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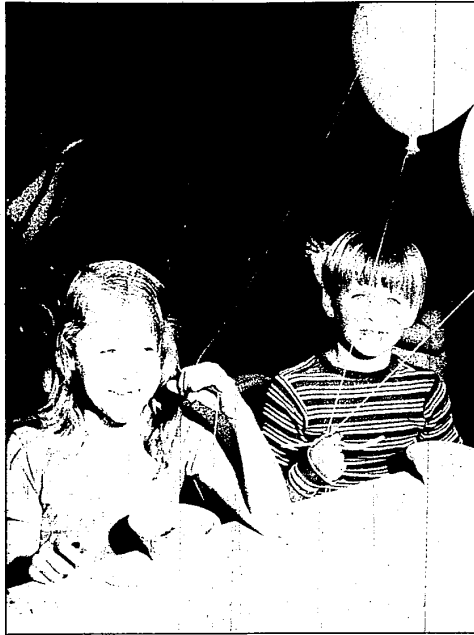
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Old fashioned fun

Linda and Frank Dimock (left), Ray Campbell and Bob Machacek (below) were among the happy people at an old fashioned ice cream social recently at Wooddale Elementary. Many elementary schools in the city have discovered the socials as one of the more popular events honoring the area's 150th birthday, and the Wooddale parents were no exception. (Photo by Ralph Evert)



Millage issue is supported by 6 in race

By DIANE HUBEL

The majority of candidates running for the Farmington school board offered their support of the millage which is being requested by the current board.

Six of the candidates stated their position at the first Meet the Candidates Night, which was sponsored by the Farmington Democrats Club on Wednesday, May 23. The one candidate who opposes the millage, Bruce Duke, was not present at the meeting.

The candidates were asked their position relative to the millage and what cuts they would make should the millage be defeated.

MAYNARD GORDON, a candidate for the one year term said, "I support the millage. I will vote for it but I think the budget which has come down from the present board deserves a fine look by the new board members before they commit themselves to it."

"I realize that rising costs have hit the district as hard as they have everywhere else. I would hate to see an austerity situation like we experienced four years ago."

"On the other hand, if elected I will look the budget over with a fine tooth comb to be sure revenues were being spent in the best possible manner."

If it were to fail he said it may be possible to close one elementary school temporarily. He said reports indicate that there will be 200 fewer students enrolled in the schools in the fall and perhaps the elementary school with the fewest students could be closed.

"It is never a popular move to close an elementary school," he said, "but it may be one way to meet our needs."

ANOTHER ONE-TERM candidate, Edmond Dodson, said he supports the millage but is not happy with the budget as presented.

"I would not be opposed to the millage," he said.

"I can see the necessity for the increase but there must be a stopping point. I think there are definite priorities which must be established when drawing up a budget."

Dodson said he does not feel he is in a position to say what cuts he would make should the millage fail until he has an opportunity to study the budget in detail.

He stressed the fact that he would not want to see the teachers suffer if cuts were necessary.

"If the teachers suffer, the students suffer," he said.

WILLIAM R. GRAVIUS, candidate for the four-year term said, "I have not taken an official stand on the millage. I have formed an opinion but I don't think it should affect my candidacy. The board which is elected will have to work with whatever money they have available."

"I will work with whatever I have to give the best educational experience to the children. I can't say I would cut this item or that item if the millage fails."

"My main interest would be to keep anything I feel could best educate our children to cope with their future."

J. Anne Strubel, a four-year term candidate said, "I definitely support the millage. If it didn't pass, the board would be remiss in not going back for at least the three mills."

"It is going to be hard enough without taking a cut. We can't afford to cut the educational experience of the child. We cannot give back the year we have taken away. Once the year is passed it is lost."

She said site improvements costs should be cut if the millage were defeated, repeating her desire that nothing be taken away from the educational experience of the child.

GEORGE BOWMAN, a candidate
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Graduation speakers named

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON - The 1,348 graduates of Farmington Public Schools will be hearing three distinguished speakers during commencement ceremonies June 10-12.

Harrison seniors will hear Richard H. Headlee, president of Hamilton International Corp., Farmington, at the ceremonies at Ford Auditorium in Detroit.

Harrison will be graduating June 10, Farmington High is June 11, and North Farmington is June 12. All three commencements begin at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Farmington High School.

North will hear Dr. George S. Paulus, associate professor of social science from WSU.

IN ADDITION to the guest speakers, all members of the board of education will be attending all commencement exercises. Diplomas will be distributed by two members of the board at each ceremony.

Headlee, 42, the father of nine children, has been chief executive with

Hamilton since 1970. His civic activities include being president of the United States Jaycees and being named bishop of the Detroit Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He served as national chairman of the Young Business and Civic Leaders for Nixon-Agnew, and was formerly assistant to the chairman of the Romney for President Committee.

In 1964, he was a judge at the Miss

America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

DR. CRANE is curator of the audio-voice library and professor of humanities at MSU. A graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois, he has written professional articles and poetry.

He toured Europe and Asia as well as studying at Cambridge, England in 1964-65.

Dr. Paulus studied at New York

University and MSU before his WSU post.

He has written numerous articles for professional journals.

Trustee Gary Lichtman and Board President Dr. Mervyn Ross will be distributing diplomas at Harrison, William Coriiss and Dr. Burton Knight will be at Farmington High, and Mrs. Emma Makiinen and Rev. Hugh Stewart will be at North Farmington.

Planners OK 360-acre development

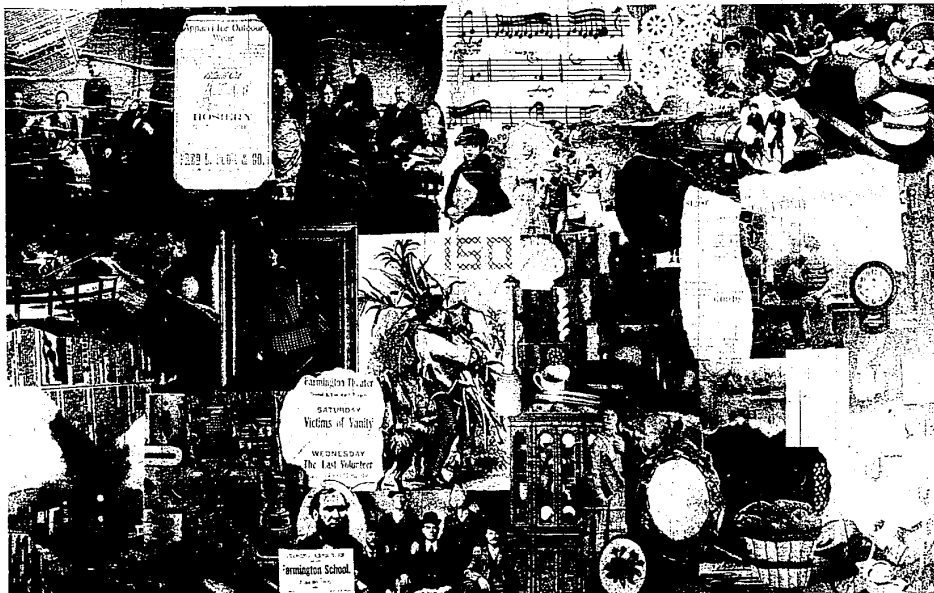
FARMINGTON HILLS - The plans for a 360-acre residential development which were presented Thursday to the Farmington Hills planning commission by Melvin Rosenhaus were approved.

The commission heard Rosenhaus' plans for a planned residential area in the area between 13 and 14 Mile Roads east of Halstead at its Thursday, May 23 meeting.

The plans will be presented to the city council some time next month.

The development will be a combination of multiple and single family dwellings. It is expected to be a 360-acre development with approximately 3½ units per acre.

The area is currently zoned as a single family residential.



150th art show won by Eagle

By LEE S. PEEL

A group of fifth graders from Eagle Elementary School walked off with the first prize in the Farmington Historical Society's Sesquicentennial Art competition.

The \$50 award was presented to the students and their teacher, Harvey Goldstein. They plan to use the money for new media experiments in art next year.

In a field of 537 entries from elementary, junior, and senior high students, the winning montage depicts some actual as well as representational items from Farmington's 150 year history.

The art work measures approximately 2½ x four feet. Earth colors dominate the color scheme. Rich yellows, browns, and golds are mellowed by a coating of varnish to help give an antique effect.

Presently, Eagle Elementary School is displaying the work, but it will be moved within a few weeks to the downtown Farmington library.

Judged "best of elementary" was fifth grader Mike Grant's linoleum print. His prize was a paint set. He is also from Eagle. Best of the junior and senior high was Farmington Junior High ninth grader Keith Rose's pencil drawing of the old Town Hall.

His prize was also a paint set.

Judges were from the Farmington Artist Club. Mrs. Ely Bird of the Farmington Historical Society supervised the contest and the show which was held at the 12-Mile Library.

Mrs. Bird stated that the competition could not have been successful without the cooperation of the teachers in the Farmington Public Schools, and wishes to thank them.

The competition pulled 462 entries in 19 categories from the elementary schools. The Society award 217 ribbons.

There were 10 junior high categories with 63 entries and 29 ribbons, and from the senior highs 12 entries in four categories with eight ribbons.

The top award will become a part of the Historical Society's permanent collection.

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