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School Board Gets Report on New Co-operative Pupil Training Plan

Paul Baumunk, industrial arts teacher at Farmington High School and coordinator of the new Co-operative Occupational Training Program in the Farmington School District, presented a comprehensive instructional progress report to the Farmington School Board Monday night.

After extensive study and research which involved meetings with the Michigan Department of State, Michigan Employment Security Commission



NEW ADMINISTRATOR for the Farmington Board of Commerce, Mrs. Barbara Benya, is pictured above with Ned Oglesby, Farmington Board of Commerce President and chairman of the Board of Directors. President Oglesby is shown holding a sticker being displayed by business and professional men who are members of the local service organization.

Bd. of Commerce Names Office Administrator

The Farmington Board of Commerce announced this week that Mrs. Barbara Benya of 28656 Kirkside Lane in Farmington Township has been appointed to serve as administrator of the year-old service organization.

Mrs. Benya was appointed by the Farmington Board of Commerce Board of Directors at their regular meeting Thursday, June 18. She brings an extensive background in public relations work to her new post with the Farmington Board of Commerce.

AS ADMINISTRATOR, Mrs. Benya will be in charge of the new Farmington Board of Commerce office presently located in the Belaire Shopping Center, Ten Mile and Orchard Lake roads. The Board of Commerce officers are in a mobile trailer unit moved to other locations from time to time.

A resident of Farmington Township for the past 4½ years, Mrs. Benya is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She received a bachelor's degree in industrial management.

Two More Acres Still Desired

A report was made to the Farmington Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night regarding unsuccessful negotiations to purchase an additional 2 acres west of the Gill Road School.

It was pointed out that since the present 7 acre site has not had adequate parking facilities for the new addition has taken part of the playground area, it would be desirable to obtain the extra land.

It was reported by the site committee that they had been unable to reach an agreement with the property owner on the purchase price and it was suggested that an appraisal be made.

The board authorized the committee to hire an appraiser to determine the value of the land. Meanwhile, the feasibility of filling in the front of the site, which would include the present playground area, will be investigated.

that these students are being trained to assume adult responsibilities and that these responsibilities begin the moment they are accepted for the program.

ANY STUDENT of 17 or more years of age or over may apply to take part in the co-op training, but seniors will be given priority. In order to qualify for the program, students must be able to earn the required 17 credits for graduation; be earning satisfactory grades; be of good character and citizenship; have regular and prompt attendance; and must show that they have a genuine interest in learning a skill, Baumunk said.

After making application for the program, students' school records, examinations and evaluation forms are completed by their teachers. Then the students are interviewed by the co-ordinator in much the same way as they would be interviewed by prospective employers. Parents are informed about the program and required to sign the co-operative agreement. See CO-OP PROGRAM, Column 3, Page 8A.

Baptist Manor Re-Zoning OK'd

The Farmington Township Board took action at its Monday night, June 22, meeting finally approving re-zoning requests on three parcels of land recommended by the Farmington Township Zoning Board.

In the largest re-zoning grant, the board approved changing 27 acres in the NW¼ of Section 11 from RA-1 and RA-2 to RC Multiple to allow a Baptist Manor development. Only one resident appeared at the Monday night meeting to question the proposed re-zoning.

It was pointed out by Zoning Board secretary Howard Wiest, present for the meeting, that the Baptist Manor re-zoning was contingent on their development of the property within a certain time period. This clarification apparently satisfied the lone resident who raised questions on the re-zoning. The property would automatically revert back to the former zoning if not developed within the three-year period provided for the Baptist Manor.

An extension of B4 zoning at Grand River and Middlebelt in the SW¼ of Section 28 was approved by the township board to permit the modification of the zoning to allow Chrysler Motor Sales automobile dealership.

Re-zoning from RA-1 to O Commercial was approved for the SW¼ of Section 23, the northeast corner of Orchard Lake Road and Ten Mile Road. Commercial uses are planned for the site.

Progress Report On School Plans, Const. Given

Progress reports made to the Farmington School Board Monday night revealed that work on the school buildings and additions to buildings and plans for others is proceeding on schedule.

Architect J. Macdonald Jacobson, of the Gill Road School addition is approximately half completed at this time. The board approved school selection of materials and advertisements for bids are scheduled to be placed June 27.

After lengthy discussion of details regarding floors, lighting, heating, and air conditioning, the board approved Mr. Jacobson's plans for the proposed service and maintenance building to be constructed on Ten Mile Road just east of Middlebelt and advertisements for bids are scheduled to be placed June 27.

Plans for the Bond School addition were discussed and will be placed at a meeting with Lynn Smith Associates, architects, reported that plans for additions to East Junior High and North Farmington Schools are now 75 percent completed and will be ready for final review on Monday, July 13. The addition work classification was completed by July 1965.

Set Public Hearing On Sanitary Sewers

The Farmington Township Board has set the date for a public hearing on the sanitary sewer project proposed for Meadowbrook Heights Subdivision for Tuesday night, July 14, at the Township Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. The action was taken at the regular board meeting Monday night, June 22.

Five Re-zoning Matters On Agenda Tonight

Five re-zoning matters are scheduled to come up for discussion at the regular meeting of the Farmington Township Zoning Board which will be held tonight, Thursday, June 24, at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Township Hall.

A request from the Arlyle Land Co., represented by Bert L. Smolter, to rezone an approximately 30 acre parcel on Middlebelt Road north of Ten Mile from single family residential to multiple family development will be reviewed again. A revised original proposal is being presented. The initial request for this re-zoning was made in November of 1963 but denied by the township zoning board.

PRELIMINARY review will be conducted on a request from Edith Lee, of Farmington, represented by Thomas Duke, for re-zoning of a 160 acre parcel at the northeast corner of Grand River and Glister Road. The proponents plan a small commercial center of stores in one corner of a 160 acre plot with a golf course in the center and a number of apartment units grouped on cul-de-sacs around the perimeter of the large one quarter square mile section of property.

A public hearing is scheduled on the re-zoning of an approximately 25 acre parcel at the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Middlebelt Road. Discussion of this parcel had been discussed earlier with the recommendation of the planners being to rezone the property to residential housing re-zoning or multiple housing re-zoning or part multiple and part office district.

UP FOR MORE discussion will be a plan for still more multiple housing in the township on a 22.2 acre parcel in the SW¼ Section 11 at the extreme northeast corner of the community. The parcel is presently zoned Residential-1.

A proposal will also be made for re-zoning a 13 acre parcel back to RA-1 zoning an approximately 13 acre parcel which had been re-zoned for commercial use and parking center. An opponent of the re-zoning has not carried through on his plans for development of this parcel.

New St. Gerald Catholic Church Planned in City

Plans were submitted to the Farmington City Planning Commission Monday night for a new Catholic Church and rectory to be constructed on an approximately ten acre parcel of land owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit on the east side of Farmington Road between Flanders Street and Nine Mile Road.

The construction of a temporary church and rectory is called for immediately with the construction of a permanent church and a two-story school building on the site scheduled for the future. It was indicated that the temporary church would be so designed that it could be converted into school classroom use at the time the permanent church is erected.

THIS NEW Catholic parish being formed will serve families in the southern portion of Farmington and northern portion of Livonia and be known as St. Gerald's parish.

The northern boundary of this parish will be Interstate Highway 96. The boundary in Farmington will extend as far as Drake Road on the west and Tuckey Road on the east. The southern boundary will be Eight Mile Road as far as the right of Merriman Road if it were extended to Eight Mile and then Seven Mile Road between Merriman and Wayne.

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New Home Construction Approved In Thompson-Brown's Woodbrook

The Thompson-Brown Company's Woodbrook Subdivision in Farmington Township came in for considerable discussion at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, June 22, as residents already occupying homes in the development applied to the board to allow further construction in the subdivision.

BOWMAN OUTLINED the steps being taken by the Thompson-Brown Company to assure that future home construction in the subdivision would not affect homes already built where sewer problems are reported in seven or eight cases.

Approval to allow further construction of homes in the limited 111-lot subdivision was granted by the board after an



THE MAGIC SQUARE at the Flanders Eiche Elementary School which has raised much concern over the past several months at City Council and the school board is now under construction and expected to be ready for use next month. Flanders School principal Frank Delewski (left) is pictured above inspecting the construction with Farmington City DPW Superintendent Floyd Sallow. The magic square will provide a multi-purpose recreational use to benefit youngsters.

hour-long airing of the issue by the Thompson-Brown Company official William Bowman, an Oakland County Health Department spokesman and residents from the subdivision.

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subject the remaining lots to be developed under a more rigid test to determine the soil percolation rate that would be required by the Oakland County Health Department code. This more extensive and thorough soil testing plan, it was felt, would forestall the possibility of future homes experiencing problems similar to the ones already reported.

The County Health Department, which issues the sanitary sewer permit necessary before a building permit can be issued

by the township, pledged to work with Thompson-Brown officials in carrying out the plans for the more extensive soil testing.

IT WAS POINTED out by township board officials that a second soil percolation test (the first ones were made in 1957) was not the best possible means of eliminating any doubt concerning septic tank failures in future homes. At the same time, board officials expressed satisfaction with the progress being made by the Thompson-Brown Company in helping residents who are currently experiencing problems with septic tank systems and drainage.

Of the 35 homes presently occupied in Woodbrook Subdivision, there have been reports of septic tank problems from at least seven and possibly eight homeowners. Another 50 homes currently under construction gave rise to the fears of potential homeowners that problems already reported would be compounded as the subdivision continued to develop.

THOMAS A. DUKE spoke for fellow board members in expressing the confidence that Thompson-Brown would expend every possible effort to prevent problems for future homeowners. Corrective measures already being taken by the builder were pointed out by Duke, and assurances that future development in the subdivision will proceed in the best interests of present homeowners.

To place a moratorium on further construction, it was pointed out by the board, would not only be of questionable legality but also would result in the devaluation of homes already built and occupied in the subdivision. Residents from Woodbrook urged a moratorium on new building when they first appeared before the township board to air complaints of septic tank failures at the June 8 board meeting.

Twp. Vandalism Cases Cleared

Detective Russ Conway of the Farmington Township Police said this week that 22 cases of vandalism with the arrest of three juveniles and one 18-year-old youth.

Included in the cases cleared up this week were incidents dating back as far as last November when three homes in Westbrook Subdivision were victims of vandalism.

The home of Marty Gluckstein, 32107 Chestnutbrook, was hit on two occasions, November 24, 1963 and May 31 of this year. The first case was admitted, both cases as well as vandalism to the homes of Charles Churchill, 29153 Arnel, and Ralph Rogers, 2221 Grand.

Neighbors of Gluckstein. All three homes were hit on the same night, November 24, 1963. Those Rogers, 2221 Grand, was arrested Friday, June 19, on charges of vandalism. Three juveniles, charged for the offenses, were turned over to juvenile authorities. Rogers was ordered to make full restitution, fined \$15, placed on court probation and ordered to pay \$55 over-costs.

Conway also cleared up two cases of breaking and entering with arrests of two juveniles. Both cases involved homes that were burglarized in the township.

ARRESTED WERE Ron Heath, 17, of 23423 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington and two 14-year-old juveniles, in connection with one case of breaking and entering. Heath was fined \$15, placed on one year's probation and ordered to pay a \$36 over-cost to defray costs of a police officer. Heath and the two juveniles, turned over to juvenile authorities, were ordered to make full restitution.

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Reduce Assessment For 2 in Sewer Dist.

The Farmington Township Board took action at its regular meeting Monday night, June 22, reducing the assessments on lots 109 and 54 in the Regal Orchard Subdivision sanitary sewer special assessment district.

The two lots were originally charged for two benefits and it was determined through further investigation that a both were entitled to a reduction based on the formula for determining the individual lot assessments. Each lot will now be charged for one benefit.

Get All Weeds Cut Down Now

Owners of vacant properties or any land areas where noxious weeds grow in the City of Farmington are being reminded that, as of June 22, they are required by law to cut and destroy these weeds twice each year.

The deadline for the first cutting will be the end of the first week in July, Floyd Sallow, superintendent of the city's department of public works announced this week.

After July 8, those who have not cut down the noxious weeds on their property will be subject to having the city do it for them at not only a higher cost but also an additional 10 per cent penalty.

Those who do not cut down their own weeds and refuse to allow the city on their property to do so or to pay for the work done by the city will be subject to fines, as provided in the city ordinance.

Private School Pupils Out of District Will Not Be Bused

A policy against providing school bus transportation for any pupils living in the Farmington School District but attending private schools outside the school district's boundaries was officially adopted by the board of education at its regular meeting Monday night.

New state legislation which was adopted last year makes it mandatory for public school systems that are transporting their own pupils to provide the same service for students attending parochial or private schools located within the boundaries of the public school system. Reimbursement from the state is provided for the transportation of both the public and private school students.

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To Sell Unclaimed Property at Twp. PD

The Farmington Township Board set the date of Saturday, July 18, at 10 a.m. for a public auction of property recovered by the Farmington Township Police Department which has remained unclaimed.