

Schools Look At Summer Camp

FARMINGTON The Farmington school board has expressed an interest in joining four other school districts in the purchase of a 76-acre parcel of land to be used for an environmental study camp.

The project was initiated by the Novi School District and will tentatively include Farmington, Clarenceville, South Lyon and Huron Valley.

The land, located near Hamburg in Livingston County, is owned by a Placemey Walker and is being handled by resident and is being handled by Walker McKinlay Associates of Bloomfield Hills.

The asking price is \$110,000 with \$29,000 down and the balance payable in five years at seven per cent interest.

Farmington School Supt. Martinus VanAmeyde suggested the board investigate the property. Trustee Gary Lichtman said he had seen the property and described it as "good."

Lichtman also suggested the possibility of single ownership of the property, with the option of renting it to other school districts.

"Problems might arise with five different school districts owning one piece of property. For instance, which one gets to use it on which days?"

Board Vice President Ronald Emmitt said possible use of the area as a band camp would enable more student participation.

"Let's not sit on our hands and let someone else grab it if it's within our grasp."

Novi and Clarenceville have also expressed a great interest in the property. The idea was presented to the South Lyon school board last Monday, but received no comment.

Huron Valley hasn't responded yet either.

Aug. 2 has been set aside for board members from all five districts to view the property.

It reportedly has everything from high meadows to swamps, two lakes, a stream and some buildings. It was formerly used as a church camp.

Calendar

FARMINGTON AREA NATURALISTS
Monday, July 23, at 8 p.m., the Farmington Area Naturalists will meet at the Farmington Community Center. Dr. Robert Douglas will speak on the Florida Everglades. A short business meeting will follow and slides of interest will be shown by members.

FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL
Wednesday, July 25, is the beginning of the three-day Farmington Founder's Festival.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB
Wednesday, July 25, at noon, the Pioneer Golden Age Club meets at St. Alexander's Social Hall, adjoining the church, 2725 Shawansee. The club is affiliated with the National Council of Senior Citizens, and meets second and fourth Wednesdays each month for cards and conversation. Bring a sandwich.

FREE MOVIE
Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m., "David and Lisa" will be shown at the Farmington Public Library, 3277 W. 12 Mile Road. Admission is free.

HILLS COUNCIL
Monday, at 8 p.m., in the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile Road and Orchard Lake, the Farmington Hills City Council will meet at its regular session.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB
Friday, July 27, at noon, the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet at the First United Methodist Church, Grand River and Warner. Those attending should bring a sandwich. Cards and games will follow the business meeting.

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB
Monday, Aug. 6, at noon, the Farmington Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting at the Farmington Community Center. Slides of local field flowers will be shown by Mrs. Richard Frankel.

DROP IN CENTER
Every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., cards are played in the Farmington drop-in center, at the Masonic Temple, Farmington and Grand River. Bring a sandwich; coffee is served.

SORROWS SENIOR CITIZENS
Thursdays - First and third Thursdays, the Senior Citizens of the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish meet at the church. Mass is at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is at noon. Bring your coffee and dessert is provided. The group is seeking members from any parish, not just Sorrows.

Rotary Serves Multi-Ethnic Festival Fare

FARMINGTON The Farmington Rotary Club will sponsor a pizza booth at the Farmington Founder's Festival.

Italian sausage sandwiches, bagels, donuts and pop also will be served at the booth.

Bergstrom At Seminar

FARMINGTON Robert H. Bergstrom, Farmington, recently completed a 21-day seminar tour of Scandinavia, sponsored by the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters, a national organization.

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local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Paul R. Schreiber, of Oakland Avenue, has returned from a five week trip to Montana and Washington state. He visited with friends and relatives in Spokane, Seattle, Everett, Walla Walla and Colfax.

He also drove the new and spectacular North Cascades Highway and toured Olympic National Park. On a side trip he toured the great Grande Coulee Dam.

He also spent a few days renewing acquaintances in the Yellowstone Valley in Montana. He especially liked his visit with friends he knew over 50 years ago in the town where he graduated from high school.

Asked for his impressions he said "you can't go home again." He feels strongly that Farmington is his home.

Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Richards, of Livonia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 5.

Present was their son Ray, also their daughter, Arlo and son-in-law Paul Bouillon of Wilmarth, Farmington, as well as the Houghton children, (which are the Richards' grandchildren) and great-grandchildren.

A lovely decorated anniversary cake graced the center of the dining room table, with lighted candles at each end. Ice cream and punch were served. We wish Mr. Richards many more years of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kidd, of Schroeder Rd., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with their family July 10, at their home.

Mr. Kidd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kidd of Detroit, were present, also Mrs. Kidd's sister, Mrs. Beryl Zimmerman of Pontiac, friend, Mrs. Clara Schuetzler of West Bloomfield, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mulholland of Detroit.

A pretty decorated anniversary cake and ice cream were served to the guests. The nicest gift was from their six children, a trip to New York City, and a visit with an old time friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scrase and daughter Julie, of Houston, Texas, were recent guests of Mrs. Scrase's mother, Mrs. Everett Bird of Drakeshire Place.

Mr. Scrase returned to Houston, after a few days visit, while Mrs. Scrase and Julie spent three and one half weeks in Farmington.

Then Mrs. Scrase and Julie left for a tour of Florida by car. They expect to return to Houston by the end of July. The Scrase's will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, and on Sept. 4 they expect to fly to New York City. Then they will fly to Russia.

Miss Ann Scott, of London, England, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Scott of Farmington, arrived home recently after living in London the past five years.

Ann is a graduate of Farmington High School, class of 1967. Ann is working in advertising for British Caldo-

nian Airways, which recently started scheduled services, London to New York. It was nice to welcome Ann home again, a typical "British and relatives in Spokane, Lass."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson, of Miramar, Fla., and Garden City, Mich., recently visited at the home of Mrs. Hazel Scott and family of River Glen Drive; Mrs. Johnson is a very close and dear friend of the Scotts.

Mrs. Johnson is a former Farmington resident of many years ago. He married his present wife Mrs. Lucy Hitchcock of Garden City, a year ago. Mrs. Johnson is very active in the "building trade" in Florida.

Mrs. John Fawcett and son Robbie, of Potter Rd., recently spent three weeks in Germany visiting her parents. Her husband, John, is a 1955 graduate of Farmington High School and at one time played with the Detroit Tigers. He met his wife during the war.

Bertha Naddon, of Botsford General, seriously ill. Her son Melvin, and wife, arrived from California (they reside in Camarillo) to visit her. The family remained at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Herington and family of Broadview, Farmington, have sold their home and are moving to Tucson, Ariz. in a couple of weeks. Nancy is a graduate of Farmington High School, class of 1955. Her mother is Mrs. Trena Quinn of Pickett.

Mrs. Sadie Miller of Farmington, who underwent surgery five weeks ago at Botsford General, is now at home convalescing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Infant Christine Dawn, passed away July 2. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oversman of Austin, Texas, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Koenig, formerly of Farmington now of Austin, Texas.

He formerly owned and operated the General Auto Repair on Cass. Little Christine's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Runk of Harlow, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koenig of Whitlock. Christine Dawn was buried in Austin.

Mrs. Clara Wixom of Grand River, is presently hospitalized at Botsford General, in Room 516.

Mrs. Wixom is one of Farmington's longtime residents and senior citizens.

Please send her cards and notes - her company must be limited because of her advanced years. Our neighbor, Carl Senob, of Oakland Ave., fell from a ladder, breaking his back. He is currently hospitalized at Botsford General. Mr. Senob recently recovered from a serious car accident. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

NOTICE Zoning Case Is Muddled

Here are the thoughts of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer Editor, Dan McCosh. Reprinted by permission from the Farmington Enterprise & Observer Newspaper, July 11, 1973.

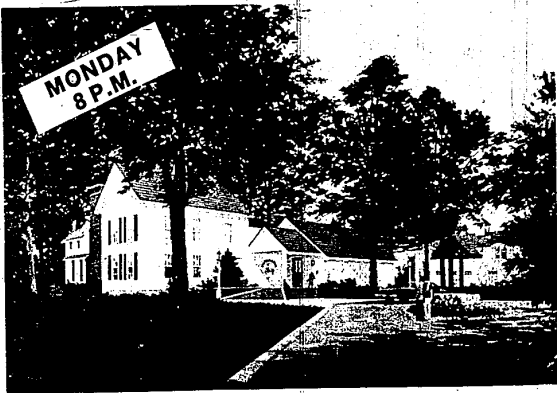
There is a zoning case due before the new Farmington Hills council next month that seems like an exercise in frustration. The case in question is the proposal of Dan Payne, a Detroit restaurateur who wants to build a new "Family Buggy" on his property on 12 Mile Rd. west of Harrison High School. He is the kind of guy who is in love with restaurants, which is why he is in a bind. He wants to build a family-style restaurant out of an old farmhouse. Being an antique buff, he also hopes to build a gift shop like a "street of stores," apparently inspired by the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Being a realist, he knows he needs a restorable building of some size, enough land around it, and it has to be in an area that is both affluent enough and with enough people to support it. He found the site in Farmington. He was also welcomed with open arms by everybody he outlined his plan to. If there is one thing repeated over and over at Township Hall it is the general distaste for the franchise-type restaurants proliferating in the area. But twice now he has been turned down by the Township Planning Commission. The reason is the unique site Payne located

is not slated for commercial zoning on the master plan. The Planning Commission, unwilling to rezone for commercial all the way west to Orchard Lake, killed the rezoning. What made the decision unusual was the stated support for the idea of the project by most of the commissioners. It was mainly the spectre of setting a legal precedent of spot zoning that motivated the denial. David Stader was the only commissioner who supported Payne's proposal, on the basis that "some way" is needed to be found to save it. It was an interesting contrast to the reaction of the City of Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals, which maintained a non-conforming use to allow Lawrence Mayer to restore an old gas station to a unique commercial building. Mayer not only got the approval, he got a pat on the head for his work in Farmington in the past. While the danger of weakening the township's position in future zoning cases is probably real, one can't help thinking a unique case deserves better treatment. Otherwise, it looks like another victory for glass-and-chromium development, and another bit of heritage gets chipped away.

PROPOSED

by

The Family Buggy



To our Friends in Farmington Hills: Peggy and I are trying very hard to open a family dining facility as pictured above. We have five acres of orchards, woods, and fields in which to provide Farmington Hills families with a country atmosphere dining facility. Help us save this beautiful and historic site. Please come to City Hall, (Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Road), on Monday, July 23, 1973 at 8:00 o'clock to show your support and make the council realize that Farmington Hills needs something besides bars and steak & egg operations. You don't have to say anything... just come to show your support.

Sincerely,
don payne

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FARMINGTON

The City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, will meet at 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 6, 1973, in the Council Chambers, 3200 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on the request to rezone the following property from R-1 (One Family Residential) to R-1.5 (One Family Office District):

Lot No. 15, Assessor's Plat No. 4, a subdivision of part of the southeast 1/4 of Section 29 and part of the northeast 1/4 of Section 28, T 11 N. R 12 E, City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.

All interested persons will be given a chance to express their views at the above time and place. Any other information desired regarding the above is available at the office of the City Clerk.

(Property located on the north side of Grand River at Gill Road) (Estate of Frederick Scarfe, Deceased.)

NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk