

today's hot line

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GARDEN CITY—After 27 years of business in Garden City, Williams Department Store is going out of business. William Williams and his wife, Yvonne, say the store is still making money but after 27 years they need a vacation and will take a long, deserved rest.

REDFORD—Ellis Ross, accused of shooting and wounding a Redford Township police officer while making a getaway from a bank robbery last March, was found "not guilty" in a circuit court trial—despite positive identification by the officer and a witness. Ross was charged with assault with intent to murder. The jury could have given a verdict on the cited charge or any of five lesser counts.

WESTLAND—Mayor Thomas H. Brown is asking a five per cent pay raise for all supervisory employees not represented by the bargaining unit in the city's recently completed negotiations. The council, with some members opposing the hike, agreed to meet in executive session with Mayor Brown.

PLYMOUTH—An estimated 230 workers of United Auto Workers Local 408 Monday halted production at the Plymouth plant of Anchor Coupling Co. The plant produces hose assemblies and adjacent fittings for the automotive industry. The workers walked off their jobs at 9 a.m. after they had rejected the most recent contract offer by the company.

LIVONIA—Council President Edward H. McNamara strongly criticized an "austere budget" submitted last week by Mayor Harvey W. Moelke. He called the budget "unrealistic" and indicated the mayor may have to seek additional millage or a city income tax to supplement city revenues.

WESTLAND—"Happy" is a word which dominates the reasons why a Westland girl is only the fourth professional clown in the country. The girl is Miss Maude Lou Flippen, 22, of 32847 Comanche, known professionally as "Flip the Clown." "I always wanted to be happy," she explains. "I never was. I want to make everyone happy and when children are happy their parents are happy because their children are happy."

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'Buffer' YMCA With Homes,' Board Instructs Planners

Farmington Township Trustees voted Monday night to send the proposal for the rezoning of 12.22 acres in Kendallwood for a Farmington Branch of the YMCA back to the township planners with the recommendation that a buffer of residential homes be called for along Tulipwood and Kendallwood lanes.

Action of the township trustees came by a 4-1 vote following a public hearing on the question. Township Clerk Floyd Cairns and Trustees James Skilman, Peter Kopp and Earl Opperhauser voted to send the matter back to the planners.

Trustee Thomas Nolan voted against the resolution. Township Treasurer Elise Avery was not present at the meeting and Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall was not required to vote as chairman.

APPROXIMATELY 30 residents turned out for the public hearing. The audience included those people most directly affected by the proposed rezoning whose homes would face into the Y building and supporters of the YMCA.

Mrs. William Knotts of 28193 Kendallwood Drive summed up the feelings of those opposed

to the rezoning when she asked "Why this site in the middle of a residential area?"

Russell Gilbert, a member of the Farmington YMCA Board of Management and a resident of Kendallwood, told the Board that the Y had an option to purchase this piece of property because it had water and sewer facilities.

"We looked at other sites that didn't have these facilities," he said, "but we think that a YMCA is needed in Farmington now and not five or 10 years from now."

The Township Planning Com-

mission had unanimously recommended to the Township Board that the zoning on the parcel, which is north of the Demerys Shopping Center, be changed from residential to special purpose following a public hearing July 25.

Monday's public hearing was held by the Township Board after receiving requests from the residents opposing the rezoning.

Gilbert told the trustees that the YMCA had an option to purchase the entire parcel of land and he could not speak for the board on whether or

not the residential buffer idea would be agreeable to the Y.

FARMINGTON YMCA Executive Director David R. Comfort told The Enterprise & Observer that the agreement to purchase would probably have to be renegotiated if less land was involved.

"The YMCA is not in the business of selling land," he said.

Comfort said that a new proposal would have to be examined by the Farmington Y's Board of Management, but that the final decision would be made by the Board of Management of

the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA.

"Farmington would manage the building and the land," he explained, "but the land would be owned by the Metropolitan Association."

If approved the YMCA would construct an administrative and general program center on approximately one-tenth of the site. Another one-tenth would be used for parking purposes.

The remainder of the land would be used to develop an outdoor program facility, while future plans call for additional buildings for expansion purposes.

Flood Study OK'd

Farmington Township officials approved the spending of \$2,700 Monday night to study the problem of flooding conditions in the area.

The general study will be conducted by Pale, Hira & Bogue, Inc., the township's engineering firm.

What prompted the action was the decision of the Oakland County Drain Commission that the flooding problems encountered in the Bel-Aire subdivision by city residents was not entirely due to the city's drainage system.

THE COUNTY said that the problem was area wide and that the township would also have to try to correct the problem if there was any possibility of relief.

Pale, Hira & Bogue is currently conducting a study on the basic limitations of the drains in the township and what the total runoff of water would be. Cost of this work is \$3,500.

For the additional costs the engineering firm will define the general districts in the township, but the study will not provide enough detail or design to enable construction work on new drains to begin.

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall recommended the study to the board asserting that "the time is fast approaching when the flooding problem will be serious if something isn't done."

He added that possibly a master plan for a drainage system could be drawn up. "We have some critical spots now," Hall observed, "and if we took each one as it came along we would have the situation under control in time."

IN OTHER action the board canceled its contract with the Victor Excavating Company and the Cross-Country Excavating Inc. for the work on the Woodbine sewers. The companies have not completed the final clean-up on the job and the new work will be put out for bids and reconstructed, Hall said that he hoped that the work would be finished "in a few weeks."

Scheduled a public hearing on the cost of road work in the Sunnyside subdivision for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15. The hearing will be held in one of the school buildings because the township planners are scheduled to meet that night in the township hall.

Scheduled a public hearing on the cost estimates for sewer construction in the Springbrook subdivision for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the township hall.

Authorized Hall and Township Clerk Floyd A. Cairns to take bids and sell an old fire engine no longer needed by the township. Hall said that the engine is currently housed in the Wheeler Fire Station and that the repair bills were running more than the engine was worth.



PENNANT FEVER — That's what everybody has as the Tigers head for their first World Series since 1945. A pair of Michigan State University students made a Tiger flag for the Romas home at 33791 Hamlin Ct. to express their feelings. Neighbor Jan Hermann of 33825 Hamlin Ct. and Bob Romas made the flag.

Township Sets Day To Honor Denny

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY
Tiger Superstar Dennis D. McLain will be honored by Farmington Township Saturday morning when the 31-game winner appears at the Demerys Shopping Center at 12 Mile and Farmington Rds.

The Tiger game will be at the center at 11:30 a.m. Saturday (Sept. 28).

The City of Farmington announced plans Tuesday morning to join in the celebration and make the day an effort by the entire Farmington area. Farmington Township Trustee Earl C. Opperhauser told the members of the Township Board Monday night that through Jack Reid, of Kendallwood, arrangements had been made for the appearance.

In this mind, the trustees adopted a resolution designating Saturday as "Denny McLain Day in Farmington Township." Plans are a effort to provide the pitcher with a "suitable award" to commemorate

the occasion.

The resolution noted the Tigers' actions in capturing the American League championship and attributed this to the pitching of McLain and his 31-game winning record.

Opperhauser called McLain a "fine example" to the youth of Farmington and the country because of his feats which were achieved through "great natural ability and competitive spirit."

The entire board was in agreement with the idea. Trustee Thomas Nolan had one small objection, however.

Nolan said that he came to the meeting prepared to offer a resolution recognizing McLain because of the fact that the Tiger star had resided in Farmington Township while he won the first 29 games.

The McLains moved to a new home in Beverly Hills just before the ninth-inning victory over the Angels.

There is an old saying about "great minds..."

For Your Sunday Reading Pleasure

GO GET 'M VINCE—That's what we told Chief Photographer Vince Wittek. He did and Observer Newspaper readers Sunday will have a full page of Tiger pictures on Page 1-B. It's another clue to our expanding coverage to give you a more complete newspaper.

MUSIC SHE'S GOT—Teen Editor Diane Zieslow presents the Top Ten numbers of

the week in the opinion of teenagers on the Teen Page Sunday.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS — Muskie's been in town, Nixon's set for a Detroit-based telecast. Plymouth is having a Community Conference on township-city unification. We're finding out everything you want to know about these and other events to give you the view of their impact on the suburbs written by writers who are your neighbors.

Three Bound In Burglary

Circuit Court arraignment has been set for Oct. 7 for two Detroit men arrested on breaking and entering charges at a Farmington automobile dealership Sept. 9.

Asam Sefi and Gasim Bilal were bound over by Municipal Judge Michael J. Hand following examination Sept. 20.

Both men were arrested by Farmington police at 4:15 a.m., Sept. 9 in the service area parking lot of Roger Peck, Inc., 32715 Grand River.

While police were investigating an open alarm at the dealership, both men were seen fleeing the sales office, police said.

Township Constable Hugh Owen Dies

Hugh Owen, a Farmington Township constable, died Sunday, Sept. 22, in Farmington of a stroke.

Owen, 67, was elected constable in the township in 1963. A Republican, he resided at 33560 Annand.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 25, in the William Lambert Funeral Home, 15445 Greenfield, Detroit. Pastor Richard F. Jessee of the Glory of Y Jesus-Christ Church officiated. Burial was in North Farmington Cemetery.

Born in Canada, Owen joined the Canadian Army at the age of 16. During World War II he served as an intelligence officer for the U.S. Government stationed at Willow Run.

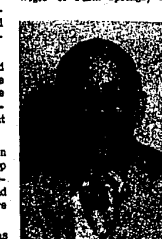
When the war ended, Owen opened a sporting goods shop in Redford. He moved to a location at Middle Belt and Grand River and operated a store there for 17 years.

Owen had also served as police commissioner for the Farmington Township Police

Department.

He was a member of the Michigan Constables Association and of the Oakland County Law Enforcement Officers Association. He was also an Oakland County deputy sheriff.

Survivors include: his wife, Theda; a son, Richard; and three sisters, Mrs. Hal (Laura) Cook of Ypsilanti, Mrs. Mrs. Eve Smith of Kingsville, Ontario, and Mrs. Marguerite Wigle of Palm Springs, Fla.



HUGH OWEN