The council then voted to delete the homeowners from the assessment role with the housing by Polozoker, a costs being borne by the major users and the city-at-large.

The removal of homeowners from the assessment role also meant they officially could not voice objections to the paving projects at public hearings.

THE MAJOR users contributing about \$20,000 to the project include Boron Oil, Drakehire Apartments, Drake Park, Standard Construction, and the Michigan Children's Aid Society.

Only the Children's Aid Society has filed an objection. The other \$20,000 would come from the city's general fund.

There has been a split on the council over this assessing

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Greater Use

Economy is often best realized by greater use of existing resources. That's what Farmington Schools has in mind when it expands adult education classes being offered to make fuller use of school buildings. New classes and favorite standbys are listed inside.

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JCs In The News

It's hard to keep those Farmington Jaycees off the news columns. They've made the news again this week by selecting a new president, by the Auxiliary's support of the volunteer Bucket Brigade program, and by announcement of the kick-off of the quest for the Outstanding Woman of 1972.

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Guess Again

Nothing ever happens in Farmington? Guess again. Some of the happenings reported inside include discussions to make Howard Road a natural beauty road, information on how to file for precinct delegate, an upcoming program on Japanese gardening, five new police cars, plus news of future and past in the Farmington Community Calendar and Local News and editorial comments on what's happening by Daniels Den.

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Cage Districts Today

Six Observerland basketball teams find themselves in district championship action today.

AT FRANKLIN — GC East vs. Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

AT SOUTHFIELD — Redford Union vs. Southfield, 5 p.m.

AT BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM - Brother Rice vs. Seaholm, 7:30 p.m.

AT NORTHVILLE — Clarenceville vs. South Lyon, 7:30 p.m.

For the complete rundown of the districts and box scores and pictures, see today's sport section.

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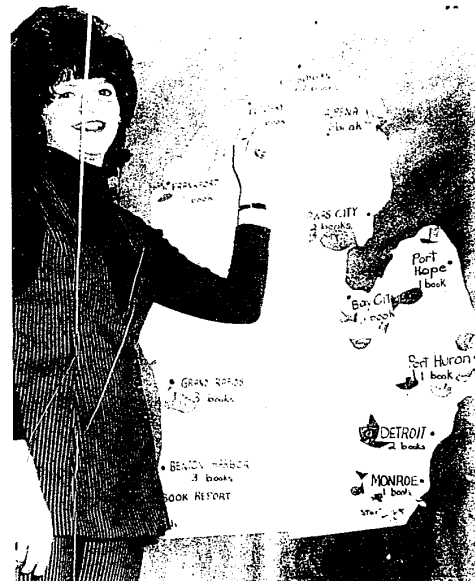
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READING MADE EASIER -- Mrs. Susan Levine, teacher at Beechview Elementary, makes reading easier and enjoyable with this roadmap game. (Evert photo)

It Works New Approach Spurs Reading

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

School children throughout the state may soon be learning Michigan geography through a reading competition idea devised by Susan Levine, a third and fourth grade teacher at Beechview Elementary School of Farmington Schools.

Mrs. Levine's prize-winning idea, "Lucky Trip Around Michigan," has been selected by Scholastic Book Services for a teacher's guide accompanying publications of the Lucky Book Club. She was awarded a selection of 25 paperback books.

"I have used this bulletin board for some time," says Mrs. Levine. "It has motivated some of the children to start reading more because of the competition."

The bulletin board uses a map of Michigan on which 10 Michigan coastal cities are located. In order to "Follow the Reading Road" around Michigan, the students read books allowing them to move tokens from city to city.

Each student makes his own token which consists of a boat or fish with his name on it. A total of 20 books must be read in order to complete the trip around Michigan. The books read must be on the student's own reading level, and read on their own time.

When the trip is complete, the student has a large boat with his name on it placed alongside the map. The student also receives a paperback book as a prize, and is required to make an oral presentation to the class of the book he liked the best.

Besides increasing interest in reading, the game is "also good because the students become familiar with the names and locations of the cities," adds Mrs. Levine. "The bulletin board can be adapted to any grade level in any state."



BARRY BROWN

Brown Will Speak At Eye-Opener

Barry Brown, director of the Michigan Department of Labor, will be the guest speaker at the annual eye-opener breakfast sponsored March 9 by the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. in the Botsford Inn on Grand River north of Eight Mile. Cost is \$4 per person and reservations must be made by March 6 with the chamber at its office in the Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rds.

Brown, a native of Redford, will give a summary of the new labor laws and their effects on businessmen.

The annual breakfast, a tradition started last year, will be hosted by John Anhut, president of the Chamber of Commerce.



GOAL REACHED -- The citizens drive to raise \$50,000 to underwrite sports and all extra-curricular activities for 1971-72 has ended with the goal being exceeded by \$5,000. The last payment, a check for \$18,900, was presented this week by Robert Chesley (left) and Dick Crudel to William Prisk, (center) business manager of Farmington School District. The extra \$5,000 bonus was given, without strings attached, to be spent for extra-curricular activities. Chesley and Crudel spearheaded the campaign for the Farmington Junior Football Association. (Evert photo)



ELDER HOME DEDICATED -- The Baptist Manor, a low-rental home for the elderly, was dedicated in ceremonies Sunday afternoon. The apartments are located on 12 Mile across from Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Township. George DeCourcy of Farmington, a Clinton Valley Boy Scout executive and Baptist Manor board member, meets residents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schenkel (standing) and Mrs. DeCourcy. They are examining a piece of art the Schenkels brought with them. (Evert photo)