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With the arrival of fall and opening of school comes the announcement that the Farmington Community Center has another full year of classes and activities planned for young and old. A full report is given inside on the many activities available this year "At The Center."

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Hospital Salesmen

The Farmington Area Jaycees have joined the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and a township trustee in a combined effort to seek community support for location of a regional medical center in the Farmington Area. Efforts by the chamber and plans by the Jaycees are reported inside.

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Birthday Gals

There are more than 300 women in Oberseerland who admit without a moment's hesitation that they are celebrating a 50th birthday. Their story is in the women's section.

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For the full high school football story, read the story on Page 1B. Then get out your scissors and clip the season's schedule. It's on Page 2B

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What's new in Appliances? Betty Masson went to a press demonstration to find out. Her report is in the women's section.

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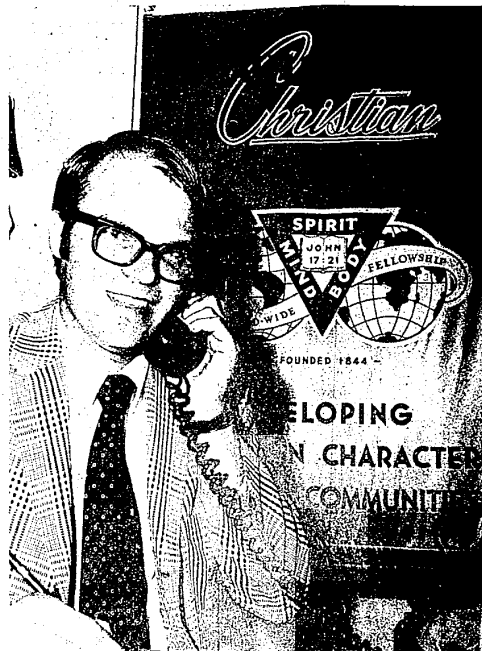
Accent On Drama

The accent is on drama today, and university graduates will have greater opportunities of becoming professional actors. See what students and teachers are planning.

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Hold Public Hearing Thursday On Township's Master Plan



ON THE JOB — The new program director of the Farmington Area YMCA is Fred Lindholm, pictured here making one of the many contacts he has made with Farmington residents and community leaders. (Evert photo)

YMCA Welcomes Ex-Seminarian

By LIZ WISSMAN

Although he says he gave up becoming a minister because he "didn't like preaching and couldn't do it very well," in private conversation Fred Lindholm, the new program director of the Farmington YMCA, is an articulate and fluent speaker.

After attending Flint Junior College and the University of Michigan, 28-year-old Lindholm spent two years at Virginia Seminary studying for the Episcopal ministry.

"After that," says Lindholm, "I changed my mind—it wasn't for me. I might have found out earlier but we didn't start preaching until the middle of the second year."

LINDHOLM worked as a swimming instructor for the YMCA while at UM and liked the association so much that upon graduation he became program director for the South Macomb YMCA which serves four northeast suburban communities.

He brings this experience

to the Farmington YMCA as well as a background in the Army. He received his draft notice six months after his marriage to his wife, Pia, a southern girl, and received his official Army greetings while on his honeymoon. He had applied for officer's training so there was a delay in his induction.

IN ADDITION to his new job with the Farmington YMCA, the new program director is working on his master's degree in education at the University of Michigan.

He had begun work on this degree in theology, but changed when he left the seminary. Perhaps because he is still a student, perhaps because he had the toughening-up of his Army experience, Lindholm shows a keen insight into the role of an established organization like the YMCA can play in the lives of today's youth.

HE SAYS: "The place of the YMCA is to work with both the teenagers and the adults to foster communication between the two of them."

"The Farmington YMCA board is committed to working with youth and is trying to evaluate the situation and look for new ways to do this. "Part of my job will be to talk to persons in the community and community leaders and also to teenagers to see what is concerning them and what types of programs can be worked out. LINDHOLM defines the gap between teenagers and adults as a "gap in terms of values and value judgments."

"But," he continues, "much of this gap exists because of the lack of communication between the two groups. I feel that if they got together and talked about their differences and how they feel that many of the gaps between them would be shown, not to exist. "But communication is a difficult thing because people's biases stand between them. The adult doesn't want to talk to an aggressive, outspoken, and by his judgment, "unclean" teenager. "The teenager doesn't want to talk to the adult who, he feels, won't listen. The teenager sees the adult as saying, 'I've already got all the answers—I don't want to talk to any young kid.'"

"Adults value some things—teenagers others. Even when they do communicate, I don't think they're going to totally agree on everything. But, most important, I believe they will understand each other's position."

HIS JOB IN FARMINGTON won't be concerned just with teenagers, but as they are a vital factor in today's society, and as the YMCA is concerned with youth of all ages, he believes teenagers must be directed to assume the role of adult when the time comes.

A public hearing will be held tomorrow (Sept. 17) on the proposed master plan for Farmington Township.

The hearing, conducted by the Farmington Township Planning Commission, will begin at 8 p.m. in the township hall on 11 Mile just west of Orchard Lake.

It will be the second hearing held on the master plan. The first was adjourned and will be picked up again tomorrow night.

THE PLANNERS first began work on the master plan in September 1966 and worked for 3½ years before the final draft was written by Vilcan-Leman Associates, Inc., planning consultants for the township.

The document, "Future Land Use Plan," is 50 pages long and it was underwritten by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954.

It is commonly known as a "90 Plan" because of the section of the Housing Act and because most communities draw up a master plan which is seven pages in one.

The township's master plan encompasses nine separate studies as follows: Housing Condition Analysis; Population and Land Use; Population Projections and Neighborhood Unit Plan; Recreation and Community Facilities; Commercial Land Use; Storm Water Run-off; Industrial Land Use; Housing Study; and Therefore Plan.

THE INTENT OF the plan is explained by the consultants who write:

"With a Neighborhood Unit Plan as a basis, the township look at the zoning ordinance which has affected the shape of development in the township. This was the adoption of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) section of the zoning ordinance which allowed reduced single-family lot sizes with corresponding increases in open spaces.

"Canterbury, Independence and Wedgewood Commons, Camelot Court, Lincolnshire Estates and other subdivisions have been developed on this principle.

"During the past year, a Planned Residential Development (PRD) section was added to the ordinance to permit the intermingling of dwelling unit types at a population density which is only slightly higher than that now permitted. As yet, no development has occurred under this option.

"The township has also taken the lead in attempting to curb the problems resulting from strip commercial development in the township. A service drive is being required adjacent to major thoroughfares where feasible; it is being used on Orchard Lake.

"Some development has taken place, but not yet enough to assess the results of this attempt to reduce the number of driveways in commercial areas.

"Farmington, then, has done a great deal toward implementing the land use plan for the township. These activities will continue but now under the

Clerk Tells Signup Hours

Special hours have been set by the City of Farmington clerk's office for residents needing to register for the Nov. 3 general election.

City residents may register at the city hall, 23650 Liberty at Grand River on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

guidance of an overall plan for future land use."

PURPOSES OF a land use plan are:

- Suggesting sites for future public use;
- Providing a guide for zoning decisions which channel private developments;
- Illustrating a framework within which single-family developments can contain proper amenities, assured through the use of subdivision regulations;
- Posing sound planning standards and concepts which serve to guide the planning commission and township board in their decisions.

Vilcan-Leman stress the plan is a guide for decisions on how land will be used and does not represent final decisions.

THE PLAN is flexible so the commission and board can make changes when the need for change is recognized, the consultants add.

Change will be necessary, they add, because the master plan is based on present knowledge, technology and goals which will change.

The plan does not control the use of land, they specified, and must not be confused with the

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Police Are Arrested For Killings

Six Farmington Township patrolmen will be subpoenaed to testify Friday morning in the pre-trial examination for the township policemen charged with the second-degree murders of two residents.

Also to be called as witnesses will be survivors and neighbors of the two men killed who were on the scene and watched the shootings.

BOTH SLAYINGS occurred when township police responded to homes of the deceased because of family trouble.

Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett issued the warrants Saturday against the patrolmen who were arraigned and released on \$1,000 personal bond by Farmington District Judge Michael J. Hand.

Charged with second-degree murder are: William Sonnenberg Jr., 30, of 2701 Barrow, accused in the fatal shooting of Harold Braun, 30, of 35606 Johnston on July 4;

Corporal Thomas Godwin, 33, accused of the fatal shooting of Eldon Kephart, 28, of 27600 Independence on Aug. 30.

Plunkett told the Farmington Enterprise & Observer that after both shootings occurred the Farmington Township administration called the Michigan State Police and asked them to conduct an impartial investigation.

The warrants issued over the weekend stemmed from that investigation which determined that neither Braun nor Kephart were armed when shot.

ACCORDING TO reports, Sonnenberg fired two shots into Braun with a revolver and Godwin fired a shotgun blast into Kephart.

Both Sonnenberg and Godwin stood mute at Saturday's arraignment, and pleas of innocent were entered on their behalf by Judge Hand.

Purpose of Friday's preliminary examination are to determine (1) if a crime has been committed and (2) if there is probable cause to believe the accused committed the crime.

Godwin and Patrolmen Noah Warkentally will be subpoenaed to testify about the Kephart shooting and four other township policemen, including Sonnenberg, will be called to

cooperate with investigators. The board asked that Yates submit his report to the board by 7 p.m. Sept. 17 and to meet with the board in executive session at 7:30 p.m.

The 9 p.m. public meeting will be held in the township hall. Exact meeting place inside the hall is now being arranged because the planning commission will hold a hearing that same night on the township's proposed master plan.

OPPERTHAUSER'S motion asked that Yates' report answer the following questions: • What investigation, if any, the chief has done to ascertain which officers, if any, failed to cooperate or withhold information from proper authority, or who otherwise violated provisions of the police manual; • What facts have been reviewed by any such investigation; • What discipline, if any, has been taken in reference to such findings; and, • If such discipline has been taken, or is planned, why was it not taken promptly.

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Ask Chief For Full Inquiry

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OPPERTHAUSER'S actions apparently stemmed from comments made by Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett (see story above) who has complained about the refusal of certain township policemen to reveal their knowledge about the shootings of Harold Braun and Eldon Kephart.

The board voted 6-0 Monday night to take the action requested by Oppertbauer and established a special public meeting on Sept. 17 starting at 9 p.m. to consider what further action, if any, is required by the board.

The motion adopted asks Police Chief Irving Yates to submit a full, written report concerning the allegations certain patrolmen have refused to

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Purpose of the public meeting, as defined by the motion, is for the board "to take what-

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