

Drake Paving Lawsuit

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Drake because they felt the necessity did not exist and the benefit did not warrant expenditure of township funds. O'Gurek points out that on Jan. 17 the council removed the Drake homeowners from the assessment roll and decided the homeowners' costs would be borne by the city-at-large. This decision was reversed on advice of the city's bonding attorneys.

Another unfair situation, he continues, is that residents of Drake Heights subdivision will benefit by paving of Drake which they use for ingress and egress but are left off the assessment roll.

Another argument set forth by O'Gurek is that the benefits to Drake Rd. homeowners from the paving are unable to offset the disadvantages and

hardships the paving will cause.

AMONG THE disadvantages the attorney cites are: Increase in non-resident traffic to use the Drake Road Park for recreational activities; Increase in non-resident traffic transporting children to and from Longacre Elementary School;

The rising traffic volume and paved street will greatly increase noise, vehicle speed, and cause a safety hazard to children and result in an overflow of parked cars due to increased use of the park.

The paving of Drake will create a vehicular bypass for north and west bound motorists seeking ingress onto Freedom and Grand River,

predicts O'Gurek, and will deteriorate the immediate area by increasing the attractiveness to develop cluster, commercial or apartment developments which he says would lower the market value of the single-family homes.

O'Gurek claims the assessment base is composed of the seven residents who will finance 75 to 80 per cent of the total cost of paving Drake.

The property of residents with side lot lines on Drake, he continues, will diminish in market value because of the safety hazards of living near a paved road.

THE PLAINTIFFS are asking the courts to order:

Complete cessation of paving plans for Drake due to lack of necessity; however, if necessity exists then order Drake reclassified as a "major road" with gas and weight tax funding.

Plaintiffs also want the court to re-evaluate the assessment roll to include Drake Heights residents or to equalize the assessment cost among those who will derive a greater use of benefit.

If a show cause hearing is granted, the city will be able to present its initial defense. If that defense fails, the lawsuit will then be heard with decision being made whether Drake should be paved or how the cost should be assessed if the court rules paving is proper.



LANGUAGE WORKSHOP — Discussing how pre-school children learn the skill of talking was topic of a three-day workshop at William Grace Elementary. From left: Sharon Sturgis, Shannon Wieland, Tom Cail and Dr. William Stephenson.

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By ANNE M. PHILLIPS MA 6-6335

April 11 the Women's Association had its belated April meeting in the home of Susan Perin. When you read on and see how many vacationers we had, you will know it would have been a very poorly attended meeting had it been on the first Tuesday.

There was a lot of visiting as we ate the delicious dessert prepared by our co-hostesses, Mary Kay Agnello and Ann Perry. During the business meeting we sewed cancer pads. We then adjourned to the family room where Susan had set up a loom and demonstrated weaving. It was very interesting indeed.

Wilma Sieloff, our association president, got in at 4 a.m. April 11 because they had taken their children Mary and Jack, who were on spring vacation, for seven days on Isla Mirada, one of the Florida Keys. Fishing is Frank's great joy - he enjoyed a lot of that.

HELEN SLY and her family are just back from eight days sailing, water skiing and touring the island of Martinique where they had rented a car.

Bill and Helen Weightman drove to Florida to little Wood Creek in Florida, Pompano. Charlie and Betty Brown also drove down leaving here March 1. Of course they had a wonderful time with the Cardinals, Taylors, and Tyghems. The Weightmans and the Browns left Pompano

at the same time, but the Browns took one more day for the drive back returning home April 7.

BETTY BROWN is again busy with preparations for the annual Blood Bank held in the Franklin Community Church. This year it will be held on Thursday, May 10, from 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. We are all aware of the importance of this event and the great need to keep our blood bank in readiness for emergencies.

John and Cathy Anhalt are thrilled that their daughter, Chris, who had been attending St. Mary's School in South Bend, Ind., has been accepted at Notre Dame University for this coming year - Notre Dame's first co-ed year. The Anhalts, John, Cathie, and their three boys, flew to St. Petersburg, Fla., the Wednesday before Easter.

THE LIVINGSTONS, Paul, Rose, and their four children had planned to spend spring vacation on Marco Island.

Their plans were made well in advance. When the Montforts wanted to join them there, they had to take any accommodations they could get. They left here Easter Sunday at 7:15 a.m., rented a car in Tampa and drove down to Marco Island. Roger enjoyed golfing and Rose beaching in 80 - degree sunshine. But they had to come home on Thursday.

Our Nancy Brassett has the lead in the play "Mary, Mary" being put on in St. Dunstan's April 15, 16, 21, 22. I know many of us will want to see her for we know she is a fine actress.

Kansman Tells School Losses

EDITOR: I support the millage for better education for students attending Farmington Public Schools.

In addition to the more obvious losses, as the result of the last millage defeats, there were many subtle changes which eroded our excellent teaching system.

We now have only part-time librarians, music consultants, and health education teachers. Materials for art projects and additional reference materials could not be purchased. I am in favor of providing the funds for our schools to do the first-class job of which they are capable.

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North To Hold Smorgasbord

A smorgasbord sponsored by the North Farmington High School Band Boosters Club will be held Friday, April 21, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the NFHS cafeteria.

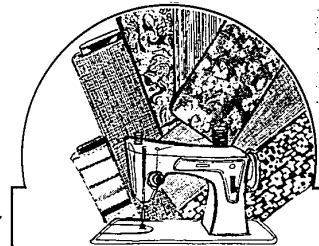
Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Tickets may be reserved by calling the high school office.

Purpose of the smorgasbord is to raise funds for scholarships, instruments and music for the high school band.

On the weekend of April 15, the North band traveled to Gahanna, Ohio, to perform a concert in that city's high school as part of a reciprocal arrangement with the band of Gahanna high school.

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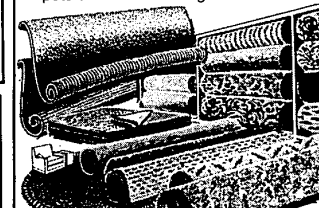
at Civic Theater in Farmington THURS. APRIL 20 at 10 a.m. In addition the fine movie "Woman's Best" with Rock Hudson will be shown.

Mrs. Kettredge will be at Hinkle's on April 20 from 12-2 p.m. to answer your questions. Thursday Only - You may purchase Mrs. Kettredge's book at Hinkle's at a special introductory price.

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