

# Planners Set Hearing On Apartments

## Summer Session A Success

When it got around to routine business Monday night, Farmington Board of Education heard a report on the success of this summer's program for special education students.

The report was presented by Douglas Smith, Mrs. Helen Moore and Fred Parker, all members of the regular special education staff, who spent the summer months working with the handicapped children.

BUDGETED AT \$23,700, with \$21,155 actually spent, the program was fully reimbursed.

Enrolled were 120 youngsters from Farmington's public and parochial schools and school districts that take part in the local special education classes.

Personnel consisted of 30 certified teachers and 10 student aids.

As explained by Smith, the program's aim was "to involve the students in a wide variety of activity beyond the confines of the classroom."

THE CHILDREN attended half-day classes three days a week and spent all day Thursday on field trips. These included picnics, a trip to the zoo, airport, Cranbrook, a farm and so on. All of these activities are normally beyond the range of a handicapped child.

Fifteen teachers were taken by three teachers on a week-long camping trip.

Smith reported that language development experienced by the children over the summer was noticeable.

Parker noted that counseling of parents was more meaningful and easier when it took place over a picnic table.

IN OTHER business, trustees: "In answer to a question raised by Trustee Sanford Bloomberg on the bill for book rebinding, directed Assistant Supt. James Read to get costs on labor and equipment for such work."

Granted an easement request from the telephone company so that overhead telephone wires crossing the Highmeadow School playground can be put underground.



NINE TEACHERS new to the Farmington School District teaching staff this fall are on familiar ground. All are graduates of Farmington high schools and have chosen to return to their home to pursue teaching careers. Left to

right, they include: Adele Howden; Karen Manecke; Melissa Neal; Susan Mosshamer; Barbara Brogren and Mary Marginean. Not pictured are Margaret Harding, Thomas Murphy and Sara Shan Kirsten.

## Students Back As Teachers

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN Staff Writer

Proof of the lasting impression that Farmington Schools make on their students is the fact that of 180 teachers new to the district this fall, nine are graduates of Farmington High School.

They've spent four years away from Farmington at schools all over the map, met students from many other school districts, but yet have returned to their home district to pursue teaching careers.

For some, it is their first formal teaching experience. Susan Mosshamer, a vocal music teacher at Farmington Junior High, is a graduate of the 1963 class at Farmington High. So is Mary Marginean, who teaches English and social studies at Dunckel Junior High.

CLASSMATES of these two included Adele Howden,

teaching English, rhetoric and composition at North Farmington, Margaret Harding, second grade teacher at Larkshire; and Barbara Brogren, math and science teacher at Farmington Junior High.

Melissa Neal, a 1960 graduate, has returned to Farmington after some teaching experience in Flint and Walled Lake. She has words of praise for the students at North Farmington where she teaches French.

"They are so eager to learn," Melissa says. "Much more so than at other schools where I have taught. It makes me proud to be a Farmington graduate."

THOMAS MURPHY has also had previous teaching experience in the Lake Orion school system. He is a 1959 graduate and a special education teacher at Dunckel.

Sara Shan Kirsten, another 1963 alumna will soon report for duty after her husband, Rob, leaves for Vietnam. At present he is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, and Sara is there with him. She will teach math and English at East Junior High when she returns.

Quotes from these recruits are all glowing about the local district.

"I was interviewed by number of districts, but the cooper-

ation and staff here are just wonderful. I'm a real Farmington supporter," says Miss Harding.

"I'm so pleased with the students, they are so enthusiastic," is Miss Howden's reaction. Her course in rhetoric and composition for seniors is one that she wishes had been available to her as a student.

"It's experimental now," she explains, "but it's so valuable as preparation for college, that I hope it will be continued."

SUE MOSSHAMER didn't make up her mind to teach until the half-way point in college, but now she is finding it a very rewarding experience.

"The school is so well run, and the faculty is just great. I've already found some creative talent to work with, and the students are very responsive," said her new vocal music instructor.

Mary Marginean not only did her student teaching at Dunckel, but attended it herself when it

was newly opened. This helps her to feel right at home, and she's finding her job very pleasant.

Barbara Brogren had firmly decided not to teach in her home town, but after doing her student teaching at Farmington Junior High, she was completely sold on the faculty and atmosphere there and couldn't wait to sign a contract.

THE SOLE MALE member of the group, Thomas Murphy, had heard so many good things about Farmington's special education department that he is now very pleased to be a part of it.

Of these new additions to Farmington's faculty, Laffey Bartman, director of personnel, has said, "All of these young people are superior additions to our teaching staff. It is significant that so many of them decided to return here to teach while memories of their own Farmington school experiences are still fresh."

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY Editor

The Farmington Township Planning Commission voted Thursday night to schedule a public hearing on the proposed apartment—single home development at Middle Belt Rd. and Northwestern Highway on Oct. 26.

Before voting unanimously to set the public hearing, the planners heard Developer Ivan Frankel pledge that with every apartment unit started, a private home would also be constructed.

Frankel presented a letter stating this to the Planners which was made a part of the record.

IN ANOTHER development, Frankel told the commission that at the request of the County Road Commission he had eliminated the proposed outlet on Middle Belt Rd. and also abandoned the plans for a private drive within the development.

Frankel repeated his pledge that the residential homes in Olde Franklin Towne, Franklin Fairways and Franklin Forrest would be abutted by residential homes within his development.

He said that the apartments would be in a "luxury" class with a minimum of 1,000 square feet and would rent for \$185 to \$400.

"We will do an outstanding job," Frankel told the commission, "and I hope that we have the support of the Planning Commission as it is inevitable that we will have opposition from the area."

THE PARCEL in question has been termed a "problem corner" by the township planners, and two previous rezoning proposals have been defeated primarily because of the opposition of the residents.

Reports had been circulating that the opposition had died out, but last month Attorney Wendell Brown told The Enterprise & Observer that he had more than 200 signatures on petitions opposing the rezoning.

BROWN, who has represented the residents of the area in the

past, was present at Thursday's meeting but made no public comment on the issue.

The previous month Planning Commissioner Charles Lorion had ruled Brown out of order when he wanted to speak, but promised Brown a chance "when the matter is set for public hearing."

The Farmington Township Planning Commission was treated to an elaborate slide presentation of a new open space concept for the township Thursday night.

William J. Pulte, of William J. Pulte, Inc. of Birmingham, told the commission that this idea was "a true Planned Unit Development."

Briefly the idea is centered around the satellite village concept with a self-contained shopping center, community house and even schools within the development.

PROPOSED land for the development is 320 acres on the north side of 12 Mile and on both sides of Drake Rd.

Under the proposal as presented Thursday night, density for the development would be 3.8 dwelling units per acre.

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568 apartments.

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## New Park Lights Go In

Five modern lamp post lanterns have been placed in the triangular park bounded by Oakland and Grand River, a block west from the central intersection of Farmington Road and Grand River.

These lights were purchased by the Farmington Garden Club and installed by the City of Farmington.

For the past three years these two organizations have cooperated in developing and maintaining this dedicated park area.

In 1963, Mr. Carl D. Johnson, a well known landscape architect of the firm Johnson, Johnson and Roy, designed and gave to the Garden Club a five year plan for the development of Farmington Community Park One.

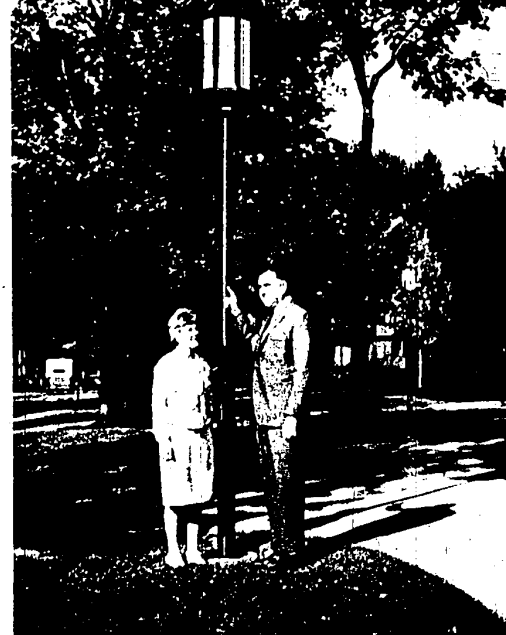
Accordingly, the City and the Garden Club have cooperated toward this aim.

An old filling station building was removed. Old shrubbery and trees were taken out and remaining trees trimmed

and fertilized. New trees were planted, beautiful curvilinear walks laid, and an underground sprinkling system installed.

New sod has been laid, flower beds planted and maintained and new, modern lights are in place. This has been accomplished since 1964.

The last phase of the designed plan is to be completed this coming year—the point of the triangle detailed with paving and a raised bed; the center bed to be elevated and benches to be placed.



NEW LAMP POSTS and lanterns now, decorate the triangular park between Oakland and Grand River in the City of Farmington. John Dinan, city manager, and Mrs. Keith B. Willoughby, of the Farmington Garden Club, stand near one of the five newly installed lamps.

## Cairns Improves

Farmington Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns is now listed in "fair" condition in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia.

Cairns, who suffered an apparent heart attack last weekend, was listed in "poor" condition at the first part of the week.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH could be called "picture of an artist painting a picture." It shows Farmington artist, Mrs. Ruth Newkirk, of 34695 Thornbrook, putting the finishing touches on one of her paintings. Mrs. Newkirk will exhibit a watercolor, "The Indian Tree," at the Bloomfield Art Association's graphic arts show, opening today in the gallery on Cranbrook Rd. at 14 Mile. A former professional artist and graduate of Wayne State University, Mrs. Newkirk has never had a formal art lesson and says she was born "with a pencil in her hand."

## 'Monument Belongs To Public'-Masons

The Farmington Masons have granted permission for moving the relevant monument from its current position in front of



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Who actually owned the monument came up when the Masons who had purchased the property from the township, discovered that no exceptions were listed on the deed.

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the Masonic Temple to a site in the city park just west of the Temple.

According to C.D. Valerius, secretary-treasurer of the Masonic Temple, the Board discussed the matter at its Sept. 14 session.

"Presumably, the monument is legally the property of the Masonic Temple Association since our deed shows no exceptions," he said.

"However, the Temple Board feels that morally the monument belongs to the community, and we therefore, feel obliged to consent to its relocation, with the proviso that the present base be moved and the current site be left in a condition acceptable to the Farmington Masonic Temple Board."

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