

2 Court Cases Against City Still Pending

Court cases against the City of Farmington on recent action taken to re-zone property next to the American Legion Hall and spend city funds to acquire a road easement next to the Van Furniture Store are still pending.

City Attorney Robert Kelly reported this week that the trial date on the re-zoning case has now been set for Friday, October 18, before Judge John Beer in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The plaintiffs in the case are the owners of homes on Sherwood Street to the rear of the American Legion Hall property. They contend that the construction of apartments on this property as proposed by local developer Tom Duke would result in serious nuisances for them and greatly decrease the value of their properties.

THE SECOND court case against the City is to do with the Council's recent split decision to purchase with city-larged funds an easement route east of the Van Furniture Store to provide a permanent access from the City parking lot to the south.

On Monday of this week in Oakland County Circuit Court Judge ruled that the plaintiff, Robert Walker, had not given a clear cause for court action, City Attorney Robert Kelly stated.

The judge gave the attorney for the plaintiff two weeks in which to amend and state clearly a cause for action, the city attorney said.

Children's Aid Center Here to Be Dedicated

Chilmarking, Michigan—Children's Aid Week, now being celebrated (September 23-29) by proclamation of Governor George Romney, the Michigan Children's Aid Society's new 5,400-square-foot State Office Headquarters Building, Grand River, a n Drake road, in Farmington, will be dedicated Sunday, September 29.

Dexter Ferry, president of the Society, will be joined by Jeanette Wheat, president of the Board of Trustees of the Edwin S. George Foundation (which provided funds for the building), in the formal afternoon ceremony which will be followed by a tea and tour for guests of the Society.

THE TWO STORY building, constructed by the Walbridge Aldinger Company on the site of the old C. F. Smith estate, houses offices for the Society's State Director, Clinton Justice and his staff. Also included are a formal lobby-reception area, conference room, library, conference room and presentation room.

A residential (rather than institutional) style was employed since, new parent, will first meet their newly-adopted children in this building. This design selection, according to Hartley, Ellington, Cowin and Strlin, Inc., architects and engineers, also provided the additional benefit of modest construction costs.

THE MICHIGAN Children's Aid Society, founded in 1891, annually provides care for See CHILDREN'S AID Column 5, Page 8-A



LUCKY WINNERS in last week's football contest (L to R) Robert Bacon and Harry Lapham, Jr., are shown with first prize money checks, respectively.

Brand New Grid Contest This Week—Good Luck

The first week of the Farmington Enterprise Football Contest went over with a bang. There were plenty of contestants making their bids for the prize money to be won.

If you weren't a winner last week don't despair since there are several contests we'll be getting to in the next few weeks. Turn to Page 6-B right now and start consulting your crystal ball or dope sheet on the teams that will be winners in the contests we've selected this week. Remember to follow all the rules and have your entry in or postmarked prior to noon on Saturday, Sept. 28.

On the basis of the winners in the first week's contest we would say that some of our old-time football "experts" better get on the ball. Both first and second place prize winners were teenagers.

WINNING the top prize money of \$15 was 14-year-old Harry Lapham, Jr. of 2288 Maple St. For having his entry stamped by one of the merchants participating in the contest he also received an additional \$2 as his share of the merchants' bonus jackpot.

A 9th grader at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, young Lapham does not participate in football himself but has a real interest in the sport. He plans to go out for the Sorrows golf team this year.

Second place prize money of \$7 plus \$2 from the bonus jackpot was won by 18-year-old Robert Bacon of 22918 Maple Grove Rd. He is a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He is young Lapham's cousin, by the way.

Winning the \$3 third place prize plus another \$2 in jackpot money was John W. Hoover, 33200 Freedom Drive, Apt. 4. In listing the business establishments participating in the contest last week we inadvertently left out the Pennywise Discount Store.

The participating businesses are in addition to Pennywise are: Welby's House of Music, Ken

'Magic Square' At Flanders In Jeopardy

If three homeowners on Robinwood Street have their way, joint efforts of the City of Farmington, a local contractor and an all-around recreation center at the Flanders School site will have gone for naught.

The "magic square" black-topped variety recreation center was just about to be developed there as a joint project of the two governments. After months of negotiating with the three homeowners made a strong protest to the proposed location.

The "magic square" which would provide a spot for tennis, play, basketball, shuffle board, skating, dancing and other outdoor activities for young and old alike is called for approximately 50 feet from the west boundary of the school site.

ROBINWOOD Street, the homeowners Arthur Zella, Thomas Chenot and E. J. Kreitz whose property abuts the school site closest to where the "magic square" planned center is located is too close to their property and will result in serious nuisances and devaluation of their homes.

They appeared before the City Council last week and the Board of Education Monday night in an effort to get the location for the "square" moved further away from their property.

The Council made it clear to the homeowners that the location was up to the School Board. At the School Board meeting Monday night, school officials made it equally as clear that they did not feel they could relocate the proposed "magic square" elsewhere on the site and still make satisfactory use of the site for school purposes.

THEY SUGGESTED that the homeowners go to the City and ask that the plan for the "magic square" be abandoned if this location is not acceptable to them.

School officials gave three reasons why they did not feel a change of location would be possible.

1. The recreational center would have to be close to the parking lot to prevent people from driving across the school site to get to it.

2. Moving it further east as suggested would cut it too close to the school building and to the surrounding residential area.

3. Moving it into the central portion of the school playground area would be a detriment to the use of the site for school purposes.

Richard Tyler, director of adult education for the Farmington public schools, reported an all-time record enrollment for the fall term classes which started last week.

He reported that a total of 345 adults were now busily engaged in their classes. This is almost double the enrollment for last year. He reported that the school could be provided for their children, Harrison commented.

It was the superintendent's feeling that a satisfactory walkway could be provided on either side or the other of Middlebrook Road. Although no official action was taken, the Board seemed to concur with Harrison.

The only class that had to be dropped due to insufficient enrollment was the pottery class.

While classes for the fall term are now closed, Tyler urged anyone interested in future adult classes to contact him at Farmington High School for more details.

To Outline Tax Plan In Royal Oak Sept. 30 Governor Romney will carry his campaign for fiscal reform to the southern Oakland County area on Monday, September 30, with an open meeting at 10 a.m. in the Farmers' Market, 315 E. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone who wishes to learn about the governor's recommendations or comment on them is urged to attend. The governor will make a brief presentation but most of his time will be devoted to personally questioning a question and answer session on the floor.

Sanitary Landfill Controversy Continues to Vex Township Board

The consideration of a request for a permit for a sanitary landfill operation made by the Munn Contracting Company again came before the Farmington Township Board at their regular meeting Monday night, September 23.

Nearly a dozen residents living in the area of the proposed landfill, located in Section 18 of the Township, on property owned by George Peacock of Glastead Road, appeared at the meeting to voice objections and

raise questions concerning the proposal.

AFTER NEARLY an hour and a half of discussion by Board members and interested parties, it was decided to delay formal action until the special meeting of the Township Board, set for Monday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Much of the discussion centered around whether the proposed landfill could be fought effectively with court action initiated by the Township.

The Township Board expressed the belief that a court fight would be difficult to win and could ultimately result in a repeat of the undesirable situation which followed the unsuccessful legal battle to block a sanitary landfill on the property owned by Emma T. Keller at Grand River and Middlebrook roads.

IN THE KELLER case, which went to the State Supreme Court before the decision was irrevocably handed down

against the Township, the final result was that the Township lost any control whatsoever of the sanitary landfill operation. The dumping of raw garbage as well as other highly undesirable practices, which can be controlled under the Township's Landfill Ordinance if such operations are arranged through a permit granted by the Board, could not effectively be controlled by Township officials in the Keller case since the operation was under a court decree.

The Munn Contracting Company told the Board it is willing to abide by the regulations as set down in the Township's Landfill Ordinance. Should the Board grant the permit and later discover a breach of the ordinance had been committed, the sanitary landfill operation could be shut down immediately until such a time as the offense was corrected.

Most of the residents present at the Board meeting agreed it would be better to have the operation conducted in a manner that could be effectively controlled by the Township, however, not everyone was convinced there was no recourse in seeking to block the operation through the courts.

EUGENE MITTEN of 3745 Carson Road, president of the Indianbrook Subdivision Homeowners Association, was one of the protesting residents present who felt legal action could be successful in blocking the sanitary landfill.

Others who appeared to support him were Ward Atkinson of 37541 Carson Road, R. Coleman of 37710 Wendy Lee, William Van Dull 37820 Wendy Lee, George Phinney of 37554 Carson Road and John Rose of 37644 Carson Road.

Indianbrook subdivision is located in Section 18 of the Township just to the southeast of the proposed sanitary landfill site. Carson Road and Wendy Lee are its only streets.

Hartley C. Thornton, a naturalist with the State Conservation Department, advanced the idea that the Peacock property should be acquired for a wildlife

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THE NEW CITY HALL Building was inspected by Farmington City Manager John Dignan (left) and the builder, Dick Hall, last week. City officers and the Police Department have since been relocated into their new quarters there. Additional pictures on Page 8-A.

Twp. Bd. Approves Two for One Deal On Permit for Junk Yard Operation

The Farmington Township Board approved the request for a permit to establish a junk yard in Section 18 of the Township at 25000 Hagerty Road at its last regular meeting Monday night, September 23.

The permit request was made by Bezesky Brothers who are presently operating two similar businesses at separate locations along Grand River Avenue in the Township.

CONDITIONS outlined in the agreement between the Board and the Bezesky Brothers were that operations would cease by the end of the year and that the community have been exposed to years. In both cases the junk yards front directly on

least 200 feet east of Hagerty Road behind a fence at least six feet in height.

Most of the surrounding property to the east of the new junk yard site is naturally screened by a substantial wooded area and junk cars would be visible only partially to east bound traffic on the Farmington-Brighton Expressway to the south.

THE BOARD FELT this would be a great improvement over what motorists traveling Grand River Avenue from the east and west approach to the junk yards have been exposed to for years. In both cases the junk yards front directly on

Grand River and are plainly in view from either direction.

Trustee Peter Oleit expressed the sentiments of fellow board members when he said "we are eliminating two junk yard operations on main arteries in exchange for one screened from view."

A note of levity accompanied the motion to grant the permit, introduced by Trustee Thomas A. Duke who said, "As a builder and developer in this community I am violently opposed to the resolution as it is as much as it pains me, a two for one deal would be hard to turn down."

Propose \$625,000 Bowling Alley in Twp.

Plans for a 24-lane bowling alley were presented to the Farmington Township Board at their last regular meeting Monday night, September 23, along with a request for approval of a liquor license transfer to go along with the establishment.

Farmington Country Lanes, Incorporated, is proposing the \$625,000 building for a 24-lane parcel of land on Nine Mile Road between Grand River and Middlebrook roads in the Township, immediately south of the Rose Brothers subdivision.

RICK SALVAGGIO, vice president of the Farmington Country Lanes, said the Township Board's approval of a liquor license was needed before plans could further proceed on the bowling alley.

Township Attorney Joseph T. Brennan told Salvaggio that a Township Board resolution stipulating approval of a liquor license would be granted only in instances where, in the opinion of the Board, it is "in the public interest."

City Planning Commission Meeting Postponed The regularly scheduled meeting of the City Planning Commission for Monday night of this week was postponed until Tuesday night of this coming week, October 1.

The moving of city officers from the old City Hall to the new Municipal Building, also postponed the meeting of the meeting advantageous.

to a bona fide restaurant-business operation.

The Board expressed the feeling, however, that the resolution was to restrict the development of more bars in the Township and was not intended to rule out the possibility of allowing other types of business.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Cuit said said the location here of the proposed bowling alley would be a welcome addition to the Township's tax base. However, he felt the residents in the area surrounding the proposed bowling alley site should be given a chance to make known any possible objections to the venture.

Supervisor Hall's suggestion, the Board agreed to wait until people living in the area could be informed of the plans before taking any formal action on the request for the liquor license transfer. The next regular Board meeting, October 14, has been set for again considering the request.

The Michigan State Liquor Control Commission must approve the location on the basis of information supplied through their survey of the area. All property owners within a 500-foot radius of the proposed bowling alley will have a chance to express their views before any liquor license can be granted. The Township Board is given the opportunity to reject the Liquor Control Commission's grant of a license and therefore will have the ultimate say in the case.

Lion Can Stay Under Ruling By Judge Ingle

"Sheila" the lioness has apparently won a home in Farmington after being charged by Farmington Township with violation of the Zoning Ordinance for "keeping a vicious, wild animal upon a small, residential lot."

JUDGE INGLE'S decision was partly based on the contention that the Township's Zoning Ordinance does not make a distinction between "wild or tame animals" and since some dogs are likely to be vicious "whether or not an animal is vicious has no bearing."

Russell, a bachelor who teaches piano and organ lessons from his home at 11175 Farmington Road, maintained that Sheila is tame and has had both her fangs and claws removed. The African lioness has been on "exhibition" at local markets and theaters all over the metropolitan area and has made innumerable appearances.

See LION CAN STAY Column 7, Page 8-A

School Report In This Issue

Included in this week's paper is the annual school report for the Farmington School District.

There is a financial statement for the year also running from July 1, 1962 through June 30, 1963 as well as a message to citizens from school officials which are required by law to be published annually at this time.

Following a practice started last year, the report also contains a number of photographs of the various programs offered students in the local system.



DEDICATION CEREMONIES at the newly completed Children's Aid Society, center in Farmington Township have been set to take place this Sunday, September 29. The two-story structure is located just west of Drake Road on the old C. F. Smith estate, south of Grand River.