

Chronological Review Of 1971

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Catholic parish has announced it will close its high school, and parish members organize a committee to convince the archdiocese to keep the high school operating. The effort fails and the school did not re-open in September.

APRIL - The township board creates the position of public safety director and

adopts a parental responsibility ordinance. Township patrolmen ask for a \$7,000 salary hike.

John Washburn announces he will not seek re-election to the board of education and anti-sex education groups began petition drive to recall four school trustees. The school board announces its plans to ask 4.5 mills for four years for operational expenses.

Mrs. Lerone Gros is named woman of the year by the Jaycee Auxiliary and Pat Nowak announces his candidacy for National Jaycee president.

MAY - The Farmington Area Advisory Council, operators of Rap Line and other drug prevention services, asks for a 75 per cent increase in its operating budget to add a drop-in center. The center, dubbed "Someplace Else," is now in operation.

Arrested and charged with Orchard Ridge bombing were Mark Stevens and Elise Orr. The Jaycees name Paul Barber outstanding young man of the year. Paul Barron of Livonia tells plans to convert the old bank building at Grand River and Farmington Rd. into a mini-mall.

JUNE - The school board approves the "minority understanding" curriculum, and the millage is defeated overwhelmingly at the polls. The city gets a \$28,000 federal grant to modernize its public safety communications system. Pat Nowak loses his bid for U.S. Jaycee president. Glen Sallow wins his labor dispute with the township as a state arbitrator rules in his favor.

JULY - Richard Peters is elected school board president and Gary Lichtman resigns as trustee.

The school board appoints Dr. Mervyn Ross to replace Lichtman and announces another operating proposal for 3.5 mills for one year to be on the ballot Aug. 23.

The township settles with its patrolmen, who receive a \$700 salary increase. The township board appoints Charles Newing as building department head.

Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers Inc., marries Sarah Goldard. Orchard Ridge campus gets North Central Assn. accreditation.

Gerald Potter is named FAAC president. The State

Supreme Court denies the Boundary Commission's request for a leave of appeal to challenge the Court of Appeals ruling that two villages and a township can be joined by incorporation. The auto of a Teamsters Union official is bombed at Independence Green.

AUGUST - Ruth Bowles is crowned Founders Festival queen.

Dr. Ronald Clark pleads guilty to manslaughter charges in death of Mrs. Hannah Bowerbank and receives a three - 15 year sentence.

Township board approves an agreement to finance a \$9,900 study on rerouting the 10 Mile sanitary sewer arm. Seven city residents file petitions for the city council race and President Nixon imposes the wage - price freeze on Aug. 14.

The school millage request is defeated and the school board is asked to allow private citizens to donate money to maintain the athletic and extra-curricular programs. The drive is successful as citizens come through with the needed funds for sports.

Ronald Holko is named public safety director for Farmington Township by the board. Stevens and Miss Orr are sentenced 10-25 years for the bombings at the Orchard Ridge campus.

SEPTEMBER - The city asks the Boundary Commission to exclude five parcels of land from the township's incorporation election for eventual annexation to the city.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Beahan retires as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. The township planning commission recommends

approval of college desired by John Wesley Foundation, and the case returns to zoning board of appeals.

Some 500 city residents pitch in to help clean the Rouge River of visual pollution. The school board announces the district is facing a deficit of about \$97,600.

OCTOBER - The school board holds a public hearing on its 1971-72 budget of \$15.5 million, an increase of \$900,000.

The township board adopts a resolution supporting anti-bussing legislation, but the city council and school board declines such action, deciding to wait until a more appropriate moment.

The schools receive \$20,000 for one year from the federal government to provide jobs for the disadvantaged. The city council receives a plan to provide parking on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Rd.

A school boycott is announced by the National Action Group (NAG) for Oct. 25, but most students show up for school. On Oct. 27, the boundary commission holds a pre-hearing conference in the township, and Quakertown asks for exclusion from the incorporation election.

Star Cutter announces it is closing its Farmington Township plant and moving elsewhere. The closing means a loss of jobs for 100 workers.

NOVEMBER - Ralph Yoder, John Allen and Fred Seibert are re-elected to city council, and residents defeat charter amendments to liberalize residency requirements for holding office and serving on boards. The city council approves a cluster housing ordinance and

the township board reveals its 1971-72 budget at a public hearing Nov. 8.

Futurmill announces it will close its plant in the township and lay off 30 employees. Rapistan tells plans to close its plant in the city and to lay off 44 employees.

The township board approves its first PRD development, 200 acres near Nine Mile and Drake Rd. The zoning board of appeals denies the request for a college from the John Wesley Foundation.

The Oakland County Road Commission promises traffic signals will be located at the 1-66 exits at Orchard Lake Rd. John Dinan announces his resignation as city manager, effective Feb. 1, to pursue a career in private business.

DECEMBER - The school board approves a study of the 12-month school year to be conducted by the CAC.

The township board votes to construct a permanent fire station to be located in the

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MOTHERS OF TWINS
Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. the Birmingham-Bloomfield Mothers of Twins will meet and divide into two groups, according to the age of members' twins, for a "twin discussion" program. All mothers of multiple births are invited to the meeting in the Security Bank and Trust building at 13 Mile and Telegraph Rds.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Board of Education will hold its regular meeting in the Fairview Elementary School at 28500 Oak Creek, Farmington. Public is welcome.

CHRISTMONS TEA
Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. the ladies of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on 12 Mile one block east of Farmington Rd. in Farmington Township will hold a Christmas Tea in the church. Public is invited to see the Christmas, an addition to the new sanctuary.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS
Wednesday, Jan. 12, at noon Farmington Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America will meet in the Farmington Community Center for a business meeting and installation of new officers ceremony. Servicemen window flags, blue and gold, are available through the local chapter.

PAPERMOBILE
The Papermobile operated by Earth Alive will be at Demery's Center Jan. 8, 9 and 22, 23. Bundled newspapers will be accepted but not magazines.

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