

Circulate Petitions Against Village Green

The Farmington Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Nov. 23 to approve rezoning of 150 acres, at Grand River and Haledale near 11 Mile Rd., from single residential to multiple.

This would permit builder Thomas Duke to build a 25 million apartment complex on that site. Known as the Village Green, it has been the cause of considerable controversy in the Township.

Duke was scheduled to begin construction in the spring. But a group of citizens has circulated a petition seeking to have

the rezoning put to a vote of the electorate.

According to Harris Berger, one of the participants in the drive, "It's prime objective is that a large turnout of voters would overturn the rezoning, and in so doing, would affirm to the Township Board that we


want more and better planning when considering something of this magnitude. We want to maintain Farmington Township as a beautiful, rural village, a home, residential community.

"During the circulation of this petition, many of the homeowners said they were of the opinion that they had come to

Farmington, Socially Speaking

Jerry Wendt

GR 6-7025



Council

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Ordinance lead to a serious misunderstanding."

The Council still remains the possibility that Duke's parking lot has not been set back sufficiently. The Council will insist that he do so, says City Manager John Dinnin is checking.

In another development of general interest, the Council, acting on the suggestion of Councilman Henry Forrest, has decided to seek to have a tax stand placed within the downtown section of the City.

The Council retained Delos Hamilton on the Board of Review. Only Henry Forrest voted against this.

The Council, acting on the motion of Councilman Henry Forrest, unanimously passed a resolution expressing regret of the passing of Paul M. Chavakis, a native of Italy, death, read the resolution, "was a great loss to the community."

The City offices will be closed for a half a day prior to Christmas and New Year's.

One Well Back New Ones Dug In Meadowbrook

The latest report on the continuing Meadowbrook Hills water crisis is that the sewer has now made it over Trialee Trail, which runs along the north side of the subdivision.

The pumping — necessary for construction of that sewer — which causes a number of the wells to go dry, was discontinued about two weeks ago. Since then, one well has come back.

Several of the affected homes are in the process of digging new wells.

Bank Hikes Interest Rate

As of Jan. 1, 1965, the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington will go to 4% on pass books (normal savings accounts). All monies deposited as of the first ten days of the quarter will be compounded as of the first day of the quarter. Monies withdrawn as of the last three days of the quarter will be compounded for the full quarter.

The bank will maintain its Saturday banking hours.

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Farmington Ministers Answer Times 'Most Hopeful' Since Birth of Christ

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are said to be the most advanced, technologically, in the history of mankind. Certainly this is a "hopeful time," or not, is an irrelevant issue. The point is that this is OUR time—our time to set for good or for ill using the tools which God has given us.

Surely, in that moment in Bethlehem two millenniums ago, God brought about the greatest sign of hope in history. It is not that moment in time but the content of the sign that makes the hope real.

In the early decades of the 20th century we witnessed a great "time of hope" and confidence. People six years ago may well have been saying the same thing. It is not that moment in time but the content of the sign that makes the hope real.

We can look back on many moments in history which were called times of hope; but they were moments in which men did not want to believe the hopeful signs that were true hope to fruition. They were but moments of calm before the storm that came when men failed to act in their time.

We do not stand within those moments. We look back at them from the perspective of today, and they do not look like times of hope at all.

Returning to my hypothesis: It is God acting in history through the lives of men who creates hopeful situations. History will judge the hopefulness of today not on how hopeful we thought the moment was but on what we did to create hopeful signs within our time.

In this Christmas season it would be well for us not to ask whether these are hopeful times, but to ask where the hopeful signs are in which we should be working or where God would have us go to create hopeful situations.

The Kennedy-Johnson administration has created many signs of hope. We have the Peace Corps working to help underdeveloped people around the world. We have "War on Poverty" here at home to help oppressed people within our own nation.

We have the new civil rights legislation that has helped to bring the hopes of the Love which bears the words of a bill alone

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FILLING THE Farmington Goodwill Christmas baskets for delivery to the less fortunate of the community. Left to right: John H. Richardson (a veterinarian in Farmington), and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schulkind.

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On Christmas morning, the veterans at the Dearborn Veterans Hospital will find miniature Christmas wreaths on their breakfast trays. These gay little wreaths are made of the top of a jar ring. The Hill and Dale Garden Club made over 250 of these in their Christmas workshop. Incidentally, the Garden therapy group has now expanded its program in conjunction with the Special Education Group. Now, in addition to the mentally handicapped, they visit the orthopedic classes.

Christine Sechler is the chairman for this group, and her committee will bring large pine cones for the body, white construction paper for wings and tail, small pine cones for head, sequins and pipe cleaners. When they are through all the students will have a pretty gaudy bird to take home and hang on the tree.

President of Hill and Dale Kathy Ziska will spend Christmas Day with her husband Tom at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pasquini, in Oak Park. Among the guests will be her sister and brother-in-law, Frank and Sue Konrad.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gosselin, Sr. of Kenwood Ave. in Oak Park had a gala 25th wedding anniversary. On Nov. 28, their three children, Mrs. Theresa Ahler of Farmington, Miss Frances Marie Gosselin, and Frank George Gosselin, held an Open House for them at their home in Oak Park.

Married Nov. 18, 1939 in Wheeling, W. Va. many guests came for the celebration from West Virginia and Ohio. Early that day a special Mass was said at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

A toboggan accident landed 10-year-old Daniel King in St. Mary's Hospital with a skull injury and a broken right arm. He's back home now and getting ready for the big celebration of his parents, the Joseph Kings are preparing for the holidays. On Christmas Day when the family arrives there will be 27 in all. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. James Miller and his two daughters will arrive from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mrs. Henry Kourakis will arrive from Birmingham with daughter Kathy. They will have a buffet dinner and gift exchange.

Members of the members of the Hobby Club received an early Christmas gift when the wives took them out to dinner at Pine Nob. Meeting at the Hobby Club's for cocktails and then proceeding to dinner were: the Harry Andersons; the Gary Muroes; the Gerry Thayers; the Mallicks of Bayberry Ave.; the Paul Mosberrys; the Dave Carbes; the Ed Shields; the Joe Ziskas; the F. E. Tovermans; and the Coopers of Quail Hollow Court.

Husbands of the members of the American Association of University Women were also listed. About 70 gathered at the home of the Tom Zuleback's on Fourteen Mile Rd. for an open house. Tom Zuleback is our new appointee to the Library Board.

The William Borgans of Hawthorne Road will drive to Muskegon for a double celebration. William, Edna and their children, Bill and Janice will be the guests of Ellen's sister, Mrs. Fred Mack. The day after Christmas, her niece Karen will be married at the Presbyterian Church in Muskegon. The reception will be at the church. The children will stay there for the entire holiday week.

Both the Fougere's, John and Edna, of Nine Mile Road have participated in Christmas activities this year. On Dec. 19, John was the Santa Claus for the children at the VFW Post on Orchard Lake Road. On Dec. 21, Edna held entertain the veterans at the Christmas party at the VA hospital in Dearborn.

On Christmas Day the Fougere's will entertain the family at their home. Among the guests will be Miss Rita Fougere from Ottawa and nephew John Fougere.

Arriving from Oak Ridge, Tenn. to help the Hugh Crawford's of Greening to celebrate their first Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. James T. Cotter and their daughters Nancy, Barbara, and Janette. Along with the traditional Christmas fare will be pecan pie, a favorite of this family. Christmas week will feature a visit to the

down town area to see how the waterfront of Detroit has changed, and to see all the new buildings.

Mrs. Arthur Yoss, of Glen Orchard, wife of the Rev. Arthur A. Yoss, executive director of the English District of the Missouri Synod, entertained the whole office force, Saturday night with a smorgasbord supper. On Wednesday, Mrs. Yoss gave the Christmas party for the women of the Executive Board of the Valparaiso University Guild.

On Dec. 20 guests arrived at the home of the Kneass Bernishes on Heartstone to feed the tree all decorated, the punch bowl filled, trays filled with delicious appetizers, and their hosts all ready to usher in the holiday season.

Welcome home to Donna Fullerton of Peppermill who is recuperating beautifully from her tonsillectomy and is back in time to enjoy the holidays.

Director and Women's Club will hold its Christmas party at Koster's. Meeting at 6:30 for dinner and a social program.

A breadbasket grandchild in the Christmas gift that awaits the Frederick Cordes of Hamlin Court. They will drive to Benton, South Carolina to visit their son and his wife, Curt and Carol Cordes and welcome home who will celebrate her first Christmas at the age of one on Monday.

The James Lauson's of Leyte will host a buffet dinner on Dec. 26. Attending will be Barbara and John Michals of Pontiac, Glen and May Jo of Bloomfield Hills and from Farmington, Jack and Arlene Huedler, Mary Jane and Neil Mason and Les Foblers, David and Helen Moorhouse.

On Dec. 27, it would not be rash to say that nearly every Farmingtonite will either be a guest at an open house or a host at one. The day will start with the Hal McDavids of Arand Ave. entertaining. Friends with a continental breakfast. Nancy and Hal vacationed this summer in Montreal and Quebec so their breakfast will have the authentic touch. Nearly twenty-five couples will partake of coffee with whipped cream and plates of delicate "Patisserie" as the French call their mouth-watering breakfast pastries.

The Don McDaniels of Bella Vista will entertain 50 guests at open house the same day.

The Chuck Swansons of Bloomfield Hills will welcome many of their friends with the traditional egg nog party that same Sunday.

Likewise the Donald Greens who have just moved into their new home on Woodside, Franklin will greet many of their former friends and new acquaintances with a gala open house.

The Mel Andersons of Westfield will greet from 35 to 40 guests with a traditional Holiday menu.

A very Merry Christmas to all our readers.

The Farmington Jaycees staged a Christmas party for the children of the community at Parker House Saturday afternoon. It was a smashing success. Even Santa Claus was there.

Temporary Quarters

The Bible Baptist Church of Farmington is conducting its services at a temporary quarters at Shawanawee Elementary School, west of Tuck Road. As a permanent location it is going to take over the Clarenceville Methodist Church.

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