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VOL. 2—NO. 9 27 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1965 33425 Grand River, Farmington Paul M. Chandler, Founder

Farmington Police Department Adds A Traffic Safety Division

The Farmington City Council at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 4, agreed to set up a full time Traffic Safety Division within the City's Department of Public Safety.

The main purpose of the Division will be to correlate accident and enforcement information on, so as to direct enforcement toward the most serious problem areas.

This effort has actually been going on for about a year and a half, on a part-time basis, with Sgt. Robert Deadman at its head. Sgt. Deadman is expected to take charge of this, on a full-time basis — though Chief Maurice Foltz assured the Council that Deadman would remain available for other Police duties.

Moving Deadman into the new division will necessitate an expansion of a cross-the-board. Contemplated is the hiring of a new public safety officer. He is expected to be Norman Rose, who is currently on Cadet status.

Thus to maintain current strength, a new Cadet will have to be hired.

It will cost the City approximately \$3,000 for City Manager John Dinan, who had urged the Council to grant Foltz's request, estimated the cost for the balance of this fiscal year would be approximately \$3,000.

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In a letter to Dinan, Foltz had explained that, despite "a real effort" to operate with a part-time traffic safety department, "we have had to sacrifice some of the normal patrol functions and still not do a complete job with traffic safety."

"At this point, with the workload being increased as it is, both with patrol functions and

traffic safety operations, this Department cannot continue to operate in this manner and do justice to either phase.

"It should be noted that much of the traffic survey work that has been done has required the sergeant (Deadman) to work on his off time in order to complete the work and has not been compensated.

This new Division, said Foltz, will be responsible for driver licensing, photo lab work, the juvenile program, and other related responsibilities.

Department records indicate that injury accidents have been reduced by 10 percent this year over the previous year. Foltz thinks this figure can be brought still lower.

City Takes Over A Private Road

The City of Farmington has agreed to accept dedication of a private drive adjacent to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the Farmington School District, properly north of Shawassee; providing the Parish and the School District install a sidewalk and complete the ditching and installation of culverts which they have jointly undertaken on the road.

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traveled by 234 vehicles in a four-hour period on two separate days. Further that 43 per cent of this traffic was considered "through traffic" in the area, utilizing neither

the school nor church property.

City Manager John Dinan called this a high percentage of "through traffic," and said it was "rather difficult to justify that this road remain a private drive."

The School District and the Church have been doing repairs on the road. With the exception of the additional ditching and installation of culverts yet to be done, these repairs have been approved by the City's Engineer Frank Papke.

The road will bring the City approximately \$400 per year from the State Highway Dept. This, John Dinan feels, will cover the cost of maintaining it.

Without sidewalk, however, the road would be unacceptable to the Manager and to the Council. Having a large number of students walking to school on the road beds is regarded as "a dangerous condition."

The sidewalk will only be installed on one side of the street. Dinan regards the road as more convenient for a majority of the students, and safer for crossing.



STOP FIRES, SAVE LIVES. That's the motto currently on the window of Bob Rosenboom Standard Service, 23410 Grand River, corner of the Grand River and the Municipal Building. The motto is in honor of Fire Prevention Week which will be climaxed with a fire engine parade down Grand River on Saturday, Oct. 9. It will begin at 12 noon, at the

Grand River Drive-in, 30200 Grand River, and proceed to the Farmington Municipal Building, and will be followed by an open house inside the Municipal Building. It will include antique and modern fire equipment, floats, bands, and clowns. Rosenboom, pictured above, is a former fireman in the City and Township.

Two Captured

A high-speed chase through the Farmington area led to the capture of two escapees from the Camp Brighton Prison Farm on Sunday morning, Oct. 3.

At about 4:10 a.m. that morning, the Novi police reported a 1959 car speeding on the 150 Expressway and the driver refusing to stop in a combined operation, the Farmington City and Township Police set up a roadblock on I-96.

Coin Collection Thieves Get Big Township Booty

Sometime between Tuesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept. 30, the home of Kurt Michel, at 27441 Lake Hill Drive, Farmington Township, was broken into. According to the Farmington Police Bureau, the thieves removed a coin collection worth approximately \$15,000.



Frustrated, the car struck Varner's squad car in the rear — inflicting minor damage. Then it careened into a ditch on I-96 near Truck Road. Two men jumped out, and took off on foot.

Varner managed to pull his squad car in front of the speeding car. He then sought to slow the car down, and prevent it from crashing into the ditch. He succeeded in this by crossing from lane to lane in front of it.

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Miller and Varner found the driver, a 17-year-old, hiding in the woods. His 18-year-old companion turned himself in two hours later.

Planning Comm. Ponders Revised Apartment Plan

Revised plans for the proposed apartment in the so-called flood-plain area, consisting of 61 acres on the north side of Grand River, west of Lakeway, were submitted to the Farmington Planning Commission, at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 27. The Commission will decide on the request at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 11.

The revisions submitted by Omar Sanderson, eliminated the emergency drive from Valleyview Drive south to the project. A boulevard type entrance was provided to allow ingress and egress on separate roads, to avoid congestion entering and leaving onto Grand River. The nature trail was increased from 50 to 60 feet adjacent to the Rouge River. The number of units was reduced from 106 to 97. Adequate setbacks and adequate entrance into the project.

A motion by William Burke, seconded by James Flatt, and joined in by John Allen, and a decision on rezoning be delayed, failed, with W. A. Nelson, Arthur Millard, Hugo Peterson, Doris Porter, and Fred Selbert voting against it.

Burke's motion called for a delay pending determination of whether the property would be eligible for Federal funds for acquisition of this property for park purposes.

Objections were raised to the adaptability of this area to park purposes. That it is too expensive. That it is located less than a quarter mile away from the City's major park. That available land south of Grand River in the valley has more natural beauty and costs substantially less being property that cannot be developed.

PTA Is Praised by Speaker

What need is there for PTA? A. B. Halst, Vice-president of the Michigan Council of Parents and Teachers, clarified the Why and the Need, for officers and chairmen of the Farmington Senior High School on Wednesday evening, Sept. 22.

The first Object, Article II in the Council Bylaws — "To Promote the Welfare of Children in Home, School, Church, and Community" was stressed. The child, he said, is the main concern of the PTA. The welfare of the child is the all-important issue.

As for the Need, PTA is the only means of communication between home and school. The administrators cannot do the job alone. Cooperation is needed between educators and parents. To show what the PTA

units should be concerning themselves with, Halst cited 11 critical issues discussed at the State Convention.

Issue number 3, Educating For a Changing Society; to create awareness of the certainty of a change, to develop educational programs that will equip young people to cope with change throughout life, and to provide continuing education and re-education for adults.

Number 5, Extending and Strengthening Community Services; To provide and foster the use in each community of libraries and cultural, health, juvenile protection, and social welfare services that aid in children's wholesome development.

al, Spiritual, and Civic Apathy; To arouse the American people to an examination of their goals, the values they live by, and the quality of our national life.

The usefulness of PTA in supporting the legislative and financial needs of the schools was pointed out and attention called to the information to be derived from the PTA magazine.

Gerald V. Harrison, Superintendent of the Farmington Schools, gave data on past, present and future of the Farmington Schools. In 1950 there was a total enrollment of 2,211 students. At present, just fifteen years later, the enrollment is 13,570, with 21 buildings. The projected enrollment in another fifteen years—1980 is 23,800.

Real Estate Firm Opens Office Here

A ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring giant scissors six-foot long officially opened Farmington's newest real estate office this week for Mathers Stevens and Martin, Incorporated, at 23332 Farmington Road in the Downtown Farmington Center.

John D. Dinan, City of Farmington Manager, cut the ribbon at the office entrance in brief ceremonies.

This is the third office for the Realtors which maintains a

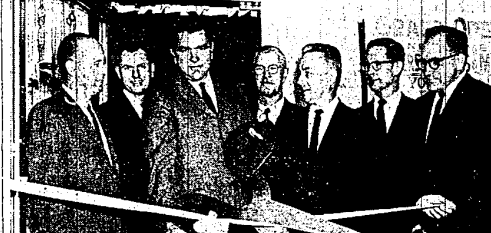
northwest Detroit office on McNichols Road a just west of Southfield Road and a Lathrup Village Office on Southfield Road just north of 11 Mile Road.

Complete real estate, property management and insurance services will be offered at the new office which handles listings and purchase of commercial properties, vacant property and acreage as well as homes.

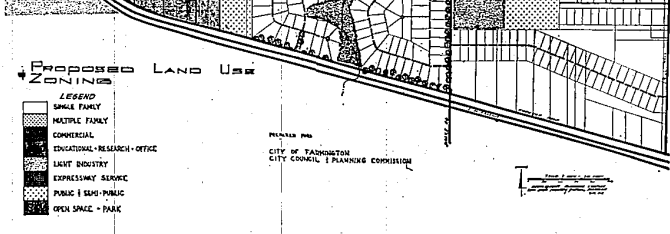
Free yardsticks will be given

out to all visitors during the month of October and blowing up balloons will be given to the kiddies.

The firm is a member of United Northwestern Realty Association, so that they can describe homes listed for sale with this office will go out to the entire sales force of 161 active brokers in the Northwest Detroit and Northwest suburban areas.



JOHN D. DINAN, City of Farmington Manager, wields giant scissors to cut a ribbon which officially opens the new Farmington Office of Mathers Stevens and Martin, Inc. at 23332 Farmington Road in Downtown Farmington Center. Among others participating in the ceremony, from the left are William Y. Varner, General Manager of Mathers, Stevens



THIS IS HOW the Farmington City Council would rezone the above property if it were part of the City. It is currently in the Township, but the upcoming annexation election may change that situation. The Council and the City Planning Commission discussed the area's future with residents of the affected area, at a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6. The new single family subdivisions shown above are the new classification "Country Estates," which provides for a minimum 15,000 square foot frontage, which would make it compatible with the existing character of the subdivided properties in the area. There are also built-in regulations pertaining to

requirements of sidewalks and street paving. According to City Manager John Dinan: "The Master Plan... was designed to give a well-balanced economic potential utilizing Grand River and Expressway frontage for office and industrial use, but being so located to be compatible with residential development in this area. Recreational needs for this area were considered and a 10 acre park in conjunction with the Longacre School site has been recommended to be acquired by the City to provide recreational facilities for the ultimate development of this neighborhood."

Jaycees Planning Membership Drive

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their semiannual recruiting drive according to Scott Crisler, Jaycee Membership Chairman.

Pat Novak, Jaycee President, stated, "Our drive is directed to the young men, in the Farmington area, from 21 to 35 years of age. We feel confident that once we have an opportunity to explain our functions and objectives, the new membership goal of at least 35 can be achieved."

In an attempt to attain their new membership goal, the Jay-

cees and their wives' auxiliary will host a "Get Acquainted with Your Jaycees" night on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1965. This night will be devoted to potential members and their wives, and all are cordially invited.

It will be held at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Orchard Lake Road at 7 p.m. for a "coffee hour," and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

For further information, call Scott Crisler at 626-7628 or Jaycee President, Pat Novak, at 416-8315.

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Bldg. Inspectors Win Election

An election called by the Michigan State Labor Mediation Board, was held at the Farmington Township Hall, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 5. By a vote of six to three, the Township Building Dept. expressed a desire to form a union.

The six building inspectors voted for it—Albert Gaines, George Crooks, John Drury, Art Haki, Ray Melvin, and Jerry Banfield. Opposed were Chief Assessor Robert Romer, Assistant Assessor Kenneth Chene, and Zoning Enforcement Officer William Taylor. The matter will apparently now go to arbitration.

VERY VERY INTERESTING

That's what you'll say when you see the variety of items waiting for you in the Shoppers Specials in the Went-Ad Section of the Observer this week. Read it! Use it! Turn to the Went-Ad Section now.