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Teen Drugs

There's much talk about teen-agers and drugs. A staff writer for The Farmington High School paper, "Blue & White" examines the problem.

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Old Time Christmas

Each year the Farmington Historical Society celebrates Christmas in a special manner. We have details of the 1968 party.

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Those Expenses

Lawmakers deliberately write weak laws governing campaign expenses, and then they don't obey them. Publisher Philip H. Power takes them to task and offers a couple of constructive suggestions on what to do about it. See "Observation Point."

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Christmas Baking

"I wish," a lady we know often says, "I could just stay home all the time and try Joyce Toiten's recipes. They're really good!" If you haven't tried her suggestions for creative cooking, take a look at her Christmas baking ideas today.

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Lansing In Flux

The state capital is in a dither. If Romney moves to the Cabinet, we'll have a new governor—but what do we do about a lieutenant governor when Milliken moves upstairs? See Regional Affairs.

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upcoming

MOST POPULAR SPORT in Observer-land is bowling, because it's enjoyed by young and old people from all walks of life. We've been checking the local bowling lanes for unusual features, and you'll find them on the sports pages in Sunday's edition.

NURSERY SCHOOL operators are taking an interested look at a new line of toys, and mental patients are recovering faster when they have something constructive to do. It's all told in one story, and Candy Lutz tells it to you in Sunday's edition.



**Santa's
BEST HELPER
the
'Gift Spotter'
IS HERE!**

The Gift Spotter in the Want-Ad Section has exactly the right gifts for everyone on your list. Right now, turn to the Gift Spotter to find gift ideas that are sure to please all and save you money at the same time.

Shop the Gift Spotter Way
twice each week 'til Christmas!

Orchard Lk. Zoning Outlined

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Farmington Township Planners have released the proposed development for Orchard Lake Road after more than a year of study about the best possible development of the thoroughfare.

A public meeting is scheduled to explain the proposal to the residents at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the O.E. Dunckel Junior High School.

INCLUDED in the planning, which runs from the township boundary south of 10 Mile on Orchard Lake to 14 Mile is 70 acres of commercial, office and apartment development.

The remainder of the area would remain as single family homes.

Biggest change from the existing zoning would come between 12 and 13 Mile where the planners have proposed a mixture of commercial, apartments, office and a new office service zoning classification.

A total of four five-acre parcels on the west side of Orchard Lake and just north of Park Hill have been retained as single family residential.

According to Charles Lorton, chairman of the township planning commission, these lots were left for single family development because they are large enough to support a cul-

de sac and the development of several homes.

"In addition," Lorton said, "if the Orchard Lake Road frontage were developed for commercial usage the western edge of the parcel would be landlocked."

The land in question backs up to the existing Kenbrook Elementary School.

ACCORDING to Lorton the announcement of the plan is to indicate to the residents of the area and to prospective developers the guidelines which will be followed in the development of the road.

A complete copy of the proposed zoning changes will be

posted in township hall prior to the public meeting.

Of the total 70 acres proposed for commercial development, about 30 acres is currently vacant or has existing single family homes on the property.

In making the announcement Monday, Lorton emphasized that "the planning commission recognizes there is a need for additional nonresidential uses but knows that it must be allowed to expand in a planned manner."

The commission chairman pointed out that if all the major roads in the township were allowed to develop for commercial uses it would mean that

more than 500 acres of land would be involved and 80 or so miles of road.

"These parcels cannot all be used for commercial development; the demand will just not warrant it," Lorton asserted.

(By contrast the central part of the Northland Shopping Center is 90 acres in size.)

SPECIFIC changes for the area include: Additional office zoning north of Bond Street on the east side of Orchard Lake and the implementation of apartment zoning south of Loden to Whitewood on the east side of the road.

As stated previously the mile

between 12 and 13 Mile Roads contains the biggest change. A restricted business classification which requires a service drive and a limited number of entrances to the road is suggested.

Zoning for apartments is called for along both sides of Orchard Lake Road in the center section of the stretch along with a new office-service classification for the area just north of 12 Mile Road.

The planners have received a request for a movie theater on the west side of Orchard Lake Road and the new zoning classification would permit theater, funeral homes and bowling alley usages.



DIFFICULT CHOICE — Catherine Sawyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Sawyer, 33250 Freedom, Farmington, decided she wants a doll for Christmas after she saw the Goodfellow dolls, which will be on display in

the Farmington Library through Dec. 21. The 150 dolls will go into Farmington Goodfellow Christmas baskets to make Christmas merry for some needy area child. (Photo by Evert)

City Students Get Buses For Winter

The Farmington Board of Education voted Monday night to provide temporary bus transportation for students attending Power Junior High School.

Affected are those students who must use Colfax to walk to the school.

Bused will be 171 students living east of Farmington Road and 56 students living west of Farmington Road. Only those students living west of Farmington Road and 56 students who reside in either the Farmington Meadows or Farmington Oaks Subdivisions.

FORCING the busing is the lack of any sort of walkway along Colfax and the muddy conditions of the road which makes walking hazardous.

The school trustees have worked on the possibility of constructing a walkway on Colfax since last spring. Legal problems prevented the construction of a walk on the north side of Colfax and the school administration is currently working on a project along the south side of the road.

Dr. Roderick J. Smith, superintendent of schools, told the board that a five-foot cement walk is proposed.

However Smith said that the

residents of the area wished for a cost estimate on the project before signing petitions and the superintendent said that the question of whether or not the township would participate in the project was still not settled.

"There seems to be a lack of clarification on the part of the township," the superintendent said, "of how much if at all the township will participate in the project."

"It is my understanding that the township will participate in sharing the cost of a gravel walkway, but not a cement walk," Smith added that he did not remember any type of distinction drawn by the township during previous meetings.

COST ESTIMATE on a cement walk is \$8,600 total cost. If the township participates the cost will be split three ways between the school, the township and the residents.

Bus transportation for the students east of Farmington Road began this morning (Wednesday). Transportation for the students west of Farmington Road was to be scheduled as soon as possible by the school administration.

City Planners Approve Range For Park Proposal

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

cost \$31,150.

Farmington Director of Public Safety Robert Deadman presented a proposal for a dual purpose indoor pistol range to the city planners Monday night.

As proposed by Deadman, the range would be a 1,980 square foot four-position facility to

funds the city is making to the state.

As conceived by Deadman, the range would be for both police and community use. Farmington police now use the pistol range in Oak Park.

Deadman cited Birmingham as an area where dual purpose use of a range has been successful.

THE PLANNERS were concerned with the possibility of the cost of the range diluting funds that will be available from the state for park development. They were also concerned about the location of a range in the city park.

In a report on park development, Commissioner James A. Platt stated that the total cost of the development program would be \$95,000, 75 per cent to come from the state and 25 per cent from the city. Designating the range for recreational use as Deadman proposed would put it under the park development program.

COMMISSIONER Chairman William L. E. commented, "I suspect a little bit of subterfuge here. If you name this as being for recreational use, you're going to get some funds for it. It's strange how conveniently it falls into this category when funds can't be found otherwise."

Platt said the range had not been included in the park improvement program report because the type of building that would house it would be out of character for a planned community park.

In final action, the commission voted to include the cost of the range in the capital improvement program for park facilities, adding it to fund requirements.

Goodfellow Paper Sale Slated For This Friday

It is certain to be cold as that's the day that the Farmington Goodfellow will be on the streets selling a special Goodfellow edition of The Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

Approximately 80 per cent of the funds needed to finance the Goodfellow's work is raised each year through this paper sale.

An estimated 150 Farmington families are helped each year through the efforts of the Goodfellow.

Food, clothing, toys and Christmas presents are all provided. More than 100 dresses for small girls have been donated this year. These dresses are

currently on display in Deputy's Department Store at 12 Mile and Farmington Road and in the National Bank of Detroit office at Farmington Road and Alta Loma.

**GOODFELLOWS
PHONE
NUMBER
474-3440**

Farmington Goodfellow need your help in locating needy families in the area. Call the above number from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday if you know of someone who needs Goodfellow help.

Mrs. Shirley Richardson, chairman of the dress-making project, said that dresses were still being accepted until Dec. 16.

The dolls for the small girls which have been dressed for the Goodfellow are on display in the Farmington District Library.

Deliveries of the Farmington Goodfellow baskets will be made Dec. 21 by the Farmington Exchange Club and the Farmington High School Varsity Club.

The baskets won't be filled, however, unless the necessary funds are raised. That's the aim and purpose of the "old news-boys" in selling the Goodfellow paper Friday.

Center Drive Gets Boost

The drive to finance the proposed Farmington Community Center picked up steam last week with the \$50-a-couple benefit and the announcement by the Goodenough family that if the committee raised \$20,000 by Dec. 15 the family would contribute \$5,000.

As of Monday the committee had \$15,613.63 toward the \$60,000 needed to take advantage of the Goodenough family's offer of the mansion on Farmington Road.

Fred Harrison, a member of the Board of Directors for the fund-raising group, said that \$8,000 to \$9,000 of the funds in hand came from the benefit.

Called "An Evening of Merriment," the committee staged a dinner dance Dec. 5 in the Glen Oaks Country Club.

Contributions have come to the committee from business firms, individuals and even some of the local churches.

Farmington Community Center BOX SCORE

Needed to Open the Doors:	\$60,000.00
Received to Date:	\$15,613.63
STILL TO GO:	\$44,386.37
Memberships: \$5 for individual; \$15 for family; \$50 for sustaining; and \$250 for patron. Have you sent in your contribution?	Farmington Community Center, P.O. Box 145, Farmington 48024.

Buy A Goodfellow Paper Friday!