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FARMINGTON'S JUNIOR MISS Bonnie Britton is pictured above being escorted from the stage by Farmington Jaycee Junior Miss Pageant Co-Chairman Larry Nameche after being crowned at ceremonies last November.



FARMINGTON'S BONNIE BRITTON was crowned in ceremonies Saturday night as Michigan's Junior Miss and will compete next month for the National Title in Mobile, Alabama.

Farmington's Miss Bonnie Britton Crowned Michigan Junior Miss

The newly crowned Michigan Junior Miss for 1964 is pretty and talented Bonnie Britton of Farmington who earned top honors for the local Jaycees at the state pageant concluded Saturday night in Pontiac.

The 17-year-old North Farmington High School senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Britton of 3424 Northwick in Farmington. She will now represent the State of Michigan in the National Junior Miss Pageant to be staged in Mobile, Alabama March 29

to compete for the state title in the three-day pageant sponsored by the Pontiac Jaycees.

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To Propose Goodfellows Loan Fund

Thomas Duke, president of the Exchange Club of Farmington, disclosed this week that he plans to propose to Club members today the setting up of a special scholarship fund for young people from needy families using surplus Goodfellow monies.

Duke said that the people of Farmington have been very generous in giving to the Goodfellow fund, which has resulted in a surplus bank balance of around \$10,000. This money would normally carry over from year to year.

Duke will propose to Exchange Club members, many of whom are active in the Goodfellow organization, that the money be put to some good use in the community. He will propose that a revolving interest loan fund be made available for young people who wish to attend trade schools or pay for special training to help them obtain employment.

Duke's recommendation will include the appointment of a committee, Robert Clark, C.P.A.; John Clappison, insurance executive; and Gerald Hartzell, a local businessman, to study the proposal and recommend a program to implement it.

Start Second Suit On Incorporation

A second civil court suit has been filed in connection with the proposal to hold an election for the incorporation of all of Farmington Township as a home rule city.

This new suit questions the legality of the petitions for incorporation which were filed with the Oakland County Clerk and later verified as being sufficient to warrant the holding of an election by the Township Board members and other Township voters.

The plaintiff in the case — Conrad Braseth of 21217 Waldron Street, and his attorney, Wendell Brown of 2921 Ardmore Street, both of Farmington Township — claim that the petitions are deficient in several respects.

Named as defendants in the case are County Clerk John D. Murphy, Oakland County, and the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

A TEMPORARY restraining order was granted the plaintiff and his attorney in Oakland County Circuit Court Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, and a "show cause" hearing was set for Monday, Feb. 7, at 9 a.m. before Judge Clark Adams in Pontiac. The plaintiff and his attorney are seeking to have any further action stopped in the case until the setting of a date or holding of the election.

Twp. Problem Corner Plagues Planners

The Township's "problem corner" at Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Road continues to plague the Planning Commission.

Several requests for development of the corner have been made in the past, but vigorous objections registered by residents have prompted the commission to deny requests over the recommendations of planning consultant Charles Leman.

On November 29, another request, to rezone a 4.8 acre parcel from business and single family residential to multiple use to permit construction of a 44-unit apartment development, met with strong opposition from residents represented by attorney Wendell Brown and was denied by the commission.

AT THE JANUARY 27 meeting of the commission it was disclosed that the Township Board had received a communication from the Oakland County Zoning Coordinating Committee that, "The commission could see no reason for denying this request," and asking that the commission give further consideration to the request.

Wendell Brown, attorney for Franklin Forest and Franklin Fairways Subdivisions and other individuals, stated that the case was a "PROBLEM CORNER".

Pub. Hearing Set for Mich. Bank Center

A public hearing on rezoning of Michigan Bank property was set for March 24, by the Farmington Township Planning Commission at a regular meeting on January 27.

The bank's request to rezone acreage at the southeast corner of 1 1/2 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads was tabled at the Commission's November meeting pending the securing of information regarding possible expansion of Northwestern Highway which bounds the property on the east.

Rezoning from single family residential to a general business classification would permit a branch office and shopping center usage of the property located on both sides of Fordson Avenue, which runs from Orchard Lake Road to Greening Street.

FUTURE PLANS call for the vacation of Fordson Avenue to bank construction of a permanent bank office with drive-in and parking facilities and an eight store shopping center.

Mr. Figley, bank representative, stated that the exact location of the bank building and other buildings will depend upon the expansion of Northwestern Highway. Charles Leman, planning consultant, asked that the bank submit a plan showing the parking area proposed so that the Commission could "pin down" the area for rezoning.

Leman said that he would not recommend rezoning the entire parcel for general business. His recommendation will be to rezone definite locations for parking and the rest for commercial.

Richardson Earns Top Jaycee Award

Dr. John Richardson is the winner of the Farmington Jaycees Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for 1963. The award is made by the Jaycees to the man between the ages of 21 and 35 who has given usefully to his community during the past year.

THE D.S.A. is made on the basis of all around action in the community. Richardson certainly has given usefully by being a member of the Exchange Club, the Board of Commerce, active in his church organization, and an officer in his subdivision association. He is also a member and past president of the Farmington Jaycees.

As if this were not enough, Richardson also finds the time to attend most of the Farmington City Council meetings. Pat Nowak, president of the Farmington Jaycees, said that Richardson was the most deserving of the many worthy candidates. Jim Alstrom, chairman of the Jaycees awards committee, made the award at the annual Jaycee musical variety show kick-off dinner in the Farmington Knights of Columbus Hall Saturday night, January 29.

A resident at 21851 Eldred said he had no objection to the rezoning, but warned the owners of a flooding problem in the area.

Planning consultant Charles Leman recommended rezoning of the lot since it is unsuited for light industrial. The decision was unanimous.

The matter must now go before the Board of Appeals for final approval.

Theme Picked For JC Show

The Farmington Jaycees have announced the title and theme of their 19th annual spring musical "Show Boats a' Comin'". The title and the setting is "Down by the Swanee".

The announcement was made at a dinner marking the opening of rehearsals for the show. The cast is made up of mostly Farmington Jaycees and their wives with some professional help.

The show will be held March 18 and 19 at Farmington Junior High. Tickets are being sold by the members of the Jaycees. People are urged to buy their tickets as soon as possible because of the expected great demand for them.

The show is billed as the Jaycee social function of at least March, and maybe even the whole year. "Anyone who saw one of our past shows knows how wonderful they have been. We are certain that this year's show will be equally as good, if not the best of all time."

New B.C. Directors Picked; 12 on Board

At their annual dinner meeting on Tuesday night of last week members of the Farmington Board of Commerce approved a by-law amendment increasing the size of the board of directors from 8 to 12 members.

An election followed with nine of the 12 being selected to serve with three present members who will be filling out the remainder of their two year terms in 1966. Bill Conroy, outgoing 1965 Board chairman, remains on the Board as an ex-officio thirteenth board member.

The members remaining on the Board besides Conroy are Ed Balden, Dr. Don Krohn and Bill Bowman.

ELECTED TO two year terms to serve with them from a field of 15 nominees were Russ Gilbert, Stella Strze, John Richardson, Norbert Janisse, Bob Lindbert and John Chapman. Elected for one year

Ask Planners To Reconsider Apts Zoning

The Farmington Township Planning Commission at a regular meeting on January 27, heard a renewed request by Louis Rose and Associates for multiple zoning to allow construction of an apartment development to be known as Kirkstone Downs.

The request, for rezoning of some 20 acres located east of Drake Road, north of the western extension of Oakland Avenue, and south of a 540 foot deep commercial zone on Grand River, was turned down by the commission last August; but proponents stated that they wished to present some points that had not been brought out at that time.

They pointed out that the apartment units would be built on the east by a natural growth of pine trees, that the elevation difference of 40 feet would make it difficult to develop it into single family residential, that an "eyesore", an old rented house, would be removed, and that a sewer would be brought in immediately.

The proponents' main point was that of bringing a sewer into the area. They pointed out that the City's annexation attempt had used sewers as an inducement. If a sewer were brought in, they said, it would be available for use by Woodcroft subdivision as well as the surrounding area and would help preclude future annexation.

After lengthy discussion, Grace Richardson, commission member, said she could see no reason why the matter should not be set for public hearing to see what the people in Woodcroft and surrounding areas think of the proposed development. The hearing was set by unanimous action of the board for February 24.

Local Jaycees Present Kiley Citizen Award

The Farmington Jaycees presented Michael J. Kiley of the Farmington Enterprise an award for outstanding efforts on the job as well as efforts in the community. The award is called the Special Citizens Award.

In presenting the award, Jaycee President Pat Nowak said that Kiley, Executive Assistant to the Publisher of the Farmington Enterprise, has done an excellent job in his work by writing many editorials aimed at enlightening the people of Farmington on certain situations and problems. He has also been active in the community, acting as a director of the Board of Commerce.

The award was made at a dinner honoring the DSA recipient Saturday night which was also the kick-off of the Jaycee annual musical variety show. This year's show is titled "Show Boats a' Comin'" and will be held at the Farmington Junior High March 18 and 19. All Jaycee members are selling tickets.

OK Rezoning For Trailer Park Expansion

Rezoning of a lot at 20910 Radcliff to allow expansion of the Wagon Wheel Trailer Park at 3000 W. Eight Mile Road was approved by the Farmington Township Planning Commission after a public hearing on January 27.

The square of 3105 Dundirk was against expansion of the trailer park. He said, "There are more trailers in section 35 than in any other section."

Myrna Allen, who owns property on Ameth and Dundirk felt that the rezoning would be contrary to zoning planning, although she agreed that the property was not suited for light industrial for which it was zoned.

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Twp. Sets Sat. Hours For Senior Citizens

Special Saturday hours have been set for Farmington Township senior citizens who wish to apply for the senior citizens' tax exemptions.

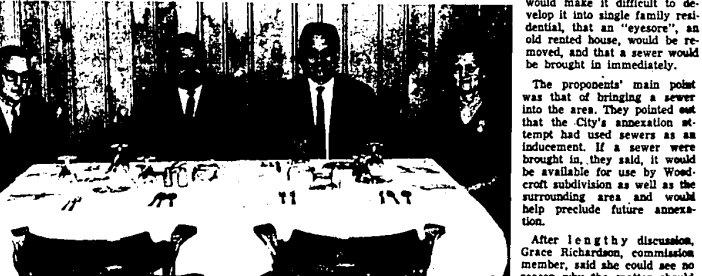
Township Supervisor Curtis Hall has announced that his office will be open to accept applications on Saturday, February 7, at 8 a.m. at North Farmington High School on Thirteen Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road.

The board is the third in a series of six meetings scheduled by the committee. The subject will be "Local governmental needs of the community, present and future."

To Meet Mon., Feb. 7 On Incorporation

A meeting of Farmington Township's Pre-Incorporation Study Committee will be held next Monday evening, February 7, at 8 a.m. at North Farmington High School on Thirteen Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road.

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THE NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Farmington Board of Commerce are pictured above (L to R) Treasurer John Chapman, Vice President Ed Balden, President Bill Bowman and Secretary Stella Strze. Outgoing President Bill Conroy assumes a post on the organization's Board of Directors. The officers were elected at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors last week following the annual Board of Commerce membership meeting.



THE JAYCEES' COVETED Distinguished Service Award was presented last Saturday night to Dr. John Richardson (right) by Farmington Jaycee President Pat Nowak. Richardson has been active this past year in the Jaycees, Exchange Club and Board of Commerce and served as General Chairman of the Farmington Goodfellows Committee.