

# Teeples Organizing Volunteer Inspectors

FARMINGTON Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples is considering organizing a citizens volunteer inspection corps in an effort to combat blight in the township.

He has mailed letters of invitation to selected citizens to attend a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. in the township hall.

"FOR SOME time, I have looked about for a system of inspecting our community with an eye to improving it steadily," explains Teeples. "I have been looking for a program that would involve our good people and, at the same time, feed information into township hall that would result in discovery and elimination of problems within our borders."

"Blight can come to Detroit or any other community. It cannot come to Farmington Township. We cannot let it. Many violations, some hidden or overlooked, exist. I'm appealing to citizens for their help in digging these out. If we don't know about them, we cannot eliminate them. Those we know about, we are duty-bound to eliminate."

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FRANCESCO DI BLASI, formerly of the Detroit Symphony, will be guest soloist for the "Mid-Winter Musicale" concert of the Farmington Community Concert Band beginning 8 p.m. Jan. 18 in Harrison High School auditorium. There is no admission and babysitting service will be available.

## Concert Band Opens Season

FARMINGTON The Farmington Community Concert Band will open its 1972 concert season on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. with a totally symphonic program entitled "Mid-Winter Musicale," highlighted by guest soloist Francesco Di Blasi, formerly of the Detroit Symphony.

The concert, which will be held in Harrison High School auditorium, will have babysitter service available and will be followed by refreshments. As in all FCCB concerts, there is no admission charge.

The band, now in its third concert season, has performed over 20 times in the metropolitan area and continues to stand out as a cultural attraction providing the community with dignity and pride.

The band has grown to over 75 musicians, both students and adults, who appear in complete uniforms furnished by its sponsoring organization, the Farmington Exchange Club.

Di Blasi, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, will perform a trumpet solo with full band in an outstanding arrangement of the composition "Dramatic Essay."

Keying on this thrilling arrangement, Conductor Paul Barber has selected an exciting program that is being billed as "a symphonic music experience" and assures a rewarding evening's entertainment.

## Optimists Will Install Officers

FARMINGTON The newly organized Optimist Club of Farmington will hold its charter presentation banquet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, in the Botsford Inn.

Earl Teeples of W. 14 Mile Rd., Farmington Township, and president of the new service club, says Past Governor Andrew Nitsos will present the charter.

John Anger of Southfield, another past governor, will address the Optimists and their guests.

The following officers will be installed with President Teeples: Carl Westerberg and John Cotton, vice presidents; Glenn Streit, secretary; Gary Cook, treasurer; and directors, James Reese, Dave Coffin, Norman Stainbrook, John Muller, George Trout, and John Hershey.

Dr. Lee Baker of Muskegon, Optimist governor, will conduct the installation. Toastmaster for the banquet will be Joe Weaver of WJBK-TV, Detroit.

# Leaders To Pray

FARMINGTON The fifth annual Farmington community leadership prayer breakfast, sponsored by the Farmington Area Jaycees, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the new Holiday Inn at 10 Mile and Grand River in Farmington Township.

The prayer breakfast, fashioned after the president's breakfast held each year in the nation's capitol, will be attended by governmental and community leaders of the Farmington area.

GUEST speaker will be Dick Headlee of Farmington, a bishop of the Mormon Church and past president of the U.S. Jaycees and Utah Jaycees.

Headlee, who lives in Wedgewood Commons subdivision in the township, is also president of Hamilton International. Last year's keynote speaker was Johannes Spreen, former Detroit police commissioner.

The breakfast is described as "an effort to bring to our community an opportunity to discuss and discover collectively the foundations of our nation's life" by Earl Fetta, Farmington Jaycees president.

THE EMCEE FOR the breakfast will be Pat Nowak of Farmington, a past president of the Michigan Jaycees and past vice-president of the U.S. Jaycees.

The invocation will be given by Wilbur Brotherton, mayor of the City of Farmington, and Fetta will follow with welcoming remarks.

A New Testament scripture reading will be given by William Smolek, Village of Wood Creek Farms president, and an Old Testament reading by Dr. Robert Allaben, Village of Quakertown president.

The benediction will be given by Earl Teeples, Farmington Township supervisor.

Cost is \$5 per person and persons interested in attending can make reservations at Beauchamp Realty on Grand River east of Farmington Rd.

## Elders Can Apply For Tax Break

FARMINGTON Senior citizens living in Farmington may apply now for an exemption of \$2,500 on their assessed valuation to obtain a break on property taxes.

March 1 is the deadline for Farmington Township senior citizens to apply at the assessor's office in township hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds.

Senior citizens living in the city should by March 7 apply at the assessor's office in city hall at Grand River and Liberty St.

To qualify for exemptions, a person 65 and older must have lived in Michigan for five of the past 10 years and in his present residence for six of the preceding 12 months.

To be eligible, the applicant's income from all sources may not exceed \$6,000. The law has been amended and there now are no restrictions on the value of the senior citizen's property.

The city set its deadline for March 7 because that is the first day the Board of Review will be meeting to hear tax appeals. The city review board will also meet on March 13, 14.

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