

Hardees building is leased

A tentative agreement has been reached to lease the former Hardees restaurant in downtown Farmington to another local restaurateur.

The building has been vacant and boarded up for five months.

According to Don Silver, a representative of INASCO, parent company for Hardees Food Systems of Rocky Mountain, N.C., "We have a signed proposition for a prospective tenant."

He termed the restaurant a "fast food type" and said the interested person is local, but would give no additional details about the tentative contract. The contract will be a tri-party one, approved by Hardees officials, the parent company and the prospective tenant, Silver said.

"It looks sound at the moment," he said. "The deal should be closed and the restaurant open in 60-90 days."

THE FORMER Hardees sits in the center of the city's business district on the north side of the 3300 block of Grand River. Business leaders and Downtown Development Authority officials are concerned that a viable business be placed in the building, especially with a proposed \$1.5 million program for re-juvenating the downtown area.

Although the Indianapolis-based INASCO prefers to handle its own property transactions throughout the United States, Silver said this proposition was brought to them through a local real estate broker.

Although he did not give financial information, other sources have said the company is asking close to half a million dollars for sale of the building and several thousand for monthly rental.

Hardees closed its downtown Farmington restaurant last April, citing the lack of space for a drive-through window and a shortage of parking. The restaurant was formerly a Burger Chef before the Hardees chain took over the company.

Silver said "there have been quite a number of calls on the property."



Mark Babcock, North Farmington defensive coordinator, places a hat and football on the monument dedicated to the memory of Murray Deighton.

Memory of doctor honored

The memory of a community-minded man was honored Saturday during a close football contest pitting the victorious Raiders of North Farmington High School against the Warriors of Walled Lake West.

Were he alive, Dr. Murray Deighton wouldn't have missed the football victory, or the music reverberating from the alumni band — all played in his honor.

A monument was dedicated to Deighton, North Farmington football team physician for 22 years and longtime community doctor who died last April. He was honored by both past and present Farmington school officials before Saturday's non-conference football game.

At the north end of the football field, a flagpole surrounded by shrubbery and a large stone with a plaque were dedicated just before kickoff by many who remembered Deighton, including current athletic director and former North

Farmington football coach Ron Holland, and retired athletic director and school board trustee Jack Cotton.

Deighton, born Murray Nathan Deighton in Canada on Sept. 19, 1929, died following a lengthy illness. Despite his illness, he missed only two games during his tenure as sports physician in Farmington Public Schools. Six of Deighton's sons played football at North Farmington and one acted as team manager.

Deighton had a private practice and group practice in the Farmington area for 15 years before becoming a member of Southfield's Providence Hospital staff in 1969. He also served on the staffs of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

He was director of the Family Practice residential program and chairman of the Department of Family Practice at Providence at the time of his death.

Clarenceville tax rate OK'd

The Clarenceville Board of Education has established the winter tax rate at 40.90 mills, the same as last year.

The millage represents \$10.90 in property taxes per \$1,000 in assessed valuation. A resident with a home valued at \$30,000 would pay \$1,227 in taxes.

Parts of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills are included in the Clarenceville School District.

The district's tax will total almost \$5.9 million for the 1986 year, officials said. Of this amount, \$3.9 million will come from Livonia, \$1.7 million from Farmington Hills and \$253,000 from Redford.

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