

Farm. Center Corp Buys More Land

The Farmington Center Corporation has now completed the purchase of an additional three and one half acres of land immediately to the east of the present Downtown Farmington Shopping Center. Corporation president Conrad Sullivan of the Farmington Lumber Company announced Tuesday.

The parcel which fronts on Grand River and is bounded by Grand Street on the west will be cleared and developed with additional retail establishments in the future. No definite plans have as yet been developed with regard to how the additional land will actually be developed, however, Sullivan said.

THE PARCEL includes the former Henry Otis gas station at the corner of Grand River and Grove as well as the former Bob Dusseau Lincoln Building auto dealership building adjacent to it. Both business establishments at these locations were vacated recently.

Also included in the parcel is a doctor's and dentist's office building immediately to the east on Grand River and a couple of old storage buildings to the south as well as a fairly

Toys - Teen Hop For Goodfellow Drive Dec. 11

The Farmington Goodfellows "Toys for Tots" teen hop scheduled for next Saturday night, December 11, at the Farmington High School gym is expected to net a bumper crop of toys which will be distributed at Christmas time to needy families with young children.

The "Calientes" band of Farmington will provide the music and the Farmington Exchange Club, under the chairmanship of Mac Goldman; the Farmington Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. 1988, with chairman Bill Everhart; and the American Legion, 19, Groves-Walker Post 246 of Farmington, under the chairmanship of Norm Goers. The Callientes band is the finest talent for the benefit teen hop.

2 Bound Over On Charges in Twp. Robbery

Chazi Dean and Marshall Enright, both bound over for trial to Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of armed robbery at their examination before Farmington Township Justice of the Peace Byron Walter Friday, November 28.

Dean, 21, of Royal Oak and Enriquez, 24, no permanent address, were arrested with two other men and a woman following investigation by Township Police Detectives into the Bernard Golden residence October 29.

Grid Contest Winners Named

In this final week of the Farmington Enterprise Football Contest, two of the three winners gained a share of the \$8 merchants jackpot as well as their prize money.

First place of \$15 went to Jeana Rudd of 35246 Caryn Drive. Second prize of \$7 plus \$3 of the jackpot money went to Larry Lapham, Jr. of 22630 Maple; and third prize of \$3 plus the other half of the jackpot, another \$3, went to Jack Smith of 1919 Kirby.

The Enterprise Football Editor wishes to thank all of the persons who participated in this year's contest and hopes that all of the forecasters will be back again next season.

substantial amount of vacant land area.

It was indicated by Sullivan that efforts had also been made to purchase other land and buildings immediately adjacent to the 3 1/2 acres obtained but that negotiations had proved unsuccessful.

When asked by the Enterprise when re-development and new construction work on the newly acquired property would be started, Sullivan said that no scheduling plans had as yet been finalized.

Deny Zoning For Office; Also Center

C. M. Chamberlain of the Chamberlain Real Estate Company appeared at the Township Planning Commission's November 29 meeting to ask that his rezoning request, denied at the June 24 meeting, be reconsidered. The request was for business zoning for a triangular-shaped, 2.02 acre parcel on the north side of Northwestern Highway at 13 Mile Road.

Chamberlain wanted to convert a home on the site into a real estate office. He stated that the owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Erickson, had developed and maintained the property with the expectation that it could be sold for commercial use, and that he felt the location was not suitable for residential and would make a good location for a real estate office, office building or medical center.

Charles Lortz's motion to deny the request was supported unanimously.

In other action, the Planning Commission also unanimously denied a request for a 3 acre neighborhood shopping and service center at the northwest corner of Thirteen Mile and Farmington Roads.

Board of Ed. Sells Last of 1963 Bonds

The Farmington Board of Education accepted the low bid of Halsey, Stuart and Co. for the purchase of \$2,500,000 in bonds at a special meeting November 29. The bonds are the last remaining \$4,500,000 authorized by the district in November 1963. The low bid in the final series is at an average interest rate of 3.671%.

Other bond series and interest rates they offered were: Clark, Dodge and Co., 3.701%; John Nuyens and Co., 3.754%; and Bliven and Co., 3.749%.

The contract to print the bonds was awarded to Midwest Bank Note Co. of Plymouth, Michigan, at a cost of \$21 plus for change of interest rates.

Twp. Planners Deny Apartments On Corner

After hearing citizens' objections and discussing the merits and reservations of their own, the Township Planning Commission, at a public hearing on November 29, denied a request for multiple zoning on the northeast corner of Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road.

The hearing opened with a description of the 44 apartment units proposed for the corner.

Wendell Brown, attorney for Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairways subdivisions, as well as other individuals, many of whom were in the audience and all of whom were opposed to the development, presented petitions which he said were signed by 202 residents of the Township opposing any apartments in the northeast corner of the Township. Brown stated that 12 to 15 months ago he had filed with the then Zoning Board, petitions containing 400 names of residents who objected to apartment units in the Township; and that he wished those petitions to become a part of the record of this hearing.

Among the objections that Brown made were the following: that the owners of the 4.8 acres were speculators living outside of Farmington with nothing to lose; that the land is assessed at only \$2,000; that the site plan bears a June date; that he could find no evidence that anyone had tried to develop the land under present zoning; that the people he represents are a part of Farmington which is known with neighboring Wood Creek and Holly Hills as a "status community" which has assessments running into hundreds of thousands of dollars; and that apartments are a "business" even though given a residential classification.

BROWN FURTHER stated that apartments on this corner would increase the population density unduly; increase the need for police and fire protection; and increase traffic hazards, air pollution and noise. He said that planning should be long range and consider the residents of the community, whereas the developer's interest is short range in that they would realize a profit on their investment in only eight to ten years.

In conclusion Brown asked that the request be denied and stated that the Township has already provided for 5,000 other multiple units, and that rezoning the property would constitute "spot zoning."

Allan Goldstein, 39170 Franklin, stated that he lives in Old Franklin, 400 feet north of the property in question and that he had checked and found that he had paid more for his house than the proponents had paid for the land parcel. He said he was opposed to the rezoning, and that the owners of the property do not live in Farmington and are interested only in making a profit with no regard for the Township.

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FARMINGTON'S JUNIOR MISS, Bonnie Britton of North Farmington High School, is pictured above receiving her award from Jaycee President Pat Nowak. Looking on are (L to R) pageant co-chairmen Larry Nantche and Dave Palmer, and First Runner-

Up, Sheila Stegbauer of Our Lady of Sorrows High School. Bonnie is the third senior in 29 many years from North Farmington High to win the Junior Miss Title. The past winners have been Chris Meyers and Jan Pierce.

Will Improve Bonnie Britton Water Flow Named Jr. Miss Into Twp.

Construction is scheduled to start in mid-December on a project to extend Detroit water service in Oakland County.

Gerald J. Remus, general manager of the Detroit Department of Water Supply (DWS), said that a 60-inch diameter water main along Inkster Road will be extended from Eleven Mile to Fourteen Mile.

THE PROJECT is part of a DWS plan to link the storage and pumping facilities at its West Service Center at Shilawasse and Kinloch Roads in Southfield to a proposed storage and pumping station at Inkster and Fourteen Mile Roads.

Remus said that the pipeline extension will improve DWS service to Farmington and Bloomfield Townships and to the city of Southfield.

He added that the project also will make Detroit water available to Wood Creek Farms, Franklin and West Bloomfield Townships, when completed next year.

VITO TRUCKING and Excavating Company, of 23276 Dequindre, Warren, will do the construction. The firm, one of eleven seeking the job, was the low bidder at \$859,999.

Remus said that water revenues from the Detroit water system will finance the construction.

The DWS now supplies more than 3.3 million persons in Detroit and 61 neighboring communities with water.

Hearing Set On Trailer Pk. Expansion

The Farmington Township Planning Commission, at a public hearing on November 29, approved for public hearing a request for the rezoning of a lot at 20910 Radcliff from light industrial classification to general business classification.

Rezoning will permit expansion of the adjoining Wagon Wheel Trailer Park at 30300 W. Eight Mile Road.

Recommended for approval by the Township's planning consultant, the request will be heard on Thursday, January 27.

In separate action the commission approved a final plat for a portion of Heritage Hills Subdivision, to be developed under the Planned Unit Development provision. All requirements have been met, the first part of the three year project is already underway. Located south of 14 Mile Road, it will eventually extend from Farmington Road to Drake Road.

Third quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Funds were distributed earlier this month to the various counties of the state as well as all cities and villages.

The City of Farmington received \$11,210 as its third quarter share. The Village of Quakerstown received \$1,912 and Wood Creek Farms Village \$1,751.

Farmington Township does a number of its own road maintenance work and therefore receives no funds direct. A proportionate share of the funds is going for Farmington Township work however. Oakland County received \$1,127,816 for the third quarter.

City, Villages Get State Highway Funds

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NEW POTTS served as Master of Ceremonies, Dorothy Sedek was the organist and Bill Conroy was the stage director for this year's Junior Miss Pageant.

Farmington's Junior Miss will compete in January at the 31st annual Michigan City, Villages Get State Highway Funds

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MRS. SHERWIN A. HILL, widow of the Manufacturers National Bank Director who was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the new MNB branch in Farmington, is pictured above cutting the ribbon officially opening the Eight Mile and Farmington Road branch Monday morning, November 29. Pictured at the ceremonies are (l. to r.)

Winter Tax Bills Total \$5.3 Million

It's school, county and township tax billing time again. Reports from the city and township treasurers of this week disclosed that bills were either already in the mail or would be going out within the next few days.

The total winter tax billing for Farmington City and Township combined for 1965 runs over \$5.3 million dollars which is an increase over the 1964 total winter tax billing of almost \$386,000.

City Treasurer Kathryn Colter reported that all of her bills had been put into the mail the first of this week but Township Treasurer Elise Avery stated that the township bills would not be in the mail until Dec. 6 or shortly thereafter.

THE TOTAL current township billing of \$1,182,957 which is an increase of \$318,809 over the total billing of last year at this time for combined school, county and township taxes plus delinquent special assessment payments put into the tax billings.

A breakdown of this billing shows \$3,162,897 going to the local school systems and the county special education program, \$484,164 for the county and only \$392,050 to be received by Farmington, Farmington City Manager John Dinan said.

MISS SHEILA STEGBAUER, a senior from Our Lady of Sorrows High School, was awarded first runner-up honors. Seven contestants competed in this year's Junior Miss Pageant. Four were from North Farmington High School and three from Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

THE TOTAL City of Farmington tax billing runs \$1,137,778 compared to last year's \$1,080,192 which is an increase for 1965 over 1964 of \$57,186.

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during the summer. The city treasurer's office is actually only a clearing house for the collection of school and county taxes and receives nothing for this service.

Of this total city billing amount, \$949,763 is the combined local and county school system tax billing with the remaining \$187,618 representing

Goodfellow Paper Sale Friday, Dec. 10

The old newspapers of Farmington will be out in force next Friday, December 10, selling the annual Farmington Enter-

Goodfellows Phone Number

The Goodfellows urge persons knowing of needy families in the Farmington area to call 474-9960 and provide them with the names and addresses of those families. Goodfellows Investigation Committee Chairman Mac Goldman emphasized this week it is important to have the names of needy families as soon as possible in order to allow for a thorough check on the needs and requirements of the families. Investigators will be checking out information on the number of children, ages, shoe sizes and other data in the coming weeks so that Goodfellow assistance can be shaped to provide the needy families with items that are useable.

Call 474-9960 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. if you know of a needy Farmington area family.

THE GENERAL Chairman of this year's Goodfellow Campaign, Dr. John Richardson, urged this week the assistance of everyone in the community to assure that no child goes without a Merry Christmas in Farmington this year. So far, approximately 125 needy families have been reported into the Goodfellow Investigations Committee headed by Mac Goldman is busy engaged in determining the needs of those families.

Six Persons Injured In Twp. Auto Accidents

Three separate accidents in Farmington Township this past week resulted in injuries to six persons with one person requiring hospitalization.

Seriously injured when his car passed a stop sign at Orchard Lake and Freedom Road on November 29 was Godwin C. Kroening, 92, of 4995 S. Clun-

Planners To Meet Twice a Month

The Township Planning Commission will begin holding two meetings a month starting in January. The Commission, which meets in the Township Hall at 8 p.m., will meet the first and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning on January 6.

The first meeting of the month will be primarily a planning meeting, but official business may be transacted at any of the meetings according to chairman James Skillman.

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THE CITY billing was made on a state equalized valuation of \$29,223,608 for 1965. The city's 1964 equalized valuation on which billings were made was \$27,370,606 or approximately \$2 million lower than for the current year.

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