

Twp. Records Good Year In Building Activity As New Industry Comes

The Township of Farmington showed marked improvement in residential home construction in 1964 over the same 12-month period of 1963 and recorded its best year in industrial growth.

Most impressive of all of the building activity statistics released this week by the Township was the total commercial and industrial construction started in 1964. A total of 17 permits were issued valued at \$1,321,690.

DIAMOND NATIONAL, first industry to purchase land in

the Township Industrial Park on Haggerty Road, took out a permit for their plant, valued at \$124,000, in the fourth quarter of 1964.

Other big gains for the Township in 1964 included a new Chrysler dealership at Middlebelt and Grand River valued at \$18,000, a new branch of Manufacturers National Bank at Eight Mile and Farmington Road valued at \$250,000 (all commercial buildings), and under industrial building, a \$50,400 addition at the Star Cutter Company on Grand River Avenue.

Thomas Nolan Named GOP Twp. Director

Thomas R. Nolan of 22180 Ontario Court in Farmington has been named the Republican Director for Farmington Township. It was announced this week by Mrs. James Dawson, Republican Director of the Second District, Oakland County Republican Party.

Nolan's appointment was made by Dale Peet, GOP County Chairman. Peet said Nolan has been an active volunteer in Republican politics for the past 15 years. A six-time delegate to the Republican National Convention, Nolan first became active in GOP politics during the campaign of Michigan's Homer Ferguson.

NOLAN FOUNDED the Gardiner City Republican Club prior to taking up residence in Farmington where he last fall served as co-ordinator of all special events by the Republican Party in Farmington.

Nolan is also a member of the Board of Directors on the Farmington Free Press and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of the Dads' Club for the Farmington Junior Football Association and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association.

NOLAN IS District Sales Manager for Michigan and Canada with Transcontinental Service Inc. He and his wife, Mariene, who is active in the League of Women Voters and other organizations, have four children: Michael, Karen, Timothy and Patrick.

Asked for his views on Republican politics in Farmington, Nolan went on to say that the Township administration. He

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Botsford Hosp. Dedication Ceremony Set

The new Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Township will be dedicated at a program this Saturday, January 16, at 2:30 p.m. on the hospital grounds, 28505 Grand River Avenue at Eight Mile Road.

The new 200-bed hospital is scheduled to begin admitting patients after 7 a.m. on January 18. A total of 170 employees and a staff of 138 physicians are involved in the hospital's operation. An additional 200 employees are expected to be employed when the hospital reaches maximum development.

DELOS HAMLIN, Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and member of the Board of Directors for Ziegler Osteopathic Hospital and Botsford General Hospital, will give the welcoming address at the program. Dedication ceremonies on Saturday, Hamlin will also deliver the program's closing remarks.

Dr. Robert M. Farrell, Executive Director of the Detroit Chapter of Catholic, Jews and Protestants, will deliver the invocation. Jacques Cousin, former Executive Director at the Greater Detroit Area Hospital Council and now Executive Associate of United Foundation, will introduce the next speaker, Mrs. George Romney. Dr. Frehe will also deliver the program Benediction.

Michigan's First Lady will receive a presentation from Dr. Earline Cooper following her main address at the dedication ceremony.

Open House hours at Botsford General have been set between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, and between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17.



THE FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM debate was staged last Wednesday evening in Farmington's Universalist Church. Pictured above are the men who took leading roles in the debate on headmaster (L. to R.): Dr. Alden Shaw, former Headmaster of the Detroit Country Day School; Oakland County Prosecutor Jerome Bronson;

Lee S. Peel, Journalism and English instructor at Farmington High School (Moderator); Thomas Hughes, psychologist at Boys' Republic in Farmington; and Edwin Ellman, an attorney representing the American Civil Liberties Union. (See Larry Adcock's story on the debate, Page 2-C.)

City Council Stages Public Hearing On Proposed Zoning Ordinance

The Farmington City Council's public hearing Monday night on its proposed new zoning ordinance and map brought out a capacity crowd of citizens to air feelings on ten proposed changes. The 13-page zoning ordinance 17 the City and map drafted by the City Planning Commission with the assistance of the City's firm of planning consultants, was discussed for 1 1/2 hours dealing mainly with the ten zoning proposals.

ONE HOUR AND 40 minutes after Mayor Robert Lindbergh called the meeting to order, Council members, City planners and residents from Alta Loma Subdivision were still involved with the first item on the agenda, the proposed re-zoning of a 22-acre strip of land on the west side of Farmington Road, 700 feet deep and 2,200 feet long which extends south from Alta Loma to Freedom Drive.

Although discussion moved relatively quickly over the other nine items on the agenda, the opening re-zoning proposal, involving lots 1 through 13 of Assessor's Plat No. 1, brought lengthy and emphatic opposition from Alta Loma residents.

City Planners have proposed to change the strip of land along Farmington Road's west side, from its present R-1 E, One-Family Estates classification, to an E-R-O (Educational Research-Office) District. Alta Loma residents expressed concern over what would happen to their property values should the adjoining strip of land to the east of their subdivision be developed with office buildings.

ART MILLARD of 34455 Alta Loma Drive asked City Manager John Dinan if one or several buildings could be developed on the Farmington Road strip if the zoning was ap-

proved.

City Manager Dinan answered the proposed zoning would require a cooperative venture between the six existing property owners, and any future developers, since a maximum of four buildings are all that could be allowed under the 40-percent land use development formula which would apply to the 22-acre parcel.

Name Hal Rowe To Township's Bd. of Review

Harold E. Rowe, owner of North Farmington, Realty at 3310 W. 12 Mile Road and a resident at 27536 Stansbury in Farmington Township, has been named to serve as a member of the Farmington Township Board of Review for a four-year term, effective immediately.

Official action appointing Rowe was taken at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night and the vote by board members on his appointment was unanimous. Members of the board expressed extreme pleasure in being able to have a man with Rowe's extensive experience in real estate sales and appraisal work serve on the Review Board.

ROWE REPLACES Township Supervisor Curt Hall on the tax reviewing board. Regulations in the new state constitution make the change on this board necessary.

It was stipulated in the old state constitution that Township supervisors automatically became a member of the board of review but under the new constitution this is not permitted.

Supervisor Hall made it clear that he had no regrets in relinquishing his chair on the Board of Review. The responsibility of this board is to meet yearly during March to meet any and all complaints from property owners on their assessments and make any assessment adjustments deemed necessary or proper before officially confirming the tax rolls.

Special Twp. Bd. Meeting Jan. 18

Up for final consideration at a special Farmington Township Board meeting this coming Monday night, Jan. 18, is rezoning from residential to commercial of a small piece of property to the rear of the Detroit Bank and Trust Co. building on Grand River Ave. at Middlebelt.

The special meeting had been set earlier for a public hearing to be held in improvement proposed for Park Hills Subdivision but it was decided to take final action on the rezoning matter also so as not to delay the bank any longer in going ahead with new building construction planned.

A hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals on this zoning change for the small parcel has already been held and a recommendation for approval made. The final approval, however, before actual building work can be started.

Another question raised by Millard was in regard to the "research" category of the proposed zoning classification. He asked if this might not allow a firm testing heavy equipment with a noise factor or a chemical firm testing products or experimenting that might create an undesirable environment for the surrounding residential area.

WILLIAM L. BURKE of the City Planning Commission answered Millard by saying an "educational" research firm, a "private concern working closely with an educational institution" was primarily the type of business the planners felt would be well suited to the area. He added a "campus-like" development with buildings limited to just two stories in height would be called for under the proposed re-zoning and mentioned the City of Southfield as an example of where this kind of development had taken place.

MRS. CHARLES PELL of 32831 Meadowbrook Court asked the County if they planned to vote on the proposed zoning changes Monday night. She was

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Students to Get Brief Vacation

Farmington Public Schools will end first semester operations on Friday, Jan. 29. All students will be released from classes Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, January 27 and 28. During this released time, elementary teachers will attend in-service sessions in the district, and secondary school teachers will grade and record examinations.

All schools will be closed for a full day on Friday, January 29. Teachers will work on semester records that day in their own buildings. The second semester will begin Monday, Feb. 1.

It was explained that these mounted policemen would be helpful in traffic control at various local events and also in doing any searching for missing or wanted persons in vacant fields or wooded areas.

Board of Ed. Approves New Adult Ed. Course

BY MARJORIE EICHER, Community Relations Coord. Farmington Schools

Parents and teachers may receive training that will help them to do a better job with sex education of young people if a plan for incorporating the training in Farmington's Adult Education program gets under way soon.

Before such classes could become a reality, carefully screened instructors would need to be trained in a comprehensive and carefully designed program. Merrill-Palmer Institute will cooperate with the Farmington Public School to provide the in-service training of the instructors.

FOR THE PAST YEAR a committee has been considering the role the school should play in providing leadership and training for parents in the whole area of sex education.

The group has been termed the "Growing Up Committee." Membership has included elementary principals; Miss Helen

Petitions for Referendum On Twp. Rezoning Rejected

Petitions for a referendum vote on recent rezoning action taken by Farmington Township officials to permit a large apartment development on a 160 acre parcel of land on Grand River at Drake Road were rejected Monday night by official action of the Township Board.

The unanimous decision of the Board to reject the petition regarding all rezoning of the 160-acre parcel was an opinion rendered by Township Attorney Joseph (Terry) Brennan stating that the petition submitted was insufficient both in fact and in law. Trustee Thomas Duke abstained from voting because of his personal interest in this development.

At a special meeting of the Township Board on December 28, Attorney Brennan had been instructed to make a thorough study of the rezoning of the 160-acre parcel and to report on petitions of this kind and report back.

Opponents of the \$25 million Independence Green development proposed by Thomas Duke and his brother, George, which would include a private golf course, a motel, neighborhood commercial shops and 2,000 deluxe apartments filed their petitions calling for the referendum vote on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 23.

ATTORNEY BRENNAN'S lengthy opinion, which was read in its entirety at the Township Board meeting, cited three reasons for his recommendation that the petitions be rejected. They were: (1) "The petitions lack the required number of signatures"; (2) "The wording of the petition is insufficient"; (3) "The information with respect to the property owners signing the petitions is incomplete."

It was pointed out that Brennan's opinion that state statute specifies petitions must be signed by fifteen per cent (15%) of the persons residing in and owning property assessed for taxes located in the

Mounted Police Coming in Twp.

A mounted horse division of Farmington Township's auxiliary police force should be making its first appearance in the community very soon now.

Supervisor Curt Hall reported at the regular Township Board meeting Monday night that 17 area horsemen are now going through a training course in plans for this mounted division. They have 16 horses and the 17th should be available soon, he commented jokingly.

Classified as "B" members, indicated their full approval of the establishment of this mounted division. They authorized necessary funds to buy badges and arm bands for all the men, as requested.

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Clark, Oakland County public health nurse; and Mrs. Albert M. Volmer, former 12th grade home and family living teacher.

For two months this past fall they have met in a series of workshops with Dr. Armin C. Langer and Dr. Lawrence of Merrill-Palmer Institute. The committee assessed what had been done in Farmington Schools in the past and explored ways in which the schools could serve the total community in the future.

The committee concluded that sex education in general is not being taught adequately in most school systems—including Farmington. While sex education is primarily the responsibility of the home, the committee found through its studies that neither parents nor teachers felt adequate to handle the subject.

THE FARMINGTON WAS a small school system with six elementary schools, the upper grade elementary teachers and the director of elementary edu-

unincorporated portion of the township."

It was stated that checks of registered voters and percentages of homeowners among registered voters on the basis of school bond election figures, showed there were some 3,500 property owners in the township considering only registered voters. Checks were also made with the Detroit Regional Planning Commission to determine the number of homes in the township and then relate this figure to the number eligible to

sign petitions, the report also stated.

Attorney Brennan said that even if the estimated figures he used were cut substantially, the 1,420 signatures on the petitions receiving one-third of the required number for holding an election.

WITH REGARD to the wording on the petition, the attorney pointed out in his opinion that the ordinance passed by the Township Board approving See REFERENDUM Page 8-A, Col. 3

Approve Substantial Earth Removal From Subdivision

Action was taken by the Farmington Township Board of Appeals to approve the granting of a permit to the Thompson-Brown Co. for the removal of a substantial amount of earth from the new residential subdivision development known as Canterbury Commons.

The new subdivision, already under development, is located on the north side of 13 Mile just east and abutting the North Farmington High School property at 13 Mile and Farmington Road.

It was pointed out during discussion that no earth removal would be made to lower the property beyond a point of a 12 inch minimum above grade.

The Township's Zoning Board of Appeals was the first body to receive this request and unanimously approved it after a detailed study including a review of the matter with school officials. Township Board members were informed.

TWO RESTRICTIONS were called for by members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and concurred in by the Township Board members in giving their okay on the project.

One of these restrictions is that no trucking be done from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the road and from 2:30 until 3:15 in the afternoon to assure the safety of children in traveling to and from schools in the area.

Those withdrawing as candidates were Paul F. Livingston of West Bloomfield, Leg P. Mesinger of Wood Creek Farms Village in Farmington Township and James P. McCarthy of Livonia.

Their withdrawal action left John H. Burke of Farmington Township, Livonia City Councilman; Edward H. McNamara and Mrs. Elsie Gilmore of Livonia as the three remaining Democratic Party candidates.

SIX of the Republican candidates who filed are staying in the race. The GOP candidates are: Allen C. Ingle and Arthur Prescott, both of Farmington; Farrell C. Roberts of West Bloomfield Township; George T. Ames of Novi; Thomas J. McHugh of the City of Livonia; and Paul A. Kern, Jr. of Orchard Lake.

Both Kern and Prescott had sought their party's nomination in the primary election last fall but were not chosen. Paul A. Kern, Jr. won on Nov. 3. His sudden death in December moved the necessary for the second election in the 14th District.

While there were no objections to the need for the water improvement project which would extend Detroit water service into the subdivisions in the southeast corner of the township, a group of homeowners did appear to listen and raise a couple of questions.

SUPervisor Curt Hall stated that the estimated total cost for the project ran \$171,600 and that this would figure out to a total cost per homeowner of approximately \$280.81. The supervisor explained that this was somewhat higher than some original guesses that had been made on what each benefiting homeowner would have to pay.

ONE HOMEOWNER questioned whether the \$280.81 figure included all costs. Supervisor Hall explained that it did not include a tap-in cost that would probably run about \$15 per family or the cost of bringing a line in from the street to the house.

Should 20 per cent or more of the homeowners in the proposed improvement district wish to stand the cost for this improvement, the township could file written objection with the township prior to the cost estimate hearing, it was pointed out.

Approve Substantial Earth Removal From Subdivision

ONE AREA in the development of a new school property at the rear is several feet too high to permit houses to be constructed on it, according to engineers. Grading and leveling operations with the removal of approximately 35,000 cubic yards of earth has been determined to be necessary.

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Meadowbrook Water Cost Hearing Set

Hearing no objections on the necessity for establishing a special assessment water district for Meadowbrook Hills subdivision at an official public hearing Monday night, the Township Board voted unanimously to proceed with plans. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, will be the official date for a second public hearing on cost estimates for individual benefitting properties.

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