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Farmington School Teachers Learn More About "New" Math

Sets of Farmington teachers went to school all day last Friday to learn more about the "New Math." There were sets of elementary teachers and a few sets of secondary teachers. There were sets of male teachers and sets of female teachers. There were even sets of music teachers and "new" teachers. They totaled some 400 (in base 10).

The workshop was the first in a series of in-service training programs the Farmington Schools will have this spring so that teachers will be better equipped to teach Modern Mathematics using a new text series in the elementary grades next fall.

THE REMAINING sessions will be shorter, with children

released from classes on successive Tuesdays.

Dr. David Wells, director of mathematics education for Oakland County, keynoteed the morning session. His theme was "Good teaching is the heart of the new math program." Speaking on what effective teaching of mathematics means in a new program, Dr. Wells said, "Good teaching of math depends upon how well the teacher knows the math and what the term 'teaching' means to the teacher."

"There is no new math in the textbooks," Dr. Wells said of the Addison-Wesley texts being adopted by Farmington next year. "The math is only new in the way it's being offered in the elementary program."

THE MATHEMATICS termed "new" has been here a long time. See **NEW MATH** Page 8A



DR. CHARLES BRUMFIELD of the University of Michigan (above) was the featured speaker at the afternoon session of the "New Math Workshop" held last Friday for teachers and administrators in the Farmington School District. While it was a day off for students, teachers and administrators put in a full day at the "New Math Workshop." Meetings were also scheduled for members of the building staffs at the 15 grade schools in the Farmington District as well as grade level meetings for teachers of kindergarten through sixth grade classes.

Four Public Hearings Set for April 22

Four public hearings are scheduled to be held at the Township Zoning Board meeting next Thursday, April 22. A request to rezone 100 acres in the northeast quarter of section 3, south of 14 Mile Rd. and west of Orchard Lake Road to RC and B-2 has been made by Mel Rosenhaus of the Mel Construction Co. The proposed development, Hunters Ridge, is to be a complex providing 1,000 living units, an entry gate house, and "Hunters Inn," which will house the management office, service departments, parcel receiving room, and clubhouse, entertainment and health facilities. Hunters Square, a commercial area, will be a Williamsburg type shopping mall containing specialty stores, service stores, shops and salons.

The zoning ordinance was adopted. The 33 acres is presently zoned RA-3 and the request to have it rezoned to RC, B-2, and B-1 was approved by the Zoning Board. The matter will have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for special approval. THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING scheduled concerns rezoning to the multiple residential zoning ordinance in two family residential districts. The text additions, submitted by Vilican-Ledman, planning consultants for the Township, include three densities for multiple housing. Under the proposal, the present R-B, two-family district for which there has been no request in two years, will be eliminated. All R-C multiple districts will be replaced by RC-1, 7 dwellings per acre, RC-2, 10 dwellings per acre, and RC-3, 14 dwellings per acre. Principal and specify. See **FOUR HEARINGS** Page 8A

A REQUEST FROM the State Oil Co. to rezone the southwest corner of Orchard Lake and 14 Mile roads from B-2 to B-1, business classifications, to permit construction of a brick, ranch-style gasoline service station is also scheduled for public hearing. If approved, the matter will have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for special approval required in B-1 classification. The third public hearing will be held on a request to rezone the Children's Hospital property in the west half of section 35, west of Tuck Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads. The Grosse Pointe Nursing Home Board is to use the existing buildings now, and later to construct living quarters for nurses. The hospital, which is owned by S. McMullin and Leo Mesgier as members of the Township Committee on Salaries and Pensions.

Twp. Approves New Committee

The Farmington Township Board took official action at their regular meeting Monday night, April 12, approving eight appointments to the Township's new created committee on Salaries and Pensions. Township Board Trustee Earl Oppenhaus asked the Board to accept the appointments of Norman Peterson, William L. Lanpher, John T. Bain, Dean T. Ziegel, John H. Burke, Andrew Savak, Thomas S. McMullin and Leo Mesgier as members of the Township Committee on Salaries and Pensions. The eight, who have been serving on the committee in an ex-officio capacity for several weeks, were unanimously approved for appointment by the Board.

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Approve Plans for New Twp. Subs.

The Farmington Township Board gave approval to preliminary plans for two proposed subdivisions in the Township at their regular meeting Monday night, April 12. A total of 409 lots are slated for development within the two plans, Heritage Hills and Colony Park, both in the northwest portion of the Township.

Heritage Hills, Les Taubman developer, will be a three-year project with an ultimate development of 317 lots on property situated between Farmington Road and Drake Road south of 14 Mile Road, or the northeast one-half of Section 4.

THE FIRST YEAR'S development calls for building approximately one-third of the homes with the balance to be built in equal stages the following years. The subdivision has been designed to comply with the Township's Planned Unit Development regulation in order to allow for free movement of traffic.

ANOTHER PLANNED Unit Development subdivision which was given preliminary approval Monday night was the proposed Colony Park Subdivision. It is built on a half acre site located in the southwest corner of 13 Mile Road and Farmington Road.

A total of 182 lots are included in the Colony Park plan in addition to approximately 30 acres to be set aside for park and recreational area development. The developer of the Colony Park Subdivision is Mac-C Inc. of Birmingham.

Rest Rooms Problem at Park Aired

Recommendations from the city manager on steps that must be taken to provide permanent rest room facilities at the city park were ailed by members of the City Council at their regular meeting Monday night.

Manager John Dinan indicated that he would probably be able to come up with some suggested plans at the next council meeting this coming Monday night so that action might be taken to get permanent facilities in use yet this summer.

A letter from Mrs. Sally Witt of 31252 Marblehead and an active member of the Jaycee Auxiliary lamenting the fact that no rest room facilities were present at the park prompted the action. Mrs. Witt contended in her letter that this was one of the most serious problems to be solved if the city was to get greater and greater use.

COUNCILMEMBERS were in unanimous accord with Mrs. Witt's family problem, but had no ready answers on a solution. It was pointed out during discussion that rest room facilities were in a building at the park but that the experience of past years was that the facilities could not be kept. The problem of the past has been with serious vandalism.

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Brotherton Takes Over As Mayor

Official re-organization of the Farmington City Council took place Monday night with William "Sandy" Brotherton being the unanimous choice for mayor and Howard Thayer being unanimously elected as mayor pro tem.

Officially sworn into office as a part of the re-organization were John Allen, Brotherton and Ralph Yoder, the three successful candidates in the April 5 city election. Brotherton was re-elected while Allen and Yoder replace ex-mayor Robert Lindner who resigned and Councilman Henry Forrest who was defeated at the polls.

Allen and Yoder assumed their seats as new councilmen on the 5-member council for the first time Monday night. THE OUTCOME of the April 5 election will also require re-organization of some other boards and committees in the city's governmental framework as provided by provisions in the city charter.

Brotherton, Councilman Hugo Peterson, Allen and Yoder are all members of the city planning commission and provisions of the charter restrict membership of councilmen on the planning commission to two. This means that two of these four men will have to resign.

Brotherton automatically became the chairman of the city zoning board of appeals as newly elected mayor but Yoder will be forced to resign from his position as a member of the zoning board of appeals, it was explained. A NEW COUNCILMAN representative on the city's economic development committee will also have to be selected. Forrest formerly represented the council on this committee.

No official action on the changes that will be required beyond the re-organization of the council was taken Monday night. It was agreed that the city manager would be contacted privately by members of the council with the city manager before any official action is recommended or taken.

Lighted Field Booked Solid

Baseball and softball is definitely in the air now and members of the City Council were faced with the task Monday night of determining which organizations would be allowed use of the lighted ball diamond in the city park for the nights still remaining open.

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Proposed City Budget Calls For No Tax Rate Increase

A proposed general operating budget for the City of Farmington for the 1965-66 fiscal year calling for an expenditure of \$53,203, as prepared by City Manager John Dinan, was turned over to members of the City Council Monday night for study.

Although more than \$29,000 higher than the budget which

the city is operating under for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, the proposed 1965-66 fiscal year budget will require no increase in the present city tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is the same city tax rate that has been levied for the past four years now.

City Manager Dinan explained that the increased budget was possible without an increase in the present tax rate because of a substantial increase in the city's assessed valuation during the past year. The city's assessed valuation was increased by almost \$1.8 million, he stated.

Expenditures for capital improvements are highlighted throughout the proposed budget. In the total budget over \$70,000 for capital improvements for the various city departments is called for.

There has been money set aside for a new road grader, new street sweeper, a truck with underbody scraper for snow removal and many other pieces of machinery.

ADDITIONAL money has also been earmarked in the proposed budget to provide for park improvements and also to put greater emphasis on recreation in the city. The hiring of a part time director of recreation to broaden the present recreation program and subsidize the present summer program is planned. A second magic square, to be located on the Cloverdale School grounds, to afford more recreational facilities in the central part of the community is recommended and funds set aside for this purpose. A mag-

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THE EASTER EGG HUNT planned for this Saturday, April 17, by the Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, received a big financial boost from the Farmington Plaza Merchants Association. Handling over a check to help the project is Ben Korn (second from left), manager of the Plaza

Pleasant Store. Accepting the check for the Jaycees is project chairman Jerry Kuhnlein (right) as Jaycee President Ralph Parmin (left) and Joseph Krider (third from left), manager of the Plaza Kresge Store, look on. The Easter Egg Hunt will get underway at 10 a.m. in the Farmington City Park.

Parking Lot Hearing Set For Non-Teachers

Public hearings have been officially scheduled for the evening of Monday, May 3, on proposed business district off-street parking lot improvements in two more quadrants of the Downtown Farmington business section.

Official action setting the public hearing dates was taken by the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night.

One of the proposed projects will be to provide blacktopped parking lot area to the rear of stores on the north side of Grand River Ave. east of Farmington Road. Plans are being prepared for the north side of Grand River Ave. can be rejuvenated as a healthy business section again.

The initial step to accomplish this was taken by the Council recently when they purchased the Elks Lodge (the old Grace Hotel building) which will soon be razed to open up an access route off Grand River to the rear of the stores.

The second proposed project is blacktopping of the area west of stores on Farmington Road down as far as Slate Street and south of the stores fronting on the south side of Grand River.

The hearing on the first proposed project is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Council chambers and the hearing on the second for 8 p.m.

Approve Raises For Non-Teachers

Increased salary schedules were approved for Farmington Public School District non-teaching personnel by the Farmington Board of Education at a regular meeting on April 12.

The secretarial staff received an across-the-board improvement of 10 percent in 1965-66. This change in structure was arrived at through mutual understanding of the union, school administration and school board.

Clayton Currell, president of Farmington Public School Employees Local 1455, stated in a letter to Supr. E. V. Harrison that the salary committee of the union expresses gratitude for the proposal.

Three classifications of maintenance men in the present year received a minimum of \$4,700, \$4,400, and \$3,800; and a maximum of \$5,500, \$5,200, and \$4,600. Two classifications for the 1965-66 year will receive a minimum of \$5,050 and \$4,400 and a maximum of \$6,100 and \$5,500.

THE OPERATIONAL staff improvements were as follows: custodian, from a minimum of \$4,400 and a maximum of \$5,200 to a minimum of \$4,650 and a maximum of \$5,750, a \$250 improvement, with no

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Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

Gather your youngsters and go to the Farmington City Park for an Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. (weather permitting).

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the annual fun event, is getting an assist this year from the Farmington Shopping Plaza merchants who are donating funds and prizes.

Children of the community eight years and under are invited to participate in the activities at the park on Shawness Road east of Farmington Road.

JAYCEE OFFICIALS stated that candy eggs will be used for the hunt. In past years children who gathered the most eggs won a prize—however this year the rules have been changed. Each child should be informed to fine ONE egg—special eggs will be marked for prizes. A separate area will be roped off for a hunt for the smaller children.

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Parents from Kimberly North Object to Transfer of Pupils

A committee of parents from Kimberly North subdivision appeared before the Farmington Board of Education on April 12 to voice objections to having their children transferred from Eagle School to Middlebelt School.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dunham of 7472 Coach Lane and three other gentlemen spoke in their dissent. They stated that some parents had been "pacified" by explanations given at a meeting on March 18, but that about 50 per cent were still dissatisfied.

They charged the Board with "discrimination against Kimberly North," and stated that their subdivision had been

chosen for transfer of students because they were the newest residents.

The committee offered two alternatives — to transfer the entire sixth grade and keep the students together, or to transfer students on the basis of registration dates.

The fourth, fifth and fine grade children from Kimberly North are presently being transferred to Middlebelt School because of an overload at Eagle School. Eagle School has a capacity of 540 students and the 603 enrollment made the transfer of students necessary.

school administrators because classroom furniture is provided in different sizes for the different grades. The plan to transfer students' registration dates was also termed unworkable from a transportation standpoint. At present there is one pickup point for \$5500 to a minimum of \$4650 and a maximum of \$5,750, a \$250 improvement, with no

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Ok Second Cab Co. For City Service

Members of the Farmington City Council took unanimous action Monday night approving the awarding of bond plates to a second cab company to operate in the city. Farmington Cab Co. will be allowed to operate as many as five cabs in the city now in competition with the Checker Cab Co. of Livonia.

The policy for the past several years had been to allow only one cab company to operate in the city because of the belief that there was not enough business for two cab companies to operate profitably here and render good service to the citizenry.

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Easter Bunnies To Be At Plaza

All moms, dads and kiddies are invited to go and see the Farmington Plaza's East-Easter Bunnies right at the Farmington Shopping Plaza on Grand River Avenue just west of Orchard Lake Road.

See the Easter Bunnies tomorrow, Monday, April 15, and Friday, April 16, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.