



FIRST POP CONCERT — The Farmington Community Concert Band will present its first Pops Concert, entitled "Tops In Pops," at 8 p.m.

March 18 in North Farmington High's gym. Tickets are free. (Evert photo)

Community Band Plans First Pops Concert

FARMINGTON "Tops In Pops," the first pop concert to be performed by the Farmington Community Concert Band, will be presented Saturday, March 18, in the gymnasium of North Farmington High School. Admission is free for the concert which begins at 8 p.m. but tickets will be required. Tickets may be obtained from any band member, the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce in the Farmington

Masonic Temple or from William Conroy, the band's executive director.

REVERSING the emphasis of its last concert which was entirely classical and symphonic, the band will span the past 50 years of popular music including many of the memorable Broadway musicals.

Conductor Paul Barber has chosen a wide range of selections typical of this era,

including numbers from such composers as George Gershwin, Bart Bacharach and John Phillip Sousa.

The first "pop" concert presented by the band will also be highlighted by the first appearance of the "Band Tones," a 16-piece stage band recently organized within the concert band.

THE "BAND TONES" will feature music from 1940 to

1970, the styles of names like Duke Ellington and Woody Herman, and tunes like "Woodchoppers Ball" and "Sentimental Journey."

In keeping with the pop atmosphere, seating will be at cabaret tables with a supper club theme. Light refreshments will be sold and served at the tables by the Glocksenspiels, the youth affiliate of the Farmington Musicals.

City's Night To Brighten

FARMINGTON Within six to eight months, the City of Farmington will complete conversion of all incandescent lighting to mercury vapor lighting.

The city council approved the conversion when the Detroit Edison Company informed the city that orders for conversion prior to March 15 would be completed without charge.

Conversion orders received after March 15, however, would be made at a charge of \$5 per light.

A TOTAL of 305 incandescent lights will be converted.

Residential street lighting potential will be increased three times over the present incandescent bulbs with the mercury vapor lights. Lighting potential at intersections will also be increased from 6,000 to 7,000 luminaries.

While the cost of lighting intersections under the new system will remain the same, residential lighting costs will increase from \$3.25 to \$4 for a total increase of \$175 per month.

City officials expect that vehicle and pedestrian safety will be improved with the mercury vapor lighting, justifying the increased cost.

ALTHOUGH the conversions will be ordered before March 15, it is estimated that six to eight months will be required to complete the conversions. Previously Detroit Edison's

policy was to replace incandescent with mercury vapor lighting upon request. High maintenance required with the incandescent system prompted Edison to begin phasing out incandescent lighting.

Farmington's building code has also been upgraded with the council's adoption by reference of the National Electrical Code of 1971.

The code was recommended by Rex Jernigan, city electrical inspector, to keep city building codes up to date with current equipment and building requirements.

Grace PTA Holds Dinner

FARMINGTON The William Grace Elementary PTA of Farmington Schools recently held its annual Founder's Day Dinner.

Some 234 adults and children enjoyed the hot ham dinner with a multitude of side dishes.

Special guests attending included: Mr. and Mrs. Marinus VanAmeide; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. William Prisk; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Freedman; and Mrs. Kathryn Stirling.

A safety presentation was given by a member of the Detroit Safety Patrol.

Elected

Patti Bickel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bickel of 35970 Quakertown, Farmington, was elected to the academic senate in a student government election held recently at Illinois State University.

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Land Swap To Add Parking

FARMINGTON Negotiations are being held to exchange property to redesign the municipal parking lot and construct a fountain and resting areas in the Downtown Farmington Center area.

The Farmington Center Corp. is being asked to purchase a parcel for \$45,000 south of its building, which sides on Grand River and runs parallel to the Federal Department Store.

The City of Farmington, in turn, would then purchase the George Checketts property (the Dairy Maid) and provide additional spaces in the municipal parking lot.

THE CITY had proposed acquiring the Checketts' property and collecting the cost of purchase through special assessment against benefiting merchants.

But this proposal fails to provide Farmington Center Corp. with any equity in the property, says Robert Deadman, acting city manager.

Both pieces of property to be purchased are about equal in square feet. The Farmington Center Company will construct an addition of about 44 front feet to its building which runs parallel to Federal's.

The company would also grant the city an easement south of the building to prevent interference with the city's present driveway patterns.

FARMINGTON'S traffic engineer, Tapan Datta, expects capacity of the municipal parking lot to be increased by 30 spaces with the razing of the Dairy Maid and redesigning of the parking lot.

This represents a net gain of 12 spaces, however, because the addition to the Farmington Center Co.'s building will require 12 additional spaces and reduce present parking lot capacity by six spaces.

Farmington Center Co. intends to pay the entire cost of a proposed fountain and resting area south of the curb along the Grand River and Grove Street sides of the parking lot.

COST OF the improvements is projected at about \$13,500. The curbs will separate sidewalks and rest areas from lanes of vehicular traffic.

City officials expect preparations to be completed by the next council meeting.

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, city bonding attorneys, will draft any resolutions necessary for the sale of property.

Farmington's engineer will survey the property and the attorney will help complete the transaction.

local news

By MARIE LONG GR4-3114

What is needed most in the Farmington area is transportation for the many senior citizens who are living in apartments.

To the west of the City of Farmington are Independence Green, Jamestown and Drakeshire apartments and to the east is the Farmington Plaza Apartments, Brookdale Valleyview, River Glen and Farmington West apartments.

To the south of the City of Farmington are several more apartments, and to the north are more including the new Baptist Manor Apartments on 13 Mile Rd. which hundreds of our senior citizens recently filled to capacity.

The real urgent reason is our senior citizens are stranded in these outlying areas while most of the Farmington senior citizen clubs are in the city. A small bus could do a thriving business all day, especially on meeting dates. If prices are within reason, persons will welcome this service.

Mrs. Nick Petrich of Long Beach, Calif., arrived Friday to the home of the Fred Lenz's in Farmington en route to Sault Ste. Marie.

George J. Fletcher of Redondo Beach, Calif., will spend several days with his

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Because we anticipate a greater than usual turnout for this Forum, we've scheduled three courses this month. Check the time, date and address most convenient to you.

☐ Monday, March 20th. 4:30 p.m., Savoyard Club, 2624 Buhl Building, in Detroit.

☐ Wednesday, March 22nd. 8:00 p.m., Holiday Inn, 38123 West 10 Mile Rd., in Farmington.

☐ Thursday, March 23rd. 8:00 p.m., Eastland Center, Concourse Auditorium, 18000 Vernier Rd., in Harper Woods.

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