

B of C Yule Fund For Decorating Now at \$2,615.89

It appears that the Farmington Board of Commerce will fall short of its ambitious goal of raising \$4,000 for Christmas tree decorations and lighting in the city and township this year but will have raised enough to make a greatly improved showing.

As of Monday, Nov. 23, a total of \$2,615.89 was reported in the Christmas decoration fund by Richard MacPherson, Board of Commerce treasurer. He was quick to add making the report that more money was still coming in and expressed hope that the total in contributions might yet at least go over the \$3,000 mark.

OF THE TOTAL reported as of Monday, \$1,632 had been received in direct donations from business, industry and other interested citizens and groups in the community desirous of seeing the city and township more brightly lighted during the holiday season. The biggest single donation was made by the Farmington City Council which appropriated \$750 for the Christmas fund.

In addition the councilmen also authorized another \$250 to be spent for the decorating of the municipal building and grounds. Proceeds from adult ticket sales for the first annual Oldie Yule Log Football game between Farmington High and a North Farmington High totaled \$1,410. The Board of Commerce which had complete charge of the promotion and sale of these adult tickets will receive one-half of this amount for the Christmas Decorating Fund with the other half going to the Farmington public school system's athletic fund.

THE REMAINING amount in the total reported by MacPherson on Monday is a sum of \$2,615.89 which was left over from the 1963 Farmington Christmas Decoration Fund.

New decorations being purchased for the 1964 fund by the Board of Commerce have already been ordered and are expected to start going up in the first week of next year.

Postmaster Sets Special Holiday Hours

Farmington Postmaster, Henry Trombley, this week announced the following special hours and services to be put into effect by the Post Office for the holiday season:

Services which have been curtailed on Saturdays, such as issuance of money orders, meter settings, claims, etc., will be resumed on Saturday, November 28, and will continue through December 26.

The Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, and on Saturday, December 19. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from December 14 through December 18.

Special hours have been set for Sunday, December 20, when the office will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Trombley said that packages for overseas should be mailed by the end of November, and packages for distant places should be mailed by the first week in December, to assure delivery for Christmas.

School Const. Progresses Well

Construction of buildings and additions to buildings in the Farmington School District is progressing well according to reports given at the Board of Education meeting on November 23.

For the Bond School addition which is on schedule, the Board approved a list of subcontractors and selected brick which matches that of the existing building.

Additions at East J. High and North Farmington High Schools, sub-contractors for which had been approved at the November 19 meeting, were reported as "going well, on schedule, and no problems."

When a color for the cement block on the service and maintenance building, which is slightly behind schedule, couldn't be agreed upon, board members decided to leave it unpainted.

The Board authorized the taking of quotations on tools and equipment for the service and maintenance department.



DEER HUNTING SEASON has temporarily slowed work on construction of the Farmington School District's Service and Maintenance building pictured above, according to a report given at the Board of Education meeting Monday.

Lawsuits Against Farmington Twp. Await Decision In Circuit Court

The lawsuit brought against the three top Farmington Township officials by nine residents of the Township, which alleges the Township Board acted illegally in approving pay raises on the eve of the November 3 General Election, has been taken under advisement by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Philip Pratt.

Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan and Farmington attorney Bernard S. Kahn, attorney for the plaintiffs, appeared before Judge Pratt on Monday, November 23.

JUDGE PRATT GAVE both attorneys ten days in which to file additional briefs and no decision on the case is expected prior to the end of the first week in December.

Township Attorney Brennan has asked for a summary judgment in the case, stating "there is no issue of fact" on the charges the Township acted illegally.

Attorney Kahn argues that

Sup't. Recommends Hiring Reading Resource Person

At a regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education, November 23, Superintendent Gerald V. Harrison presented a recommendation for improving the reading instruction in the district by hiring a reading resource person.

The proposed helping and resource person would be a competent lower elementary teacher, who would train with the Oakland County, short term in-service program next semester, and would work with the teachers in the district, rather than directly with the pupils.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR this year would be \$2,000; and next year, \$10,000 would be needed for salary and materials.

Harrison said that this proposed program is in no sense a remedial one, but one that would strengthen the teaching of reading. He said that the administrative committee of the Farmington Schools has recommended that the role of the helping resource person include working with classroom teachers on analysis of children's abilities, identification of children with special problems, locating and securing materials, and contributing in the planning of a total school program for all children.

THIS COMMITTEE also expects the helping resource person to take part in interpreting the program to the public by participating with the classroom teacher in parent-teacher conferences, by being available for parent conferences, and by building public constructive interest in the reading program.

Harrison explained that the status of the new teacher-helping resource person would be the same as that of the present people in special teaching areas, such as music, art, etc.

MISS MINNIE ZIELKE, Director of Elementary Education for the Farmington Public Schools, stated that a decision should be made soon in order to take advantage of the County program.

Board members discussed the proposal and agreed to consider it at their next official meeting which is scheduled for Monday, December 7.



FREE TURKEYS were given to lucky shoppers in Farmington this week in time to dress up the Thanksgiving Day table. Pictured above receiving their free turkey are Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins of 29227 Dresden in Farmington who were lucky shoppers at the Scott's Store in the Downtown Farmington Center. Don Sapp, Manager at Scott's, is pictured on the right after making the presentation on Monday.

JC Junior Miss Pageant Set For Saturday

A cordial invitation has been extended to all in the area to the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce "Junior Miss Pageant" to be staged this Saturday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Junior High auditorium.

Ten young ladies from Farmington, North Farmington and Our Lady of Strows high schools are entered in the contest which will be climaxed with the crowning of the Farmington Junior Miss. In addition to the crown and title, the lucky winner will receive a \$250 scholarship from the JCs and a trip to the pageant in Pontiac in January.

Actual competition for the girls will begin Saturday morning with judging and interviewing being done by three judges. The judges this year are Evelyn Kreson of the Kreson Dance Studio, City Manager John Dinan and Harvey Goldberg of Harvis Suburban Casual Shop.

The Saturday evening program ending the pageant will consist of raising the contestants on their poise, appearance and talent.

A thank you was extended by the Jaycees to those local business firms lending their support to the pageant program including Big Crest Portrait Studio, Bradley's Retail Drugs, Fashion Shoes, Harvis Suburban Casual Shop, Harvis Dining Room, Murphy's Furniture, Phil Thomas Jewelry and Welby's House of Music.

Twp. Zone Bd. To Have Meeting Next Thursday

The Farmington Township Zoning Board will hold its regular November meeting on Tuesday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in the Township Hall. The Board is on the fourth Thursday of each month which would have been on Thanksgiving Day.

A Public Hearing will be held on the rezoning from R-4, residential to B-2, business, and to P-1, parking, of lots totaling 1.1 acres adjacent to the Tulane, Grand River, Middlebrook and Farmington Roads. Approval of this rezoning will allow the Detroit Bank and Trust Co. to construct a branch bank building and parking lot on the site.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA is a request of the Assembly of God Church, 29429 Grand River, to rezone the lot at the rear of the church from R-4, to P-1. The lot faces upon Middlebrook Road and has been used as a church parking lot.

This is adjacent to the bank property mentioned above. Up for consideration again, as adjourned from the July and August meetings, is a request for rezoning portions of the triangular parcel bounded by Middlebrook, Northwestern and Farmington Roads.

A PRELIMINARY PLAT review will be made on a proposed development of approximately 160 acres in the southwest corner of section 30, which is north of Nine Mile Road and east of Hagerty Road and is zoned RA-2.

Twp. Bd. OK's \$25 Million Village Green Apt. Project

"Village Green," the \$25 million dollar housing development planned by Farmington builder Thomas A. Duke, passed its final hurdle on Monday night, November 23, when the Farmington Township Board approved the recommendation from the Township Zoning Board for the necessary rezoning of 160 acres in the northeast corner of Halsted Road and Grand River Avenue.

THOMAS A. DUKE, himself a member of the Township

Board, obtained from the vote on the measure. Construction on the first about 2,000 apartment house units is scheduled to get under way in the spring of 1965. Along with the initial 150 apartment house units, work will also be started on an 18-hole golf course.

A 200-unit motor fan, complete with tennis courts, an outdoor-in-door swimming pool, a dining area is planned on the corner parcel of approximately four and one-half acres, bounded



DONALD M. MILLER (pictured above on the right), executive director of the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross, and Mrs. William C. Sprout, chairman of the chapter's Red Cross Ladies Service, meet with Seymour Cantor, administrator of Botsford General Hospital. Final arrangements were made for the Red Cross Gray Ladies to volunteer their services in the new local hospital. (see story on Page 5-A).

Twp. Appeal Bd. Denies Sand Removal Project

The Farmington Township Zoning Board of Appeals at its regular meeting last Thursday evening, Nov. 19, took action denying a request for a permit for a substantial sand removal operation on a parcel of property on the west side of G-11 Road between Nine Mile Road and Bridgeman Street.

Removal of an estimated 175,000 cubic yards of sand by John Migot of Detroit from the parcel of land owned by Lionel Pentz was made some time back when an application for a license was applied for under provisions of the township's surface mining ordinance.

AT A PUBLIC hearing held before the Appeals Board on Sept. 23, strong objections were voiced by homeowners in the area to granting the permit. A petition opposing approval of the proposed project signed by 35 of the 38 homeowners on Bridgeman Street in Pentz's Hillside Subdivision was filed at this time and a number of the homeowners appeared to voice their objections personally.

Ross Patterson of 34600 Bridgeman served as spokesman for the homeowners.

Byron Oliver, school administrator, was present representing the Farmington School District and Aldo Vagnoni, representing the PTA Council. The citizens objected to the project, because of the unsafe conditions.

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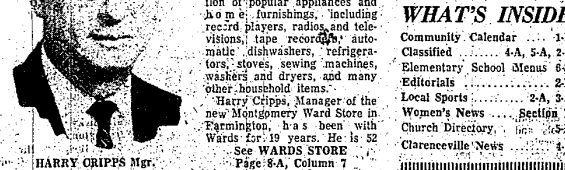
Montgomery Ward Store Opened In Farmington

The new Montgomery Ward and Appliance Store opened this week in the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center and will hold its Grand Opening for three big days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 27, 28 and 29.

Manager of the new Ward's Store, Harry Cripps, announced this week that the store will open Thursday, Nov. 26, from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. The store hours on Saturday will also be from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. On Sunday, the store will be open from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

DURING ALL THREE days of the Ward's Store Grand Opening, free refreshments will be served to the public. For the kids, there will be free balloons, free kiddie banks and refreshments. Free ice cream dips and free detergent samples will also be given away.

The new Montgomery Ward Catalog and Appliance Sales Store is located at the corner of the Farmington branch office



HARRY CRIPPS, mgr.

ed by Halsted on the west and Grand River to the south. The motor inn will be called "Independence Inn."

Two artificial lakes will be made from a creek which flows west to east across the property to form the northern boundary of the motor inn. Two covered bridges will span the artificial lakes.

NOT UNTIL the development is in its fourth year does the builder plan to go ahead with the installation of a 16-store shopping center.

The shopping center will contain small shops to serve not only the residents of the immediate area but also the visitors at the motor inn.

THE FOCAL POINT of the shopping circle will be a large green circular area in the center with an authentic band box and the installation of authentic Civil War cannons to add to the village green.

The shops will not have what is commonly known as a rear entrance. Three roads will radiate out from the shopping circle and a second drive will encircle the buildings from their second front. Duke said an abundance of parking would more than meet the zoning requirements.

A WINDING ROAD will completely encircle the property. A green and landscaped area between the roads will be called "VILLAGE GREEN."

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Propose Essay Contest Here To Fight Crime

Farmington Township Board Trustees last night approved an essay contest among Farmington youth on the subject of combating juvenile vandalism, at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night, November 23.

Oppenheimer's motion was passed unanimously by the Board and he was appointed to contact the Board of Farmington and the Farmington School District to seek their cooperation for a joint effort. He was pledged full support of the Township Board.

THE ESSAY CONTEST, entitled "How I Would Combat Juvenile Vandalism," would be open to all junior and senior high school students in the Farmington school system.

Oppenheimer expressed hope that the essay contest could be made part of the assignment for English classes with the top 25 per cent of the essays for \$500.

See ESSAY CONTEST Page 5-A, Column 5

City Zone Ord. Review Starts

Members of Farmington City Council and Planning Commission met Monday night to review all proposed changes in the city's zoning ordinance and map which has been under revision for several months now by the city planners and planning consultants.

Two of the five councilmen, Mayor Robert Landbert and Trustee Howard Thayer, said it impossible to be at this joint meeting but the review went ahead anyway.

It was found, however, that a review of the changed zoning map and a start on the ordinance review was all that could be accomplished Monday night and another meeting will, thus, be necessary, City Manager John Dinan said.

Hopes are that this second meeting will be held prior to the next regular Council meeting on Dec. 7, so that action can be taken by councilmen at that time setting a date for a public hearing on the proposed new ordinance and map, Dinan said.

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