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RETIREES AT 65

Joe DeVriendt Ends Long Career With City

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Peanut Sale This Weekend

A peanut sale will be conducted this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8, at the second market building project in the annual March of Dimes fund raising campaign in Farmington.

The sale will be conducted by members of the Farmington Elks Lodge and any other interested citizens who wish to help in the community in the fund raising campaign in all the shopping centers of the area, it was reported.

The first major project in the annual campaign in the continued fight against polio, crippling birth defects and arthritis as well as other serious childhood diseases was the door to door March 1953.

IT WAS REPORTED Tuesday by Treva Quinn that a total of \$3,365.28 had been turned in by marchers in the City and Township to date. She was quick to add, however, that there was still some money outstanding from women who had taken part in the march but had not yet turned the contributions in, that they received.

A tabulation on the money out of the community has not yet been made.

Nelson Named City Planner

Official action was taken by the City Council Monday night appointing W. Allen Nelson of Warner Avenue to fill the vacant term of office of Richard Davidoff on the City Planning Commission. His term runs until June 30, 1964.

Davidoff is moving from this area to assume a new job and recently announced his resignation. Nelson was one of three possible candidates suggested by the planners to fill the seat vacated by Davidoff.

In unanimously approving Nelson's appointment members of the Commission expressed their praise of the interest that has been shown by him in City affairs in the past. He was commended highly for his attendance at nearly all City meetings.

Deny Request of Outside Group To Solicit City

The City Council voted unanimously Monday night to deny a request from the Blind Service Center in Detroit for permission to solicit funds in the community for three days during May.

The action was not taken before some rather lengthy discussion on the work done by this group and its organizational framework as outlined in a detailed report prepared by City Manager John Dinan.

It was pointed out in the city manager's report that the Blind Service Center was not affiliated with United Foundation but that it was only because of the fact that at Center officials did not feel UF would allow them a big enough budget to which to operate.

Councilman Howard, however pointed out that the local Lions Club along with other Lions Clubs in the state have been soliciting funds for years to provide aid to the blind. It was his feeling that the local club's efforts should get City residents full support and that allowing an outside organization to solicit locally would hamper this club's efforts.

Also emphasized during discussion was the fact that one of the projects undertaken with United Foundation funds is to provide aid to the blind who need it.

What groups to allow to solicit door to door in the City and which not to has been an item of frequent and lengthy discussion at several Council meetings in the past.

Identical Bids Cause Problem

What do you do when you get identical bids for services you wish from two organizations which you consider to be equally reputable?

This was the problem that the Farmington City Council found itself faced with Monday night.

When bids were opened for the sale of \$11,000 worth of general obligation bonds and \$4,000 worth of special assessment bonds it was found that both bids owned the property, to be sold at the exact same interest cost.

There were no other financial institutions bidding for this small quantity of bonds other than the two local banks.

It was first felt that it would be necessary to re-advertise the sale. It was determined later, however, that it would be legal to have the two bidding banks resubmit offers on a different basis if they choose to.

Who will take the bonds will be decided at another bid opening at the next regular Council meeting Feb. 17. It is, unless the two banks again come up with identical bids.



THE NINE MEMBER BOARD that will direct the activities of the Farmington Board of Commissioners for 1964 has now been officially reorganized with Ned Oglesby taking over as chairman from Russ Gilbert. Mike Kiley will serve as vice-chairman, Dick MacPherson as treasurer and Bill Conroy as secretary. The Board members are (standing L. R.): MacPherson, Gilbert and Oglesby and (standing, L. to R.): Dan Love, Bill Stewart, Dr. Don Krohn, Bernie Zivov and Kiley. Bill Conroy was not present when this picture was taken.

Wood Creek Farms Acts To Block Multiple Homes

The Village of Wood Creek Farms climaxed a year-long program to update their zoning ordinance Tuesday night by formally adopting a new zoning ordinance at their regular monthly meeting.

Approval of the new zoning ordinance followed on the heels of two public hearings staged last month on January 8 and 9 and January 29 at which time several objections to the newly drafted zoning ordinance were aired and taken under advisement by the Village Council, Planning Commission, Village Attorney Wendell Brown, and the planning consultant firm of Villain and Lehman, which prepared the ordinance.

The principal objection raised against the new zoning law was the exclusion of a multiple dwelling classification, an issue presented by Ray Seguin and John Bologno who have purchased the vacant Dean Farm, the north side of 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Wood Creek Farms Village.

Seguin and Bologno have formed a company known as the Wood Creek Farms Development Association and propose to build several multiple housing units and a golf course on the property.

In a formal statement read at the second hearing last week, the Village spelled out its reasons for denying the rezoning from single family residential to multiple housing in the case of the Dean Farm.

"Two-thirds of the total Village has already been subdivided into one-family building sites and 165 families now reside here," the statement pointed out.

The position taken against multiple housing was emphatic: "To thrust a multiple housing project with several hundred units and a golf course (proposed by Seguin and Bologno) into the midst of this village is to block the way for many more families to live here."

Much of the trouble has been caused by cars which the City and Township have ordered removed for various reasons. There has been no place to store them or dispose of them in the area.

Some months back agreement was reached on the establishment of a joint City-Township car pound at a newly established junk yard site on Flagstaff Road a short distance north of old Grand River in the Township's industrial park area. Problems were encountered, however, in getting details worked out between the owner and the Township.

It was reported to the City Council Monday night by Manager John Dinan that he had received word from Township Supervisor Curt Hall that satisfactory details had been worked out.

Township officials indicated that the junk yard owner should be able to start taking cars ordered hauled in by the City and Township within the next 15 days.

The owner of the junk yard in the Township has agreed to establish a car pound on his

land and fence it in. Dinan stated in this report to the Council. He has also agreed to handle the liquidation of cars abandoned and to keep cars until they are requested to be returned and take care of collecting the storage charge fees, the city manager added.

The only thing which City officials now want is a contractual agreement with the junk yard owner, either jointly with the Township or separately, to protect the City from any public or personal liability in connection with the operation of the car pound.

Concluding Details To Open Joint City, Twp. Car Pound

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Township Zoning Board Approves Two Plats; Sets Re-Zoning Hearings

At a lengthy regular session last Thursday night, the Township Zoning Board took action on two proposed residential developments and set public hearings on two re-zoning requests which have been under consideration for some time now.

The Board also voted to deny one request for re-zoning and approve another in which a public hearing was held.

One of the large single family residential developments on which the Zoning Board gave its approval of a preliminary plat was for a 183 lot development to be known as Old Franklin Towne in the northeast corner of the Township. The other was for a development of between 150 and 200 homes proposed by the Thompson Brown Development Co. to be known as Canterbury Commons on property north of 13 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

Plans for both developments will now be referred to the Township Board for final action.

ONE OF THE re-zoning requests for which a public hearing has been set involves a piece of property on 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road where the owner seeks to have re-zoned from single to multiple housing to permit a convalescent home there. The second is for the same change which developers want on a 30-acre parcel on 13 Mile Road east of Orchard Lake Road. The Detroit Baptist Ministers' Association has a small residential center for older citizens on the latter parcel.

The public hearings on both of these re-zoning requests have been set for the next regular meeting of the Zoning Board on February 27.

The re-zoning request denied was an asking for a change in zoning from single family residential to multiple development on a 30-acre parcel between Ten and Eleven Mile roads east of Middlebelt Road. The planners unanimously agreed that they did not feel this area would be suitable for multiple housing.

Approved for re-zoning was a lot adjacent to the May's Moving Shop near the Middlebelt-Ten Mile Road intersection. The zoning on this lot will be changed from single family residential to B3 (general business).

The tentative schedule for bus runs from downtown Farmington to Detroit and back was announced last week. The tentative schedule will have buses leaving for express runs from Farmington to downtown Detroit at 6:30, 7 and 7:30 the morning. Return runs from downtown Detroit to downtown Farmington were slated for 4:40, 5:10 and 5:40.

To Have Human Relations Heads Here on Feb. 11

Leaders in the human relations movement in Detroit suburbs will speak at a meeting of the Farmington Citizens for Better Human Relations at 8 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 11, at the North Farmington Baptist Church, 3250 West 13 Mile.

The panel presentation will feature three officers of nearby suburban human relations organizations. Members of the panel will be the Rev. Edward Sale of the Livonia Citizens for Better Human Relations, Dr. E. Burrows Smith of the North Woodward Human Rights Association, and Mrs. Robert Maize of the South Jacobson Council for Human Relations.

Mr. Sale is chairman of the Livonia group which was organized last fall. He is pastor of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.

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Various schools in the district where Saturday morning programs have been conducted. The fact that their Saturday morning fun time must be for such a short period of time is surely a big disappointment to them, we are sure.



DUE TO A LACK of funds, only a short winter recreation program has been able to be offered this year by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission but directors have done the best they could with money available. Large numbers of children, such as the group above, have been attracted to the



TAKING OVER DUTIES officially as director of the Farmington City Public Safety Department on February 1 was Maurice D. Foltz who had been with the Oak Park Safety Dept. since 1957 and had worked up to the rank of sergeant. For 11 years prior to this he was with the Romoindre department. Foltz is 36, married and the father of three children.