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Downtown Library Branch Planned For Civic Center

There will be a new library in downtown Farmington by 1975 if plans for a new branch building next to the Farmington City Hall bear fruit.

The Farmington City Council approved the sale of two building lots to the library Monday and authorized the purchase of one more lot on the south side of the civic center property at the corner of State and Liberty Street.

Plans are to build a 10,000 square foot building on the site to replace the 3,500 square foot building now housing the downtown branch.

Despite its small size, the traffic in the "old

branch" is two thirds that of the new facility on 12 Mile Road, according to library officials.

The result has been overcrowding.

Approval of millage for the Farmington District library in 1967 called for the construction of the new facility after the 12 Mile branch was built and stockaded.

The city council approved the sale of the two lots at the corner of State and Liberty for \$50,280, retaining the right of first refusal if the library decides to sell it later.

To complete the land package, a third lot adja-

cent to the other two still needs to be acquired. The council authorized the city to "take whatever steps required to acquire the property."

With the council approval, the next step is to hire an architect to design the new building.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell, library director, predicted "if all goes well" the building could be opened in 1975.

The library system in Farmington is financed by a half-mill tax levied for operation and a one-mill tax voted in 1967, due to expire in 1976.

FARC Begins

A well-rounded recreation program of interest to every parent in Farmington opens soon when the Farmington Area Recreation Commission begins its summer program. For a schedule of what's coming up, see:

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'Buggy' Whipped?

Another defeat for the Family Buggy restaurant proposed for 12 Mile Road hasn't deterred the developers. For the latest ruling, and plans for the future, see:

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Self-Protection

There are some common-sense ways for every woman to protect herself from unprovoked assault. They form the basis for a course coming to the Oakland YW; if you can't attend you'll want to at least read what Loraine McClish learned from the three instructors. It's in Observing Life.

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Prospects Bright

Nine Clarenceville residents are seeking incorporation as a non-profit organization, in an effort to continue the Clarenceville Entertainment Series. Prospects look bright, according to their spokesman, and the big bands should continue to visit Observerland.

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A JAYCEE RODEO will be one of the highlights of the Farmington Founder's Festival. Festival Chairman Robert Beauchamp

confers with festival Queen Dabbe Amori, Neil Wilcox, rodeo chairman, Nick Pollard and Tom Decker. (Evert photo)

Jaycees Plan Founders Day Pro Rodeo

A professional three-day rodeo will be sponsored by Farmington area Jaycees as part of the Founder's Day Festival and advance tickets already are on sale.

More than 100 cowboy and cowgirl members of the Professional International Rodeo Assn. will compete for cash prizes and championship points at evening performances July 26 and 27 and an afternoon show July 28.

Advance ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under. Gate prices will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Deadline for advance ticket purchase is July 10 and tickets will be mailed out July 15. Tickets purchased in

advance will be honored at any one of the three scheduled performances.

Mail orders with checks or money orders should be addressed to the Farmington Area Jaycees, Post Office Box 33, Farmington, 48224. The number of adult and children's tickets desired should be indicated and a stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed.

The rodeo will be on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Farmington Roads. It will include such exciting and dangerous events as steer wrestling, bareback bronc riding, calf roping and bull riding.

Profits will be used to finance community improvement and youth projects.

Music Student Exchange Planned

Students from Farmington will tour four European countries this month with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp 1973 International Band.

A 75-piece youth orchestra from England will also perform in Farmington in July as participants in the Blue Lake international exchange program.

The Blue Lake camp band

includes more than 80 junior and senior high school musicians from all parts of Michigan.

Farmington students in the band are David Boltz, 333 Schulte Drive; Howard Ferspill, 20919 Robinwood; James Kurtz, 34180 Hunter Row; and Craig Roshell, 22947 Fernhill.

After a week of intense

rehearsals at the camp near Whitehall, the band left Monday from Metro Airport for Amsterdam.

From there, the young musicians will visit cities in Belgium, Holland, Germany and Denmark. In each community, they will stay in homes with local families, present band concerts and sightsee.

Musical director is Robert

Clark, who was assistant director of the Blue Lake 1971 International Band. Tour director is Ernie Mousseau, head counselor at the camp for the past two years. Nine counselors will accompany the band.

Farmington students previously touring with Blue Lake international bands were Debbie Benden and

Debbie Tomchak in 1971 and Francis Hughes and Richard Pryor Jr. in 1972.

During past Blue Lake tours, invitations were extended to musical groups in Europe to visit Michigan.

As a result, nine groups will tour Michigan this summer from Ireland, England, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Visiting Farmington will be

the Leeds Youth Orchestra from England with the visit sponsored by the Farmington Community Center.

Two concerts are scheduled. One will be at Harrison High School July 25 at 8 p.m. The other will be a joint concert July 27 with the Farmington Community Concert Band in the Downtown Shopping Plaza during the Founders Festival.

Wood Creek Loses Office Zoning Suit

The office zoning suit that was the major controversy in the otherwise quiet Village of Wood Creek Farms has been settled in favor of developers Paul Inman and Roger Wardle in Oakland County

Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Eugene Moore ruled residential zoning was "unreasonable and unconstitutional" in "outlet D" - a 10-acre parcel between Valley and Wellington

west of Northwestern Highway.

Inman and Wardle first asked for zoning to build five colonial-style office buildings on the land in 1971. Because it was the only non-residential zoning in the village, the proposal met strong opposition.

David Goldman, then village attorney, resigned and later ran successfully for council in opposition to the offices.

"I think the decision vindicates the position of William Smolek, Bill Ortmann and Richard Quevy," Wardle said.

The court decision does not automatically rezone the property.

With the village becoming part of the City of Farmington Hills July 1, the rezoning becomes a decision of the new city council.



Illegal Crop

CONFISCATED - Farmington Township Police confiscated a lawn bag full of marijuana plants at a house at 34350 W. Eight Mile Road recently. Steven Maki, 24, was arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver. Maki stood mute at his arraignment and bond was set by Judge Michael J. Hand at \$1,000. (Evert photo)